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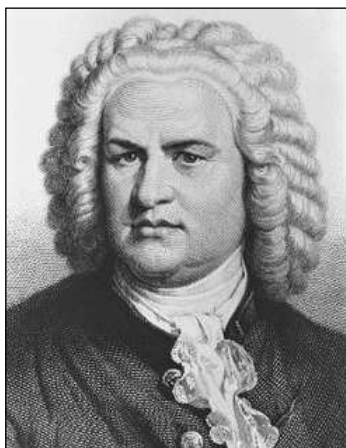
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The American Guild of Organists promotes the organ in its historic and evolving roles, encourages excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and provides a forum for the mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.

Bach Birthday Bash!

Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 55 West Lincoln Avenue in Delaware



March 21, 2011 will be Johann Sebastian Bach's 326th birthday, and the Columbus chapter will be celebrating with a members' recital. Bach compositions will be played by Alex Armstrong, Sally Casto, Bob Griffith, Madeline Herzog, Jim Hildreth, Terry McCandless, Matt Scavo, and — of course — J. S. Bach.

Have you ever wondered what Bach might have been thinking when he was composing these pieces — or what was occurring in his life at that time?

Well, you are in luck!

J.S. Bach has accepted our invitation to host this event, play in the recital, and make remarks about his compositions and his life. Bach indicated that he is looking forward to the occasion and remarked, "*Es freut mich zu kommen.*" A birthday cake reception will follow the recital.

The event is open to the public and is a perfect opportunity to introduce friends and colleagues to the Guild. Please come and invite a friend!

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At a Glance

Bach Birthday Bash

Monday, March 21
7:30 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church
55 West Lincoln Avenue
Delaware 43015

AGO Game Night!

Coming this May: enjoy food, fellowship, fun, and friendly competition as you test your knowledge of all-things organ. An evening of socializing and game show style activities is being planned, paired with an hors d'oeuvres potluck. Stay tuned for more details, including the date and venue!

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Region V Convention

Racing to Lexington

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June 12-15, 2011

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The last day for discounted registration is March 8.

www.2011LexingtonAGO.com

The Dean's List



Sara Seidel

Dear Friends—

This issue of the Guilder is packed with exciting and important information. Most of it will catch your eye (for example, Tom Gerke's irresistible invitation to the **Bach Birthday Bash!**), but I'd like to highlight a few of the sidebar items this month...

- Our chapter is hosting a **competition** on March 5 as part of the 2011 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (see Jim Hildreth's article below). Thank you to Jim for coordinating this event!
- Pauline Fritz has graciously offered to host an **open house for Julia Parker**, so that Julia's friends and colleagues in the chapter can wish her all the best in her new position in Maryland. See page 4 for your invitation.
- Pauline has also made me aware of an **IRS ruling for 2011** that permits taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to make tax-free distributions to charity from an IRA account of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per tax year. More details can be found on page 6.
- Elections are fast approaching, and the Nominating Committee has presented an outstanding **slate of nominees** to the Executive Committee. Their bios can be found starting on page 3. Thank you to Mark Meuser, Allan Willis, and Stan Osborn for their excellent work on this committee.
- Information on the **Ann Arbor Pipe Organ Encounter 2011** is now available—more details are on page 5.
- Finally, **reduced membership rates** are available to new members joining the AGO between now and April 15. Use this as encouragement to get those colleagues who are on the fence about joining to give us a try!

All best,

Sara

2011 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition

For Young Organists

Our Columbus AGO Chapter is proud to host a competition as part of the 2011 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO). We are grateful to King Avenue United Methodist Church, Chris McManus and Andrew Willis in particular, for hosting the event. The Competition will take place on Saturday, March 5th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Chapter Competition is the first of a two-part process. Winners of the Chapter Competitions will compete this summer at the Regional Conventions. Other chapters holding competitions in Region V are Cleveland, Bloomington, and Indianapolis. There are currently a total of ten competitors in Region V. Three will compete here in Columbus. We have secured the services of three outstanding judges, whose names cannot be publicly disclosed until the conclusion of the Competition. The public (including all AGO members!) is welcome to attend the Competition, which will conclude at about 1:00 p.m.

Jim Hildreth

Coordinator, Columbus Chapter RCYO

And the Nominees for the 2014 Class of the Executive Committee are...

Weldon Adams

Weldon Adams is recently retired from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington where he served for over forty-two years as Minister of Music. Weldon studied at the Philadelphia Musical Academy, Jacksonville University, and Union Theological Seminary, playing his graduation recital at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Weldon has served the Central Ohio Chapter of the AGO as Sub-Dean, Dean and member of the Executive Committee. He now assists the musicians of North Community Lutheran Church in Columbus, where his son is the pastor, and is active as a substitute organist.

Ron Barrett

Ron's interest in the organ began at the age of eleven, when he began playing daily Masses at his parish church. During his college years, he studied with Wilbur Held at Ohio State University and later with Gordon Wilson. He currently serves as Organist/Director at Saint Michael Church in Worthington, where he has been for the last 27 years. Prior to that, he served as organist at Holy Family and Holy Cross in downtown Columbus.

Joshua Brodbeck

Joshua Brodbeck began his concert career in Slovenia, Europe at the age of twelve. Since then, he has given many concerts throughout the United States. Josh studied at Capital University and The Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University. He has won AGO Young Organist Competitions in Indianapolis and Evansville and was the recipient of both the Keller and Perinni awards for outstanding performance at Capital University. Josh holds the AGO Colleague Certificate. He is Director of Music at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington and is Organist-in-Residence at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

Brett Greene

Brett Greene has been Organist/Associate Director of Music at Worthington Presbyterian Church since 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Houghton College and a Master of Music in Organ from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Brett is presently pecking away at a Computer-Electrical Engineering degree at OSU.

Terry McCandless

Terry McCandless earned a Bachelor of Music, Organ Emphasis, and a Master of Music in Organ Performance. He has regularly taken additional coursework in Europe. Terry is currently the full-time Minister of Music at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pickerington and organ professor at Kenyon College, Gambier. As a regular recitalist, he performs throughout the U.S. and in Germany and the Netherlands.

Sara Montgomery

Sara Montgomery is a pianist and organist who has served various churches for the past ten years. She is currently organist at Grove City United Methodist Church. A 2002 graduate of Capital University, she studied organ with Jan Linker and Jim Hildreth and spent a semester studying organ in Kecskemet, Hungary. Sara has given numerous concerts in area churches. She loves the organ and looks forward to teaching her young son Tommy to play as well.

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teacher*

Carolyn is available to substitute on Sunday mornings and for weddings and funerals. She is familiar with Episcopal and Lutheran liturgies.

Open House for Julia Parker

Due to circumstances, Julia's departure from Columbus did not allow those of us who have known and worked with her to wish her God's speed in her new position in Maryland. You and your significant other are invited to stop by for wine and cheese and thank Julia for all the effort, success, and leadership she gave to the Columbus Chapter of the AGO.

**Saturday, March 5, 2011
4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Pauline Fritz's home
5434 Flat Head Court, Gahanna

We hope you can find time to
stop by!

*Cordially,
The Executive Committee*



Nominee Bios, continued

Leonard Napper

Leonard Napper graduated from Capital University with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance. He is currently enrolled in the MACM program at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Leonard is the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church Columbus and director of the Mass Choir and Men's Chorus at First AME Zion Church. Though a relative newcomer to the pipe organ, he is an enthusiastic AGO member and honored to be considered as a candidate for the Executive Board.

Wanda Neudorfer-Pack

Wanda Neudorfer-Pack is a retired high school science teacher with strong interest in sacred/classical organ music. She is an active member of the ALCM Cantor Connection and the Upper Arlington Lutheran Church Chancel Choir. She began her organ playing in small southern Ohio Methodist church and later held a position as organist at St. Andrew Methodist Church near Gahanna. She currently plays for her own pleasure and takes private organ lessons as a non-traditional student.

Katie O'Keefe

A Columbus native, Katie O'Keefe has been an active participant in Catholic liturgical music since her early teens, when she sang in the parish choir at Immaculate Conception Church. She studied voice at Capital University and founded two choirs dedicated to the preservation of traditional Catholic music forms within the Liturgy. She served as soloist and substitute director for St. Patrick Church, sat on the Diocesan Sub-Commission for Sacred Music, and is a member of the Columbus Maennerchor. Katie is a former employee of Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organs. She currently serves as the choir director for St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in Columbus.

Matt Scavo

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Matt Scavo began his musical training at the age of 16. He sang in church choirs in both Illinois and Ohio. He now plays the viola, organ and piano and has studied with Jim Hildreth. Matt received his certification in Organ Service Playing as Parish Ministry at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio in 2004. He served as organist/pianist for the United Church of Christ in Mount Sterling and currently serves as organist/pianist for First Community Village in Columbus. His article "Ten Steps to Success" was published in *The American Organist*. He has played concerts at several area churches.

May Schwarz

May Schwarz, ChM., AAGO, is Professor of Church Music at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, where she also serves as Director of the Master of Arts in Church Music Program. She is Minister of Music at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in downtown Columbus. She is a graduate of Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, The Ohio State University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary and has studied abroad extensively. Her compositions are published by MorningStar Music, Augsburg Fortress, and Pilgrim Press. She served two-year terms as national vice president of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and dean of the Columbus Chapter of AGO.

Recitals & Concerts

Tuesdays at First: James Bobb

Tuesday, March 1, 12:15 p.m. / First Congregational Church
444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org
James Bobb presents a harpsichord recital-demonstration of early music in various historical tuning systems. Half-hour recitals are followed by homemade lunch — \$5 donation.

First Thursday Noontime Organ Recital Series: Sara Seidel

Thursday, March 3, 12:15 p.m. / Asbury United Methodist Church
55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015
Sara is Dean of our chapter and organist at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Recitals are from 12:15 to 12:45 with coffee and tea provided for those wishing to bring lunch.

St. John's Triune Concert Series: The Ohio State University Men's Glee Club and The OSU Chorale, Robert Ward, director

Friday, March 4, 8:00 p.m. / St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church (UCC)
59 E. Mound Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.235.4136
Freewill offering.

Dexter Kennedy, organist

Sunday, March 6, 3:00 p.m. / First Presbyterian Church
110 W. Broadway, Granville 43023 / 740.587.0178
Mr. Kennedy has won first prize in both the 2009 AGO Region V Quimby Competition for Young Organists, and the Detroit Chapter AGO Scholarship Competition in 2006. He is currently a third-year organ performance student at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he studies with James David Christie. Increasingly active as a solo recitalist, he has made recital appearances at distinguished venues, such as the Brick Church and the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City, the Church of the Advent in Boston, St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, and the Episcopal Cathedrals of both Indianapolis and Cincinnati. As a result of winning the AGO Quimby competition, he was featured in recital as a "Rising Star" at National City Christian Church during the 2010 National Convention of the AGO in Washington, DC.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 6, 4:00 p.m. / St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road, Upper Arlington 43221
Music by Hallock, Talbot, Dyson, and Tallis. St. Mark's Choir, Gary L. Garber, Director of Music; Michael Murray, organist. St. Mark's is located across from the Upper Arlington Public Library. Prelude begins at 3:45.

Requiem by John Rutter

Sunday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. / Worthington Presbyterian Church
773 High Street, Worthington 43085
The Chancel Choir, soloist, organ and orchestra perform what is widely considered to be Rutter's most important contribution to choral literature. The London Evening Standard notes that "for the infectiousness of his melodic invention and consummate craftsmanship, Rutter has few peers." *Requiem* is a deeply affecting work, due to its emotive lyricism, coupled with gripping psychological depth.

Position Available

First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio seeks Organist

- Two traditional Sunday morning services and special seasonal services
- On occasion, may accompany musical groups such as vocal choirs, handbell choirs, or other ensembles.
- On an as-needed basis, the organist will provide/coordinate music for functions such as weddings, funerals, and memorial services
- Worship Services include an eclectic mix of musical styles
- Competitive salary negotiable, based upon training/experience

For more information, contact:

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for more information.

Charity Contributions from IRA's in 2011...

...can reduce your taxes. Use your RMD from your IRA to help your church music program.

Few people know about this IRS ruling for 2011. The provision permits taxpayers age 70 ½ or older to make tax-free distributions to charity from an IRA account of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per tax year. This has been extended to the end of 2011. The distributions can satisfy the individual's RMD (Required Minimum Distributions) requirements. Distributions are treated as going directly to the charity, but are not included in taxable income of the taxpayer. Taxpayers do not include the contribution in their own income, and do not get a charitable contribution deduction. This treatment, in essence, makes your charitable contribution a 100% deduction from your taxable income, instead of the usual reduced deduction taxpayers receive for their itemized deductions.

Talk to your IRA trustee to make sure the distribution is correctly treated.

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Recitals & Concerts, continued

Tuesdays at First

*Tuesday, March 8, 12:15 p.m. / First Congregational Church
444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org*
Capital University students of James Bobb's Organ Literature class present a musical tour of Baroque composers of France, Spain, and England. Half-hour recitals are followed by homemade lunch — \$5 donation.

Wabash College Glee Club

*Saturday, March 12, 11:00 a.m. / First Congregational Church
444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org*
Note the unusual time of this concert. We were lucky enough to catch this ensemble from Western Indiana on their way home from concerts in Washington, D.C. Come and hear their short concert and welcome the men and alumni who will be there to support.

Hector Olivera in concert

Sunday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. / Performing Arts Center at Kent State University
The Tuscarawas Philharmonic will present world-acclaimed organist Hector Olivera in a solo concert. Hector is dedicating this performance to recognize and honor dementia patients and their families and friends, and in particular family friend Douglas C. Parsons of Canton, Ohio, who suffers from frontotemporal dementia, a rare form of the disease. Prices range from \$9 to \$32.
www.TuscarawasPhilharmonic.org for more information.

Tribute Concert celebrating the music of Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

*Sunday, March 13, 4:00 p.m. / King Avenue United Methodist Church
299 King Avenue, Columbus 43201 / 614.327.5082*
A concert celebrating the music of Janet Linker and Jane McFadden, in honor of their great contributions to the handbell repertoire. The bell choirs of King Avenue UMC, Trinity UMC and Christ Lutheran Church join forces to present some of your Linker-McFadden favorites. Both ladies will participate in the festivities. For more information, contact Chris McManus, Director of Music.

Tuesdays at First: Pamela Welsh-Huggins and Lissa Wade

*Tuesday, March 15, 12:15 p.m. / First Congregational Church
444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org*
Sopranos Pamela Welsh-Huggins and Lissa Wade sing solo and duet repertoire by Fauré, Rossini, Rorem, and others. Half-hour recitals are followed by homemade lunch — \$5 donation.

Children of Eden

*Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m. / Northwest Christian Church
1340 Fishinger Road, Upper Arlington 43221*
The fantastic Youth of Northwest Christian Church will present a fully-staged and choreographed offering of this very popular musical by Stephen Schwartz. Chuck Gillespie appears in the role of the father. For more information, contact Rev. Cynthia Adcock at 457-6290.

Organ Recital: Marilyn Keiser

*Sunday, March 20, 4:00 p.m. / Broad Street Presbyterian Church
760 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215*
Marilyn Keiser is Chancellor's Professor of Music Emeritus at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University. \$10 suggested donation.

Recitals & Concerts, continued

Compline

Sunday, March 20, 9:00 p.m. / First Congregational Church
 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org

Tuesdays at First: Pianist Barbara Sahr

Tuesday, March 22, 12:15 p.m. / First Congregational Church
 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org
 Half-hour recitals are followed by homemade lunch — \$5 donation.

Asbury Organ Series: Duane Prill

Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. / Asbury United Methodist Church
 55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015
 Mr. Prill is Principal Organist at Asbury First UMC in Rochester and Tonal Director of Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, Canandaigua, NY. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and student of Robert Griffith, Mr. Prill received his master's degree from The Eastman School of Music where he studied with Russell Saunders. He has served as Dean and Sub Dean of the Rochester AGO chapter. No admission charge.

Orlay Alonso, Piano Recital

Sunday, March 27, 2:00 p.m. / Indianola Presbyterian Church
 1970 Waldeck Avenue, Columbus 43201
 The program will include works by Bach, Schubert, Liszt and Albéniz. Winner of the 2003 Artists International Young Artists Piano Award, Mr. Alonso gave his recital debut at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. He graduated from Mannes College of Music as a student of Lilian Kallir and received his master's degree from Yale University, where he studied with Claude Frank. Mr. Alonso has also studied piano with fellow Cuban- American pianists Horacio Gutiérrez and Juana Zayas. For additional information, contact Orlay Alonso at 646.823.4811 or orlayalonso@mac.com.

Organ Recital: Robert Wisniewski

Sunday, March 27, 3:00 p.m. / St. Peter Catholic Church
 104 W. First Street, Mansfield, 44902 / 419.524.2199
 Program given as part of year-long St. Peter Parish Centennial celebration, featuring music of Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Messiaen, Alain, and Vierne.

First Church Choral Society: English choral, organ, and art song treasures

Sunday, March 27, 4:00 p.m. / First Congregational Church
 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215 / 614.228.1741 / www.first-church.org
 Majestic standards and lesser-known gems of the English repertoire by Byrd, Gibbons, Parry, Stanford, Britten, featuring Gerald Finzi's "Lo, the full final sacrifice." The audience will also join in a few soaring hymns from the cathedral tradition.

An Invitation from the Akron Chapter: Clark Wilson

Sunday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. / St. John's Lutheran Church
 209 Southwest Street, Bellevue 44811
 Mr. Wilson will be playing the 1925 epic silent film "Ben Hur." Free and open to the public.

A Weekend with Alice Parker

The Youngstown and Cleveland Chapters of the AGO are co-sponsoring a weekend with renowned arranger, composer, and conductor Alice Parker.

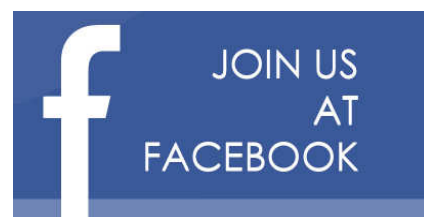
Two Choral Workshops and a Hymn Festival

Saturday, April 2
 Westminster Pres. Church
 119 Stadium Drive,
 Boardman, Ohio

The **Choral Workshops** will begin at **1:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.**, with a short break between the two workshops. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for adults. High school and college students are admitted free with ID. Topics for the workshops will be "Finding the Song in the Poem" and "Rehearsal Techniques for the Church Choir."

The **Hymn Festival** will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church. You are encouraged to invite members of your church choirs and congregation to join this great evening of song involving the entire audience. A free-will offering will be received during the festival.

For further information or to receive a pre-registration form, email Gary Richards at gpr534@aol.com, subject line A Parker.



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Recitals & Concerts, continued

A Day at Versailles

*Sunday, April 3, 5:00 p.m. / North Community Lutheran Church
114 Morse Road, Columbus 43214*

The concert will be presented by the Merrymakers Recorder Ensemble with a select chorus and string ensemble. Music from the chapel, the court and the countryside will be included. The members of the chorus are from the choirs of Covenant Presbyterian Church, North Community Church and other vocal ensembles. The music will include Gregorian chant, chansons, a psalm, music for organ and Soprano Recorder by Francois Couperin, courtly dances and country dances. The hour-long program will be followed by a dessert. There is no admission charge for this concert. For further information please contact Weldon Adams at 614.204.5256.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. / Northwest Christian Church
1340 Fishinger Road, Upper Arlington 43221*

Participants will include Handbells Columbus, Chalice Ringers, Chancel and Kids of the Kingdom choirs, brass quintet, flute, clarinet and bassoon players, with organist G. Dene Barnard. Music/arrangements by Adcock, Biery, Dobrinski, Gigout, Greer, M. Hayes, Linker/McFadden, McKechnie, Morris, R. Strauss and D. Wagner. Palm Sunday will be heralded in a week early after this long winter/Lenten season. For more information contact Al Adcock at 614.889.5481.

Clark Wilson, Ohio Theater Organist

*Sunday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. / Central College Presbyterian Church
975 Sunbury Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081*

Mr. Wilson will accompany the silent film classic *King of Kings*.