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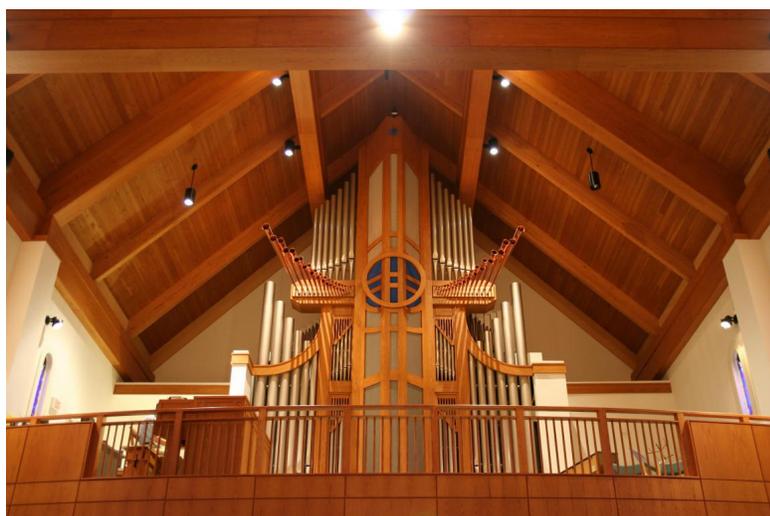
The Guilder

The Newsletter of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.



REGIONAL YOUNG ORGANISTS COMPETITION

Saturday, March 14, beginning at 10:00 am
St. John Lutheran Church
6135 Rings Road, Dublin

The competition is open to the public.

All who wish to attend are welcome. We anticipate having four competitors.

STUDENT RECITAL DATE CHANGE:

The AGO Student Recital will be held on April 12, 2015.

We are hoping for a large and enthusiastic turn-out like we had last year. The location is Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington. Nancy Rennekar is the chair for this event. We hope to hear from lots of teachers and interested students. Nancy's phone # is 614-848-8388 and her e-mail is nrenneck4@sbcglobal.net. There will be plenty of rehearsal time available, too. Come one! Come all!

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At a Glance

Upcoming Programs...

Annual Student Recital
Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.
*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church*

**Submissions for the next
Guilder are due by March
5.**

The April issue will be published on March 15 and will include concert dates from March 15-June 1. Please send submissions to:

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The Dean's Message



John Schuder

In two sessions, on January 17th and 19th at Northwest Christian Church, 35 of our members gathered to talk about some of the issues that go along with work in the church, particularly those that affect part-time musicians. Great advice and stimulating ideas were generated, with special thanks going to panelists Mary Ann Stephens, Judy Willour and Joel Mathias. There was much sharing of experiences and a number of solutions to vexing problems were discussed. It was demonstrated again that coming together to talk over shared concerns can prove helpful on many levels. We are very grateful to Al Adcock for hosting this event.

Our Columbus chapter has been designated as one of those selected to hold a RYOC (Regional Young Organists Competition) which will take place on Saturday morning, March 14, at St. John Lutheran Church in Dublin. All who wish to do so may attend this event which begins at 10:00 am. Tom Gerke is our chapter coordinator for this competition.

The nominations committee, Ron Kenreich, chair, Sally Casto and Dene Barnard, have been at work preparing a slate of candidates for the upcoming elections in March. Like last year, this process has been moved up in the calendar to allow for the installation of officers at the May social event. Please see the separate article in this issue with the slate of names for the various positions that are open for the 2015/2016 season. You will receive ballots in the mail early in March.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: the date for our annual Student Recital has been changed to Sunday, April 12. The venue, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington and the time, 3:00 pm, remain the same. I hope all teachers will take note of this change. Because the recital takes place the Sunday following Easter, it is particularly important for all concerned to plan well ahead. Please cooperate with the chair for this event, Nancy Rennekar, when she contacts you.

Concerts and Other Events

Asbury Arts Series—A Triptych of Masses

Sunday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

The program will include selections from the Grigny Organ Mass, performed by Dr. David Crean, Director of Chapel Music and University Organist at Wittenberg University; *A Mass for Treble Voices* by Allen Pote, sung by the

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Asbury Junior Choir; and Schubert's *Mass in G*, sung by the Asbury Chancel Choir under the direction of Robert Nims. There is no admission charge; a freewill offering will be received.

Instrumental Concert & Choral Evensong for Lent

Sunday, February 22 at 4:00 PM (Evensong at 4:30 PM)

St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)

107 E. Broadway, Granville, OH 43023

Instrumental musicians from area colleges will present a 30 minute concert, preceding Choral Evensong for Lent. The Evensong will be sung by St. Luke's Choristers & Training Choir (children and youth from grades 2 through 10), and feature music by Simon Johnson and L.J. White. Scott G. Hayes, director; Jonathan Casady, organist. A free-will offering will be received.

Paul Thornock, organist *CANCELLED*

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Central College Presbyterian Church

975 South Sunbury Road, Westerville

Due to unforeseen circumstances at the concert venue, the March 1st concert at Central College Church featuring Paul Thornock has been cancelled. Hopefully, the concert will be re-scheduled for the 2015-16 season.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series—Erin Petrella

Thursday, March 5, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 West Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

The *First Thursday Noontime Recital Series* at Asbury United Methodist Church will feature Erin Petrella, organist at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Delaware, on Thursday, March 5, at 12:15 pm at Asbury United Church. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. Asbury is handicapped accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

Renaissance Music in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus

Thomas Tallis's 40-voice motet, *Spem in alium*, stands as a towering achievement in Renaissance choral polyphony. The Cathedral Choir will be joined by other choirs to perform this work and other music for Lent and Holy Week.

Celebrate Life

Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, 7:30 pm

Northwest Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus

The Youth Choir of Northwest Christian Church will present this fully staged

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AGO Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Directory Updates and Additions

A reminder to all members: please make sure that your membership information is accurate in the AGO's ONCARD system.

<https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

This is the only place from which we draw information for the chapter directory. You will log in with your first initial and last name. Your password is the member ID number on your AGO magazine. If you do not have a TAO available, there is a link to reset your password on the ONCARD login page. If you are having trouble with the site, please email Sara Seidel.

TLS Summer Music Courses

Trinity Lutheran Seminary has announced its 2015 summer music course schedule. Classes will be held June 1-19, 2015.

Please visit www.TLSOhio.edu or email May Schwarz at mschwarz@TLSOhio.edu for more information.



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and choreographed musical by Burly Red and Ragan Courtney. The Gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection with Christ's invitation to abundant life for all. The program is open to the public. No tickets are required. A love offering will be collected. For more information contact Al Adcock at 614-563-4289 or the church office at 614-457-6290.

Capital Brass

Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m

All Saints Lutheran Church

6770 N. High St., Worthington

Jim Reed, trumpet; Robert Parton, trumpet; Kimberley McCann, horn; Tom Zuger, trombone; and Tony Zilincik, tuba are Capital University brass faculty members who make up Capital Brass. The concert will include a wide variety of musical styles from Classical to jazz..

Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 3 at 8:00 PM

St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus

Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem"

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:30 PM

St. Luke's Church (Episcopal)

107 E. Broadway, Granville, OH 43023

St. Luke's Festival Choir will present Gabriel Fauré's well-loved "Requiem", accompanied by instrumentalists and organ. Kevin Wines, Baritone and Mary Libertini, Soprano. Scott G. Hayes, director. A free-will offering will be received.

"Ohio Mourns: The Music of Abraham Lincoln's 1865 Columbus Funeral Observances"

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus

The Cathedral Schola will join musicologist Thomas J. Kernan, the leading scholarly authority on the musical memorialization of Abraham Lincoln, for a lecture recital exploring the hymns, songs, and rituals employed for the late president's obsequies in downtown Columbus. This event coincides with Ohio's commemoration of the U.S. Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Chapter Nominating Committee Report

Our nominating committee has been hard at work recruiting fine members to lead our organ guild. If you were not asked to help and would like to assist in leading our guild, please notify one of the committee members, or one of the

Piano For Sale

5'10" grand piano, built by Kawai for Baldwin. Fruitwood finish; previously owned by organist, now deceased; meticulously maintained. Contact Pamela Reyes, at pjreyes@bellsouth.net for more information

officers. There is always a space for write-in candidates, and – there is always next year! We wish to sincerely thank all who are listed on the ballot. We think you will agree there are excellent people who are willing to serve. Be sure to cast your vote by mail when it arrives early in March.

Ron Kenreich, chair
Sally Casto
Dene Barnard

Executive Committee Nominations

Dean Mark Meuser
Sub- DeanTom Gerke
Secretary Mark Stuart
Treasurer Albert Adcock
Chaplin The Rev. Cynthia Adcock
Candidates for the Class of 2018:

Brian Johnson
Jan Sprecher
Mary Ellen Strahm
Christopher Urbiel
Chris Warner

Nominee Biographies

Brian Johnson

Brian Johnson has served as Organist and Director of Handbells at Broad St. United Methodist Church for twenty-three years. He is also the organ clinician for Stanton's Sheet Music, Inc. His musical background and career included thirty-three years as a music educator (now retired). He now devotes his energy to the world of church music and the new roads that it has him travel.

Jan Sprecher

Jan Sprecher is assistant organist at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington. Previously she was organist at Worthington Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Master on the Otterbein University campus. She studied at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, Otterbein University and has a Masters from The Ohio State University.

Mary Ellen Strahm

Mary Ellen Strahm is currently organist for the Neal Avenue United Methodist Church in Newark, Ohio. She has served as a church musician in other Newark and Zanesville churches for 30+ years. Ms. Strahm earned a Bachelor of Music in pipe organ from Ohio University and studied pipe organ with Eugene Wickstrom. She attended the Ohio State University to obtain certification in music education and a Masters Degree of Arts in Music Education. She studied pipe organ with Gordon Wilson. Ms. Strahm has also studied pipe organ with Janet Linker. Currently, Ms. Strahm is retired from teaching in the public schools and parochial schools of



The Columbus Chapter will celebrate 100 years in 2018.

Much of our history is missing.
We are looking for...

Historical AGO records and minutes • Programs from early recitals • Newspaper clippings relating to the AGO • Recollections of important events from our past • Names of former members who might be storing these materials or who might have memories to share

Please call Carol Hofer at 488.8557 or email her at fandchofer@aol.com.

AGO Certification

A degree awarded by the American Guild of Organists represents an important achievement for the recipient and establishes credentials that are indicative of a specific level of ability. The five levels of Certifications are Service Playing, Colleague, Choir Master, Associate, and Fellow.

If you are interested in pursuing certification at any of these levels, please contact the dean. If there is sufficient interest, a workshop will be planned next season to help prepare candidates.

Complimentary Student Memberships

The Columbus Chapter will sponsor up to ten student memberships for the 2015-16 program year. It is expected that the recipients will demonstrate interest in the work of the AGO by attending at least two chapter events and participating in our annual Student Recital, taking place this coming season on Sunday, April 26th. Students between the ages of 10 and 24 are welcome to apply. Teachers may recommend students and students themselves may apply by written request to the dean.

(Nominee Biographies, continued)

Licking Valley School District, Newark, Ohio and Bishop Fenwick Schools, Zanesville, Ohio.

Christopher Urbiel

Christopher Urbiel is the Director of Music and School Music Instructor at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Newark, Ohio. He is a native of west Detroit and Dearborn, Michigan, and studied with Dr. Steven Egler at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant for the B.Mus. in organ. He then earned the M.A. in music history and the D.M.A. in organ and church music from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, studying with Dr. Marilyn Mason. He has held Catholic and Episcopal music directorships and school music teaching positions in mid-Michigan, Detroit, and Toledo. Additionally, he served on the board of the Saginaw Valley (MI) AGO Chapter. Christopher and his wife Sharon reside in Newark.

Christopher Warner

Christopher Warner is a native of Defiance, Ohio and received a B.A. in Church Music in 2001 from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Chris began his church music ministry in October of 1998 and has held various positions of Organist, Choir Director, Choirmaster and Organist, and Music Director and Organist at churches in the Central Ohio region. A highlight of Chris' journey was the opportunity to be the organist for a European tour to Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria, and Germany, while on a Choral and Mission Trip as a member of Collegians Choral, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Past organ teachers were Dr. Stephen Self, Dr. David Tovey, Mr. Timothy Edward Smith, Mr. G. Dene Barnard, and Dr. John Schuder.

Chris is currently the organist at Livingston United Methodist Church in Downtown Columbus, Ohio. Chris also is responsible for keeping the Columbus AGO's Facebook page up to date.

His desire to become a member of the Columbus AGO's Executive Board is three-fold: 1. To have an opportunity to meet his colleagues within the Guild; 2. To become more actively involved in the Guild to give back to the Guild and its members for the many years of great concerts and education; 3. To continue to promote organ and choral music to the younger generation for years to come. Chris believes that music should reach into someone's soul and allow for the moving of the Holy Spirit to touch the heart of the listener. Music has the ability to emotionally affect the listener in a very powerful and moving way.

The Indianapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to host the AGO 2015 Great Lakes Convention. We have planned a fantastic regional convention that you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars for July 12-15, 2015 and RACE TO INDY for Friends, Music and Inspiration. With twelve world-class organists performing on world-class organs of different styles, twelve workshop opportunities and a keynote address at the convention's opening convocation by the Reverend Canon Victoria Sirota of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, NYC; it is a regional convention you won't want to miss.

The regional convention will be headquartered in the luxurious Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites in beautiful downtown Indianapolis, offering reasonable rates, spacious accommodations, impeccable service, and located minutes away from major attractions in the city. Convention attendees can enjoy dining at the two restaurants within the hotel, 120 West Bar and Grill and McCormick & Schmick's, or enjoy a wide selection of restaurants to fit any taste and budget all within a few blocks of the hotel.



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