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

Workshops with Marti Rideout

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

*Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Road, Columbus 43221*

Marti Rideout will briefly introduce the principles and courses developed by the Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM), a seven-course, two-year program designed for those who seek to develop their musical skills and abilities, knowledge of hymnody and worship, techniques of choral leadership, and teaching new music to congregations, as well as resources for effective music ministry.

The major part of each workshop will focus on two mini-sessions that use elements of the LPM curriculum and employ a bit of humor: 1. Hymn-playing techniques to encourage the musically untrained and reluctant congregation; 2. Communication techniques to withstand critical, unhappy, and challenging people in your ministry...if indeed there are any.

Marti is a nationally-known presenter. Whether you are an experienced church musician or a pianist who was just drafted to fill in on the organ, this workshop will have something to offer you.

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*Worthington Presbyterian
Church, Worthington*

Submissions for the next Guilder are due by March 6.

The March issue will be published on March 19 and will include concert dates from March 19 to May 1. Please send submissions to:

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The Dean's Comments

In the January issue of *The American Organist*, David Vogels wrote a commentary entitled "The Organ as Chamber Instrument." He cited several examples of new compositions which utilize the organ as a member of an instrumental ensemble. He also listed several compositions for organ and other instruments which were performed at the national convention last June. Mr. Vogels bemoaned the fact that the organ is often left out of musical ensembles. In fact, at many schools of music, the organs are often in a different building. While that may be a practical necessity, it does

not foster collaboration with other musicians. He encouraged AGO members to seek out opportunities to play with other musicians. It could be something as simple as verses of hymns played during communion. Such collaboration can only increase interest in the organ, add variety to the worship service, and expand the organist's musicianship.

The aforementioned article was very timely for the Columbus Chapter. Our February event is a concert of music entitled "Keyboards and Other Instruments." This concert will feature guild members on the organ (or other keyboards), making music with a variety of other instruments. It will be held on Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin. Guild members Ron Kenreich and Jeremy Bankson have organized a program which is sure to have something for everyone. Members will have the opportunity to hear interesting combinations of instruments that they may be able to incorporate into their own services.

Don't miss this chance to expand your own repertoire of practical pieces that can increase involvement in your music program and enhance your service. From my own experience, I can tell you that making the effort to periodically include other instruments in the worship service is always appreciated by the congregation.

Warmly,
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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.

AGO Spring Social Set for May 1

Plans for the AGO Spring Social are being finalized as the Guider goes to print. The date for the social is Monday, May 1, and the venue is the Ohio Theater.

We will meet in the Pavilion at 6:00 p.m., where a cash bar will be available. Dinner is at 6:30, followed by a short business meeting. From the Pavilion we will move to the theater for a demonstration of the "Mighty Morton" theater organ.

Request for Organ Magazines

I have a friend in Rosario, Argentina, Jose-Luis Berdini, who is an organist and school music teacher. He is requesting that I send him organ magazines, since he enjoys keeping up with news in the larger organ world, but cannot afford to obtain the magazines himself.

If you have magazines such as *The American Organist*, *The Diapason*, or *Choir and Organ* that you no longer need, please contact me at jdchildreth58@att.net. We will make arrangements for me to collect the magazines, which I will forward to Jose-Luis.

Thank you!

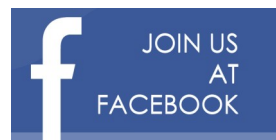
Jim Hildreth

Registration Open for Regional Convention

Registration is now open for the American Guild of Organists Great Lakes Regional Convention in Youngstown, Ohio! Enjoy a fun-filled convention of great instruments, fantastic artists, local food, and friendship, July 2-5, 2017. [Click here to register now.](#)

New Member Directory Addition

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**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 614.488.8557 or email her at fandchofer@aol.com.



Concerts and Other Events

**The ProMusica Brass Quintet: Blast Off Into Outer Space
Sunday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.**

*St. John's Episcopal Church
700 High Street, Worthington 43085*

www.stjohnsworthington.org/music-series

Join us for St. John's annual Family Concert. Become astronauts and take a journey to explore the sights and sounds of space! At each stop, learn about a different brass instrument and its role in the orchestra. The program will feature excerpts from Holst's "The Planets", the themes from "ET" and "Star Trek", and Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra". After our return to Earth, families are invited to come up and visit with the musicians and their instruments.

**"H.M.S. Pinafore" in Concert
Sunday, February 26, 4 p.m.**

*First Congregational Church
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

The Gilbert & Sullivan classic is performed in concert. A free-will offering will be taken.

**Asbury Arts Series
Sunday, February 26, 3 p.m.**

*Asbury United Methodist Church
55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015*

The Asbury Chancel and Junior Choirs and the Handbell Choir will be featured in "A Celebration of Psalms," directed by Robert Nims. Among the psalm settings to be performed are Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," movements II and III, as well as works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Anglea, and Rutter. There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be received. Asbury is handicap-accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

**AGO Members' Recital / February Event: Keyboards and Other Instruments
Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.**

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017*

AGO members and guests will perform music for various keyboard instruments paired with other instruments. Come to hear some interesting and exciting pieces, and get ideas for adding to your own repertoire.

**First Thursday Noontime Recital Series
Thursday, March 2, 12:15pm**

*Asbury United Methodist Church
55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015*

Our March recital will feature our Columbus chapter Dean, Mark Meuser, organist of Central College Presbyterian Church. Mark's program will include works by American, English, and Canadian composers. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. Asbury is handicap-accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

**Mostly Mozart
Friday, March 3, 7:30 pm**

*St John's Church-UCC
59 East Mound Street, Columbus*

www.stjohnschurchcolumbus.org

Freewill offering. Sponsorship tickets available. Call 614-224-8634. New soprano in town, Kimberly Monzon, will knock your socks off with Mozart's "Exultate jubilate"; Puccini; and some surprises. Swedish pianist Per Enflo returns by popular demand to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto #23, with the Triune Concert Orchestra, directed by May Schwarz.

Kevin Jones in Concert

Sunday, March 5, 4 PM

*Central College Presbyterian Church
975 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville 43081*

The concert will be followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Mr. Jones is the Minister of Music and Organist at First Congregational Church in Columbus.

Kevin Jones, Harpsichord

Tuesday, March 7, 12:15 p.m.

*First Congregational Church
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Music of J.S. Bach. Lunch is available following the 30 minute concert for a \$5 donation.

Michel Bouvard, Organist

Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.

*First Congregational Church
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

French organist Michel Bouvard presents an organ recital.

RCYO-Quimby Organ Playing Contest

Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.

*Worthington Presbyterian Church
773 High Street, Worthington 43085*

The Columbus AGO Chapter will host a chapter-level competition of the Regional Competitions for Young Organists (RCYO). Winners of the chapter level competitions then compete at the regional conventions in 2018. Winners of the regional competitions will each play a short recital at the 2019 national AGO conventions as a "Rising Star." An organist must be under 24 years of age to be eligible to compete. There are four chapter level competition sites in the Great Lakes Region. Chapter members are welcome to attend in order to support and encourage the competitors. The event should be finished by noon.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m.

*First Congregational Church
444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215*

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Music of Gerre Hancock and Orlando Gibbons presented by the First Church Choir; Tyler Robertson, organist; Kevin Jones, conductor. A free-will offering will be taken.

Todd Wilson in Concert

Friday, March 17, 7pm

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2001 Northwest Blvd., Columbus 43212*

www.engagedbygrace.org

International concert organist Todd Wilson will present an evening of great music that will also include a special tribute for St. Patrick's Day and an organ duet of "Ride of the Valkyries" with his former student, Joshua Brodbeck. Todd Wilson is head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severance Hall in Cleveland. He is also Director of Music at Cleveland's Trinity Cathedral, and House Organist for the Aeolian organ at the Stan Hywet Home and Gardens in Akron.

An Evening with Kevin Jones, Organist

Friday, March 31, 7 p.m.

*Livingston United Methodist Church
200 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus 43215*

www.livingstonchurch.org

Mr. Jones, Minister of Music at First Congregational Church in Columbus, will play a varied program to showcase Livingston's recently refurbished Bunn=Minnick 33-rank pipe organ. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested. Reception to follow in the church narthex. ALL are welcome!!

Schütz' "Matthäuspasion"

Good Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

The First Church Chamber Choir and soloists

Handbells Columbus

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

The popular group is joined by composer and organist Karen Buckwalter. A free-will offering will be taken.