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Bring your sweetheart along for our meeting with

In-House Composers

Monday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.
Ascension Lutheran Church
1479 Morse Road, Columbus
(Morse and Karl Roads - 262-7389)

Plan to join us for a special Valentine's Day treat as eleven of our members perform their own compositions. Those participating are Albert Adcock, Sally Beske and members of her children's choir, Joel Ensign, Timothy Fields, Jim Hildreth, Janet Linker, Jane McFadden and members of her bell choir, David Robinson, May Schwarz, Allan Willis and Robert Wisniewski. The program will be varied, with selections from a Christmas musical presentation for children's choir and adult actors, variations and arrangements of hymn tunes, music for bells and voices, and compositions for organ only. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear from our creative and talented members. Sweets will be served following the program.

The organ at Ascension Lutheran Church was built in 1969 by Schantz (II/21). It was rebuilt and extended (II/36) in 1988 by Paul Gunzelmann. Adam Grimes is organist. Directions: From I-71, go east on Morse Road. The church is on the south side of the street, just before the Karl Road intersection. There is ample parking in the church lot.

FROM THE DEAN
We wish to offer a special thank you to Larry Rhoades for planning the Post-Holiday Party, and to Hanne-Minnick Piese

Charles Fulton, lured into watching "Ally McBeal" by his daughter, suggested [TLC, Dec. 19] that this is their liturgy. And yet... the 40+ year observance of Compline in the vast

Thanks to Carol Hofer for finding this front page from the February 2000 *Guilder*. The concert from February 14, 2000, featured our own Columbus chapter composers: Albert Adcock, Sally Beske, Joel Ensign, Timothy Fields, Jim Hildreth, Janet Linker, Jane McFadden, David Robinson, May Schwarz, Allan Willis, and Robert Wisniewski.

Now let's make new memories! This year, February 14 marks the registration deadline for the February Flourish, the kick-off event for the 100th anniversary of our chapter. Please find a program and registration form [here](#), or email Sally Casto at sallyjcasto@gmail.com. What future composer could you invite?

Happy Valentine's Day—Happy Anniversary—here's to wonderful memories and hopes for many years to come.

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

The March issue will be published on or by March 15 and will include concert dates from March 16 to May 1. Please send submissions to:

guilder@agocolumbus.org

In addition, you are invited to submit events to the [on-line calendar](#).

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Thomas Gerke

The Dean's Comments

A toast to the members of the Columbus AGO Chapter! The Jubilee celebration has begun. A year-long series of programs highlights this distinguished accomplishment. The events are listed in the centerfold of the members directory and are listed on the chapter website. Please plan to attend all the events and invite others to attend with you. The first event, the February Flourish, is Saturday, February 24. If you have not done so, please register now. I wish to thank the 100th anniversary committee members and acknowledge their hard work. The current members of the committee are Albert Adcock (Chair), the Rev. Cynthia Adcock, Sara Seidel, Sally Casto, Mark Meuser, Carol Hofer, Jason Keefer, and Tom Gerke.

Contributions to the 100th anniversary fund are encouraged and can be made by sending a check to treasurer Albert Adcock, 2480 Dunstan Drive, Columbus, OH 43235, or by going to the national website at agohq.org and logging on to ONCARD.

The Columbus Chapter also has a fund to pay for the membership dues of those who qualify as "Young Organist", that is, under age 30. If you know of someone who qualifies as a young organist and would like to be a member of the AGO and Columbus Chapter, please direct them to treasurer Albert Adcock at aadcock@columbus.rr.com or myself at tagerke@yahoo.com.

Speaking of young organists as members of the AGO, I, as a student at Capital University, was one of eleven members of the Capital University Student AGO Chapter. During my sophomore year in college, I attended a course on pipe organ design taught in January of 1969. In four or five days at the end of the course, our professor, Mr. David Britton, took us to New York City for an organ study tour. That was forty-nine years ago. It was an incredible experience. The first organ visited was the Skinner at St. Thomas Church. Gere Hancock presented the organ and I was the first student to play. I played a Dupré toccata. I still remember the experience well. Another organ was at St. John the Divine, hosted by Marilyn Keiser. We could not play the state trumpet in the back of the nave as a large crack in the back wall needed to be repaired first. Other organs included Riverside Church and St. Bartholomew Church. I do not remember everything we did, but I know that an exciting opportunity was provided, for which I am very grateful. Other Columbus Chapter members on that trip were Phil Minnick, Pauline Toy Swinehart, and Nancy Rennecker. Perhaps another group trip to New York City should be planned.

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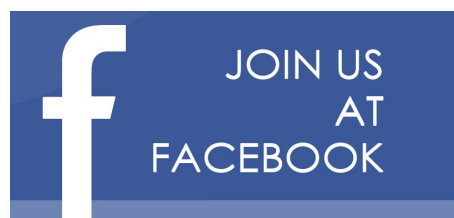
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- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
-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

Easter Monday Social Gathering

On Easter Monday, several organists (plus a few spouses) will be gathering to celebrate making it through another Holy Week. We'll gather at Elevator Brewing at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 2, to drink local beer, eat hipster food, and share victories and frustrations of our Holy Week experiences. If you claim to be in your 20s or 30s, please join us! RSVP to luke.tegtmeier@gmail.com—or just come!



Find us:

[Columbus Chapter AGO](#)

Member Directory Updates

New Member:

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Concerts and Other Events

The Columbus Chapter's on-line calendar may be found [here](#).

Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Music of Byrd. Tyler Robertson, organist; Kevin Jones, conductor.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series

Thursday, March 1, 12:15-12:45 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

Please join us as we welcome Mark Meuser as our March recitalist.

As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. There is no admission charge. Asbury is handicap accessible from its rear parking lot entrance.

Asbury Arts Series

Sunday, March 4, 3:00 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware, Ohio 43015

The Asbury Arts Series will present *Love Unknown*, a Festival of Passion Readings and Hymns, composed by Michael Burkhardt. Dr Burkhardt will be present to conduct the festival. The Asbury Chancel and Junior Choirs, the Handbell Choir, a brass quartet, timpani, flute, violin, organ, and the audience will all participate in the presentation as a "means for God's people to journey with Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his death on Calvary's cross." A free will offering will be received.

Dexter Kennedy

Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Kevin Jones, Harpsichord

Tuesday, March 6, 12:15 p.m.

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Music for Bach's birthday.

Staatskapelle Weimar Orchestra of Germany

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

Secrest Auditorium

334 Shinnick Street, Zanesville 43701

www.zanesvilleconcertassociation.com

This Weimar orchestra, founded in 1491, is making its first tour to the USA. Program includes Wagner's *Overture to the Flying Dutchman* and *Wesendonck Lieder* featuring Catherine Foster, soprano. The program also includes Richard Strauss's *Don Juan*, Op 20, and *Death and Transfiguration*, Op. 24. Children and college students with ID have free admittance. Adult tickets can be purchased at the door or on the website.

Please follow [this link](#) to listen to Pipedreams from American Public Media.



Miss Persia

Friday & Saturday, March 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m.

Northwest Christian Church

1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, 43221

www.northwestchristian.org; 614-457-6290

This fun-filled musical comedy by Eyal Bitton is based on the timeless story of one of the Bible's greatest heroines, Queen Esther. The NWCC Youth Choir will present a fully staged and choreographed version of this classic tale of self-sacrifice and the battle for equality. For more information, contact Al Adcock at the church.

Ray Nagem, Organ

Sunday, March 11, 4:00 p.m.

Central College Church

975 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville 43081

Central College Presbyterian Church presents organist Ray Nagem in concert on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at 4:00 pm. Dr. Nagem is the associate organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. He also teaches organ at the Manhattan School of Music and has given concerts all over the United States. Admission to the concert is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. Refreshment will be served following the concert.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 18, 4:00 p.m.

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444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Music of Kenneth Leighton and Herbert Howells. Tyler Robertson, organist; Kevin Jones, conductor.

Choral Evensong for Lent

Sunday, March 18, 5:00 p.m. (prelude beginning at 4:45)

St. John's Episcopal Church

700 High Street, Worthington 43085

The choir will sing chant-based settings of the canticles by Bob Moore and Carlos R. Messerli, along with Josef Rheinberger's *Abendlied*. The prelude begins at 4:45 and will feature music of Duruflé and Howells. The Hospitality and Fellowship Committee will host a reception in the Atrium following the service. We invite you to enjoy worship in a beautiful and historic space.