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Columbus Chapter January Meeting Masterclass by Trudy Faber Monday, January 9, 2006 7:30 p.m.



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Dean's Corner

Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* - Part Two

Masterclass by Trudy Faber,
Zion Lutheran Church
766 South High St., Columbus, OH 43206

“Christmas”, “the holidays”, “the winter social season”, “bah, humbug!”: we arrive again at one of those times in the year marked by much busyness, expectation, preparation, and some annoyance. In a word, *it's Advent!*

One of the real challenges of Advent for church musicians is that of staying *centered* and *focused* in the face of great pressure to produce both music and gifts. There is simply so much lovely music (next to Christmas, Advent probably has the greatest quantity of fine seasonal music!), yet so little time (only four Sundays!) in which to use it. Frustration can easily set in, disrupting our centeredness and underlying purpose in this hectic season. Therefore I invite (and urge) all of you to carve out a slice or two of “quiet time” in each of the next few weeks: an oasis of rest, meditation, or reading in the middle of holiday pressures.

This leads back to Bach via Judith Hancock, who once prefaced a performance of “*Liebster Jesu*” from the *Orgelbüchlein* by asking all of us in the audience to become still, centered, and focused. Such inner quiet and attentiveness is necessary because the chief beauty of the *Orgelbüchlein* chorale-preludes is their reliance on understatement, rather than grandiose “in your face” (or ears?) gestures. They truly come alive through elegant execution and precise registration, rooted in the underlying symbolism and emotional *affekt* of each piece.

Take the “*Orgelbüchlein* challenge”: program one, two, or more of these wondrous pieces for Christmas this year. And right after Christmas, be sure to come to Zion Lutheran Church on January 9 to hear Trudy Faber from Wittenburg University discuss the various practice and performance issues connected with this work. It could be a life-changing experience - you might not play Bach quite the same way afterwards!

Wishing each of you a joyous and blessed Christmas,

Robert Wisniewski, AAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 10 *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Rd) 7:30 p.m.
 December 10 Lancaster Chorale, (Wagnall's Memorial Auditorium, 150 E Columbus Street, Lithopolis) 8 p.m.
 December 11 *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Rd) 3:00 p.m.
 December 11 *Carols for Christmas* Candlelight Concert (First Community North Campus, 3777 Dublin Rd) 4:30 p.m.
 December 11 Handel's *Messiah* (St. Joseph Cathedral) 7:30 p.m.
 December 18 Lessons & Carols (First Congregational) 4 p.m.
 December 18 Compline (First Congregational Church) 9 p.m.
 January 6 & 7 *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Asbury UMC, 55 W. Lincoln Ave., Delaware) 7 p.m.
January 9 **Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*-Part two, Masterclass by Trudy Faber, (Zion Lutheran Church, Columbus) 7:30 p.m.**
 January 13 *Alan Morrison, organ* (Mees Hall, Capital University) 7:30 p.m.
 February 5 *Organ and Orchestra Gala* (First Congregational) 4 p.m.
 February 12 *John Weaver, organ*, Elizabeth W. Lange Organ Recital (Broad Street Presbyterian) 4:00 p.m.
 February 12 *Ken Cowan, organ* (Worthington United Methodist) 4:30 p.m.
February 13 ***Accompanying at the Organ, Workshop presented by Ken Cowan***
Worthington United Methodist Church 7:30 p.m.
 February 26 *Psoulstice* (Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Rd) 3 p.m.
 February 26 *Renaissance Radiance* (St. Joseph Cathedral) 7:30 p.m.

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Handel's *Messiah* Under the direction of Paul Thornock, the Choir of St. Joseph Cathedral, members of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and internationally acclaimed soloists Theresa Cincione, Carolyn Redman, John Aler, and Mark Baker will present Handel's *Messiah* at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday evening, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and may be purchased at the Cathedral Bookshop or by calling (614) 221-6981.

Gift items available from AGO National Headquarters

The AGO Bookstore offers many specialty items for gift giving. A recent email suggested these specials. The teaching methods of Catharine Crozier, Marie-Claire Alain, and Fred Swann are featured in our Master Series. Each DVD is available for \$25. A set of all three DVD's is currently \$65 (shipping included). "Pulling Out All the Stops" is now available at a reduced price of \$20 (shipping included). AGO logo sweatshirts (gray with crimson logo) are \$18.50 and T-shirts (gray or white with crimson logo) are \$12. Both are available in sizes S,M,L,XL. The "Organist's Book of Days" (\$25) and the colorful, fact-filled "Timeline of the Organ--2600 Years of History" (\$5) may be just the gift for a colleague. Between now and December 31, a free CD of the 2002 NYACOP winner, Tim Olsen, will be included with any purchase of a holiday gift from the AGO store. To place your order, contact Harold Calhoun, email: hc@agohq.org. or phone: 212-870-2311, ext 4318 or 800-AGO-5115. Orders can be faxed to National Headquarters at 212-870-2163 using the form found on page 7 of each issue of TAO. You can complete an online order at <http://www.agohq.org/store>. Ask for the free CD described above when you place your order. If you order online, request the CD in the "Notes" section. Dozens of additional gift choices are available through "cafepress," where you will find a wide selection of journals, posters, domestic gifts, and specialty apparel with the AGO logo. Just follow the link to: <http://www.cafepress.com/agohq>.

Sharing your talents Throughout the year

First Community Village (FCV), a non profit faith based retirement community of Independent, Assisted Living, and Healthcare nursing home residents invites you to share your gifts and talents with persons who very much appreciate the inspiration of music in worship and vespers. They are seeking individuals or groups who are willing to share the gift of music at the Sunday 10:30 AM Chapel service, or the Vespers service at 3:00 PM. They would welcome music and entertainment at other times throughout the week. This is a perfect opportunity to have a practice performance in front of people. For further information and details, please contact Fran Welsh at 486-9511 x 219, Char Christensen at 486-9511 x 289, or Pastor Jack Witherspoon at 614-554-6196 or 486-9511x285. Especially in the holiday season the gift of music can bring much joy to very routine lives.

Capital University continues the series *Organ at the Conservatory-The Inaugural Season* with a concert by nationally renowned organist Alan Morrison. Morrison is Director of Music at Philadelphia's historic First Baptist Church and College Organist at Ursinus College. He has been featured at two AGO national conventions, *Pipedreams*, National Public Radio and the CBC. The concert is Friday, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in Mees Hall on the Capital Campus. The doors will open to all events 30 minutes prior to the concert. Admission is free.

Alan Morrison Performs On new Schantz At Capital

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, is looking for a Handbell Director. Contact Carol Ann Bradley, Minister of Worship and Music. Phone: 614-268-8626, ext. 120. Email: cabradley@north-broadway.org .

Broad Street Christian Church, 1049 E. Broad Street, Columbus, seeks a **Choir Director** for adult choir on Sunday, with rehearsal on Thursday evening. Contact Ellen Moore phone 614-565-2701 or email: ccpatrol@ameritech.net

Indian Run United Methodist Church, 6305 Brand Rd., Dublin, is seeking a **Principal Organist** for our two traditional services. Position would require one evening per week and Sundays. Please contact April King 614-793-9653 or <aking@columbus.rr.com>.

Northwest United Methodist Church, 5200 Riverside Dr., Columbus 43220 is seeking a part-time **accompanist/Worship Pianist**. Wednesday evening choir rehearsals; 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Contact: Leslie Duff, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations. Fax: 614-451-8982, or email: info@northwestumc.org.

First Presbyterian Church 55 N. Cherry Street , Mount Gilead, OH 43338 is seeking an **Organist** to play for weekly services. Duties include accompanying soloists, and provide preludes, offertories & postludes. Two manual M.P. Möller (Opus 9935), 1964. Salary: \$2500 yearly. For further information, email <firstpres@redbird.net> or phone the church at 419-946-1731 (fax line is 419-947-1385).

Placement Chairman: Mike Brittenback, 2796 Powell Ave., Columbus 43209. Phone: 614-237-9159. E-mail: brittenback@aol.com

Substitute Available...
Susan Vermeire
phone 865-9952 or cell 563-2523;
e-mail: smv@wowway.com. 17 years
experience as organist at Emmanuel
Lutheran.

Apologies from the Editor.....In the October issue of *The Guilder*, there was an article about Val Galiktionov passing the AAGO examination. Val, my apologies for referring to you as 'she'. In our correspondence, I assumed 'Val' was short for 'Valerie,' an assumption one can not make today with the world becoming smaller and more inter-cultural. I hope to meet you at one of the chapter meetings to offer my apology in person. *Bill*

Make plans now to enjoy stunning events before and after the AGO National Convention in Chicago, July 2-6, 2006. A pre-convention event in celebration of the restoration of the four-manual, 44-rank E.M. Skinner (Op. 528, 1925) at First United Methodist Church of Oak Park, Illinois will present KEN COWAN on Saturday, July 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the recital is \$15, which includes transportation from the convention hotel. Tickets may be purchased in advance by checking the box marked PRE-CONVENTION EVENT-FIRST UNITED METHODIST, OAK PARK on the ChicAGO 2006 Convention registration form printed monthly in TAO Magazine. More information is available online at <www.fumcoakpark.org/cowan>. In addition, stay a bit longer and join in the Berghaus Organ Company's tour of three instruments, a recital by CHERRY RHODES, and a buffet dinner. The event begins in the early afternoon of July 7th. Reservations may be made on your registration form by checking the POST-CONVENTION EVENT; the cost is \$15.00. Complete convention information can be found online at <www.agohq.org/2006> and in TAO Magazine.

Countdown To Chicago

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Trudy Faber concertizes on both organ and harpsichord throughout the United States and Europe. She has performed at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina; United States Military Academy at West Point; United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Her interest in women composers resulted in an invitation to present a harpsichord lecture-recital entitled "Five Centuries of Keyboard Music by Women Composers" for the Fifth International Festival of Women Composers. She is a graduate of Calvin College and received the M.A. degree from Smith College. She received a Fulbright scholarship to study both organ and harpsichord for a year at the Amsterdam Conservatory, The Netherlands, under Gustav Leonardt. Other teachers include Greta Kraus, Anton Heiller, and Kenneth Gilbert. She came to Wittenberg as a part-time instructor in 1966 and joined the faculty in 1970, serving as Chair of the Department of Music from 1995 to 2004.



Free Music.... There will be several boxes of music which have been donated to the guild for distribution among chapter members. Plan to come in time to select some free piano and organ music.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 766 South High Street, south of downtown Columbus. Please park on the street. Both the front and back doors of the church will be open that evening.