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DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2007 has been re-scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The reason for the date change is that Ohio State plays the National Championship Game on January 8. *GO BUCKS!*



DEAN'S CORNER

Another year, another Christmas: the more things stay the same, the more they change.

G.K. Chesterton once wrote "...a man may walk past the same thing nine hundred and ninety-nine times; yet, on encountering it the thousandth time, he sees something incredibly new and beautiful in it." We plan for and celebrate Advent and Christmas every year, and yet the circumstances of our lives make each year's celebration different in greater or lesser ways. How is this season different and more meaningful for you this year? I invite you to take at least an hour or two amidst December's busy-ness to breathe deeply, calm down, and reflect on the deeper meaning of this year's Christmas and the hope which it proclaims despite all of the brokenness and unfinished business in our lives and in our world.

Speaking of things that are different this year, I invite each and every one of you to the liturgical dedication of St. Joseph Cathedral's new Paul Fritts organ on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 pm. This event will consist of Solemn Vespers with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell presiding, followed by seasonal organ and choral works to showcase the new instrument's capabilities. Come early, and prepare yourself to be amazed and thrilled!

Finally, "Chapter Two" of our exploration of Mendelssohn's organ music occurs on our **NEW MEETING DATE - MONDAY, JANUARY 22** with a Members' Recital on the grand and sonorous Kimball organ in First Congregational Church at 7:30 pm that evening. If you enjoyed Roberta Gary's presentation at St. Agatha last month, come again and hear some more great music. If you didn't make it to St. Agatha, then do come to First Congregational on January 22.

You don't want to totally "miss the boat" on Mendelssohn and his music!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Robert Wisniewski, AAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Columbus Chapter AGO extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Kenneth Dunbar - 2445 Roseanne Court - Fairborn, OH 45324 - 937-879-5837 - kendn01@netzero.net

Nicholas Fink - 354 Vista Drive, Gahanna, OH 43230 - 614-470-9014

Organist, First Church of Christ, Scientist in Columbus and General Manager of Bunn=Minnick available to substitute for Sunday afternoons and weddings.

Dr. Allen and Jean Kerns - 4251 Kendale Drive - Columbus, OH 43220

Randall E. Karstens - 245 Old Coach Place - Canal Winchester, OH - 614-441-9598 - erzahler@gmail.com

Organ builder, Karstens Organ Leathering and Restoration, available to substitute Sunday am, pm, weddings and funerals

Directory Changes

Terry McCandless has a new E Mail address tmccandle@sbcglobal.net

Michael Brittenback has transferred membership to the Dayton AGO chapter. Columbus AGO members should contact Larry Rhoades re Professional Concerns issues; notices about positions open/substitutes needed should be sent (In the interim) to Dean Wisniewski.

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AGO MEMBERS

Cathedral Brass at St. Joseph Cathedral - Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. James Stokes and the Cathedral Brass join with organists Paul Thornock and Timothy Smith. All are welcome!

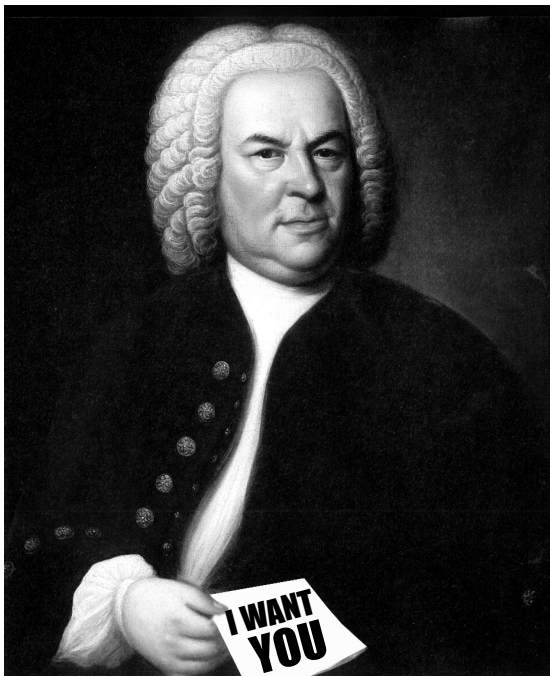
Marti Rideout at First Congregational Church - Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Marti Rideout from Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke, Virginia will present a program of Bach, Phillips, Near, Dubois and Dupre on both organs.

Erik Wm. Suter - will perform in recital at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Road, Columbus, on Friday evening, February 16, at 8 p.m. Mr. Suter is organist and associate director of music at Washington National Cathedral. He studied at Oberlin and Yale and has also served as organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square, All Saints, Boston, and Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven. Free.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Organist/Accompanist - First United Methodist Church, London, Ohio - Part-time organist/accompanist for a welcoming, intergenerational congregation with a long tradition of musical excellence. Duties include playing for one Sunday service each week (three hymns, prelude, anthem(s), offertory and postlude) and one choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings (September through the first or second Sunday in June) as well as possible special services, such as during Lent and Advent. The organist/accompanist also accompanies the children's choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, and ensembles when needed. The organist/accompanist is the preferred musician for weddings and funerals, receiving additional compensation for his/her services. A music degree with organ emphasis is preferred, but not required. Proficiency in sight-reading and hymn playing is needed, as well as comfort with a wide variety of musical styles. Willingness to work closely with the pastors and choir director. The church possesses an 1894 Johnson & Son Pipe Organ, (2 manuals and 23 ranks), that was rebuilt to electro-pneumatic action in 1957 (retaining all original pipework), and is constantly maintained and in excellent playing and mechanical condition. The church also has an ebony Mason & Hamlin grand piano (rebuilt and refinished this past summer), a Steinway & Sons grand piano and three octaves of Shulmerich handbells. Negotiable salary and vacation. For additional information, please call the church office at (740) 852-0462, fax (740) 852- 7606 or email inquiries and resume to fumc52@sbcglobal.net. Additional information is available on the internet at LONDONUMC.COM.

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ATTENTION

Columbus Chapter Members:

Please look over the list printed below and choose your job(s) for the convention. We would like to have every chapter member signed up for at least one job by Christmas. To sign up, contact Stan Osborn either by e-mail (stanosborn@earthlink.net) or phone (614) 337-0434. If you have questions about a specific job, contact the person listed with the job.

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Job and description	# needed	Contact
1. Competition Drivers – Need car. Must be available Monday, June 25. Some needed Sat/Sun June 23/24. Pick up judges and contestants at airport, transport to hotel, Capital U., etc.	3-5	Jim Hildreth jdhildreth58@worldnet.att.net
2. Competition Monitors – Must be available Monday, June 25. Assure there are no distractions or noise during rehearsal and competition times. Assist competitors and judges with any needs.	3-8	Jim Hildreth jdhildreth58@worldnet.att.net
3. Competition Greeters. Must be available Monday, June 25. Greet audience members, provide directions, etc.	2	Jim Hildreth jdhildreth58@worldnet.att.net
4. On Call Logistics Staff – Need cell phone. Might need car. Run errands, help with last minute details. Specify what dates you are available.	10	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
5. Workshop Assistants – Setup and take down equipment, distribute handouts, assist presenters with needs.	16	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
6. Ushers – Greet audience at concerts. Give directions to facilities. Direct public and conventioners to reserved/unreserved seating. Arrive 1 hour early. Specify available dates.	50	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
7. Setup/Breakdown Crew – Move chairs and music stands before and after events.	10	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
8. Bus Captains – Direct conventioners to correct buses, make sure driver knows directions, where to park, make announcements on bus.	8-10	Don Bogaards bogaards@copper.net
9. Hospitality Staff – Help with refreshments (setup, serve, takedown), greet arrivals in hotel lobby on Monday, assist people with special needs, staff booth, etc.	25	Sally Casto scasto@mtso.edu
10. CPR On Call – Must be trained in CPR. Be on call for events you attend in case of an emergency.	5	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
11. Registration Packet Staff – Prepare packets and badges. Must be available prior to the convention.	2-3	Sally Beske sbeske@columbus.rr.com
12. Registration Desk Staff – Staff the booth each day. Must be available mornings of convention. Attend orientation session with Sally prior to convention.	6-8	Sally Beske sbeske@columbus.rr.com
13. Convention Photographers – Must have own camera. Photograph all convention activities for Columbus Chapter archives.	2	Stan Osborn stanosborn@earthlink.net
14. Tuesday Dinner Servers – Wait tables for the dinner at First Congregational Church, Tuesday June 26.	15	Sally Casto scasto@mtso.edu

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Members of the Convention Steering Committee are realizing that the biggest organ event to hit Columbus in a generation is about six months away. The program committee has solidified all concert repertoire and workshop descriptions. Bus deposits are made. The Hyatt on Capitol Square is reserved. Competition plans are being finalized. The program book is about to go into full preparation.

Stan Osborn (stanosborn@earthlink.net) is seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks. Hopefully all Columbus AGO Chapter members will find a job with which they are comfortable in contributing their time and service to the project.

We recently received word that the Greater Columbus Arts Council has approved a \$6000 grant request for the convention. That money will be used to help with the expenses related to the evening programs at St. Joseph Cathedral and First Congregational Church. The steering committee was delighted to receive such support from this Columbus based prestigious organization. Other fund-raising efforts are also being successful.

Please continue to check our web site for the most up-to-date information. To see it, go to www.agocolumbus.org and check on the convention link. A revised schedule of activities is listed and can be downloaded. On-line registration will be available in January 2007. You may also request hard copy registration through Sally Beske at 119 Keethler Drive North, Westerville, OH 43081.

Many of your colleagues have invested in several years of planning to bring this momentous organ and choral event to the Central Ohio area. We ask that you please plan to attend the convention and make an effort to join the volunteer ranks. *Thanks in advance for your positive response to our request for assistance.*

Al Adcock, Convention Coordinator

*Happy Holidays
from Columbus AGO*

