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New Date for March Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

PUTTING ON THE FRITTS
Architecture, Rhetoric, and Fantasy!

Saint Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio

(park in lot directly behind church)



DEAN'S CORNER

In last month's GUILDER, I began by mentioning our October 2005 organ crawl and the hidden church architecture that we saw that day. St. Joseph Cathedral, in contrast, is one of Columbus's best known specimens of ecclesiastical architecture. More recently, many of us have either witnessed or participated in the creation of another kind of architecture inside the Cathedral's walls.

I refer, of course, to the Cathedral's new Paul Fritts organ, truly a masterpiece of visual and sonic architecture. Patterned after the celebrated Christian Muller organ at St. Bavo Church in the Netherlands, it is a perfect medium for discussing and demonstrating music of Diderik (Dietrich) Buxtehude, the great Baroque master who so inspired J.S. Bach and whose tricentennial we celebrate this year.

Buxtehude's organ music is grounded not only in architectural concepts, but also in ideas and practices drawn from the art of rhetoric. Along with his contemporaries Böhm, Bruhns, and Löbeck, he synthesized all of these elements into a genre known as *stylus fantasticus*, literally, "fantastic style." At our March 13 meeting, my Cathedral colleague Paul Thornock will discuss this genre and how it is realized both in Buxtehude's music and through Paul Fritts' new instrument. Following Paul's presentation, there will be both refreshments in the Cathedral undercroft and ample "open console" time for others wishing to explore this latest addition to the Columbus organ scene.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Robert Wisniewski

Robert Wisniewski, AAGO, Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

MEMBERSHIP NOTES FROM SALLY BESKE

NEW MEMBERS - *Columbus Chapter AGO extends a warm welcome to the following new members:*

James Mayercak - 971 Somers Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 - 741-455-3050 - jmayerca@columbus.rr.com
Organist Grace United Methodist Church

Mark Kautzmann - 448 W. Nationwide Blvd #411 - Columbus, OH 43215 - 614-893-2146 - vickyvill@msn.com

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS - *Please make the following changes to your printed directory:*

New mailing address for **Brad Hall** - 4757 Moreland Dr. W. - Columbus, OH 43220
Correction to E mail for **Arla Cahill** - acahill001@columbus.rr.com

CONVENTION REQUEST

Barbara Liszniewski from the Cincinnati AGO Chapter is looking for someone who would like to share a hotel room with her during the convention. She can be reached at bliszniewski@fuse.net or 513-541-8864.

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO AGO MEMBERS

Evensong for Lent II - St. Mark's Episcopal Church Choir will present Choral Evensong for Lent II on March 4 at 5 p.m. Music of Purcell (Evening Service in G Minor) and Anthony Piccolo ("The Key"). Michael Murray's organ prelude at 4:45 will be the Franck Chorale No. 2 in B Minor. Gary L. Garber is the Organist/Choirmaster. St. Mark's is at 2151 Dorset Road, across from the Upper Arlington Public Library.



Paul Jacobs - of Juilliard will present a concert at Capital University on Friday, March 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in Mees Hall, on the Schantz organ. A **Master Class** will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church - across from Capital at 1234 East Main Street. Mr. Jacobs is the chairman of the organ department at Juilliard in New York. Mr. Jacobs was appointed to the faculty at Juilliard at age 26 - making him one of the youngest faculty members in the history of the school. He drew national attention when he played the complete works of J.S. Bach in 14 consecutive evenings in New York and Philadelphia and again in an 18 hour non-stop marathon in Pittsburgh. He has been a featured performer at AGO National Conventions. He was named the William Schuman Scholars Chair for 2007.

You will not want to miss this glorious evening with a great performer and a great organ!

Cathedral Choir - Sunday, March 11, 2007 - 3:00 p.m. The Saint Joseph Cathedral Choir will offer works of Britten and Durufle that explore the new organ's accompanimental capabilities.

Celebrate Life at Northwest Christian Church - March 16 & 17, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. The gifted NWCC Youth Choir will present this musical play 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.



Jim Hildreth - will present Celebrations: Music for Organ, Harp, Flute and Violin at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Sunday, March 18, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

For his 20th annual recital at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, organist Jim Hildreth will be joined by international concert harpist Grace Cloutier, Columbus flautist Valerie Adams, and violinist James Skidmore, a former member of the Columbus Symphony. The concert will celebrate the significant anniversaries of Buxtehude, Langlais, Elgar, Grieg, and Sibelius. Works by Saint-Saëns, Debussy, Martinu, Mozart, and Joe Utterback will also be included. Solo organ and solo harp selections will be complemented by music for piano and flute, as well as various other combinations of harp, flute, violin and organ.



Words of Albert Schweitzer, Music of J.S. Bach - Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. A multimedia theatre event with actors, visuals, organists, and Chamber orchestra. First Congregational Church, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, (614) 228-1741.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Glen Echo Presbyterian - Organist and choir accompanist for Clintonville area church. Proficiency with both organ and piano expected. From September through June, position requires playing for one Sunday worship service and a Wednesday evening choir rehearsal each week. During July and August, when the choir is on the break, only the Sunday worship service is required. In holiday seasons, there are additional paid services. If interested in this permanent position, please contact the church at (614)262-4866, or send an email to tayse58@yahoo.com or lelandw@msn.com.

St. Anne's Church - Organist for small Grove City conservative Episcopal congregation of the Anglican Province of Christ the King. One Sunday Service at 10:30 AM which uses 1928 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and 1940 Episcopal Hymnal. The organ is a Lowery electronic organ. The organist provides service music and accompaniment for the liturgy and hymns. There is not a choir or any additional rehearsal obligations. Salary is \$75 - \$100 per service. For additional information or to inquire about this position please contact Steve Jones at (614)875-1401 or stevejones@ohio.net.

Columbia Heights United Methodist Church – Organist for congregation on the west side of Columbus. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday service at 10:00 AM and two choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings: Youth choir from 6-7 and Chancel Choir from 7-8:30. Annual Salary \$6,000. For additional information please contact Amy Brown, Director of music, at (614) 878-4530 (church) or amybrown@columbus.rr.com.

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PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH A.G.O. MEETING!!

Due to a scheduling conflict, the chapter meeting "Putting on the Fritts," scheduled for Monday, March 12 at Saint Joseph Cathedral, has been postponed one day to **Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm**. We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope to see you on the 13th!

Yours,
Paul A. Thornock II
Cathedral Music Director

Robert Wisniewski
Cathedral Principal Organist
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

We hope to see each of you at this wonderful meeting with the new Fritts!

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