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## DEAN'S CORNER

The winter has been harsh, and the news has been full of doom and gloom. Daylight savings time, warm weather, and flip-flops cannot come soon enough. Even if the weather is frightful, the future of the organ world is heart-warming. I received the first application in the mail for our chapter scholarship award. We just hosted our first chapter young organist's competition in many years, with three new artists showcasing their musicality at the console. Michael Brittenback wrote a report on the competition, which is published in this edition.

When you see Michael and other members of the competition committee, please thank them for their support of this program.

Unlike the many other institutions at this time, the financial state of our chapter is sound. We will have an opportunity to celebrate together at our final program of the year: a party! I hope to see you at the May 4 banquet. The following are some important upcoming dates for the Columbus AGO Chapter. Mark your calendars.

### **March 15 (Sunday)**

Chapter program cancelled! Take some extra time for yourself and enjoy the Ides of March!

### **April 1**

Deadline for chapter members to send additional nominations for our chapter elections to me.

### **April 15 (Tax Day)**

Deadline for submitting 2009 AGO Scholarship Applications. To be eligible, students must be recommended by a Columbus Chapter AGO member. Please send completed applications and letters of recommendation to me at 5583 Dumfries Court West, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

### **May 4 (Monday) at 6:30pm**

Invite your clergy colleague(s) to dinner and fun at the Organist and Clergy Spring Social/Dinner at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. The cost per person for this catered dinner with entertainment included is \$15 per person. Reserve your places by mailing your checks for \$15/person times the number of people in your party to Al Adcock, 2480 Dunstan Drive, Columbus, OH 43235-1880 and make your check payable to "Columbus Chapter AGO." To reserve your place, Al must have your check by April 24th.

*With kind regards,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura J. Silva".

Laura Silva, CAGO  
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

# COLUMBUS CHAPTER YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION

## *A GREAT SUCCESS!*

On Saturday February 28 we hosted our first Young Organist Competition in many years. This came out of the successful Regional Competition held here last year. King Avenue United Methodist Church and their organist Matt Estes hosted the event showcasing the beautiful new Buzard organ.

We were fortunate to have three very good competitors and three superb judges. The judges were Roberta Gary, Professor of Organ and Chair of the Keyboard Department at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, James Hildreth, Organist at Broad Street Presbyterian and private teacher, and James Kibbie, Professor of organ at the University of Michigan. All three judges were unanimous in the ranking of our competitors. What was most impressive about the whole day was each judge spent 30 minutes, following the competition, with each competitor giving them extensive feedback and helpful observations. The competitors were so outwardly grateful for the time and genuine interest of the judges.

We have listed below the competitors in the order of ranking in competition along with their biographies.

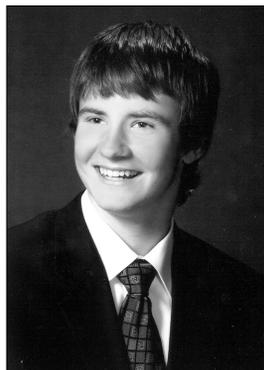
### **FIRST PLACE - *Dana Steele***

Dana is a sophomore organ student of Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is a native of Washington, West Virginia and the daughter of Michael and Jane Steele, with three younger brothers, Andrew, Daniel, and Joseph. She studied piano for twelve years and organ for three years with Ralph Phillips prior to her entrance to CIM in 2007. Active in church music, she was assistant organist at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Parkersburg, WV, and substituted at several West Virginia and Ohio churches, in addition to playing for weddings and funerals. In May of 2007, she placed first in the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition for high school students in Storrs, CT. From 2007-2008, Dana served as organ scholar at the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, OH. Other interests include traveling, reading, and Italian cuisine.



### **SECOND PLACE - *Samantha Koch***

Samantha is a sophomore organ major. She studies with Dr. Janette Fishell at Indiana University. Samantha transferred with Dr. Fishell from East Carolina University at the beginning of this academic year. She began her organ studies three years ago in Charlotte, NC with Susan Talley and has been playing the piano since she was six years old. This past summer, she participated in a Germany Study Tour with the organ studio of East Carolina University in which she had masterclasses with German organist, Ludger Lohmann.



### **THIRD PLACE - *David Pettit***

David is a Junior at Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, Ohio and a post-secondary student at Shawnee State University. He is the assistant organist at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Portsmouth and a part time organist for Friendship United Methodist. He also substitutes for various other churches in Southern Ohio and Huntington West Virginia. He is drum major of the PHS Marching Band and plays trumpet with the concert and jazz band.

David has studied piano with Mary Smalley since 1997 and organ with Stanley Workman Jr. since 2003. He placed first in the senior division of the Portsmouth Kiwanis Chopin Competition in 2008. He received superior ratings at OMEA's Solo and Ensemble at Ohio University last Spring. He has had several roles in the Southern Ohio Light Opera performance through at the years and has twice performed with the SOLO orchestra.

David and his horse, Lacy, were Grand Champions of the 4-H state competition in Hunt Seat Equitation over fences at the Ohio State Fair last August. David also finds time to pursue his dream of flying. He took his first solo flight this past June as a student and became a licensed pilot in November.

First place was awarded \$200, a recital for our next Chapter season, assistance to attend the Regional Convention in order to compete, and one year's membership in the AGO. Second place was awarded \$100 and one year's membership in the AGO, and third place one year's membership in the AGO.

We wish to thank the committee: Michael Brittenback, Chair; Mari Rideout; Matt Estes; Robert Wisniewski; and May Schwarz for their work in making this event such a success. We look forward to this event each odd year in the calendar.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR** - Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm. Recently hailed by the Columbus Dispatch for performances that are "consistently musical, and polished," the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir will perform a program of Lenten Music including works of J.S. Bach and Francis Poulenc.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - The Chancel Choir of All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, directed by Jan Arthur, will present "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré with orchestra and organ Sunday afternoon March 15 at 4:00, with concertmaster Zoran Stoyanovich, baritone vocalist Keith Menter, soprano vocalist Linda Brown, and organist Tom Gerke.

**JOSHUA BRODBECK, ORGANIST** - A junior at Indiana University, Josh will play an organ recital at Capital University on Friday Evening, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Josh is a student of Todd Wilson. Josh Brodbeck began his concert career in Slovenia, Europe at the age of twelve. Since then, he has given many concerts throughout the United States. Currently, he studies at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, where he studies organ with international concert organist Todd Wilson and church music with Dr. Janette Fishell. In 2007, Josh won the Indianapolis American Guild of Organist Young Artist competition. Also in 2007, he was the recipient of Keller award for outstanding performance at Capital University. In 2008, Josh won the Perrini award for performance. His performances have been featured on television and public radio. Josh is the organist at First Christian Church in Bloomington, Indiana.

**ANNA TORNERO, PIANO & ORGAN** - Capital University Senior, will play a piano/organ recital at Capital University on Saturday, March 22, at 3:00 PM. Anna is a Keyboard Pedagogy major. Her applied instrument is piano and her secondary instrument is organ.

**PIANO RECITAL** - Concerts at All Saints presents Brenda Curie and Sally Sansbury in a Duo Piano Recital at All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington, on Sunday afternoon April 19 at 4:00. The program, using two grand pianos, will include works by Milhaud, Ravel, Paganini/Lutoslawski, Paganini/Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, Gottschalk, and Lecuona.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

### **Bradley, Carol Ann**

Carol Ann Bradley has retired from North Broadway United Methodist Church and is now available to substitute for Sunday mornings, weddings, and funerals. Her new email address is cabradley1@gmail.com.

# SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2009-2010

Dean .....Julia Parker  
Sub-dean .....Sara Seidel  
Secretary.....Judy Wilhour  
Treasurer .....Al Adcock

## Executive committee (*Three to be elected for the Class of 2012*)

Nicholas Fink, David Robinson, Pauline Fritz, Don Bogaards, John Shuder, and Chad Baker

*Thanks to the nominating committee members for their work: Sally Casto, G. Dene Barnard, and Ron Kenreich.*

## EMPLOYMENT

**ORGANIST WANTED** - Trinity United Methodist Church in Lilly Chapel is seeking a Music Director for a 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship service starting in late March. Salary is negotiable. Please send your resume to rdj914@hotmail.com.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** - Washington Avenue UMC in south Columbus is looking for a new Music Director/Choir Director for Sunday morning and possibly Wednesday night contemporary service. Good position for student/first time person. Email resume and salary requirements to church@washingtonaveumc.org.

**ORGANIST WANTED** - Fr. Jerry Stluka of Holy Cross Church (204 S. 5th St.) called today about trying to find an organist. Fr. Stluka is a wonderful priest that we should all be so lucky to work with! The church's Mass schedule is Sundays at 9:00, 11:00. The choir is only seasonal, practicing after the 11:00 Sunday Mass to prepare for Christmas, Holy Week, and the Patronal Feast in September. If you are looking for a low-stress position in a beautiful historic building with appreciative people and wonderful clergy, this is for you! I have attached Fr. Stluka's email below. If you are interested in the position or know someone who is, please contact Fr. Stluka directly at frjerry@columbus.rr.com. *From Paul Thornock*

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# Letter of Recommendation

Student Scholarship Application  
Columbus Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Name of Student Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Status (*check current status*):

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle School

\_\_\_\_\_ High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Referring Member \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current Organ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

(if different than referring member)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Educational Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Request scholarship for organ student to attend educational program (check program):

\_\_\_\_\_ Pipe Organ Encounter (ages 13-18)

\_\_\_\_\_ AGO Convention

\_\_\_\_\_ Other educational events or supplemental experiences (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Recommendation**

(*Explain why this student would benefit from an educational/enrichment program.*)

Mail to: Laura Silva, 5583 Dumfries Court West, Dublin, OH 43017

Or Email to: [laurasilva@aol.com](mailto:laurasilva@aol.com)

# 2009 Student Scholarship Application

## Columbus Chapter American Guild of Organists

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by Columbus Chapter AGO Member (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach letter of recommendation)

### Student Status

\_\_\_ Younger than High School

\_\_\_ High School

\_\_\_ University/College

\_\_\_ Other (explain)

Current organ teachers and/or educational institution:

Event for Scholarship Request

Pipe Organ Encounter: \_\_\_\_\_

AGO Convention: \_\_\_\_\_

Other educational event (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Process

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 15, 2009

*Please mail your completed application to:*

Laura Silva, Dean - AGO Columbus Chapter - 5583 Dumfries Court West - Dublin, OH 43017

The objective of the Columbus Chapter Scholarship Program is to encourage organ students in their educational process. There is no age limit for award recipients. Candidates are eligible if they are recommended by an AGO Columbus Chapter member, who is required to submit a recommendation form. The scholarships are intended to support attendance at programs that supplement the chosen course of study. Examples include AGO Pipe Organ Encounters, AGO national or regional conventions, or similar events. The total amount of scholarship funds dispersed in any given year will be at the discretion of the Columbus Chapter Executive Board. Generally, this amount will not exceed the amount of interest received on the principal of the scholarship reserved funds. Scholarship awards will be determined by the Executive Board, or delegated to a committee. One, multiple, or no scholarships may be awarded in any given year.