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DEAN'S CORNER

Judging from the catalogs arriving from music publishers, there is no shortage of printed material aimed at celebrating Christmas. Have you ever wondered how many of the musicals arriving as "samples" are actually performed in real life? Anyway, how much space should I really devote in my filing cabinet to music which is sung on one evening, or maybe for a very small assembly on Christmas Day? In addition, celebrations of Christmas on the actual Sundays of Christmas may be characteristically subdued, a by-product of choir breaks, family vacations, and general Christmas burn-out. Is this the sum total of Christendom's celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus?

Looking deeper, the traditional Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle of the Incarnation arrives for a substantial amount of time, and the themes from scripture move at a fairly quick clip through this cycle. Where are the music catalogs brimming with Advent themes of justice, end times, repentance, the Annunciation? What about music for Epiphany to explain what happens after the visitors from the East have departed? How do we serve our congregations (or audiences) who need more than nice Christmasy feelings: who have holiday overload and are facing seasonal darkness and coldness with slim wallets, some extra pounds, and those dreaded New Years' resolutions? Do we organists need more or different kinds of music? Where can we find resources to help?

Perhaps we can share our ideas and experiences together. I hope you will be able to join us for the November program, "Music for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany," featuring the new pipe organ at All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington (Monday, November 5th at 7:30pm). Built by Kegg Pipe Organ Builders (Hartville, OH), the organ has 2 manuals, 26 ranks, and includes preparations for the addition of a future choir division. Featured performers include chapter members Tom Gerke (who has served as All Saints' organist for more than 30 years!), Anne Saylor, Elizabeth Krouse, Linda Nolan, Bob Wisniewski, Dorothy Riley and Julia Parker. The organ builder will be present.

In other news, Chad Baker has graciously stepped up to coordinate placements and substitutes for the chapter. We appreciate Chad's contribution last summer to the Young Organists' Symposium, a part of the AGO Discovers Columbus Region V Convention.

Finally, I would like to extend a thank-you to Brad Hall for serving on the Executive Committee. Brad has moved out-of-state to start a new position, and we sadly accept his resignation from the committee. We welcome Stephen Jacoby, who will serve the remainder of Brad's term. Please join with me in welcoming Steve and wishing Brad well in his new endeavor.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With warm regards,

*Laura Silva, CAGO
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO*

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Monday, November 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm

Music for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
All Saints Lutheran Church - Worthington, Ohio

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Cynthia Adcock, Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. - *Sine Nomine*. Cynthia Adcock and musician friends will present an afternoon of keyboard and instrumental music honoring All Saints, past and present, of Northwest Christian Church. Northwest Christian Church is located at 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio.

G. Dene Barnard and Timothy E. Smith, Sunday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus. Dene and Tim will perform works of Messiaen, Johann David, and William Mathias.

Carol Ann Bradley, Sunday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. at North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway. The recital is in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the Casavant organ.

Douglas Cleveland, Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. International concert organist Douglas Cleveland is a past winner of the American Guild of Organists National Competition and is considered one of this country's greatest young players. The Washington Post declared that Cleveland's playing demonstrates "evincing power, drive and force." The Salt Lake Tribune declared "Cleveland rocks!"

Elizabeth Krouse, DMA Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. Works by Bruhns, Krouse, Tunder, Widor, Karg-Elert, Reger. Holy Family is located at 584 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Please call (614) 221-4323.

Amahl and the Night Visitors, Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Fully-staged and costumed production. Don Streibig, Director. Thomas & Pamela Welsh-Huggins, solosists. First Congregational Church, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus.

I'll Be Home for Christmas, Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Northwest's choirs will bring you seasonal arrangements by a variety of composers including past and present Northwest Christian Church music ministry leaders Randolph Currie, John Carter, Albert Adcock and others. There will be activities for children during the afternoon and a dinner following the program. This will be the final event in celebration of Northwest's 50th Anniversary year. Northwest Christian Church is located at 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Candlelight Christmas Concert & Carols for Christmas, Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. 34th Annual event by the Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers of First Community Church, NORTH CAMPUS, 3777 Dublin Road, Columbus.

Michael Schreffler will present an organ concert at First United Methodist Church, London, Ohio, on Saturday, December 15 at 3 pm. His program will include works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Howells, as well as seasonal favorites by Langlais and Dupre. The church is located at 52 North Main Street, London, Ohio, and the concert is free and open to the public.

Membership Notes from Sally

Please Welcome our New Members:

Erin Jolley (available to substitute Sundays and weddings)

2725 Wellseley Rd., Columbus, OH 43209, (614) 370-9362, ejolley2002@yahoo.com.

Todd Baldosser (Staff Accompanist at Gabanna Lincoln High School)

2292 East Audrey Drive, Newark, OH 43055, (740) 344-6015 and (614) 598-1264
scarlatti35@hotmail.com Music Director at St. Johns UCC in Newark, OH and

New Address

Jerome Milliner 3919 Cedric Lane, Dublin OH 43016

Membership Notes From Sally - Continued

Please make the following corrections to your directories:

1. Hilde Hildebrandt is available to substitute on Sundays
2. The organ at Holy Family on page 44 of your directory is a Schantz, 26 ranks.
3. An interesting note (*I wonder how many years we have carried over this mistake*) on the Past Deans listings, the Dean of the Guild for 1967-68 was Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen and not Thomas F. Gallen as we have listed.

Please notify your local chapter (Sally Beske at sbeske@columbus.rr.com) and the national organization with address changes. The contact information for AGO National is listed on page 9 of your directory. Remember that your subscription to The American Organist runs from January to January. If you have not renewed this past spring or summer your subscription will soon expire. Renewal forms are available on line at AGOColumbus.org. The check that you send to Sally Beske with your membership renewal form is sent on to Al Adcock, chapter treasurer. Contact Al or Sally if you have questions about your membership status.

All the chapter officers, Tim Wilson our newsletter editor, Treasurer Al Adcock and Sally Beske are volunteers that have donated many hours toward our local chapter. Paid staff with the AGO is only on the National level. On behalf of the 212 members and friends of AGO Columbus we thank these local volunteers for their commitment and dedication toward the health and stability of our chapter.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hilltop United Methodist Church – Minister of Music for a congregation on the west side of Columbus who seeks someone who is fluent on the organ and piano, can play by ear (gospel, hymns, and anthems), and has a heart for ministry. Call Pastor Melody Williams for more information (614)276-1089 or (937)267-2642 (cell).

Hope United Methodist Church – Choir Director for Canal Winchester congregation to lead choir and to help plan music for Sunday services in conjunction with the pastor. There is one Sunday Worship service at 10:30 and Thursday evening rehearsals. Choir season runs from Labor Day week through the first or second week in June. The choir presents 2 Cantatas per year, one at Christmas and the other in late spring. For more information contact the church at (614)837-7548 or Joy Brooks (614)837-9361.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church – Organist for Marysville Roman Catholic Church responsible for 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday and 9 AM Sunday. Services include mixture of traditional and contemporary music. The organ is a 2 manual Rodgers. For more information contact Terry Hartman, Director of Music, at (937)644-6020 (church) or at thartman88@sprintpcs.com.

Worthington Presbyterian Church - (membership 2000) is seeking an organist (approximately 20 hrs. per week). Responsibilities include two Sunday morning traditional worship services, seasonal and additional worship services as needed; accompaniment of adult choir, and other choirs/soloists when required; first refusal for weddings (30 per year); oversight of 3-manual Schantz/Bunn-Minnick organ and Schulmerich carillon. Compensation for other duties such as bell choir and/or youth choir direction are available and adjustable according to the candidate's expertise and interest. Information on Worthington Presbyterian Church and a detailed position description can be found on the church's website: <http://www.worthingtonpres.org/> or by calling the church at 614-885-5355. Contact the church or Ron St. Pierre at rstpierre@insight.rr.com for more information or to apply.

Hilliard Presbyterian Church - Part-time organist/pianist position available starting January 1, 2008. The position is estimated 12 hours/week (including preparation), with two worship services (8:30 a.m. and 11:00 am) on Sunday, choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights. Skill as an accompanist as well as solo playing ability is desired. The position is year-round, with extra services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, possibly Good Friday, Easter vigil, and two serv

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Employment Opportunities - *Continued*

ices on Christmas Eve, and one service on Christmas morning. We are looking for someone with training as a church musician with an understanding of and appreciation for music in a Protestant church. We offer an annual contract, four Sundays off per year, 12-month salary, and the possibility of using the organ and/or pianos to give lessons. Interested parties should contact the director of music, and should send a resume and 2-3 recommendations, to Beth Clothier, Director of Music, at beth_clothier@hilliardpres.org or 614-937-0866. Selected applicants may be invited for an audition and interview at the church.

Central College Church, Westerville - Interim Organist to provide music for 9:30 & 11:00 worship services on Sunday mornings and to accompany the Adult Choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. For more information contact Rev. Monte Clearman, Associate Pastor, at the church, (614)882-2347 or monteclearman@centralcollegechurch.org Church website: www.centralcollegechurch.org.

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