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Opening Convocation and Dinner Sept. 16 (Registration Deadline Sept. 13)

Jeremy Bankson and Ron Kenreich have prepared a dinner and service of evening prayer with hymns and readings that celebrate music in worship, Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. service at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Road, Dublin. At 6 p.m., members may bring used music for a free used music exchange. The dinner will consist of roasted chicken breasts, salad, seasoned red potatoes, green bean amandine, coffee, water, and cookies.

Important: Ron needs a head-count by Friday, September 13, so please let Tom Gerke know immediately at tagerke@yahoo.com if you're planning to come and bring a \$12 check, payable to the AGO, to cover the cost of the meal.

"Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" Accepting Registrations

Brian Johnson and Mary Ann Stephens are organizing a "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" to help students from Grades 3 to 12 explore the pipe organ on Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Blvd., (Upper Arlington) Columbus. Students will get a hands-on experience on what makes a pipe sound, from power to pipe. They will have the opportunity to play, to see the inside of the organ, and to experience a theater pipe organ.

Students may register either to play the organ or just to attend as an observer. Although walk-ins are welcome, Mary Ann Stephens would appreciate receiving pre-registration at jstephens18@columbus.rr.com; this will assist with ordering food and giveaways. Coffee and pizza will be available for parents and caretakers who want to observe.

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The November issue will be published on or by October 15 and will include concert dates from October 16 to December 1. Please submit events to the [on-line calendar](#) for publication in future *Guilders*. Non-calendar submissions may be sent to guilders@agocolumbus.org.



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The Dean's Comments



Rebecca Abbott

This year, the AGO Columbus Chapter is putting an emphasis on verifying the organs on which our members are playing. The emphasis began with Stan Osborn's creating a new chapter-specific section on our national ONCARD membership renewal forms and continues with this letter. Why is it important that this information appear in the members' directory?

It both compiles and preserves a printed historical record. Most of what we know of organs and worship practices from other eras comes from their written or printed records, painstakingly collected from individual churches. Oral history and electronic records can be less permanently preserved or less easily accessed than printed matter; nor do either of those methods compile the year-by-year local information in a way helpful to future historians. We have a chance, here and now, to love our future neighbor—who may be one of our own students or descendants.

It encourages hospitality to other AGO members and fosters hospitality for ourselves. When we name our organs, we invite curiosity and potential visitors. Sometimes we want to visit other organs ourselves, ask questions about them, or use them as practice instruments, too, so it's helpful to have a quick guide.

Here's what you'll need to enter:

Builder — City where organ is located — Name of institution where you play — Number of manual — Number of ranks — Year organ was built (and rebuilt)

Here's how you can enter it (extracted and adapted from Stan's article last month):

1. Log on to www.agohq.org/oncard-login/, using your username and password.
2. Click on "Update Personal Information."
3. Scroll down and click on "View/Edit Chapter-specific data."
4. Enter your organ's information.
5. To save this information, be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom and click on "Post Changes."

Please feel free to contact Stan with any concerns about the above at stanosborn@earthlink.net or (614) 337-0434.

Rarely do we get the opportunity to enact a bureaucratic detail as a way of loving and serving our neighbor. I hope you all seize the opportunity!

Best wishes,
Rebecca Abbott
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

Member Publications

Rebecca Abbott recently published "A Wonderful Comfort: The New Year's Hymns of Paul Gerhardt and Dietrich Bonhoeffer" in CrossAccent, Issue 27.2 (Summer 2019).\

If other members are publishing articles or music, please submit the information to guild@agocolumbus.org.

New Communications Chair

Please welcome Ryan Boyle as the new Communications Chair, succeeding Luke Tegtmeier. Ryan studied Information Technology at RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) and has been employed full time in the organ business for seventeen years. He left his position as Vice President of Kerner & Merchant Pipe Organ Builders in East Syracuse, New York, to take the position Luke recently left as Service Manager at Muller Pipe Organ. Ryan will be acquiring a new email address, but for the moment can be reached on his mobile at (716) 816-9707.

The Executive Committee would like to thank Luke for his good-humored and dedicated service. He is one of the treasures of the Columbus AGO.

Sacred Music Institute Expanding On-Line Offerings

The Sacred Music Institute of America, LLC, is expanding their on-line courses and lessons to markets beyond the Columbus area. As a private and independent music institute based in Columbus, they offer on-line and on-site sacred music courses and seminars; organ, voice, cantor, and conducting lessons; and certification programs for the Music Director, Choir Director, Organist, or Cantor. Their training seeks to complement the AGO's vision to "engage, support, and uplift every organist," especially the part-time musician. Please see <https://www.sacredmusicinstitute.org/courses-and-seminars> to register before the September 30 deadline, visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/School/Sacred-Music-Institute-of-America-LLC-102502801120814>, or send them an email at asacredmusic@gmail.com.

Obituary: Carlos Parker, Jr. 1928 ~ 2019

(adapted from and first published in *The Columbus Dispatch*, Aug. 19, 2019)

Carlos Parker, Jr., age 90, of Upper Arlington passed away Saturday, August 17, 2019. Carlos was born in Ironton, OH, to the late Carlos and Frances Van Valkenburgh. He served his country in the U.S Army as a medic during the Korean War and was awarded the Silver Star. Carlos was a Fleet Manager and later a Purchasing Manager for Ross Laboratories.

His passion for theatre organs led him to purchasing the organ at the Ohio Theatre which turned into Carlos being one of many to save the Theatre. He thought it would be simpler to save the Theatre than move the organ. Carlos was the manager of the Ohio Theatre from 1969-99. He was a true audiophile and loved transferring recorded music to a digital format. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and loved spending time with his dogs as well.

Carlos is survived by his brothers James V. (Maxine) Parker and William Neil Parker, sister Marian Belanger, and many loving nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Sherwood Memorial Park, Roanoke, VA. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share a favorite memory of Carlos. Please go to www.capa.com or call 614-469-1045 for information on supporting the Ohio Theatre and the Organ. Donations can be made to Columbus Humane as well.

2018-2019 Audit of AGO Columbus Chapter

Editor's Note: The Executive Committee wishes to thank Mark Meuser for performing the audit and Al Adcock, former and long-time Treasurer, for his fine bookkeeping.

Dear Tom [Gerke, Treasurer],

At your request, on June 26, 2019, I conducted an informal audit of the AGO financial statements for the fiscal year of June, 2018 through May, 2019. I spot checked both invoices and income statements with entries on the balance sheets. I found no inconsistencies. I also checked the ledger with four monthly bank statements chosen at random to verify income and expense activity. Finally, I checked the yearly totals, which matched perfectly.

The audit showed the care and dedication with which Treasurer Al Adcock has kept the financial records of the Columbus AGO. I commend him for a job well done.

Sincerely,
Mark Meuser

Singers May Join Trinity Seminary Choir for Brahms' "Requiem"

If you would like to sing in the Trinity Seminary Choir, contact May Schwarz at mschwarz@capital.edu or (614) 499-1047. New singers are welcome! Rehearsals Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; Brahms' "Requiem" on Nov. 1 (see calendar).

Save the Date!

July 26-31, 2020: Organ Historical Society Convention in Columbus.
Details developing.

Positions Available

The following positions were posted on the chapter's web site in the last six months. Please see <http://www.agocolumbus.org/index.php/forum/positions-available> for fuller descriptions, as well as for positions posted longer than six months ago.

Organist/Choir Director, St. James Episcopal, Clintonville
Organist, Community UMC, Circleville
Organist/Accompanist, Mifflin Presbyterian, Gahanna
Organist, Bethlehem (Wheeling), WV
Organist, Ministry/Dayton (Oakwood)
Church Organist/Pianist, Springfield
Business Manager, Sacred Music Institute of America
Part Time Music Director, East Columbus
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AGO Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Concerts and Other Events

The Columbus Chapter's on-line calendar may be found [here](#).

Parker Ramsay, Organ Recital

Sunday, September 15, 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral

212 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

www.saintjosephcathedral.org

Parker Ramsay is known in the United States, Europe, and Asia both as an accomplished soloist and accompanist. In 2014, he was awarded First Prize at the Sweelinck International Organ Competition (NL). He has performed in venues including the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Washington National Cathedral, Princeton University Chapel, the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing, and the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. Festival appearances have included the Gergiev Festival in Rotterdam, the Dubrovnik Summer Music Festival, the Cambridge Summer Music Festival, the Cambridge New Music Project, the *800 Jahre Thomana* Celebration in Leipzig, and the 2012 American Guild of Organists National Convention. Mr. Ramsay will perform works of Bach, Ligeti, Messiaen, and Sweelinck, among others.

AGO Columbus Chapter Convocation and Dinner

Monday, September 16

6:00 p.m. Music Exchange, 6:30 p.m. Dinner,

7:30 p.m. Convocation Service

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

Evening prayer with hymns and readings that celebrate music in worship. Reservation required for dinner. Please see notice on first page.

James Hildreth, Organ Recital

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:00 pm

Gray Chapel, Ohio Wesleyan University

61 S. Sandusky Street, Delaware 43015

James Hildreth, Instructor of Organ at OWU, will present a program showcasing the IV/82 Klais organ (1980) that includes standard repertoire by de Grigny, Clerambault, Couperin, Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Schumann, and Karg-Elert, as well as multi-cultural music from Russia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Taiwan, and Nigeria, including music celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first American lunar landing. The recital is free and open to the public.

Alt5 Winds

Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

(614) 766-6377, Princeofpeacedublin.org

Alt5 Winds, Columbus' nascent and extravagant woodwind quintet, will kickoff the 2019-20 Concerts at Prince of Peace Season with some of the quintet's "best and less" known pieces in a highly memorable and energetic musical adventure.

Please follow [this link](#) to listen to Pipedreams from American Public Media.



Bach Vespers

Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

508 Center Street, Ashland 44805

419-289-2126; Ron Marenchin, ron@trinityashland.org

<http://www.trinityashland.org>

Singers from Trinity Lutheran Church and Ashland University combine to present Bach's Cantata No. 9, "Salvation Unto Us Has Come," in the context of a Lutheran Vespers service. Dr. Ron Blackley of Ashland University will conduct. Dr. Timothy Guenther of Ashland University and Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbus will provide organ and harpsichord accompaniment. Dr. Eric Riesen, Sr. Pastor of Trinity Lutheran, will preach. A free-will offering will be received to support the continuation of the series, which is presenting its 16th cantata for this event.

First Thursday Noontime Recital Series

Thursday, October 3, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Asbury United Methodist Church

55 W. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware 43015

Our season gets started with an exciting program by Jonathan Casady, who serves as Assistant Organist at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic in Westerville. As always, tables will be set and beverages provided for those who wish to enjoy lunch during the recital. There is no admission charge.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2001 Northwest Boulevard, (Upper Arlington) Columbus 43212

For Grades 3-12. Please see notice on front page.

"A Brief History of the Trumpet":

Isaac Winland with Ben Joy and Sara Seidel

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

700 High Street, Worthington 43085

www.StJohnsWorthington.org

Dr. Isaac Winland holds degrees in trumpet performance from Marshall University, the University of Akron, and The Ohio State University and has a multitude of playing experiences, from solo recitals and orchestras to performing with a large jazz ensemble in Europe. Dr. Ben Joy recently joined the faculty at Marietta College as Instructor of Trumpet. His research and performance interests include contemporary trumpet solo and mixed chamber ensemble literature, brass methods, and brass pedagogy, and he holds degrees from the University of Michigan and The Ohio State University. Sara Seidel is the Coordinator of Music at St. John's. Their program will highlight an assortment of works that illustrate the progression of music for trumpet throughout history.

Organ Spectacular

Sunday, October 13, 3:00 p.m.

Central Trinity UMC

62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville 43701

www.centraltrinityumc.com

James McLaughlin presents his 23rd Annual Organ Spectacular. Additional instruments joining the organ will include violin, piano, and trombone, as well as voice. The concert is free and open to the public.

Organ Spooktacular

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

(614) 766-6377, Princeofpeaceadublin.org

Don't miss this evening of treats and a few tricks by our Prince of Peace Phantom of the Organ, Jeremy Bankson, as he presents this family-friendly program. Bring the whole family and come in costume if you dare!

All Saints Choral Evensong

Brahms' "Requiem"

Friday, November 1, 7:30 Prelude, 8:00 Choral Evensong

Gloria Dei Worship Center

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

2199 East Main Street, Columbus 43209

www.Capital.edu/Trinity

Trinity Seminary Choir, Soloists, and Chamber Orchestra, will present Brahms' "Requiem" under the direction of May Schwarz, Professor of Church Music at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University. Carol Ann Bradley will serve as Organist. The "Requiem" will be sung in the context of Choral Evensong. Free parking. Freewill offering.