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Attention, Please: Chapter Directory Being Created This Month

by Stan Osborn

The new chapter directory is being created this month. The data for each member comes from the AGO Headquarters database. You are responsible for your own information.

- 1) Please log on to www.agohq.org/oncard-login/, using your username and password, and check that your info is correct and the way you want it to appear in the directory.
- 2) If you haven't renewed, please do so now. Please complete this by **August 28**.
- 3) Check spelling and make sure your mailing address and email are correct.
- 4) If you want your job title and workplace to be listed in the directory, put that info in the second address section.
- 5) If you have another job you want listed, put that in the third address section. If you leave the second and third blank, your title and workplace will not appear in the directory.
- 6) Make sure you click on **"View/Edit Chapter-specific data."** This is where you indicate if you wish to substitute and if you have a private teaching studio.
- 7) And, new this year! There are now places to enter info on the organ you play. There has been a continuing problem to get this info accurate in the printed directory. The best way to assure accuracy is for you to enter info about the organ you play. Please fill in this section. If you don't, your organ will not appear in the directory.
- 8) Very important: when everything is the way you want it, be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom and click on "Post Changes." If you fail to do this, any changes you made will not get recorded.

Please feel free to contact the Chapter Registrar, Stan Osborn, with any concerns about the above at stanosborn@earthlink.net or 614-337-0434.

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The October issue will be published on or by September 15 and will include concert dates from September 16 to November 1. Please submit events to the [on-line calendar](#) for publication in future *Guilders*.



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The Dean's Comments



Rebecca Abbott

The Executive Committee is pleased to welcome you to the 2019-2020 season of the Columbus Chapter of the AGO!

We open with our traditional convocation service and catered dinner on **Monday, September 16**, at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Dublin. *Please look for your invitations in the mail and respond as to whether you are coming.* You are welcome to come a little early to bring used organ music to donate and to take home any other organ music for free. Thank you to Ron Kenreich and Jeremy Bankson for preparing a beautiful program.

Please tell all your young piano and organ students, ages 8-18, about the Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, organized by Brian Johnson and Mary Ann Stephens, on **Saturday, October 12**, at Holy Trinity Lutheran. The Executive Committee is very happy with how the plans for this are shaping up and think this could be formative in the lives of young musicians. Registration is free, but participants should email Mary Ann at jstephens18@columbus.rr.com to pre-register.

We are pleased to offer a Movie Night this year on **Friday, November 8**, at All Saints Lutheran, Worthington, featuring movies that include the pipe organ. Tom Gerke will be hosting "20,000 Leagues under the Sea" at 7 p.m., tense but appropriate for general audiences, followed by "The Abominable Dr. Phibes" at 9:15 p.m., in which a murderous concert organist played by Vincent Price takes revenge on others for his wife's death—unsuitable for our younger members but providing screams and laughs for the rest of us.

Advent and Christmas will mean a break from AGO-sponsored activities, and then January will bring our annual Student Recital, organized by Jenny Kristler, at Worthington Presbyterian on **Sunday, January 19 (snow date January 26)**. Please come to support our younger musicians.

Your Valentine's plans may include the AGO this year, as we invite Dene Barnard and Marti Rideout to share some of their stories at a Dessert on **Monday, February 10**, at St. Mark's Episcopal, hosted by Tyler Robertson. My husband, former radio talk show host Dean Abbott, will serve as moderator for the stories.

So many of our area churches and institutions are providing such wonderful programs of classical and sacred music to the community that we thought we might supplement with a jazz-inspired program this season, featuring both the pipe organ at Church of the Master in Westerville and a Hammond organ on **Friday, March 20**. Some of you have heard Rhonda Edgington, the pipe organist, perform at Regional Conventions, while Tony Monaco, the Hammond organist, is well-known from other local events. Thank you to Chris Bowling and the Church of the Master for co-sponsoring this unique event.

Finally, we are looking forward to closing out the year with another successful Game Night at the Spring Banquet on **Monday, May 11**, organized by Sara Seidel, Cyndi Adcock, and John Schuder, with a German buffet at Schmidt's in German Village, Columbus. Please plan ahead to attend this vibrant evening.

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, welcome to another year of faithfulness and joy in making music and living life together.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Abbott
Dean, Columbus Chapter AGO

Notre Dame Cathedral

Thanks to Tom Gerke for sharing a [detailed article](#) from *The New York Times* on how the firefighters saved what they could of the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Make sure to keep scrolling for fascinating architectural drawings and animated 3D depictions of the firefighters' routes.

New Policy on Classifieds and Open Positions

A new policy for the Columbus AGO web site's Classified section, including Open Positions, was enacted at the final spring meeting of the Executive Committee. It states that Classified items will remain on the web site for up to three months, after which time the party who submitted the item may re-submit it. The new statement at the top of our [Classifieds section](#) reads: "Topics will remain on the site for three months. After this time the entry will be deleted by the webmaster. Topics may be resubmitted if desired. Users are encouraged to delete their post if it is no longer needed. Please contact webmaster@agocolumbus.org if you have questions."

Thank you to all those who post in and read the Classifieds! We hope this policy will promote confidence in the freshness and availability of listed

Save the Date!

July 26-31, 2020:

Organ Historical Society Convention in Columbus. Details developing.

Organ Dedication Recital: Katelyn Emerson

FIRST•music will present Katelyn Emerson in a dedication recital for the church's new Paul Fritts & Co. pipe organ on Sunday, August 25, 3:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1019 West Fifth Street. This joyful event – taking place almost exactly five years after the August 28, 2014 fire that destroyed the previous church with its organ – represents the final stage in First Lutheran's rebuilding effort. Included in this concert will be the world premiere of a piece specially commissioned for this event, *Chorale Fantasy on Lord, Revive Us*, by Aaron David Miller.

The organ was handcrafted by the skilled craftsmen of Paul Fritts & Company Organ Builders of Tacoma, Washington. Over a year's worth of labor by their 10-person team resulted in an instrument of great beauty, both physical and musical. The instrument stands gracefully against a side wall of the church, with a case of Douglas fir, and hand-carved pipe shades populated by a number of mythical creatures. Thirty-seven stops, distributed over two manuals and pedal, fill the room with gorgeous sound, from a quiet whisper to a floor-shaking grandeur. This organ is a work of art that is an important addition to the arts scene of Lorain, north-eastern Ohio, and indeed the country. Visitors from New York, Chicago, and Atlanta have come to see the organ within the first few months of its completion.

With her busy concertizing and teaching schedule throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, Katelyn Emerson is known as both "a star of the first rank, and an ambassador for the organ" (*Orgue Canada*). A graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and a prizewinner of competitions on three continents, Katelyn's stellar performances and warm personality garner acclaim from listeners new to classical music and organ aficionados alike. With innovative programs, custom-made for each instrument, and deeply personal interpretations, Katelyn and the organ are true partners in music-making.

This concert is free and open to the public. It is part of First Lutheran's **FIRST•music** concert series, whose goal comes from the church's vision statement: to "use our musical resources to enhance our experience of God and as a gift to the community." First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America located in downtown Lorain, known for good music and social service. More information can be found on the church's website, www.firstlutheranlorain.org/firstmusic.

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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](#).

“**Pipe Dreams**,” a documentary about five organists preparing for the Canadian International Organ Competition, was released this year. According to the filmmakers' web site, interested parties can request a screening [here](#). Please let Rebecca Abbott know if you have an idea for where and when the Columbus Chapter—or your own organization—could host this screening.

Katelyn Emerson, Organ Dedication Recital **Sunday, August 25, 3:00 p.m.**

First Lutheran Church

1019 West Fifth Street, Lorain, 44052

FirstLutheranLorain.org/firstmusic

See press release on page 3 of this *Guild*.

Jonathan Casady, Organ Recital **Sunday, September 8, 3:00 p.m.**

St. Paul the Apostle

313 N. State Street, Westerville 43082

Join us for an afternoon of music on the Muller III/54. Parish Assistant Organist Jonathan Casady will present works of Buxtehude, Guilman, Mendelssohn, Walton, Widor, and more.

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.

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.

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.

