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March Program Pipe Organs Up Close: a Hands-on Afternoon of Discovery

March Madness isn't just for basketball...

For those of you who follow NCAA collegiate basketball, you know that the excitement surrounding tournament time captivates thousands who follow their favorite teams to check their progress. For those of us on the planning committee for our March 21st youth event, our March Madness consists of sorting out all the details of an event in three communities, 6 churches, with multiple volunteers and performers. If we complete our task with your help, we will all be the winners for we will have created an afternoon of discovery and delight for current and future organists and organ music lovers.

As we get closer to our March 21st date, we have these wishes:

- 1) That you will remember to run our announcement (printed below) in your church bulletins and also share it with your local music teachers...both in school and with piano teachers as well
- 2) That you will recruit young people from your church to attend one of the sessions...and that you will come with them to share in the fun
- 3) That you might contact Bob Wantz in Granville, John Schuder in Grove City, or Sally Casto in Delaware to offer your help in greeting students, trying the activities, or serving refreshments
- 4) That you might bake some cookies to serve to our hungry young folks

We thank you all, in advance, for your help and support. We've had a great time planning for this day, Bach's birthday, and we can think of no greater way to honor his legacy than to excite a new generation of players to delight in the wealth of music written by Johann Sebastian.

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Announcement for bulletins:

Have you ever wondered how a church organ makes so many different sounds?

Ever wondered what organ pipes look like?

Ever wondered what it would be like to play an organ with multiple keyboards and all those pedals?

You can discover all these things on March 21 from 3-4:30 pm at Pipe Organs Up Close: a Hands-on Afternoon of Discovery. This event will happen simultaneously in three central Ohio locations: in Grove City at St. John's Lutheran, in Delaware at Asbury United Methodist, and in Granville, beginning at First Baptist and then traveling to three other churches. (The Granville program will extend to 5:00 due to walking time between the four churches.)

Please help us plan by pre-registering with John Schuder for Grove City <jfs4wd@sbcglobal.net>, Bob Wantz for Granville <rwantz@roadrunner.com>, and Sally Casto for Delaware <scasto@mtso.edu>.

Our program is designed for young people who are nine and older... but, we are also eager to welcome curious adults and younger children accompanied by an adult.

Preview of our April Program

MONDAY, APRIL 12 - 7:30 P.M.

FINDING AND USING YOUR INSTRUMENTAL RESOURCES

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Organists often work in a restricted environment centered around our instrument and choirs. The variety and interest provided by the occasional use of other instruments in combination with the organ can add a wonderful new dimension to the worship life of our congregations and also serve to keep us focused on the wider world of music-making.

Our April program, Finding and Using Your Instrumental Resources, will offer ideas on exploring the resources available in your church and community and discovering ways to use them creatively in worship. A terrific lineup of talent ranging from a ten-year-old cellist to seasoned professionals and including a varied selection of instruments from saxophone to marimba to erhu will engage both your ears and your imagination.

Plan to join us on Monday, April 12, 7:30 pm, at the Northwest Christian Church, as we enjoy beautiful music and stimulate our thinking about how we can effectively use the musical resources around us.

Dean's List



DEAN'S LIST for MARCH

Let's multi-task in March:

- Celebrate Youth & the organ,
- Celebrate the arrival of spring, and
- Celebrate the 325th anniversary of J. S. Bach's birthday by volunteering your help with the AGO-Pedals, Pipes & Pizza event on March 21 beginning at 3pm in Delaware, Grove City or Granville.

Julia Richardson
Parker

April Guilder Deadline

Please email your articles to Sara Seidel at sara@seidelnemeth.com by March 14, 2010 for inclusion in the *April Guilder*.

Friday, March 12-8pm: Tom Trenney, organist, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2151 Dorset Rd., Columbus, Friday, March 12, 8 p.m., music of Mendelssohn, Bach, Vierne, Schumann, Durufle.

Friday, March 12-8pm: Bryan McGookey—Piano/organ recital, Capital University, Mees Hall, Friday, March 12, 2010 at 8:00pm - Senior in Keyboard Pedagogy.

Sunday, March 14-3pm: Concert Organist Carole Terry performs a program of works by J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and Max Reger. Suggested Donation: \$10.00.

Sunday, March 14-4 pm: Asbury Arts Series presents the John Rutter Requiem, conducted by Robert Nims, with the Asbury Choir assisted by guest soloists and instrumentalists. The program will also include Psalm settings by Gelineau and Drischner, and organ selections by Andrew Carter and Bryan Kelly performed by Sally Casto. No admission charge; a free will offering will be received.

March 19 & 20-7:30pm: The Song of Mark - 7:30 pm - The gifted Northwest Christian Church Youth Choir presents this Marty Haugen musical for the first time at Northwest. The meaning of discipleship is a central theme throughout the Gospel of Mark presenting a Jesus who is constantly in action. The Song of Mark seeks to convey this sense of dramatic action by using quick, sparse dialogue, and songs which divide the story into a number of episodes.

March 20-5:30pm: An Evening of Brass and Organ - join organist Todd Wilson for the resounding sounds of organ and brass from ProMusica Chamber Orchestra as they meld together in the acoustical splendor of the St. Turibius Chapel of the Pontifical College Josephinum. General admission tickets available for \$30. To purchase tickets, call the ProMusica Box Office at 614.464.0066 or visit <http://www.promusicacolumbus.org>.

PLEASE NOTE: The performance of Part II of Handel's Messiah that was originally scheduled at All Saint's Lutheran Church in Worthington has been rescheduled. Details to follow in a future *Guild*

Sunday, March 21-7:30pm: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Westerville: As part of "A Joyful Noise!" - The Grace Lutheran Community Concert Series, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church would like to extend an invitation to attend a free concert on Sunday, March 21st at 7:30 PM. The featured performance will be by the QUBE String Quartet featuring pianist Suzanne Newcomb. QUBE is made up of members of the Columbus Symphony and Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra in residence at Otterbein College. A reception will follow the concert. The church is located at 100 East Schrock Road, Westerville, Ohio.

Friday, March 26-7:30 pm: Josh Brodbeck, Senior organ recital at Capital University, Mees Hall.

Sunday, March 28-11am: Church of The Messiah United Methodist Church, 51 N. State Street, Westerville, will present John Rutter's "Requiem". This will include a full orchestra and 50+ voice choir.

Friday, April 2-7:30pm: St. Luke's Choristers and Festival Choir presents Gabriel Faure's Requiem at St. Luke's Church, Granville. Scott G. Hayes, conductor, accompanied by Chamber Ensemble and G. Dene Barnard, Organ. St. Luke's Church is located in Granville at 107 East Broadway.

Sunday, April 11-7:30pm: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Westerville as part of its "A Joyful Noise!" Community Concert Series would like to extend an invitation to a free concert of the Capital University Chapel Choir in a rare off-campus appearance. The Capital University Chapel Choir is under the direction of Professor Lynda Hasseler. A reception will follow the concert. The church is located at 100 East Schrock Road, Westerville, Ohio.

Saturday, April 17-3pm: Jenny Stadler—Piano/organ recital at Capital University, Mees Hall - Senior in Keyboard Pedagogy

Sunday, April 18-2pm: Dana Hull and Thomas Curry, professional organists and nationally-recognized organ restoration specialists, will share the spotlight with the historic organ they will play during a spring concert at the Swedenborgian Church and Wedding Chapel in Urbana, Ohio. Ms. Hull of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mr. Curry of Portland, Oregon, will perform a varied program on a tracker organ built in 1874 by John Roberts of Frankford, Pennsylvania. It is one of two tracker organs in the church, the second, no longer playable, is the work of organ builder Samuel S. Hamill, and was installed in the Urbana church in 1884. The April concert will be given as a tribute to the late Dr. John Polsley and his wife, Betty, founding members of the Swedenborgian Church's Historic Organ Restoration Committee. The Swedenborgian Church stands on the west side of South Main Street (State Route 68), in Urbana at the intersection of Reynolds Street. Some parking is available at the rear of the church. Persons with limited mobility should bring assistance as the church's front steps are the only access to the sanctuary. Pictures and more information about the organs and the church are available on the Urbana Swedenborgian Church website, www.weddingchapel-urbana.com.

Sunday, April 18-5pm: W. Michael Brittenback, member of the Columbus Chapter, will be giving a recital at Christ Church Cathedral at 4th and Sycamore in Cincinnati. He will be performing works by Bach, Wagner/Lemare, Brahms/Lemare, and Franck.

Sunday, April 25-4pm: Three Presbyterian Churches in Concert - The Choirs, Bell Choirs, and Musicians of Covenant Presbyterian Church (Weldon Adams, Minister of Music), First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster (Leta Cook, Director of Music), and Indianola Presbyterian Church (Douglas Slusher, Director of Music; Jerry Lauder, Organist; Mary Rebekah, Bell Choir Director) will present a concert of anthems, bell music, organ music and poetry ranging from Gabrieli's In ecclesiis to Howell's I Was Glad, and Dan Locklair's recent Glory and Praise. Child care will be provided if requested in advance. The concert is free and will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, OH 614-451-6677.

Other News and Announcements

The complete organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, recorded by James Kibbie on original baroque organs in Germany, are now available as free internet downloads. The University of Michigan's Block M Records label is offering free downloads of all 270 Bach works in MP3 and high audio-quality formats at www.blockmrecords.org/bach. James Kibbie recorded the series on seven historic organs by Silbermann, Schnitger, Trost, Bielfeldt, and Hildebrandt. To date, there have been approximately half a million downloads from the site.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SPRING BANQUET

The final event for the Columbus Chapter - AGO program year will be a Spring banquet on Monday, May 3, 2010. It will be held at the Brennan Loft, 158 South Main Street, London, Ohio. Our host will be AGO Member Tim Wilson.

An appetizer and wine social hour will be held from 6 - 7 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm consisting of a choice of Tenderloin of Beef au jus or Baked Lemon Pepper Breast of Chicken or Vegetable Lasagna with Rosemary Potatoes, Herb Seasoned Green Beans and assorted dessert and ice cream.

All members will receive an invitation in late March with a return envelope. The maximum capacity of the Loft is 90 people, so when the invitations arrive, be sure to get yours returned right away. The cost will be \$20 per person. Plan now to attend and bring a friend.


The evening will conclude with some light and fun entertainment."

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