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### From the Dean

Dear Colleagues

WELCOME to 2008, and a belated but sincere welcome to those of you who have joined the Cincinnati Chapter since our last membership directory! Some of you are new AGO members, some are new to the Cincinnati Chapter, and some have returned after dropping membership for a while, but, regardless, we're delighted to have you in the Cincinnati Chapter AGO. So a big welcome to: Larry Brandenburg, Sean Connolly, Michael Downing, Lawrence Hart, Rita Hauck, Thomas Heidenreich, Charles Hogan, Larry Klug, Theresa Koch, Bert Nelson, Jeehan Park, Daniel Pater, Sylvia Plyler, Shari Rasch, Benjamin Rogers, Cathy Rosenbaum, Doug Stegeman, John Valentine, Austin Wade, Hunter Wade and Edward Walter.

Our most recent meeting in November was a workshop at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church presented by three of our own, Don Auberger, Bryan Mock, and Matt Phelps on "Liturgical Skills and New Music." Thanks to these gentlemen for a profitable evening with creative ideas. Also, there was a variety of new organ music available at half-price, a nice feature which may be repeated at future gatherings (you should come!). I wish also to thank Debbie Jones, director of worship and music at Good Shepherd, for hosting this meeting and making the church's facilities available to us many times in the past.

The recent death of Karen Schaffer has been a sad experience for our Chapter, and we express our sincere sympathy to Greg Schaffer and all his family at this time of grief. Karen was frequently with Greg at AGO events and sang with the choir at the Cathedral Basilica. Always pleasant and friendly, Karen and her sweet smile will be long remembered.

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:** On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, auditions were held for our Chapter's scholarship program. All seven youngsters gave an exemplary performance on the piano, making the awards a tough call for our three judges, Marilyn McClain, Donna Wernz, and Matt Phelps. We had \$1200 available which was awarded as follows: \$400 to Hunter Wade, \$200 to Thomas Heidenreich, \$200 to Austin Wade, and \$100 each to Michael Downing, Doug Stegeman, Theresa Koch and Benjamin Rogers. Congratulations to these upcoming young musicians! Their award money is to be spent for organ lessons with a teacher who is an AGO member, and they have received a one year student membership in the Chapter. ...You should have received a letter requesting your financial assistance with the scholarship program. So far 20 donations have been received, including two sizeable ones, and it is certainly not too late to contribute. Any amount is appreciated. Checks, payable to "Cincinnati Chapter AGO," may be mailed to treasurer Don Auberger, 5810 Gold Dust Dr., Cin'ti, OH 45247, and indicate "scholarship" along with your name, address and phone number. Every donor will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes within the next couple of weeks.

Our February meeting is a pot-luck dinner at the home of Don Auberger, Monday evening of President's Day - February 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by a DVD presentation of the renovation of the organ at the Atlantic City Convention Center. See details in this newsletter. ...Larry Klug, our webmaster, has posted some nice pictures of AGO activities and organs on our website. Click on "Members" or "Organ Specs" to see them. ...If you would like to receive this newsletter through your e-mail rather than by regular mail, please tell Ken Blue. This would save us some mailing expenses. ... Easter is March 23 - the next tsunami is on its way!

Sincerely,

*Paul Welch*

## **CHAPTER EVENTS 2007-2008**

### **February 18, 6:30 PM (Monday)**

Potluck dinner at the home of Don Auberger, at 5810 Gold Dust Drive, followed by DVD presentation of the renovation of the organ at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and program will begin at 7:30 PM. RSVP to Marilyn McClain at 984-6634 with type of dish you will be bringing (maybe a personal favorite?)

### **April 25, 7:00 PM (Friday)**

Joint meeting with Dayton Chapter at St. John the Evangelist in West Chester. A light dinner will be provided at 6:30 PM followed by an Organ crawl of the Hook and Hastings Tracker organ at 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

### **May 12, 7:00 PM (Monday)**

Joint program with Cincinnati's renowned Boychoir, including some AGO members presenting a member recital. The Boychoir will present a piece with organ accompaniment. The site will be announced closer to the date.

## **Calendar of Local Concerts**

### **January 16, 12:15 PM (Wednesday)**

Trinity Episcopal Church at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents "Mostly Klezmer Music" performed by Michele Gingras, Clarinetist, and Heather MacPhail, Pianist, on its Midday Musical Menu luncheon concert series. Free admission. Lunch is available from 11:30 AM for \$6.00.

### **January 20, 3:00 PM (Sunday)**

Lakeside Presbyterian Church located at 2690 Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park, KY presents Robert Clark in Recital. Mr. Clark is widely known as an organ recitalist and teacher, formerly Professor of Organ at the University of Michigan, he directed the program of organ instruction at Arizona State University from 1981 until his retirement in 1998. We welcome Professor Clark to the Cincinnati area, not only as a guest artist, but as a new resident of Cincinnati.

### **January 27, 4:00 PM (Sunday)**

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church presents New York Piano-Organ Duo, *Jason Cutmore, Piano and Daniel Sullivan, Organ*. The program features the music of *Manuel de Falla, Jean Langlais, Jeffrey McCune, Francis Poulenc, Domenico Scarlatti, and Louis Vierne*. Free Admission.

### **February 3, 3:30 PM (Sunday)**

St. Catharine of Siena located at 2848 Fischer Place, Westwood, presents the annual Bernard P. McMackin, Jr. Memorial Chamber Music Concert featuring husband and wife team, Betty Douglas, flute, and James Bunte, saxophone. The program will consist of music – new and old, for flute, saxophone, piano and organ. James also has significant jazz credentials and is currently on the faculty at CCM. Betty freelances, teaches privately and is a member of the *School House Symphony*. Free admission, refreshments will follow.

### **February 20, 12:15 PM (Wednesday)**

Trinity Episcopal Church at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents Elise Hyder, Mezzo-Soprano and Audrey Causilla, Pianist, on its Midday Musical Menu luncheon concert series. Free admission. Lunch is available from 11:30 AM for \$6.00.

### **February 24, 7:30 PM (Sunday)**

Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati presents Taize Service for Lent: Prayer Around the Cross sung by the Athenaeum Chorale with instrumentalists.

### **March 2, 4:00 PM (Sunday)**

St. Boniface Church at 1750 Chase Ave., Cincinnati presents Dr. Yun Kyong Kim, organist in Marcel Dupre's "le Chemin de la Croix" (The Way of the Cross) with Organ and Narrator. This performance includes the reading of the accompanying Paul Claudel Passiontide poems, read by Wylie Howell, narrator. Free admission.

### **March 2, 7:00 PM (Sunday)**

Trinity Episcopal Church at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents Evensong with Thomas Tallis' (Dorian) "Short" Evening Service, Johannes Brahms' "Psalm 51," and John Rutter's "God Be in My Head." Wine and Cheese follow.

### **March 3, (2008) 7:30 PM (Monday)**

Cincinnati Museum Center presents Mary Preston, resident organist of the Dallas Symphony and curator of the Concert Organ in the Meyerson Symphony Hall, Dallas, together with Paul Patterson, violin, violinist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra performing: Crown Imperial (Coronation March), by Sir William Walton; Pieces de Fantasie: Clair de lune, Naiades, by Louis Vierne; Ciaccona in G minor, by Tommaso Antonio Vitali, with violin; Flute Concerto, by Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck; Sonata in F minor, Op. 65, No. 1, by Felix Mendelssohn; Symphony III: Marcia, by Charles-Marie Widor; Quatour pour la Fin de Temps: Louange a l'Eternite de Jesus, by Olivier Messiaen, with violin; and Sonata in D minor, by Alexandre Guilmant. For ticket information call 513-287-7001 or online at: [www.cincymuseum.org](http://www.cincymuseum.org) (single Tickets Only).

**March 9, 3:00 PM** **(Sunday)**

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church** located at 2690 Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park, KY presents organist William Porter in recital. This concert will be sponsored by the Tangeman Sacred Music Center of CCM.

**March 19, 12:15 PM** **(Wednesday)**

**Trinity Episcopal Church** at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents John Deaver in an organ recital featuring "Passion Music" by Wilmer Hayden Welsh, a Cincinnati native and retired professor of Davidson (NC) College, on its Midday Musical Menu luncheon concert series. Free admission. Lunch is available from 11:30 AM for \$6.00.

**March 19, 7:30 PM** **(Wednesday)**

**Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral** located at 325 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati presents the Ancient Office of Tenebrae featuring Gregorian Chants, choral music of Holy Week, including the Lamentations of Jeremiah and Allegri's "Miserere" sung by the Cathedral Choir. No tickets required for this event. Free-will offerings accepted.

**March 30, 7:30 PM** **(Sunday)**

**Mount St. Mary's Seminary**, at 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati Presents Easter Vespers sung by the Athenaeum Chorale with brass and timpani.

**April 6, 4:00 PM** **(Sunday)**

**Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church** presents Thierry Escaich, Organist, St.-Etienne-du-Mont, Paris, and Professor of Music, Paris Conservatoire in recital. Free admission.

**April 7, 7:30 PM** **(Monday)**

**Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral** located at 325 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati presents The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, England conducted by Stephen Cleobury in a Cincinnati debut performance. Tickets: \$42 in advance/ \$45 at the door; call 513-421-2222 or online at [www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org).

**April 13, 3:30 PM** **(Sunday)**

**St. Catharine of Siena**, located at 2848 Fischer Place, Westwood will host an Ecumenical Hymn Festival, celebrating the Tercentenary of the Birth of Hymnwriter Charles Wesley. This program will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Free admission and refreshments will follow.

**April 14, (2008) 7:30 PM** **(Monday)**

**Cincinnati Museum Center** presents Gerre Hancock together with The Cincinnati May Festival Chorus, Robert Porco, Director. The organ portion of the program will include: Choral in a minor, by Cesar Franck; Prelude and Fugue in e minor, by Nicolaus Bruhns; Fete, by Jean Langlais; Fantasia and Fugue on the Name

BACH, by Max Reger; and Improvisation on Submitted Themes by Gerre Hancock. Together with the May Festival Chorus, Movement III - (Chichester Psalms), Leonard Bernstein; Sing, my soul, by Ned Rorem; Let all the world (from Five Mystical Songs), by Ralph Vaughan Williams; How lovely is thy dwelling place (from A German Requiem), by Johannes Brahms; and He, watching over Israel (from Elijah), by Felix Mendelssohn. For ticket information call 513-287-7001 or online at: [www.cincymuseum.org](http://www.cincymuseum.org) (single Tickets Only).

**April 16, 12:15 PM** **(Wednesday)**

**Trinity Episcopal Church** at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents Kim Heindel in an organ recital on it Midday Musical Menu luncheon concert series. Free admission. Lunch is available from 11:30 AM for \$6.00.

**April 29, 7:00 PM** **(Sunday)**

**Trinity Episcopal Church** at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents Evensong featuring the music of Herbert Howells with the Gloucester evening service and "A Hymn for St. Cecilia." Wine and cheese follow.

**May 2, 8:00 PM** **(Friday)**

**Mount St. Mary's Seminary**, at 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati presents Spring Concert sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and Orchestra featuring music by Bach, Handel and others. Tickets required: 513-233-6138.

**May 21, 12:15 PM** **(Wednesday)**

**Trinity Episcopal Church** at 326 Madison Ave., Covington, KY presents the ensemble CONNEXIONS: Donna Martin, Pianist, Marion Peraza de Webb, Violinist, and Kevin Towner, Saxophonist, on its Midday Musical Menu luncheon concert series. Free admission. Lunch is available from 11:30 AM for \$6.00.

**June 1, 3:00 PM** **(Sunday)**

**Lakeside Presbyterian Church** located at 2690 Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park, KY presents organist, Thom Miles in recital. A free-will offering will be taken.

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Organist/Choirmaster**

**Episcopal Church of the Ascension** located at 2709 McGee Avenue, Middletown, OH 45044 seeks an Organist/Choirmaster to direct an adult, handbell and/or children's choirs. One service and 2 rehearsals. Holtkamp II/15. Salary: 18-20K + 1K continuing educ funding. Position available Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact The Reverend Nancy Jones; Priest. Church (513) 424-1254, Fax (513) 424-6864. email: [pastornancy@ascension-middletown.org](mailto:pastornancy@ascension-middletown.org). Additional info at [www.cincinnatiago.org](http://www.cincinnatiago.org).