

The Prelude



JANUARY 2013

From the Dean



Dear friends,

As this year comes to an end and we prepare to usher in the new one, we should take stock of our many blessings: a roof over our heads, food to eat, good health, good friends, and family. As musicians, we can also be grateful for the stimulation of our work. Are you overwhelmed by the demands in your life? Bored with the same old same-

old? Filled with anxiety? Practice! An hour spent making music never fails to cure me. I gain perspective on the rest of my tasks and obligations; my intellect is stimulated, and my anxieties calmed through the discipline of practice and the joy of making music.

Membership news: Anne Doerfler (membership chair) and Marilyn Hazard (treasurer) have been hard at work, making contact with former members who have not renewed their dues. Anne has updated the directory and printed a limited number of copies to distribute to those who prefer "hard copy" to using the web site directory. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the directory, you can contact Anne. To access the web site directory, you will need our chapter password. We haven't changed it since we launched the online directory, but I know several folks have either forgotten it or never knew it. Once we have updated our email list, I'll be sending that out to the membership. Or feel free to email me any time, and I will happily send it to you!

Region V Convention: A group of us met on December 3rd to hear a presentation on "Great Lakes / Swell Organs," the next regional convention, which will be held in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek June 30-July 3, 2013. Brooks Grantier, publicity chair for the convention, has just written to me to announce that the web site for the convention is UP and running. He invites all of us to visit it: www.agokalamazoo.org

If you are considering attending this convention, please note the "Early Bird" registration for regular members is \$325 through February 28. Student members have the most attractive registration rate of \$100, so encourage any students you can! The full schedule of rates is on the web site.

A very special feature of this convention is the Choral Academy, an opportunity to rehearse and perform under the direction of Joe Miller, Westminster Choir College. Participation in the Academy will be "first-come" by section. As Brooks said to us, "Altos, get your request in early; tenors can take their time."

January Jazz: Please join us January 14, 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church for a program called ALL THAT JAZZ. Mark Mathias will share a 'catalog' of published sacred organ music in jazz, blues and gospel style. Following his presentation, Eric Dickey (piano) and Mark Lemle (saxophone) will play some jazz for us. Mark Mathias and Norma Ridener are our hosts. I hope we'll have a good crowd!

Board meeting: The Executive Committee will meet January 14 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Jazz program. We will be finalizing details for the Schantz Organ Company tour in April and our annual banquet in May. Board members, please make plans to attend!

Well, friends, it's the Saturday before Christmas, and I have a house to clean and service music to practice, so it's off to work I go!

Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and blessings in the new year!

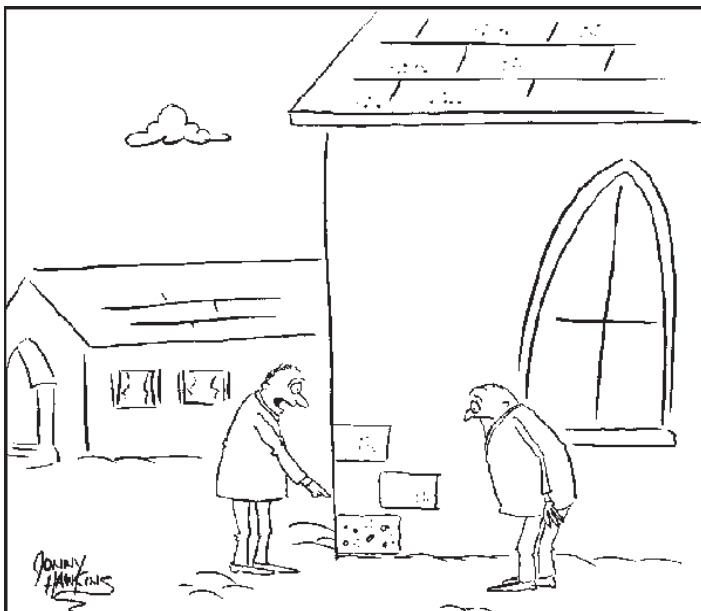
-Joan McConnell
Dean of the Chapter



ALL THAT JAZZ

Our January program "All That Jazz" will have two components. First, Mark Mathias will present a survey of "sacred" organ music that is written in a jazz/blues/gospel style—organ music that is based on hymns/chorales and gospel songs. These are pieces that are "written-out"—not improvised. Many of the examples are of easy to medium difficulty and are appealing to the "average listener." He will play excerpts of examples and provide a list of the resources/collections presented. A brief break for refreshments will follow. Then local jazz artists Eric Dickey and Mark Lemle will entertain us with their music. Eric, a member of our AGO chapter, will play the piano and organ, and Mark is a saxophonist. The program is Monday, January 14, at Christ the King Catholic Church. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:30 p.m.

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"Very few people realize this, but the cornerstone of this church is actually a fruitcake given to me by Ethel Mabeline during the Christmas of '72."

TOLEDO CHAPTER PROGRAM

A YEAR IN THE MAKING

JANUARY: ALL THAT JAZZ

Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Mathias, our new chapter secretary, will present a survey of sacred organ music in jazz, blues, and gospel style. Come and learn what is "out there" in published form for your own use! Eric Dickey (piano) and Mark Lemle (saxophone) will play a 'live' jazz program for us.

Christ the King Catholic Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo

FEBRUARY: FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

A fun mix of classical, popular, and church music, played on three organs by Kevin McGill and friends!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 315 S College Drive, Bowling Green

MARCH/APRIL:

TOLEDO CHAPTER STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.

With Easter coming so close on the heels of the colleges' spring break, we need to push the student recital into April. Stay tuned for more details, and plan to come out and hear our students!

APRIL: SCHANTZ ORGAN COMPANY

Date: TBA

An all-day bus tour to Orrville, Ohio, to witness the Schantz Organ Company in action! See pipes being made and learn how an organ is assembled. Possible "side" attraction: the Smuckers Jam Company!

MAY: ANNUAL AGO/TOLEDO BANQUET

Date and Place: TBA

Join us for food, fellowship, the installation of officers, and a program... yet to be named!

Happy
New
Year!

Welcome to our New Members!

Marrilee Jaskulski

Director of Music, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sylvania

David Michael Klemmer

Director of Music, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Stephen Smith

student member at Heidelberg
and substitute organist St. Joseph, Tiffin

Miriam Gibson

Organist, First Lutheran Church, Findlay.

Our new members will appear in the Directory on our web site after the first of the year when our web master returns.

Update: Please update your directory with the following...

Terry Brassell has a new cell phone number: 419-277-4545

Our website is <http://toledoago.org/>

If any member wants a Directory in hard copy they should contact Anne Doerfler at 419-474-9143 or ad7440@sbcglobal.net



CHURCH MUSICIAN NEEDED

St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield, Michigan is seeking a creative, energetic, and hard-working Organist/Choirmaster to help us worship the Lord. We are looking for one person to fulfill both positions, but are also open to the possibility of splitting this position. We are a midsize parish (160/average Sunday attendance) that values Episcopal worship, service to the community, and our rich diversity. Along with music from The Hymnal 1982, we also enjoy worship from Lift Every Voice and Sing! (LEVAS) and Wonder Love and Praise. The perfect candidate(s) will fulfill the responsibilities outlined below. More information about St. David's can be found at www.stdavidssf.org



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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