

The Prelude

January 2025



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday celebrations were joyous, both professionally and domestically. For church musicians it is a balancing act to fulfill professional responsibilities with quality time for family and friends.

In 18th century Pennsylvania several German organ builders

were quite active supplying churches with pipe organs and their work was described as "that ingenious business." Even among the technological marvels we enjoy today the pipe organ remains one of our most fascinating achievements. In a recent interview with British organist and TikTok personality Ana Lapwood (The Diapason, January 2025) she was noted for her ease with addressing people both in person and on camera. Asked for words of wisdom she replied, "the thing I just always keep in my head is that you never know what tiny interaction could sow a seed in someone's head that makes them want to try the organ themselves, makes them want to go to an organ concert, or it just makes them think differently about the instrument or about classical music in general. I see all of our roles as organists as evangelists for the instrument . . ."

Something to think about in the New Year - how do we as organists, who play this "ingenious" instrument, engage people and share our enthusiasm for the organ and its music? Invite them to an organ concert? Invite a young person to attend a PPP program? Demonstrate the organ to interested church members? We should all be aware of opportunities for that "tiny interaction" that could develop a greater appreciation for the organ!

I hope to see many of you on Monday, January 13!

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Toledo AGO invites you to a

SEASON SEND OFF *Party*



JANUARY 13, 2025

7pm at Saint Joseph Family Center

6516 Ravine Dr

Sylvania, OH

Bring a snack to share
and we will relax with some games
after a beautiful but hectic holiday season

RSVP to ToledoAGO419@gmail.com





Sunday, February 2, 2025

3:00 PM

Svyati Duo

Rebecca Hepplewhite, cello

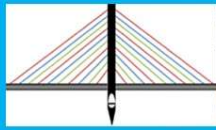
Julian Collings, organ

Rosary Cathedral

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The Svyati Duo has established itself as one of the world's leading organ-plus ensembles through international concert performances and recordings.

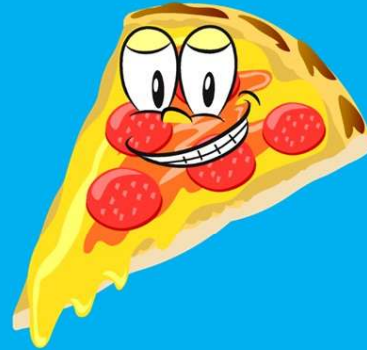
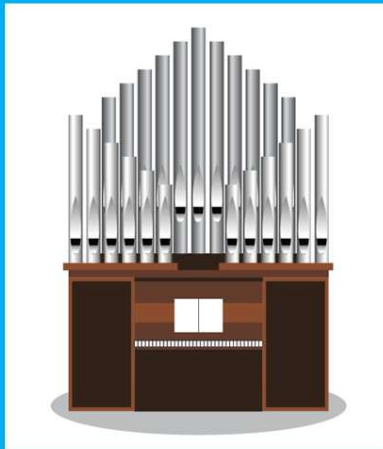


AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Toledo Chapter of
American Guild of Orga
presents



Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.,

An interactive introduction to the organ with performances
console time, orgelkids kit demonstrations, and pizza!!!

Perfect for music students under 18 years old.

Registration begins January 1, 2025.

To Register visit findlayfpc.org

First Presbyterian Church
2330 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840

2024-2025 Toledo Chapter Programs

“to foster a thriving community”

Sunday, September 8 – 3:00 PM

Installation of Officers

Followed by a potluck in the parish center

Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

Saturday, October 19 – 10 AM- 12 noon

Choral Techniques for Church Choirs with Dr. Micah Bland, University of Toledo

Park Congregational Church, 1456 Harvard Blvd., Toledo

Sarah Wade, host

Sunday, October 20– 3:00 PM – Scholarship Auditions

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Friday, November 8 - 6:00 PM Shabbat Service

followed by a meeting with cantor Jen Roher

Temple Shomer Emunim

6453 W. Sylvania Ave. Toledo

Monday, January 13th – Game Night

7:00 pm

Saint Joseph Parish East Campus (6516 Ravine Dr. Sylvania, OH 43560)

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Saturday, March 1, 2025

9:00 AM - 12 noon

Pipes, Pedals and Pizza

First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio

Registration info coming soon.

Scholarship Student Recital

Sunday, March 23, 2025

3:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Toledo

Student recital featuring Chapter organ scholarship winners and student instrumentalists from member's churches. *If you have students that perform with you consider asking them to perform on this program.*

Strings, woodwinds, brass, etc.

Reception to follow

May or June (TBD)

Friday evening

Musical Tour of the TMA followed by dinner.

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