



AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

February 2023



Dear AGO Members,

I hope everyone had a nice holiday! I'm sure we're all preparing for Lent and Easter. Thanks to our sub dean, Paul Monachino for all his work putting together a great program year. You can read more about our upcoming events in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you at these events.

If I can ever be of assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,
Charlotte

Toledo AGO February Event

Diverse Voices: Organ Music by African-American and Women
Composers

Afternoon Concert Series

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway Street, Maumee

Thursday, February 16 – 1:00 PM

In recognition of Black History month (February) and Women's History month (March) members of the Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a program of music by African-American and women composers. The goal was to encourage the performers to discover music that is not part of the mainstream canon of organ literature and for listeners to experience some music that might be new to them.

Nancy Russell will offer three selections by American composer Emma Lou Diemer who has written extensively for the church and concert hall. Wayne Whitten, organist of First Presbyterian, will feature two selections by Ralph Simpson based on traditional spirituals. Paul Monachino will present music by Thomas Kerr and Florence Price. Rounding out the program, Pam Stover will perform works by Barbara Harbach and Elizabeth Stirling.

Plan to attend and bring a friend!

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The Chapter has several openings that need to be filled. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact

[Charlotte Mariasy](#).

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"Many hands make things work"

TOLEDO AGO PROGRAMS 2023

These programs are especially suited to our focus on membership recruitment and designed to demonstrate the value of AGO membership. Please invite colleagues and others who have an interest in the organ to attend any of these programs!

Thursday, February 16, 1:00 PM

as part of the *Thursday Recital Series* at

First Presbyterian Church, Maumee

Diverse Voices: Music of African-American And
Women Composers

Friday, March 24 - 7:30 PM – Amanda Mole, organist;

Bach Birthday Concert

St. Michael's in the Hills Church

Co-sponsored by St. Michael's celebrating the 30th
Anniversary of the Karl Wilhelm organ

May – A fun evening for Chapter members and guests
to conclude the program year. Stay tuned!!

Concert Calendar

Bach Birthday Bash

Mark your calendar and invite friends and colleagues to the Bach Birthday Bash on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 PM. Amanda Mole will perform works by J.S. Bach as well as other composers in the "Bach circle" at St. Michael in the Hills Episcopal Church. The Wilhelm organ there is the perfect instrument for this program! This also marks the 30th anniversary of the installation of the organ, now named in honor of Kay and Paul Marion. Paul was responsible for bringing this fine instrument to Toledo in 1992. The concert will be FREE, underwritten by the Chapter and St. Michael Church.

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH

As we focus on Chapter membership we are hoping to develop a database of church musicians in the area. Marilyn Blackney has agreed to be the point person for gathering this information. If you know of church musicians in your area or denomination who are not members please ask them if we may have their name and contact information to send a limited number of invitations to programs that may be of interest. Send these names to Marilynn. Include the church where they serve, and contact information - email is best.

In developing this list we hope to share our resources with those who are not members - and hopefully encourage them to join!.

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