

The Prelude

February 2025



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

What great opportunities are coming up to celebrate the organ: performers, composers, and students. This Sunday the Chapter is co-sponsoring a concert by the Svyati Duo at Rosary Cathedral. While not a dedicatory event, it will be the first public concert on the restored E.M. Skinner organ. (*The Antiphonal division arrives in mid-March*) The concert includes works by Bach, Fauré, Nadia

Boulanger and concludes with the magnificent Sonata for cello and organ by Marcel Durpré. I hope that you are able to attend and bring a friend or two!

Black History Month (February) offers an opportunity to explore the organ music of African-American composers and there are many resources and publications available, such as the numerous MorningStar music compilations. On March 9 we celebrate Women Composer Sunday. Check out the prize winning compositions available on the AGO website. You can find the scores and composer biographies [HERE](#). Select one piece to play on March 9!

In March we look forward the Pipes, Pedals and Pizza program in Findlay that promises to be a great opportunity for young people to learn more about the organ. And don't forget the Scholarship Recital on March 23!

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Chapter members - following the February 2 concert we will gather at

ZIA'S Italian Restaurant (The Docks) for dinner (Dutch treat) and socializing. If you are interested in attending please send an RSVP to toledoago419@gmail.com by Friday, January 31 so we can communicate numbers to the restaurant in advance. <https://ziasrestaurant.com/our-menu/>

Rosary Cathedral Concert Series

2535 Collingwood Blvd. - Toledo

Sunday, February 2, 2025

3:00 pm

Svyati Duo

Julian Collings, organist

Rebecca Hepplewhite, cello



The London based *Svyati Duo* has performed in venues of all sizes from churches and town halls to major cathedrals and concert halls. Recent highlights include performances at the Hong Kong Cultural Center, where they performed to an audience of 1600, St Paul's Cathedral in London, Tokyo University Concert Hall and a concert at Worcester Cathedral, which included a performance of their own transcription of Elgar's Cello Concerto. They also have produced several recordings that are found [here](#).

The Duo was first scheduled to perform at Rosary Cathedral in February 2021 but was cancelled due to COVID travel restrictions. Now they will perform here with the cathedral's newly restored E.M. Skinner organ!

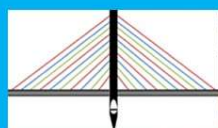
**Don't miss this delightful and long awaited
afternoon of chamber music!**

Learn more about the [Svyati Duo](https://www.svyatiduo.com/) at their website
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This concert is free and open to the public.

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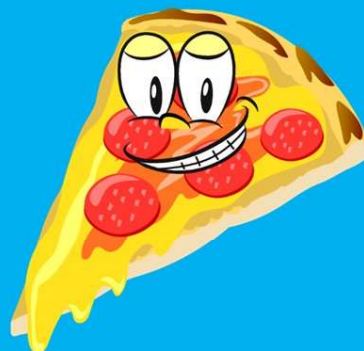


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bridging our musical past and future...



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

JOB OPENING

Part Time Organist - St. Gabriel Catholic Parish (Dundee, MI)

Organist to lead the liturgical worship at our 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. The church has a piano and a brand new Viscount Cantorum Duo Plus organ.

Contact: Rev. Derik Peterman at fatherpeterman@gmail.com

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)

Sunday, February 2, 2025

3:00 PM

[Svyati Duo](#)

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2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

(co-sponsor with the Cathedral Concert Series)

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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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Items for the Newsletter are due by the 25th of the preceeding month. Send items to toledoagonewsletter@gmail.com and deantoledo419@gmail.com.

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