

AGO Toledo

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The Prelude

March 2016

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Happy Lent to all of you fellow musicians toiling in the vineyards of the Church! I'm sure this time of year finds you to be very busy. There is always plenty of music to learn, rehearse and perfect as we make our way toward Holy Week, Easter and the other spring festivals and programs. I am especially enjoying the very satisfying results of a thorough cleaning and upgrading of the pipe organ that I preside over. My Lenten and Easter experience should be extra exhilarating this year.....and much less dusty!

We sent out an email "blast" last week about our April 15th Organ Tour led by Mark Muller of Muller Pipe Organs. I asked for RSVPs to be in by Thursday, February 24th so that transportation arrangements can be made. If you did not get that message, talk to me **N-O-W!!** My email is: cipher241@hotmail.com, and my home phone number is 419-352-2329. We may be able to squeeze you in!

Although I was not able to personally attend our February silent movie extravaganza with Aaron David Miller at Community of Christ Lutheran in Whitehouse, I DID hear rave reviews about it. Thanks to Pam Davis for hosting this program in her Concert Series and allowing our Chapter to be part of it.

Our March 6th Chapter Program will be our Annual Student Recital and Scholarship Awards. The program will be held at Christ Presbyterian Church on the corner of Sylvania Avenue and Talmadge Road in Toledo (*across from Franklin Park Mall*). Come and hear our students on the 50 rank Casavant organ! 3:00 PM.

If you have any ideas for next year's chapter programs, we'd love to hear from you. What are your needs? What do you enjoy? What would be of benefit to you, your skills, your continuing development? Talk to us!

Neil Kraft, Dean



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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, contact:

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Upcoming Chapter Event.....

Sunday, March 6, 3pm

ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL

Christ Presbyterian Church

Sylvania Avenue, Toledo

Casavant organ

Please submit articles for the April *Prelude* by March 25th. Thank you!

Melissa Flowers

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TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

Programming for 2015-2016

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – ANNUAL STUDENT RECITAL – Scholarship Awards

3 PM—Christ Presbyterian Church, Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (Casavant organ)

Friday, April 15, 2016 – ORGAN EXCURSION led by Mark Muller

Visiting Muller Organ projects in Detroit suburbs and Southern Michigan

Lunch along the way -Van transportation provided – Costs and details coming later!

Sunday, May 22, 2016 – SPRING CONCERT AND POTLUCK – Jacob Taylor, organist

4 PM – Organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church, downtown Toledo (Skinner/Casavant organ)

Chapter potluck dinner to follow in church social room —Chapter will furnish entrée and beverages

Congratulations to Stephen Smith!

Stephen has been awarded with the 2015 Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs Memorial Scholarship, which was established in memory of Ruth Krehbiel Jacobs, founder of Choristers Guild. The scholarship fund provides financial aid to full-time students preparing for church music ministry. Scholarships are given each year on the basis of academic merit and interest in church music, especially children's and youth choirs.



Stephen Smith is a senior Organ Performance major at Heidelberg University. He is a member of the Concert Choir (as a vocalist and organ accompanist), as well as the kicker/punter on the Heidelberg football team. He currently works as the choir director at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tiffin, as well as a local substitute organist. Following graduate studies,

Stephen hopes to work as a church musician.



JOB OPENINGS...

PART TIME ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church, 2843 Sterns Road, Lambertville, MI 48144. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgy and hymnody helpful. Wages, duties, and expectations negotiable. Please contact Pastor Tim Loewe 989.280.4690 and/or timothy.loewe@yahoo.com

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST: position open at Olivet Lutheran Church, Sylvania, OH. Responsible for Sunday 9:00am traditional services and church holiday services on an Allen 3 manual console and Wednesday 6:45pm Chapel service on a Clavinova. Adult and children choirs also rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with service anthems accompanied on grand pianos, occasionally combined with bell choirs. Weddings and funerals (not obligated) compensated in addition to base salary.

If your organ/piano skills can enhance a strongly -devoted music/worship team, please email resume/references to:

operations@olivetsylvania.org (subj: **Organist Search Committee**), or call **419-882-2077**.

Save the date!

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, at 3pm, Market Street Presbyterian Church in Lima will be having a concert featuring Hector Olivera. More information will be available this summer.



TOLEDO AGO AT THE PERISTYLE... AGAIN!

Once again, we have been invited to provide an afternoon of music on the Peristyle Skinner organ at the Toledo Museum of Art. I have just spoken with Rebecca Speegle, Coordinator of Programs and Exhibitions, and we have tentatively set the date for Saturday, June 4. The date will be firmed up next week, and I will send an email to you all then to confirm it.

The concert will run from 2:00-4:00pm, so we will need four to six organists to perform. This could also be an opportunity for "organ plus" if anyone would like to reach out and involve other musicians.

Please let me know if you are interested in playing 20-30 minutes of this program. I would like to give priority to individuals who did not play last August, but, having written that, I also think we may have time and space for repeat performers. Please just let me know your interest and availability, and I will put the program together from that!

It's nice for our chapter to have this opportunity to share great organ music, gain visibility in the arts community and strut our stuff! I look forward to hearing from you.

Joan McConnell

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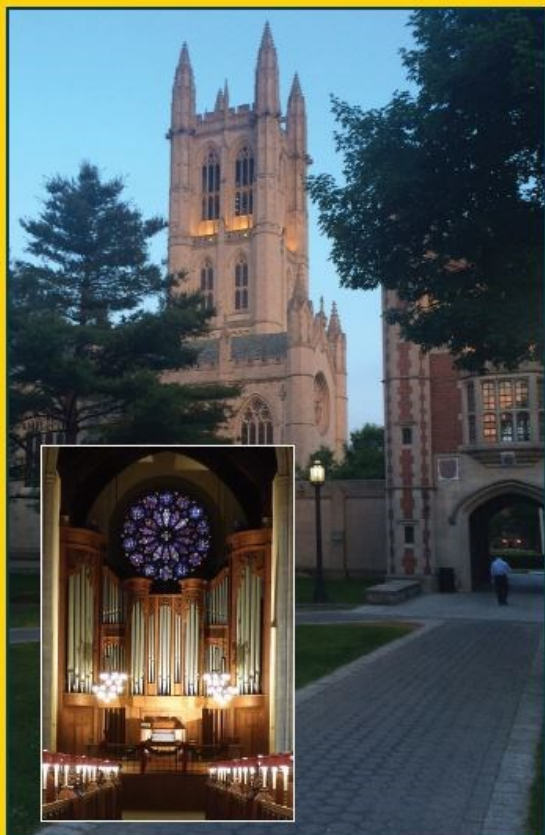
LEXINGTON, KY CHAPTER TO HOST GREAT LAKES REGION POE

Calling POE Students! On July 17-22, the Lexington, KY AGO chapter will host 20 young musicians at the Great Lakes Region Pipe Organ Encounter (POE). Registration is currently open for all interested students. Applicants need not have any previous organ experience; all pianists and organists ages 13-18 are welcome and encouraged to apply. For more than two decades now, POEs have proven to be one of the AGO's most successful ventures in attracting young folks to the King of Instruments. Who do you know that could benefit from attending the POE in Lexington next summer? Point them to our website (www.lexingtonpoe2016.org) where they can download our brochure. Our early-bird registration deadline is April 1, so don't delay --- encourage them to complete the online registration process today! Questions should be directed to POE Director, Zach Klobnak, at zachary.klobnak@centre.edu. We look forward to welcoming a young person from your chapter!

19th annual

Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival performance competition

at our new home, Trinity College, Hartford



High School competition

Friday September 30, 2016
competitors must be
high school students at
some point in 2016

Young Professional competition

Saturday October 1, 2016
competitors must be age
26 or younger

David Spicer, *artistic director*
2016 performance judges

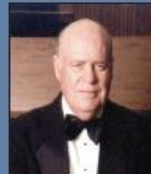
Diane
Meredith
Belcher



Christopher
Houlihan



John
Weaver



rules & prizes at albertschweitzerorganfestival.org
application deadline June 15, 2016

WILMA JENSEN TO BE HONORED WITH AGO ENDOWMENT FUND DISTINGUISHED ARTIST AWARD RECITAL AND GALA BENEFIT RECEPTION IN NASHVILLE

**Colleagues, Students, Loved Ones, and Friends from Across the Country Will Gather to Celebrate her
Lifetime Achievements at AGO Endowment Fund Benefit**

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has selected internationally acclaimed organist, church musician, and teacher **WILMA JENSEN** as the honoree for the **2016 AGO Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award Recital and Gala Benefit Reception** on **Friday, April 8, 2016**, in **Nashville, Tenn.** Complete information can be found online at www.agohq.org/2016-gala.

The celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m., at West End United Methodist Church, 2200 West End Avenue, where the honoree will perform a free recital featuring works by Vierne, Philip James, Franck, Brahms, Schumann, and Tournemire. Dr. Jensen will be joined by Stephen Seifert in a performance of Conni Ellisor's Blackberry Winter, a concerto for dulcimer and string orchestra, which has been transcribed for organ by the honoree for this occasion. The Recital will be followed by a Gala Benefit Reception (advance tickets required) at the Vanderbilt University Club of Nashville.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 levels. Full descriptions of sponsorship packages and benefits are available online at www.agohq.org.

Gala Benefit Reception Tickets are \$150 (75% tax deductible, includes preferred seating at the recital) and can be purchased online at www.agohq.org or by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308. Gala ticket sponsors will have their names printed in the commemorative program book. The deadline to be included is March 15.

Display Advertising opportunities are offered in the full-color commemorative program book and include inside and back covers (\$1,500, each includes four gala tickets), full-page (\$1,000, includes two gala tickets), and half-page (\$500, includes one gala ticket) insertions. Congratulatory messages (\$250, b/w text only, 150 characters) are also available. Advertising orders can be placed online at www.agohq.org or by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308. The advertising deadline is March 15. E-mail gala@agohq.org for further information. The publication will become a part of the American Organ Archives.

Participate from a Distance by making a contribution to the AGO Endowment Fund in honor of Wilma Jensen. Contribute online at www.agohq.org or by sending a check to: AGO Endowment Fund, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115. Contributions received by March 15 will be reported in the commemorative program book.

All proceeds from the Gala will honor Wilma Jensen in perpetuity through the AGO Endowment Fund. For further information, please call 212-870-2311, ext. 4308, or e-mail gala@agohq.org. ■

AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2015-16

Please make the following correction in your copy of the *Membership Directory*. And thanks again for helping me get this as accurate as possible!

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Joan McConnell

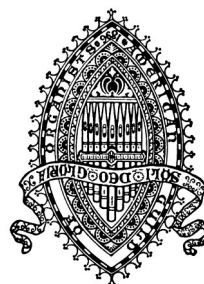
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