

# The Prelude

March 2018

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

## Dean's Message

Greetings! Lent has arrived. Many of us have extra services to plan and play for. And of course, it all points to Easter--a celebration but busy time for church musicians. Of course, we all know and have experienced this. In light of this, I found Don Saliers column (*From the Chaplain*) in the March issue of the TAO to be *food for thought*. The column speaks of the need for us to balance our busyness both in our lives and in our music with simplicity and accessible music.

Two other columns I found worthwhile were "Tips from a Tech" and "Back to the Basics." Each contained helpful hints and shared knowledge about interacting with organ technicians and playing hymns. Our role of accompanying and leading the congregation's song is an important one and deserves sufficient preparation and thought.

Our annual student recital is at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Toledo Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. The recently installed Schantz organ is a nice instrument and a treat to hear. Our scholarship award winners and students have been practicing and preparing. Plan now to attend and support these students in their organ studies!

Our Super Organ Recital (on Superbowl Sunday) was a grand success! Our performers played wonderfully, we had a great and appreciative audience and all enjoyed a lovely reception following the recital. Many thanks to our performers and congratulations to each of them for their noteworthy performances. Included in this newsletter is the recital program, in case you weren't able to attend. And thank you to Omaldo Perez and Zoar Lutheran Church for hosting the recital and the delicious reception following!



*Soli Deo Gloria!*

—Mark Mathias, Dean

*The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.*

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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 Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

**WEBSITE**

[www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org)

The **Toledo AGO Student Recital** is coming up on March 11, and it is open to students of all members. All of our scholarship winners will be performing, as well. If you would like your student to take advantage of this performance opportunity, please let me know as soon as you can. I would like to have all program information by March 5.

If you need to schedule rehearsal, please contact me. There are rehearsal times available.

Best to all for a blessed Lent.

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**A Super Organ Recital****Toledo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists**

Sunday, February 4, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Zoar Lutheran Church

Perrysburg, OH

A Festive Trumpet Tune

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Prelude on "Now All the Woods Are Sleeping"

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

ed. by L. Lethbridge

**Ed Duling**

Contemplation

Alexander Peloquin (1918 – 1997)

**Omaldo Perez**

Suite du Premier Ton (excerpts)

Jacques Boyvin (c. 1649 - 1706)

Grand plein jeu continu

Duo

Tierce en Taille

Grand Dialogue

**David Saunders**

Andante Cantabile (from String Quartet No. 1)

Peter Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Fanfare (1956)

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

**George Blackney**

Andante (from Seventh Concerto in Bb Major, HWV 306)

G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

**Denise Mathias**

Adoro Te Devote (Prelude with Four Variations)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

**Dennis Johns**

Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 856

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 861

**Dennis Blubaugh**

Afro-Cuban: In Dir Ist Freude (In Thee Is Gladness)

Johannes Matthias Michel (b. 1962)

(from Three Jazz Organ Preludes)

**Mark Mathias**

## *Toledo Chapter AGO Events 2017 - 2018*

Sun., March 11, 3 p.m.

Annual Student Recital

Our Lady of Lourdes, Toledo

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students of our chapter members will perform on the church's 2-maual, 20-rank Schantz pipe organ.

Fri., April 13

Ghost Pipes

TBA

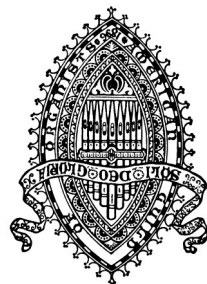
Neil Kraft and Mark Muller will lead us in an organ crawl at area churches. More details TBA.

Sun., May 6, 4 p.m.

Recital: Matt Bickett

Monroe St. UM, Toledo

Our closing program of the year will feature Matt Bickett in recital. Matt is the 2017 winner of our region's AGO/Quimby RCYO (Regional Competitions for Young Artists). He gave a superb performance at the Winner's Recital in Youngstown in July.



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