

AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

April 2016

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are in Holy Week in the Christian tradition and appropriately busy I'm sure! Our notes are falling into place, even with the crazy lady in the alto section and the bell ringer who can never find the beat! It always seems to come to the place where the music is suddenly "working!" I'm even finding that my wrist is still attached to my arm at the end of Widor's celebrated *Toccata*!

Our scholarship students Daniel Stokes, Christopher Nejvara and Skyelar Raiti presented a fine program for us on March 6th at Christ Presbyterian in Toledo. One could really appreciate how hard they've been working.....fine playing! We are also very appreciative of the generous offering that we received toward the Scholarship Fund!

On April 15th, we will be taking an *Organ Tour* across the border into Michigan under the leadership of Mark Muller of the Muller Pipe Organ Company. We will be looking at some of their organ projects around the Detroit area and southern Michigan. There will also be a stop along the way for a bite of lunch. We currently have 17 folks signed up to go along, and that's about our capacity. *If* there are a couple more folks interested, we may be able to accommodate them.

On Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate the end of the program year with our Spring Potluck Dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Toledo. We will begin at 4pm with a recital by Jacob Taylor, a chapter "son" and former scholarship winner. Jacob is currently pursuing doctoral studies at the Eastman School. After the program, we will adjourn to the dining room to share an old fashioned potluck meal. The chapter will provide a meat entrée and beverages.

Did you know that 2017 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Toledo Chapter AGO?!

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

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

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TOLEDO CHAPTER AGO

Programming for 2015-2016

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

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

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The 2016 **Student Recital** was held at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo on March 6th. Host Mark Mathias opened, and each of our student scholarship winners performed. We heard nice progress since their auditions and commend them for their work in their organ studies! The program was well-attended, and the audience was appreciative. A few folks came because they read the notice in the Blade! An offering was received to help fund future scholarships as well.

>>>As a reminder, our treasurer, Pam Davis, will take donations for the scholarship fund at any time.

It is not too early to think about next season's auditions. Teachers, now is the time to talk to your students and interest them in auditions. The goal of a fall audition is also a good way to keep your students practicing during the summer.

*Denise Mathias*

Education Chair

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Toledo AGO at the Peristyle in May

Thanks to all who have expressed an interest in performing at the Peristyle. The date I originally announced had to be changed due to a programming conflict with the Old West End Festival. We will now be playing on Saturday, May 21, from 2-4pm. The following persons have offered to play:

Brian Bogdanowitz
Joan McConnell
Nancy Russell
Stephen Smith
George and Marilyn Blackney



This is an exciting opportunity for our chapter and one that is likely to be offered again. Please keep this in mind as you are learning and performing great organ music. Have some things ready for the "next time" this comes our way!

Joan McConnell

Area Concerts....

TRUMPET ENSEMBLE FROM BGSU COLLEGE OF MUSICAL ARTS PERFORMS AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL ON APRIL 10.

The Cathedral Concert Series will present the Trumpet Ensemble from Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts in concert on **Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 PM.** The Ensemble is under the direction of Mr. Charles Saenz, Associate Professor of trumpet and coordinator of the brass area at the University. Their repertoire spans the breadth of trumpet ensemble music from the Baroque to the present.



The Bowling Green Trumpet Ensemble was founded in 1983 by Professor Emeritus of Trumpet Edwin Betts. The ensemble performs regularly, including appearances at the annual Ohio meetings of the International Trumpet Guild.



The concert is free, but donations to support the concert series will be accepted at the door. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd at Islington Avenue. Ample parking is available, and the cathedral is handicap accessible. For more information, contact the cathedral at 419-244-9575.

Young Voices of Greater Toledo announces their Spring Concert—Sunday, April 24, 4:00pm, at Monroe St. United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St., Toledo. This young group has been holding its own, with 2015 performances with the Perrysburg Chorale and at the Old West End Christmas Open House. Come and hear their beautiful music!



The **French Boy Choir** will be performing a concert Gesu Catholic Church on Thursday, July 28th at 7 p.m. They will be touring the United States this summer. The concert is free.

STEPHEN SMITH PERFORMING A SENIOR “HONOR” RECITAL



SENIOR HONOR RECITAL

Stephen Smith

ORGAN

April 22, 2016

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
300 MELMORE ST., TIFFIN

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY | school of Music & Theatre

Stephen will perform a challenging program of masterworks on the Schantz organ at First Lutheran: Praeludium in F-sharp minor by Buxtehude, the first movement of Sonata V by Bach, movements from the Rubrics Suite by Locklair, Sonate II by Hindemith and Piece Heroique by Franck. Please come to Tiffin to support Stephen and to hear his recital!

JOB OPENING....

Braden United Methodist Church, 4725 Dorr Street in Toledo, [419-386-2700](tel:419-386-2700), has a position open for Director of Music. The candidate must have a high school and some formal musical education and/or training. Must be able to read music, have excellent keyboard skills, namely piano and organ, have experience in directing a choir and be able to work with pastor, staff, ministries and church members to maintain a smooth flow of worship services and other activities.

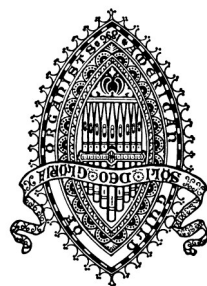
Please see <http://mychurchwebsite.s3.amazonaws.com/c2214/musicaldirector.pdf> for complete job description and other details.

FREE

FREE: Kawai E 100-150 electronic organ, split two manual, octave of pedals, with bench.

Contact Marianne Melton, 419-389-9503.

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