



AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...



The Prelude

May 2025



Dear Toledo Chapter members,

"For lo, the winter is past . . ." Despite a few chilly and frosty mornings it is safe to say that Spring, that season of renewal as the flowers and trees bud forth, is upon us. With a slower pace for many of us arriving in the near future it can also be a time of

personal renewal. Besides some well deserved R&R, I hope you will find time for some professional development - attending a workshop or seminar, (either in person or online), learning new new music, or reading a book that has been on your list. You will be recharged and ready for new challenges arriving in a few months!

Libby Saxton, Jane Weber and Wayne Whitten, our program planning committee, are beginning to arrange programs for next year. Have a suggestion? Contact them with your thoughts!

In the Spring of 2026 there will be openings for all positions: Dean, Sub-Dean, Secretary and Treasurer and two at large Board members. The Executive Committee is the "engine" that keeps the Chapter operating and is essential to our existence as a Chapter. Sadly, over the past few years several Chapters in our region have ceased to exist because they simply did not have enough members from which to draw leaders. In very real terms, the future success of the Toledo Chapter will rely on members stepping forward to fill these leadership positions. We will appoint a nominating committee in the near future. If you are contacted to assist with the nominating committee or to accept a leadership role please consider carefully. I am grateful for the many members who have volunteered for various tasks and, as a result, lightened the burden for everyone. I hope that this spirit

will flourish in the future!

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May Chapter Event

Friday, May 30

4:00 PM

Toledo Museum of Art

The evening will begin with a docent led tour of music related items in the museum collection. Following the tour we will head to the museum cafe where a special menu will be available for our group. Members will pay for their meals. Make a reservation today for this "Musical Night at the Museum."

RSVP to toledoago419@gmail.com by May 22.

CONCERT CALENDAR

Ypsilanti Pipe Organ Festival

Dr. Timothy Huth, organist

May 4, 2025

4:00 PM.

First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, 300 N. Washington St.

No admission charge - Freewill offering

John Depinet, organist

Sunday, May 18

4:00 PM

St. Paul Catholic Church, 91 East Main St., Norwalk

This is John's Senior recital as he graduates from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He plans to remain at CCM to pursue a Master's Degree. John was one of our Scholarship Students and a Marian Anderson winner when studying with Mark Niese.

Silent Film

Zorro (1920, starring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.)

Clark Wilson, organist

Sunday, June 1

7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 209 Southwest St, Bellevue, OH

Free admission

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At-large members of the Executive Committee

James Riedy

Libby Saxton

Vanessa Kwiatkowski

Wayne Whitten

Program Planning Committee: Libby Saxton, Jane Weber,
Wayne Whitten

Chaplain - Rev. Jeff Bunke

Membership Coordinator - Ken Stoops

Scholarship Coordinator - Kathy Mumy

Historian - George Blackney

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