

# The Prelude



AUGUST 2012



Dear Friends,

One month ago I was getting packed for my trip to Nashville for the AGO National Convention. Pam Davis and I were car buddies and roommates, and I enjoyed getting to know her better. My college roommate, Nancy Delaney, attended as well; it was wonderful to see her there and catch up on news.

Seeing old friends and meeting new ones is always a highlight of these conventions for me. If my count is accurate, there were eleven of us from the Toledo chapter: Brian Bogdanowitz, Charlie Brown, Denielle Buenger, Pam Davis, Norma Kelling, Neil Kraft, Mark and Denise Mathias, Nancy Russell, Pam Stover, and me. The total number attending was around 1500!

Of course the concerts were incredible! Fine players performing on beautiful instruments always give me inspiration and send me home with a desire to practice! Of the workshops I attended, I think I got most from one on Improvisation and one on 'The Golden Years: How to Thrive and Not Merely Survive.' I was one of the youngest present at that one; I'm trying to pick up tips early!

You can read the comments of some of the other attendees elsewhere in this *Prelude*. Perhaps the enthusiasm shared there will tempt you to attend the 2014 National Convention in Boston! But you don't have to wait two years to go to a convention. Our Region V event takes place next summer, June 30- July 3, in Kalamazoo, MI. We will have a "sneak peak" at that convention at OUR December meeting, when Brooks Grantier, Secretary of the Program Committee for the convention, will be our guest speaker. I heard the 5-minute version of his Spiel in Nashville. He is very energetic and entertaining, and he has great pictures; I hope you will come out for this meeting and hear him!

And speaking of our meetings, thanks to the members of our Executive Committee, I have several pieces of information to add to our 2012-13 program. I'm asking Jack Gerding, our *Prelude* editor, to reprint the program in this issue, but here are the highlights:

- We have our three venues for the Progressive Dinner/ Progressive Recital on Sept. 14: Blessed Sacrament, Monroe St. United Methodist, and Christ Presbyterian.
- Kathy Mummy is lining up our performers for the Progressive Recital.
- Pam Stover and I will be calling several of you VERY SOON to request appetizers or desserts.
- Please make your plans to attend, and remember to buy and pay for your ticket(s) in advance. We want to plan carefully and accurately, both for catering and transportation.
- The November Organ Crawl at Rosary has been cancelled, but we still have a recital to enjoy.
- "Great Lakes, Swell Organs," the presentation on the Kalamazoo Region V convention, will be Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Perrysburg First Pres. Bill Gill and Martha Gregory will host.
- "All That Jazz," will take place at Christ the King Catholic Church on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark Mathias and Eric Dickey will be our presenters.

There are still a few more details to hammer out and put in place, but you can definitely look forward to a memorable and worthwhile year with the Toledo chapter!

One final reminder: If you haven't yet updated your membership and paid your dues, please do so! It's not too late! We really value the participation of every member of our chapter; I hope you'll continue to support the AGO, not only with your dues, but also by attending events throughout the year!

-Joan McConnell  
Dean of the Chapter

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER – PROGRESSIVE RECITAL**  
**Friday, September 14, 2012 6:00 PM**



Because it was so popular last year, we decided to begin our 2012-13 program year with another “progressive event!” We are featuring three different churches with three different organs! Several of our chapter members have agreed to serve as soloists: Mark and Denise Mathias, JoAnn McKelvey, Paul Monachino and a couple more which are yet to be confirmed. The churches on the tour include Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (*Reuter organ*), Monroe St. United Methodist Church (*Moller organ*) and Christ Presbyterian Church (*Casavant organ*).

We will park at and depart from Christ Presbyterian, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave. and return there. The bus needs to leave at 6:00 PM to keep us on schedule! The culinary courses include appetizers, main course (*Special Occasions Catering*), and finally dessert. The cost is \$20 and can be paid to our treasurer, Marilynn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560. Checks, of course, made out to *Toledo Chapter, AGO*.

This year we are opening the event to non-chapter members such as folks from your congregations or friends who might enjoy such an event. We encourage you to extend the invitation! We DO have to limit the participants to 75, so the first 75 checks turned in will be the lucky ones.....deadline is September 1. Don't miss the bus!

You don't have to be *progressive* in your political thinking to come to this *progressive dinner/concert*. You just have to enjoy hanging out with other organists and seeing the sights around Toledo! Join us!

-Neil R. Kraft, Sub Dean  
 St. Aloysius Church, Bowling Green

## WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE 2012 CONVENTION ...

I really liked the performers this year. Stellar talent! A lot of memorizing of music too. In the past you hardly ever saw an organ concert memorized as we used to do in the past. Also it was very refreshing to hear a lot of organ transcriptions played in concert. Either arranged by the performer or by someone else. It was unheard of in years past to perform nothing but organ compositions on the organ, especially for conventions. I'm happy to see the AGO getting more “relaxed” in their acceptance of transcriptions. Some, if not all of the transcriptions for organ are harder to play than organ music. Considering you have to play all of the important orchestra's instruments parts on the correct registration. Congrats to all who performed, well worth the trip this year! - Brian Bogdanowitz

The AGO convention in Nashville was truly inspiring. The recitalists were all great! I was particularly impressed by the duo Organized Rhythm (organist Clive Driskill-Smith and percussionist Joseph Gramley) and organ recitalists Ahreum Han, Thomas Trotter and Nathan Laube. Their precision and articulation were noteworthy and allowed every note to be heard clearly. It was fun to also hear how the various recitalists registered their pieces. I also enjoyed Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin's on-the-spot improvisation on two different tunes. Amazing! The local choirs that sang at the various worship services were a joy to hear. The church musicians in Nashville are blessed to have such a wealth of talent available! The Trinity College Choir of Cambridge, England was phenomenal! Their sound, ensemble, and attention to detail made for a thoroughly enjoyable performance at the Thursday evening concert. Most of their selections were a cappella. I also picked up a few tips (and inspiration) on the choral workshops that I attended. The week was busy, but well worth it! -Mark Mathias

## COMMUNITY CHORUS FORMING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Announcing — An exciting opportunity for children from all over the metro area to come together, make friends, and enjoy singing, playing handchimes, and the joy of music.

Now forming, *Young Voices of Greater Toledo* is a brand new community chorus for children and youth. This group is for children who have unchanged (treble) voices and are in the third grade (at least age 8) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will launch in Fall 2012, with three parent information meetings:

Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. First rehearsal is September 18. All meetings will be at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe Street.

Parents should plan to attend one of the above meetings with their child. It will be an information session, a free professional evaluation of their child's voice, a chance to meet the staff, and an opportunity for each parent to ask questions.

Our staff for 2012-2013 is:

Karen Vollmer, accompanist, retired choral music educator from Toledo Public Schools, recently the Director of Choral activities at Start High School.

Mark Mathias, choirchimes director—Director of Music Ministries at Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo. Experienced public school music educator and handbell director.

Denise Mathias, artistic director—Director of Music and Organist at Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Toledo. Experienced public school music educator and children's choir conductor.

To get on our mailing list (promise we won't bombard you with unwanted info) and for additional information contact us at [youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com](mailto:youngvoicestoledo@yahoo.com).

Please spread the word—and let parents and kids who might be interested know about this worthwhile endeavor. We are on Facebook, and watch for a website coming soon!



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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Anne Doerfler.

### NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have articles, news, concerts, or vacant positions, please submit them to: Kathy Rupp at [krupp@wcnnet.org](mailto:krupp@wcnnet.org) AND Jack Gerding at: [jackgerding@aol.com](mailto:jackgerding@aol.com)

### WEBSITE

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# PROGRESSIVE DINNER & CONCERT



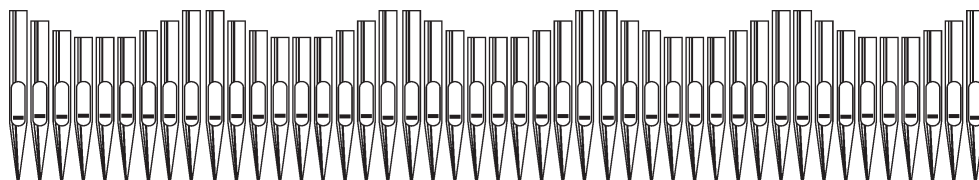
*Friday, September 14, 2012  
6:00 p.m.*

*The American Guild of Organists  
Toledo Chapter*

*Three course dinner/concert in progression  
at three Toledo Churches –  
Blessed Sacrament Catholic  
Monroe St. United Methodist  
Christ Presbyterian*

*Cost: \$20*

*RSVP with your check to  
Toledo Chapter, AGO  
c/o Marilyn Hazard, treasurer  
5827 Woodrow Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560  
September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline  
Limited to 75 participants*





## AGO TOLEDO, 2012-13 PROGRAM A YEAR IN THE MAKING

*(All events are very much in the planning stage and are subject to change!!)*

### SEPTEMBER: PROGRESSIVE DINNER/ PROGRESSIVE RECITAL

Appetizers: Blessed Sacrament Church, 4227 Bellevue Rd.  
Catered Main Course: Monroe St. United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St.  
Dessert: Christ Presbyterian Church, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave.

**Date: September 14, 6:00 p.m.**

### OCTOBER: AARON DAVID MILLER PLAYS BUSTER KEATON

Community of Christ Lutheran in Whitehouse hosts Toledo favorite Aaron David Miller in his rendition of a silent movie classic.

**Date: October 27, 7:30 p.m.**

### Also in OCTOBER: Scholarship Auditions

Place: Trinity Episcopal, Toledo

**Date: October 14, 2:00 p.m.**

### NOVEMBER: RECITAL AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL

#### Recital by Douglas Bruce,

Principal Organist, St. Franz Xaver Kirche, Munchenstein, Switzerland

**Date: Tuesday, November 13**

### DECEMBER: CAROLS AND A CONVENTION: "Great Lakes / Swell Organs"

Brooks Grantier, Publicity Chair for the 2013 Region V AGO convention in Kalamazoo, MI will give us a presentation on the convention: the artists, the workshops, and the organs of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. In addition, we'll entertain ourselves with some carol singing and seasonal refreshments!

Place: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Perrysburg, OH, 43551

**Date: Monday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.**

### JANUARY: ALL THAT JAZZ

Mark Mathias, our new chapter secretary, will present a survey of sacred organ music in jazz, blues, and gospel style. Come and learn what is "out there" in published form for your own use! Eric Dickey (piano) and Mark Lemle (saxophone) will play a 'live' jazz program for us.

Place: Christ the King Catholic Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, Toledo

**Date: January 14, 7:00 p.m.**

### FEBRUARY: FAMILY CONCERT AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN, BOWLING GREEN

A fun mix of classical, popular, and church music, played on three organs by Kevin McGill and friends!

**Date: Sunday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.**

### MARCH/APRIL: TOLEDO CHAPTER STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL

With Easter coming so close on the heels of the colleges' spring break, we need to push the student recital into April. Stay tuned for more details, and plan to come out and hear our students!

**Date: April 14, 3:00 p.m.**

### APRIL: SCHANTZ ORGAN COMPANY

An all-day bus tour to Orrville, Ohio, to witness the Schantz Organ Company in action! See pipes being made and learn how an organ is assembled. Possible "side" attraction: the Smuckers Jam Company!

**Date: TBA**

### MAY: ANNUAL AGO/TOLEDO BANQUET

Join us for food, fellowship, the installation of officers, and a program... yet to be named!

**Date and Place: TBA**

# AGO DUES RATES 2012-2013

Toledo Chapter Dues Collection April - July 1, 2012

*Make check payable to Toledo Chapter, AGO and mail to:*

Marilynn Hazard, Treasurer, 5827 Woodrow Drive, Sylvania OH 43560

<i>Membership Category</i>	<i>National Portion</i>	<i>Chapter Portion</i>	<i>Total Dues</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
<b>Voting Membership</b>				
Regular	\$58	\$39	\$97	\$_____
Special (over 65, or under 21 or disabled)	\$40.50	\$31.50	\$72	\$_____
Full-time student (with school ID)	\$24	\$13	\$37	\$_____
Partner (second member at same address, no TAO)	\$33	\$39	\$72	\$_____
Dual (paid to second chapter)	0	\$38	\$38	\$_____
Student Dual (Paid to second chapter)	0	\$15	\$15	\$_____
<b>Non-Voting Membership</b>				
Chapter Friend (no TAO, chapter participation only)		\$36	\$36	\$_____
Senior Chapter Friend (no TAO, chapter participation only)		\$27.50	\$27.50	\$_____
Contribution to the Scholarship Fund				\$_____
<i>These are tax-deductible and very appreciated!</i>				
Total amount enclosed		<i>(Please sign the back of this form)</i>		\$_____

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# CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the American Guild of Organists are bound by the Code of Ethics and guided by the Code of Professional Standards.

**Adopted by the National Council on October 23, 1933 as revised through April 16, 2007.**

**Preamble:** The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

**RULE 1.** Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

**RULE 2.** Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

**RULE 3.** In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.

**RULE 4.** Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule. Members are advised to protect themselves as incumbents in this regard by negotiating employment contracts which secure these fees and which provide some responsibility, oversight, and control as to choice of music, etc.

**RULE 5.** Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.

**RULE 6.** Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:

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Signature

Date

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