

The Prelude ~ November 2018

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

A message from our dean...

Congratulations to our Scholarship Audition winners and their teachers! Students John Depinet, Seth Innis, Jordan Brosten and Benjamin Garst all received awards. You can read more details in Denise Mathias' article in this *Prelude*. Thanks again to Denise for coordinating, our judges for giving their time to encourage these young organists and to Hope Lutheran Church for hosting. Please plan to attend the Student Recital on Sunday, March 10 also at Hope Lutheran Church. More information will be coming in the future.

On another note, due to time restraints, our Sub Dean David Saunders has decided that it would best to resign his position. I'm sure we can all relate to the demands of job and family and appreciate David's willingness to serve when he did. The Executive Committee has approved the appointment of Tom Curry to step in as Sub Dean for the remainder of the term. Thank you, Tom, for offering your experience and expertise for the good of the chapter.

We have several upcoming events that I hope you will all look to attend and support. First, as you know, this November we had to cancel the proposed Progressive Dinner due to a lack of enough venues. We had sent out an message for you to consider attending a great concert on November 11 in Columbus. However, I only received one response. Fortunately, we have another, closer opportunity on that same date. Toledo Chapter members Tom Curry and Neil Kraft will be sharing a recital on the historic 62 rank Casavant organ in the IHM Motherhouse Chapel, 610 W. Elm Ave. in Monroe, Michigan, on November 11 at 3:00 p.m. Featured will be patriotic music in honor of Veterans Day and music for four hands. This concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. Do you have a veteran in your family? This would be a great way to honor them and spend some time together.

On Friday, January 11, Charlotte Mariasy will host a 12th Night Celebration at St. Rose Catholic Church in Perrysburg. The party begins at 7:00 p.m., and members are invited to share their favorite Advent, Christmas and Epiphany music. There will also be a "White Elephant" gift exchange. If you know Charlotte, you know she will throw a great party. More details are also available in this *Prelude*.

On Sunday, February 17, we will be having an All-Bach Festival. We need singers to come and join us in singing two outstanding masterpieces, The Cantatas BWV 1 "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" and BWV 125 "Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin". Dr. Richard Schnipke from BGSU will conduct and Dennis Blubaugh, along with members of the Millenius String Quartet, will provide accompaniment. Please consider singing and bringing some fellow choir members for this great music making opportunity.

Remember that this is your chapter, and we need you to attend and support our programs!

-Dennis Johns, 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 Davis, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

On Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m., Toledo AGO members Tom Curry and Neil Kraft will be sharing a recital on the historic 62-rank Casavant organ in the IHM Motherhouse Chapel in Monroe (610 W. Elm Ave, Monroe, MI). Featured will be patriotic music in honor of Veterans Day and music for four hands. A free will offering will be taken.

**JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT**

“Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green,
Here we come a-wand'ring so fair to be seen.
Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail, too,
And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year,
And God send you a Happy New Year.”

The Toledo chapter of the AGO is proud to announce its “12th Night Celebration” on January 11, 2019 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. The party begins at 7:00 p.m. with members sharing their favorite Advent, Christmas and Epiphany music on the two-manual tracker organ at St. Rose Church. Other highlights of the night include a white elephant exchange. Please wrap your treasure in gold paper. Don’t purchase anything....just re-gift or bring a “treasure” you know someone would like!

Traditional 12th night food and drink will be provided including wassail punch and a king cake.

This is a night you won’t want to miss! Please contact Charlotte Mariasy at mariasy@saintrosonline.org if you would like to play a piece for the group.

SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

From Pachelbel to Bach, on to Mendelssohn, Boellman, Walther, Vierne and Fedak—the applicants for our Toledo AGO Scholarships performed fine organ literature and showed their desire to continue studying. Three high school students and one adult played their prepared repertoire and hymns and valiantly took on the sight-reading.

John Depinet, a high school sophomore from Norwalk and student of member Mark Niese, won the \$500 Mary Anderson Award with his performance of the first movement of “Sonata No. 1” by Mendelssohn and “Berceuse” by Vierne. Seth Innis, an adult organ student of Joan McConnell, received the \$250 Eugene Trombla award for adult students. His prepared selections were “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” by Walther and “Echo Voluntary” by Fedak. Receiving a \$200 award was Jordan Brosten, a high school senior and student of Pam Davis, performing the “Priere de Notre Dame” by Boellman and “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” by Pachelbel. High school sophomore and student of Charlotte Mariasy, Benjamin Garst, played “Prelude in G” attributed to Bach and “Was Gott tut, das ist Wohlgetan” by Pachelbel and was awarded a \$100 scholarship. Each of these students deserve congratulations for their preparation and performance!

Thank you to our panel of judges who took time out of a busy Sunday to listen to the students, write extensive, helpful comments and deliberate over the awards. The time spent by David Saunders, Pam Stover and Mark Mathias is greatly appreciated!

Many thanks also to Hope Lutheran for graciously lending the use of their Zimmer organ and sanctuary for the scholarship auditions and student recital, which is planned for March 10, 3:00 p.m.

If you have a student who might play in the recital or in next year's auditions, now is the time to consider repertoire and begin planning. It helps to keep interest and motivation at a high level. Let's keep promoting the organ as much as possible by keeping our students interested and practicing!

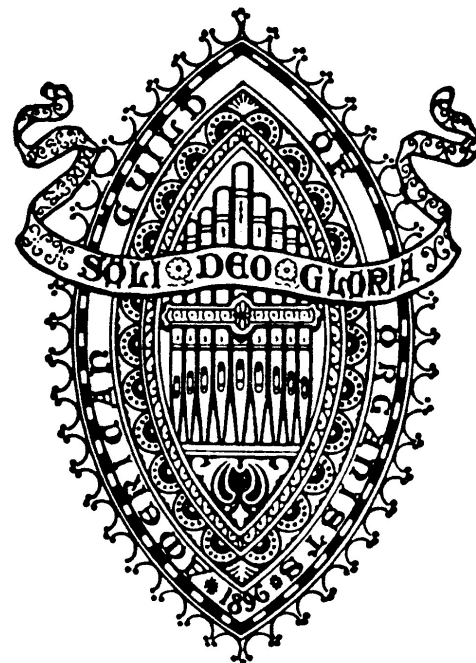
- Denise Mathias, Education Chair

Memorial Service for Walter Henry “Chick” Holtkamp, Jr.



Walter Henry “Chick” Holtkamp, Jr. passed away in August from complications of Alzheimer’s and Pulmonary Fibrosis. A memorial event to celebrate Chick’s life will take place on Saturday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gartner Auditorium at The Cleveland Museum of Art. There will be music performed by David Higgs and John Ferguson and eulogies on different aspects of Chick’s life. If you knew Chick or play a Holtkamp organ, this memorial service would be a nice way to keep his spirit alive in your heart.

The Toledo Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
presents an
All Bach Festival



Dr. Richard Schnipke, D.M.A., Assistant Professor of Choral Activities at Bowling Green State University will conduct a festival choir in the presentation of two of J. S. Bach's Church Cantatas, "Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern" BWV 1 and "Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin" BWV 125, along with organ works performed by the current and past deans of the chapter.

Local singers are invited to join the Festival Choir to participate in this opportunity to sing these great masterworks that are rarely performed. The cost is \$10 per singer with a maximum of \$50 for any church or organization. The performance will take place at St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Toledo, Ohio on Sunday, February 17. There will be sectional rehearsals at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee on Wednesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. and at Collingwood Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. The main rehearsal will be at St. Michael's on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00-12:00 a.m. Singers must attend the main rehearsal and at least one of the sectional rehearsals. Space in the choir is limited so please respond by October 31.

Music may be downloaded from:

BWV 1- <http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/e/e4/IMSLP24169-PMLP03250-bwv001.pdf>

BWV 125- <http://ks4.imslp.info/files/imglnks/usimg/a/a3/IMSLP24357-PMLP04378-bwv125.pdf>

Recordings can be found on YouTube at:

BWV 1- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fNaMOtVUc4>

BWV 125- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUHXq8iLaCM>

Questions may be directed to:

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All Bach Festival

Registration Form

Singer's Name_____

Church or Organization_____

Voice Part: Soprano_____ Alto_____ Tenor_____ Bass_____

E-mail address_____

Non-refundable fee of \$10 per singer, payable by check to Toledo Chapter American Guild of Organists, should be enclosed with this form and mailed to:

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of the
American Guild of Organists
is to enrich lives
through
organ
and
choral music.*

2018-2019 Toledo AGO Chapter Events

Organ Recital – Mitchell Miller

Sunday, September 2, 4:00 p.m.
St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green
Potluck for AGO members following recital

Organ Recital –Aaron David Miller

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.
Monroe Street United Methodist Church

Annual Scholarship Auditions

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

CHANGED EVENT:

Organ Recital—Tom Curry and Neil Kraft

Sunday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.
IHM Motherhouse Chapel
610 W. Elm Ave. in Monroe, MI
Patriotic and four-hand organ music

12th Night Celebration

Friday, January 12, Time TBA
St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg
Members' organ recital of favorite Advent
and Christmas pieces

All-Bach Concert

CHANGED DATE: Sunday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo
A concert featuring Bach's great organ works
and cantatas

Annual Student Recital

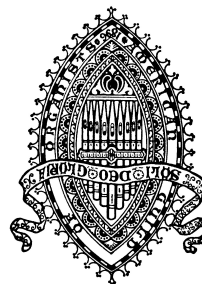
Sunday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

Professional Concerns Workshop Day

Saturday, April 27, Time TBA
University of Toledo
A series of workshops dealing with professional
concerns including current copyright issues, tax
concerns and labor/contract issues

Toledo AGO Spring Banquet

Friday, May 17, Time TBA
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee



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