

The Prelude



December 2013

Dear friends,

'Tis the season to be thankful! I hope, like me, that you have much to be thankful for:

Advancement of our craft. The resources of the AGO, mostly the “human resources” (that’s you all) provide both an incentive and a means to learn and grow in our work as musicians. We support each other in our endeavors, just as we provide support to young (and not-so-young) students through our scholarship program.

Great friends! Because of the Toledo chapter, I now know many, many organist/church musicians whom I can call Friend! I’ve attended conventions with you, participated in events with you, sat around the banquet table with you. You have enriched my life in more ways than I can count.

Opportunities to hear fine playing. Before I got involved in AGO, I could go from Sunday to Sunday and never hear any organ playing other than my own and my students. Now I attend our events and hear you, my colleagues, play. I’ve also attended several conventions, both regional and national. Those have afforded fantastic opportunities to hear new works, old standards, transcriptions, and works for “organ plus.”

Looking ahead, we have a wonderful treat in store on Sunday, December 1st, when Nicholas Quardokus plays a recital for us at Trinity Episcopal on Adams St. in downtown Toledo. I do hope to see many of you there! In January our event is a bell-ringing one. Kathy Rupp and Mark Mathias are putting together an afternoon of bell music that focuses on various ringing techniques. You can find more information about that in this issue of the *Prelude*.

Our February events are very special to me. My friend Tony Williams (friends from “back in the day,” when we were both students of David Mulbury at Cincinnati’s College-Conservatory of Music) will be with us, both in Toledo and at Heidelberg in Tiffin. Tony is Associate Professor of Music at Fisk University, Nashville. On Saturday Feb. 15 he will teach a Master Class in the morning and give a lecture demonstration on African-American organist/composers that afternoon. Those two sessions will be at Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo. On Sunday afternoon he will play a recital at my church, Trinity United Church of Christ in Tiffin. I’ll be working on the details of the Master Class in the next few weeks, and will be in touch with our chapter teachers to put that together. All three events will be well worth your time to attend, so I hope to see many of you come out for them. This brief residency is co-sponsored by Heidelberg, Trinity UCC, and the Toledo chapter.

One week later we have a chance to see and hear Juilliard professor Paul Jacobs at the Peristyle. Pam Davis is organizing a group ticket purchase for that. Please contact her if you are interested!

In closing, I want to extend thanks to each of you for all you do: for the chapter, for your church and community, and in your daily lives. You are each a very precious person!

Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent!

-Joan McConnell
Dean of Toledo AGO

RANDOM PIPINGS

Are you up-to-date on handbell techniques? Can you demonstrate the Singing Bell and Echo Ring? Come, join us Sunday afternoon, January 12, from 3-5 PM for a hands-on learning experience. Mark the date on your calendar! More information to follow!

Meet Toledo Author Keith Burris at Musical Resources: Musical Resources is proud to host a book signing by Toledoan **Keith Burris**, the author of a new Robert Shaw biography, **Deep River**. Mr. Burris will be available to sign his book and answer questions at our store, 2020 N. Holland Sylvania Road, Toledo, OH 43615 (Between Door and Bancroft) on Monday December 2, 2013, from 4 PM – 7 PM. For information contact: Dennis Blubaugh at 800-377-0234; info@musical-resources.com; www.musical-resources.com

Handel in Holy Rosary: Friday, December 13 at 8 PM, Saturday, December 14 at 8 PM, Sunday, December 15 at 3 PM, Holy Rosary Chapel, Adrian Dominican Motherhouse Campus. Michael Gartz, organ; Leann Schuering, Kristin Eder, Jesse Donner and Ben Sieverding, vocalists, with the Adrian College Chamber Choir. Handel's iconic choral masterpiece Messiah is paired with his Organ Concerto in G Minor and Albinoni's beloved Adagio performed on the Holy Rosary Chapel's remarkable instrument, a recently reconstituted historic Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ.

Church Organist: First Presbyterian Church in Perrysburg is looking to fill this position soon. Their church organist is retiring at the end of the this year, and they are in the process of looking for a new part-time church musician/organist. Contact Pastor Metcalfe at darcymetcalfe@gmail.com or 765-461-8788



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TOLEDO CHAPTER PROGRAM

2013-2014



DECEMBER: RCYO WINNER'S RECITAL

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church, 316 Adams St., Toledo 43604

Host: Michael Gartz

Nicholas Quardokus of Bridgman, MI, currently a student at Indiana University, was the winner of the 2013 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists for Region V. Those of us who attended the Kalamazoo convention heard him play in recital there, and we heartily encourage ALL to come out in support of him when he plays for us in Toledo! Reception will follow.

JANUARY: HAND BELL READING AND TECHNIQUE SESSION

Sunday, January 12, 3:00-5:00 PM

First Christian Church, 875 Haskins Rd., Bowling Green 43402

Host: Kathy Rupp, Director of Handbell Choirs; Clinicians: Kathy Rupp and Mark Mathias

Come to ring, listen, and learn! We will use several sets of bells, so there is room at the tables for all. Play/ hear music suitable for our choirs and learn new ringing techniques. Supper follows.

FEBRUARY: GUEST ARTIST ANTHONY WILLIAMS

Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16

Saturday, February 15:

10AM-12 noon- Master Class

2-4 PM- Lecture Demonstration on African-American organ music

Lunch together at a nearby restaurant.

Christ Presbyterian, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo 43623

Host: Mark Mathias, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Sunday, February 16: Guest Artist Recital

Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin 44883

Host: Joan McConnell, Music Coordinator and Organist

Anthony Williams, University Organist and Associate Professor of Music at Fisk University in Nashville, will be in residence with us for three great events, co-sponsored by Heidelberg University and Trinity UCC, Tiffin. All events are free and open to the public. Those interested in playing for the Master Class should contact Joan McConnell.

ALSO in FEBRUARY: PAUL JACOBS AT THE PERISTYLE

Saturday, February 22, 8:00 PM

Peristyle, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo 43604

Grammy award-winning Paul Jacobs, of the Juilliard School of Music, has planned a special evening of recital pieces that are particularly suited to the Skinner organ at the Peristyle.

Group tickets for Paul Jacobs: If you or members of your churches/choirs are interested in attending the Feb. 22 Paul Jacobs concert at the Peristyle, please contact Pam Davis at 419-346-0279 or music@commofchrist.org. The concert is at 8 PM; we need at least 10 people to sign up. Tickets for main floor row G and back are \$30/\$10 for students including university students.





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