



The Prelude

December

2020

[Virtual Organ Crawl](#)

The Toledo AGO Chapter is proud to present its first virtual organ crawl! Click on the headline above to access the program.

Many thanks to Dennis Blubaugh, Neil Kraft and Paul Monachino for recording the segments and to Matt Meinke who labored long and hard to do the final editing and upload to YouTube.

Those involved learned quite a bit about the process and our future efforts should be much easier. We hope to produce another virtual tour in the future. Consider volunteering to create a segment. We now have a few experienced folk to help with the process. If you are interested send an email to toledoago419@gmail.com.

Concert Calendar

Sounds of the Season

Perrysburg Symphony Orchestra

Travis Jurgens, conductor

Friday, December 4 - 7:30 PM

[Zoar Lutheran Church](#), Perrysburg

Sunday, December 6 - 4:00 PM

[Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral](#), Toledo

Join us for 4@4!

Each of the four Sundays in Advent, FPC will present a short musical recital of Advent and Christmas music in our Sanctuary and online. Enjoy 30 minutes of music to carry you through the week and inspire you during this holiday season. For more information, contact Clint Miller at cmiller@findlayfpc.org.

November 29, 4pm – Clinton Miller, *organ & piano*

December 6, 4pm – Desra Dabney, *flute*

December 13, 4pm – Ryan Neal, *piano*

December 20, 4pm – Carolyn Anderson, *soprano*

From Denise Mathias, Education Chair

Colleague Certification auditions were held on November 13, under AGO COVID restrictions. Thanks to Jim Riedy for recording and to Christ Presbyterian for hosting. This was a closed event, with only the candidate, recording engineer, and proctor in a very large sanctuary. Everyone was masked.

According to AGO guidelines, certification candidates must remain anonymous until results are finalized, and only the names of those who have passed the exam will be made public.

The Colleague Exam is in two sections which can be taken together on one date, or separately. There is a date in the Fall and one in the Spring. I am truly excited that there are members of our chapter who strive to further their skills and qualifications by studying for and taking an AGO certification exam!

If you are interested in more information about certification, please feel free to contact me at dmathias@adriandominicans.org or check out the AGO website.

December 5 is the deadline for virtual **Scholarship Auditions**. Information can be found on the [Toledo AGO website](#). Students in grade 7-12 and beginning adults are eligible.

2020 AGO Online Auction!

November 30 – December 4

Join us on Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday, and throughout the first week of Advent.

You will find a wide range of gifts and stocking stuffers for Christmas. A link to the auction will be sent to all AGO members and posted on the [AGO website](#) on Monday, November 30.

Please plan to join us at the 2020 AGO Online Auction. This very special biennial event, the only one of its kind designed specifically for the international community of organists, is a benefit for the AGO Annual Fund and supports educational programs and online resources for organists at every level of ability.

AGO Educational (and Fun!) offerings

The AGOYO (American Guild of Organists Young Organists) is a recently established "virtual" Chapter to serve younger organists.

But they invite anyone to enjoy their virtual programming! Coming up on December 11 is a tour of the Austin Organ Factory and in February a tour of the Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia. These can be viewed [HERE](#) and a full list of programs can be found at [AGO Fridays at Noon](#).

Did you ever have someone approach you about a desire to play the organ but, for some reason, in person lessons were not possible right away? Keep them interested by sharing the [AGO Lessons for the New Organist](#). These short videos cover every aspect, such as the piano to organ transition, registration, pedal technique, etc. This might just be the incentive a person will need to take organ lessons from you!

Those of us who work in churches and prepare a lot of music on a weekly basis may be looking for ways to learn music more quickly and thoroughly. Faythe Freese (University of Alabama) presents a workshop entitled "[Sure Fire Practice Techniques](#)" You will find in her presentation many ideas that will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of your practice time (always a commodity in short supply). There is a handout that can be found [HERE](#). This should also be a must see for organ students!

Membership Directory, 2020-2021

The new Chapter Directory will be emailed to paid members. Those who do not have email will receive a copy in the mail.

Thanks, everyone, for your help in keeping us connected!

Joan McConnell, membership chair

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