



Principal Pipings

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Greetings from the dean

Hello AGO Friends,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Olivier Latry recital last Friday night. I don't know about you, but I thought it was one of the best organ recitals I've heard, if not at the very top. Many thanks to the Rev. Brian Cole at Good Shepherd for his support of the organ program there, to Good Shepherd Organist/Choirmaster John Linker for making all of the arrangements, and to the parishoners of Good Shepherd for helping the Lexington and Louisville AGO chapters bring this exciting recitalist to Lexington! As I looked around Friday evening at the congregation it was wonderful to see many AGO members from around the state, and particularly to see so many younger organ students in attendance. Facebook was really buzzing with their comments afterwards: "Could you believe that improvisation?!" "That was amazing--I need to go practice now!" and just simply, "WOW!!"



One of the missions of AGO is to provide a forum for education and to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music. Our upcoming Bach Marathon will build on the excitement we've generated with the Latry recital. I know of at least one person (a non-organist) who found out about Bach Marathon and signed up to play his instrument during the afternoon portion of the program, and that might not have happened without all the publicity you helped to generate about our chapter and its activities. If you know of a young person who likes music, why not invite him or her to come to a portion of Bach Marathon with you? You never know when a simple invitation can ignite a spark of encouragement for someone.

While we're on the subject of education, I want to extend a huge shout-out of congratulations to Kathy Egner, who has successfully passed the Guild's Service Playing Examination! Kathy has been writing for this newsletter about her experiences in preparing for the exam. May her success inspire more of our members to prepare for a Guild exam. We are happy to help you get started!

See you at another great organ event real soon,

Jane

Upcoming Area Events

FRI / 3.7.14

7.30p

Kentucky Bach Choir, The Lighter Side of Bach

Good Shepherd, Lexington

TUE / 3.11.14

12.20p

Jan-Piet Knijff, Organ Recital

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Campbellsville

rescheduled from 3.18.14

SUN / 3.16.14

3.00p

Wesley Roberts, Organ Recital

The Presbyterian Church, Danville

SUN / 3.16.14

3.30p

Ashland Trio

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

SUN / 3.16.14

4.15p

Clif Cason, Organ Recital

Good Shepherd, Lexington

SAT / 3.22.14

10.00a

1.00p

Bach Marathon

Maxwell St. Presbyterian, Lexington

Faith Lutheran, Lexington

See the accompanying article for details.

SUN / 3.30.14

4.15p

Joshua Bracken, Organ Recital

Good Shepherd, Lexington

SUN / 4.6.14

4.00p

The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra

St. Johns, Versailles

SUN / 4.6.14

4.15p

Jason Overall, Organ Recital

Good Shepherd, Lexington

TUE / 4.8.14

12.20p

Wesley Roberts, Organ Recital

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville

See the website for more April events.

Education Notes

Reflections on Passing the Service Playing Exam

by Kathy Egner

Yes, you read correctly! I just got the official letter yesterday informing me that I had passed with an averaged grade of 93%. The two examiners had many constructive comments for my future musical development. All the hard work and discipline paid off and I am one happy organist! If I could do it, any one of you can too. So start thinking about next year.

I know you're wondering if now I will go for the Colleague Exam. Maybe. Probably. But not right away. I'm just enjoying playing at the moment. Maybe by summer or fall—who knows!

We will have a celebration once the weather is nicer. I'll let you know and hope that some of you will celebrate with me. Perhaps next year at this time, I will be celebrating with you.

AGO Boston 2014

Registration is now open! See <http://www.agohq.org> for details.

Member News

Congratulations to AGO member **Edwin Langford** upon his recent retirement from state government after 30 years. Edwin will reside in southeastern Kentucky and is getting back into music as he and his wife Judy have become actively involved in the music program at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Middlesboro.

Happy Birthday

Annual Bach Marathon Saturday, March 22, 2014

Performers in the 9th Annual Bach Marathon will continue the AGO Lexington Chapter's trek towards performing the entire organ works of J.S. Bach. This year's marathon begins at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and features the six trio sonatas. Please note the starting time has been moved forward to 10:00 am. Here is a list of the performers:

- Sonata in E-flat Major, BWV 525 John Linker
- Sonata in c minor, BWV 526 Glenna Metcalfe
- Sonata in d minor, BWV 527 Zach Klobnak
- Sonata in e minor, BWV 528 Jerry Martin
- Sonata in C Major, BWV 529 Mark DeAlba
- Sonata in G Major, BWV 530 Schuyler Robinson

Bring a friend and enjoy these sublime pieces together.

The afternoon portion of the Bach Marathon begins at 1:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 Tates Creek Rd. A wide variety of community musicians will be performing, ending with a students' segment from 5:00 to 6:00. We still have openings in the schedule, so if you or your students would like to play some Bach, please contact Bonnie Harstad (bharstad@windstream.net) or Kristy Kirsh (klkirsch@windstream.net).

Faith has a 13-rank Steiner tracker organ and a Yamaha grand piano; practice times can be arranged. Of course, we always appreciate an enthusiastic audience! You are welcome to come and go as you please throughout the afternoon as we celebrate Bach's 329th birthday! For a schedule of performers and times, please check Faith's website (www.faithlutheranchurch.com), beginning two weeks before March 22.

Olivier Latry

French Organist Performs in Lexington

Olivier Latry, one of the three organistes-titulaires de Grande-Orgue of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, played a recital in Good Shepherd on Friday 28 February 2014 at 7:00pm. This remarkable event was co-sponsored between the Lexington and Louisville Chapters of the American Guild of Organists as well as Good Shepherd. Latry is also organ professor at Paris Conservatory and is considered to be one of the finest organists in the world.



Left to right: University of Kentucky organ student Mark DeAlba, Rev. Brian Cole of Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd Organist/Choir-master John Linker, Lexington AGO Dean Jane Johnson, guest organist Olivier Latry, Louisville AGO Dean David McNease, University of Kentucky Professor of Organ and Harpsichord Dr. Schuyler Robinson.



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