



# Principal Pipings

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## Greetings from the dean

Hello AGO Friends,

As I write this, we're bracing for yet another wintry forecast of 3-7" of snow when I'm sure most of us are more than ready for spring! Luckily the frigid temperatures and deeper than normal snowfall didn't cause too much disruption to our full schedule of organ events in February. We'll look forward to Bruce Neswick's rescheduled recital at Good Shepherd. Now it's full speed ahead to our next event, this Saturday's improvisation master class and recital by Roger Nicholls. This is a great opportunity to interact with our Louisville-area colleagues since the event is co-sponsored by our two chapters. Look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter, and if you need a ride to Louisville please let me know and we'll see what we can do. I hope to see you there!

Our 10th annual Bach Marathon is Saturday, March 21st, beginning at 10 am at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church with selected organ works. If you want to play and haven't yet let me know, please contact me by March 15th so that we can finalize the program. The Marathon's afternoon session will be held at Faith Lutheran Church and will feature soloists and ensembles playing and singing Bach's works.

Also, please make note of our rescheduled Finale workshop which will be presented by Brian Hunt on Monday, April 13th at Cathedral of Christ the King. If your hand-written notation is as difficult to read as mine is, you won't want to miss this opportunity to discover how Finale can simplify your musical life! It will be a fun, low-stress learning environment, so come join us, and bring a friend!

I'm happy to report that we're putting the finishing touches on our proposal to host a Pipe Organ Encounter in the summer of 2016! If our proposal is accepted, we'll be reaching out to the membership—that's YOU!—to see where you'd like to help! Pipe Organ Encounters are crucial to introduce young people to our instrument and ensure the longevity of our profession. We're extremely excited to have this opportunity. So watch your newsletter for updates and specifics on how you can be involved!

Happy Easter (it's only about 4 weeks away!)

Jane

# Upcoming Calendar

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**SAT / 3.7.15**

7.30p

**A Night in Vienna, Lexington Chamber Chorale**

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

**SAT / 3.7.15**

10.00a Master Class  
11.30a Lunch  
1.00p Recital

**Robert Nicholls Improvisation Master Class/Recital**

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Louisville

**SUN / 3.8.15**

3.30p Organ Recital  
4.00p Evensong

**Organ Recital by Erich Balling and Lisa Hall**

**Choral Evensong with the Choir of Men and Girls**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

**SUN / 3.8.15**

4.15p

**Voice and Organ Recital by Laura Lee Duckworth**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

**THU / 3.12.15**

7.30p

**Josh Duncan, Organ Recital**

St. James Catholic Church, Louisville

**THU / 3.19.15**

7.30p

**Dan Stokes & Friends, Organ Recital**

St. James Catholic Church, Louisville

**SAT / 3.21.15**

10.00a

**10th Annual Bach Marathon**

Maxwell St. Presbyterian and Faith Lutheran Churches, Lexington

**SUN / 3.22.15**

4.15p

**Trumpet Recital by Patrick Tuck**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

**THU / 3.26.15**

7.30p

**Margaret Dickinson, Organ Recital**

St. James Catholic Church, Louisville

# Upcoming Calendar

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FRI / 3.27.15

6.15p

**Dr. Ben Arnold Preconcert Talk: St. John Passion**

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

FRI / 3.27.15

7.30p

**Kentucky Bach Choir: St. John Passion**

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 3.29.15

4.15p

**Shape Note Singing - Kentucky Shape Note Singers**

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

TUE / 4.7.15

12.20p

**Wesley Roberts, Organ Recital**

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville

THU / 4.9.15

7.30p

**Lexington Catholic HS Chamber Choir: Mozart**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

MON / 4.13.15

7.00p

**Finale Workshop with Brian Hunt**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

SAT / 4.18.15

1.00p

**Louisville AGO Student Recital**

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Louisville

SAT / 4.25.15

7.30p

**Lexington Chamber Chorale:  
Shakespeare Voice and Verse**

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 4.26.15

2.00p

**Asbury University Choral**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

FRI / 5.8.15

7.30p

**Celebrating the Gift of Music**

St. Margaret Mary, Louisville

FRI / 5.8.15

7.30p

**Yun Kim, Organ Recital**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

# Lexington Happenings

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## Lexington Co-sponsors Masterclass with Louisville

The next Louisville AGO program, cosponsored by the Lexington Chapter, will be a Masterclass (10:00) and Recital (1:00) by **Robert Nicholls** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1960 Bardstown Road at Rutherford, Louisville, KY.

The program will be on Saturday, March 7. Two players from each chapter will play for the masterclass. The recital will include works by Bach, Haydn, Vivaldi, Locklair, and Briggs, along with improvisations. Lunch will be on your own - there are several nice eating places within a couple of blocks of St. Francis.

Born in Cambridge, England, Robert Nicholls currently serves as music director at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. He is an accomplished composer whose works have been performed and broadcast across the U.S. and Europe. He is renowned for his ability to accompany silent films, and was awarded first place at the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation in 2012. This program is free and open to the public.

## Learn Finale Music Software

**Brian Hunt**, Organist/Assistant Dir. of Music at the Cathedral of Christ the King, will present an introduction into the use of Finale music notation software on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King Parish Life Center. Brian has used Finale beginning with the 2005 version and will be demonstrating on the current level 2014. Some uses of the program shown will include creating responsorial psalms, writing out Alternate Hymn Accompaniments, arranging music for instrumental ensembles, and creating your own anthems! Handouts will be given to describe some of the basic methods of entering music into the program. One or two people will be invited to create a simple music document during the presentation. Following the presentation will be a time for questions and comments. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of you there!

## Dr. Ben Arnold to present on Bach Passion

On March 27, 2015, University of Kentucky professor of musicology **Dr. Ben Arnold** will present a short informative lecture on J.S. Bach's St John Passion prior to the performance of this work by the Kentucky Bach Choir. Dr. Arnold's pre-concert lecture will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, 171 Market St., Lexington, KY.

The 7:30 pm concert of St John Passion will feature Robert Petillo in the role of the Evangelist, along with Conor Angell and Marie-France Duclos, past winners of the Kentucky Bach Choir Vocal Competition, as well as UK alumnus Christopher Baker.

# Members in the News

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## Former Lexington AGO member passed away

**Robert Weaver**, a member of the Lexington chapter since 1972, passed away Monday, February 16, 2015 at his residence in Pennsylvania.

After teaching in several colleges, he was hired, in 1972, by Centre College and remained there until 2001. In addition to teaching, he accompanied numerous choral works and served on a number of faculty committees. In 1999 he was made an honorary member of the College Alumni Association. At the end of his service he was named professor emeritus.

He taught music history and theory, piano, and a freshman humanities course which he helped write. He authored and compiled three books and several articles on a 16th century Antwerp composer. He also served as the chairman of the South Central Chapter of the American Musicological Society and hosted several chapter meetings. He was also a member of the American Musicological Society and other societies, including the Mennonite Historical Society.

In Danville he attended the college church (Presbyterian Church, USA) where he was ordained as an elder and served on a number of committees (including the worship committee), and sang in the choir. For several years he was the organist. Since returning to Pennsylvania he has been a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church (USA), Lancaster, where he served as a deacon, a member of the Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Committee, and the choir. For some years as deacon, he chaired the Market Share Committee, "People Feeding People".

A full obituary can be found at: <http://www.obitsforlife.com/obituary/1055739/Weaver-Robert.php>

## New Lexington Chapter Member Maureen Howell

Maureen Howell joins the Lexington chapter from Charlotte, NC, as she and husband Warren recently moved to Lexington for Warren's new role as Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church. Maureen has served as an organist in four states over the past 30 yrs. and is available as a substitute. Please see the website, [www.agolexington.org](http://www.agolexington.org) for the complete substitute list, and be sure to welcome this couple to their new home!



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