



Principal Pipings

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Greetings from the dean

Hello AGO Friends,

It's hard to believe another AGO year is in the books. We've had some great programs with lots of variety, from learning about Finale software to hearing some of the finest organ and choral talent available. It will be a hard act to follow, but your executive committee believes that we have done it with our line-up of programming for 2015-16. We're still arranging some of the locations and dates, but here's what we have planned thus far:

Saturday, September 26 – Potluck Picnic and Music Sale at historic Walnut Hill Church in rural Fayette County

Friday, October 23 – Concert by Brazilian organist **Marcello Giannini** - location TBD

Friday, November 6 – Concert by **Jonathan Rudy**, winner of the First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2014 AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance – First Presbyterian Church, Lexington (co-sponsored by FPC as part of their Music for Missions concert series)

January – we're still working this one out, but I can tell you that if it comes together it will be a great choral/organ workshop activity and social event

February – anticipating another Snowmagedden, this program's going to be an easily rescheduled social activity, with a surprise twist—you'll have to come in order to find out what we have in store for you but we can definitely tell you that it will be fun!

March (early, in order not to coincide with Easter!) – a member recital, location TBD

April – POE Prep and social event, location TBD

May 21-22 – Workshop and Hymn Festival with massed choir, led by **David Cherwien** – location TBD (co-sponsored by Louisville AGO)

June – Dinner and Officer Installation Service, location TBD

July – Pipe Organ Encounter!

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Upcoming Calendar

Dean's Message (cont'd)

Complete details about all these programs will be sent in your August newsletter. You can also check the chapter's website (www.agolexington.org) or our brand-new Facebook page for information as it becomes available.

We are so excited to have been chosen to host a 2016 Pipe Organ Encounter! You'll be hearing lots about this in the upcoming months. Please read POE Director **Zach Klobnak's** letter elsewhere in this newsletter and be thinking about how you'd like to help with this important event for young organists. As with our Regional Convention in 2011, there will be places for everyone to be involved, and we want everyone to be involved. If you ask anyone who has attended one, he or she will tell you that a POE can be a life-changing experience for a teen. Who wouldn't want to be a part of something like that!

I hope you'll have plenty of opportunities this summer for relaxation and renewal. Several of you have told me that you're planning to attend the Regional Convention in Indianapolis in July, so I will see you there. If you attend other organ-related summer workshops and would like to do a short write-up about them for our August newsletter, please let **Scott Heydinger**, our editor, know.

I'd like to thank our executive committee members for all their hard work this year on behalf of the membership. We're looking forward to another great year, and I hope you'll be a large part of it!

Have a great summer,

Jane

District Convener for Kentucky

Congratulations to our own **Glenna Metcalfe** who has been appointed as the new District Convener for Kentucky! Glenna succeeds Amy Roth from Louisville, who served the maximum two terms as District Convener. District Conveners are responsible for the development of AGO's interests in their state and also assist the Regional Councillor in the work of the Region.

Like Us on Facebook!

Thanks to our Social Media Chair **Lynn Vera**, Lexington AGO now has our own Facebook page. Like "AGO Lexington KY" to be plugged in to notices of chapter events, member news, and links to other organ-related items that will interest you. Check it out now, and tell your friends to "like" us too—help spread the word about our chapter and our events. Thanks for your work on this important outreach effort for our chapter, Lynn!

Member News

He Passed! U.K. Organ Major Mark DeAlba Graduates

We salute **Mark DeAlba** who is graduating from U.K. in May with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance in the studio of **Dr. Schuyler Robinson**. Previous to his university years, he was a graduate of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, Lexington, and studied organ under **Clif Cason** and **John Linker**. He also attended a POE at Indiana University in 2010 and received a membership scholarship from our chapter recently as well. Mark has served as organist at Central Baptist Church in Lexington since 2012, and was previously organist at Stanford Christian Church. Mark holds the Service Playing Certificate from the American Guild of Organists. Mark's future plans will include graduate studies in music and organ performance. We wish him well in his promising career.

Submitted by Dr. Schuyler Robinson



Mark DeAlba

The Votes are In!

Thank you to all our members who voted in the recent election for member at large (2015-2018). We are happy to announce that **James Humlong** has been unanimously elected to the position and will serve on the executive committee in this important role. Congratulations also to James upon his graduation this weekend from UK with a doctorate in Pharmacy! James plans to look for work in the area as a pharmacist and will also continue in his organist position at Southern Hills United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Upcoming Calendar

FRI / 5.8.15

7.30p

Yun Kim, Organ Recital

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

**Monteverdi and More with Musick's Company
of the Center for Old Music**

Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 5.10.15

4.15p

Larry Sharp, Organ Recital

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

SUN / 5.24.15

3.00p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**KY Baroque Ensemble: Elizabeth Packard Arnold,
soprano; Dieter Hennings, lute; William Averill, organ
Evensong with the Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

SUN / 5.24.15

4.15p

Rob Williamson, Organ Recital

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

SAT / 5.30.15

7.00p

**Universitatis Schola Cantorum
The English Madrigal: An exploration of English Song**

Historic St. Paul Catholic Church, Lexington

SUN / 5.31.15

4.15p

John Wigal, Organ Recital

Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

SUN / 5.31.15

5.30p

**Choral Evensong directed by William Webber,
Organist/Choirmaster, and Potluck**

St. John's Episcopal, Versailles

July 12-15, 2015

Great Lakes Regional Convention

Indianapolis, IN

July, 2016

Pipe Organ Encounter

Lexington

Chapter Events

Center for Old Music “Monteverdi and More”

Selections from Monteverdi’s final opera Marriage of Poppea; madrigals, psalm settings and instrumental works from earliest Monteverdi to Handel, including Huwet, Rossi, Frescobaldi, Simpson, Purcell. Baroque choral and instrumental ensemble with special guest Bob Reynierson (Gainesville) on theorbo. Directed by Loren Tice, vocal, and Malissa Sullivan, instrumental. Friday, May 8, 7:30 pm.

Evensong to be held at St. John’s Episcopal, Versailles

The Music at St. John’s Concert Series announces that The Parish Choir of St. John’s will be leading a choral evensong on Sunday, May 31, at 5:30pm, under the direction of **William Webber**, Organist/Choirmaster. A POTLUCK DINNER WILL FOLLOW IN THE HOSEA HALL.

Included will be musical settings by Orlando Gibbons, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and B.C. Pulkingham. The Psalm will be sung using the double chant in Ab by George Mursell Garrett from The Anglican Chant Psalter. All are welcome.

Submitted by Lexington AGO Member William Webber

Pay Your Dues Now Using Oncard

By now you should have received your dues notice via email or snail mail. If you paid dues last summer for 2014-15, your renewal will take you through July 1, 2016. Thank you if you’ve already renewed! If you’re waiting, we hope that you’ll go ahead and renew now. Renewing early ensures that your chapter receives our portion of your dues early, too, so we can turn around and use those funds for our 2015-16 programming. Remember that we have a “Chapter Friends” category—for only \$25, anyone may become a Friend of the Lexington AGO so if you know of someone who likes the organ tell them about how they can support our chapter! Let’s make 2015-16 the year we top 100 members—we can do it with your help!

Newsletter on Hiatus Until August

It’s been my privilege to serve as your Lexington AGO newsletter editor again throughout this prolific season. Customarily our newsletter is published ten times per year, and is not published during June or July. Please continue to send me event notices as you form your plans and we can get them on the website and Facebook page. Finally and importantly, thanks VERY MUCH to our sponsors for helping to make this year possible!

Scott Heydinger, sheydinger@yahoo.com

Pipe Organ Encounter 2016

Lexington Bid for POE in 2016 Accepted by National

Dear AGO Colleagues,

Happy Spring to each of you!

I am excited to announce that we will host a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) in Lexington in July 2016. As you know, we put forth an application for the POE earlier this spring and the National Council accepted us as a host site for next summer. I am eager to welcome a group of young keyboard players to Lexington, and I'm excited to watch them revel in the majesty of the pipe organ. After all, Lexington has many fantastic instruments to showcase!

I am also very much looking forward to working with many of you on this project over the next several months. The Lexington chapter is no stranger to large-scale AGO projects. (I've heard many great stories of your highly successful regional convention a few years ago!) Let's make this one of the best POEs on record and provide these students with an experience they will treasure for many years. For now, I hope you will consider these two questions as we begin our early stages of planning our big week:

1) How will I support this endeavor? In the very near future, we will put together our 8-person POE committee.

However, the volunteer needs won't stop there. Think about what gifts you have that will help us provide a great experience. (As a teaser, we'll need folks to help schedule facilities, be liaisons with guest faculty, chaperone field trips, transport students to various churches, provide hospitality, design publicity, etc. The list goes on!) I hope you will join us.

2) Who will I invite to Lexington?

Spend some time in the next few months thinking about the high school musicians that you know. Perhaps you teach a talented high school pianist who would love to be introduced to the pipe organ. Maybe you know of a young organist that could benefit from an intensive week-long POE experience. I hope you will spread the word.

POEs have long been credited as one of the AGO's most important initiatives in attracting young organists. Long-time Lexington AGO chapter member, **John Linker**, attended four POEs as a young musician, and he writes, "While POE camps maybe didn't dictate my future as an organist (I was already headed in that direction), it did provide me with amazing opportunities that continue to guide me to this day. --continued

Miscellaneous News

POE Acceptance (cont'd)

I'm very much in favor of local chapters organizing and executing POE camps throughout the country. You never know whose life you'll affect for the good!"

You will hear more from us in the months ahead, but feel free to contact me anytime with questions: zachary.klobnak@centre.edu or 641.891.1666.

Get excited! This will be fun!

Zach Klobnak

Lexington POE Director (July 2016)

Ashland Terrace Needs a New Piano

We have learned that our beautiful piano, donated by a former resident, is in need of significant repairs. Therefore, we're looking for a piano to replace it. Please contact us if you know of anyone interested in donating a piano in good condition to a loving home.

Ashland Terrace is a retirement home just off Euclid on S. Ashland for 30 ladies of an average age of 83. It's a charitable foundation. They are looking for a piano and it struck me that AGO members might well know of people-- among their students and choir members perhaps-- trading up or trying to find a home for a piano. The Home hosts concerts several times a month, welcoming many community members to play and sing across a range of musical genres.

-- Submitted by Kelly Webber, Executive Director, kelly@ashlandterrace.org

News from AGO National

NEW YORK CITY — The American Guild of Organists (AGO) presented its twelfth annual Endowment Fund Distinguished Artist Award Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring Cherry Rhodes and Ladd Thomas on Friday, April 17, at the First United Methodist Church of Glendale, Calif., where Dr. Thomas has served as organist for 55 years. An audience of more than 500 colleagues, students, friends, and loved ones came together to celebrate the lifetime achievements of this dynamic musical couple.

The Gala was sponsored by the AGO National Council and its Development Committee in cooperation with the First United Methodist Church of Glendale. The event raised approximately \$60,000 to be invested in the AGO Endowment Fund in the couple's honor. Annual earnings from the Endowment support the educational activities of the Guild.



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