

Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

Dear LexAGO Members and Friends:

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over! I hope each of you has had a chance to slow down, rejuvenate, and enjoy your travels and leisure pursuits.

Speaking of traveling, I know several of our members were fortunate enough to attend one of this summer's AGO Regional Conventions. We'll be looking forward to upcoming pictures and reports from **Robert Whitaker**, who attended the Youngstown, OH, Convention, and **Tina Wagoner**, from Richmond, VA. I will report later of my time in Montreal.

Be sure to join everyone for our AGO "Night Out" on Friday, August 25, at 6:30 pm, at Puccini's Smiling Teeth, Chevy Chase Place on High Street. This is a fun and informal way to get caught up with your AGO Friends over dinner. Details will be found inside this Newsletter.

Also in this issue, you will find a listing of our upcoming 2017-18 AGO Program Year. We have ten exciting programs, scheduled over ten months, in three Central Kentucky cities. The highlight of our year will be our January Jubilee, scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018. It's not too early to be thinking how you can contribute to help make the Jubilee a success! You may choose to volunteer your time, make a financial contribution, or invite a non-AGO church musician to attend. Your guest will be exposed to all the LexAGO has to offer! Next month's newsletter will contain more information.

And, finally, here's a friendly reminder to take a moment to renew your AGO membership by paying your dues! The Yearbook Committee is already at work, updating each member's listing. If your membership cycle was up for renewal in June, July or August, your dues must be paid by the end of this month for your name to be included in the 2017-18 Chapter Yearbook. Please send me any corrections or updates to your listing right away. Remember, the DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31, so don't be left out. The Yearbook will be incomplete without YOU!

As always, feel free to be in touch with me anytime I may be of service to you. I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone at our August 25th "Night Out!"

Larry Sharp

Upcoming Events

SUN / 8.20.17 "Eine Kleine Bavreuther Festspiele" 4.00p The Music of Richard Wagner, Owen Sammons, organ St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY FRI / 8.25.17 **AGO Night Out** Puccini's Smiling Teeth, Chevy Chase at Hight St. 6.30p LexAGO Sponsored Event Lexington, KY FRI / 8.25.17 Julia Zhu Playing the John Courter Carillon Draper Quadrangle, Berea College, Berea, KY 7.30p TUE / 9.5.17 Tina Wagoner, organ Asbury University, Wilmore, KY 12.05p WED / 9.6.17 Complete Chorale Preludes of J. Brahms, Op. 122 Tina Wagoner, organ 7.00p St. Catherine's Church, New Haven, KY FRI / 9.8.17 **Geert D'Hollander Playing the John Courter Carillon** 7.30p Draper Quadrangle, Berea College, Berea, KY TUF / 9.12.17 **Nevalyn Moore, organ** 12.20p Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY FRI / 9.22.17 **Javier Clavere Playing the John Courter Carillon** Draper Quadrangle, Berea College, Berea, KY 7.30p SAT / 9.30.17 **Contemporary Organ Repertoire, Dr. Brenda Portman** Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY 9.30a Gather 10.00a Workshop

AGO Night Out

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Summer will soon end, and the fall school and choir season will be upon us. Come out and join your LexAGO friends and colleagues for an AGO "Night Out." We'll meet once again and enjoy dinner at Puccini's Smiling Teeth, Chevy Chase Place on High Street, at 6:30 pm, on Friday, August 25.

Joining us this evening will be returning LexAGO member **John Webb** of Cincinnati (formerly from Berea). John is now our Great Lakes Regional Coordinator for Professional Concerns. He will speak on the AGO's recent FTC agreement and answer questions about the AGO's salary guidelines.

Chapter News

Dues Renewal: PAY YOUR DUES!

As all longtime AGO Members know, summer is the season for AGO dues renewal. Most of us are still part of the old July 1 dues cycle, but not everyone. If your dues are up for renewal on or before August 1, then you MUST pay by the August 31 deadline, in order for your name to be included in the 2017-18 Chapter Yearbook. Anyone missing the deadline must wait for the Yearbook Addendum, scheduled for next March. PLEASE DON'T BE LEFT OUT! The Yearbook will be incomplete without YOU!

As everyone knows, you may pay your dues with a credit card online at www.agohq.org, or by calling National Headquarters at (212) 870-2310.

You may mail your check to AGO Headquarters, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite #1260, New York, NY 10115. Please include a printout of your dues statement.

If all else fails, please send your check to Treasurer **James Humlong**, 124 Greenwing Ct., Georgetown, KY 40324. Please note James's NEW email address: james.humlong@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Chapter Yearbooks

Your Chapter Officers and Yearbook Editor **Brian Hunt** are already in the process of gathering and updating information for our 2017-18 LexAGO Chapter Yearbook.

August 31 is the DEADLINE for members to pay their dues and be included in the Yearbook. Please don't be left out!

Additionally, if you have corrections or updates from last year's edition, NOW would be the time to pass that information along to Dean **Larry Sharp** or Treasurer **James Humlong**.

Yearbook ads are now being submitted, under a September 1 deadline. All LexAGO Members are eligible to submit \$10 business card ads for the Yearbook. Other ad sizes are also available, so please consider promoting your church, school or studio. Please contact Larry for additional information.

2017-18 LexAGO Program Year

Your LexAGO Executive Committee is pleased to announce the lineup for the upcoming 2017-18 Program Year. Full details, plus any updates, will be published in the September Newsletter.

SAT / 9.30.17 9.30a Gather 10.00a Workshop	Contemporary Organ Repertoire, Dr. Brenda Portman Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
FRI / 10.27.17 7.30p	500th Anniversary Reformation Concert The Presbyterian Church, Danville, KY
SAT / 11.18.17 9.30a Gather 10.00a Workshop	Meet the Composer: The Music of John S. Dixon Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY
SUN / 12.10.17 2.00p	Third Annual "Christmas Pipes Concert" Proceeds to benefit the 2018 January Jubilee Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY
SAT / 1.27.18 8.00-4.00	2018 AGO Great Lakes Region 2018 January Jubilee Site TBA
TUE / 2.13.18 6.30p	Mardi Gras Dinner and Jubilee Wrap-up (RSVP required) Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY
FRI / 3.2.18 7.30p	"1718: Bach at 33", Mark Mummert, organist Faith Lutheran Church, Lexington, KY
SAT / 4.14.18 9.30a Gather 10.00a Workshop	Organ Improvisation Workshop, Owen Sammons St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY
SAT / 5.19.18 11.45a	Chapter Lunch and New Officer Installation (RSVP required) Dudley's on Short St., Lexington, KY
FRI / 6.15.18 7.30p	Katelyn Emerson Recital Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

Executive Committee

Your 2017-2018 LexAGO Executive Committe

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Newsletter Ads

The advertisements for this newsletter are usually arranged in the first or second month of the new chapter year. Therefore, this issue contains the advertisements for the 2016-2017 year. We look forward to running ads for the 2017-2018 year soon. To place your ad, contact Dean **Larry Sharp**.

January Jubilee

2018 January Jubilee

During the summer break, your 2018 January Jubilee Planning Committee has been hard at work, making plans for Lexington's upcoming Jubilee, to be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 8:00 to 4:00. Be watching next month's newsletter for announcements and updates concerning the Jubilee!

The Planning Committee includes:

Larry Sharp, Jubilee Director
James Humlong, Jubilee Treasurer
Jane Johnson, Program Coordinator
Tina Wagoner, Facilities Coordinator
Scott Heydinger, Publicity Coordinator
Don Seevers, Secretary/Registrar
Angela Hurley, Hospitality Coordinator
Glenna Metcalfe, Mentoring Coordinator
Mark DeAlba, Jubilee Photographer
Ted Gentry, Music Display Liaison

Be sure to thank these individuals for their efforts and service to our Chapter!



For Fun

Summer Trivia Contest

Congratulations to **Dr. Paul Barte** for his correct response to May's Trivia Contest! In case you need reminding, Paul knew why the Soundtrack of the 1995 film "Babe" was of particular interest to organists in the audience. It featured the score of Saint-Saens' famous Organ Symphony. For his efforts, Paul will soon receive a prize.

Now for our Summer Trivia Question: Be the first to respond, and you, too, will win a prize!

Looking at the Summer Talent Show Photo on page 11, who IS the "Phantom of the Opera?" Be the FIRST to contact Larry with the name of this Mystery LexAGO Member. Remember, you can't win if you don't play! GOOD LUCK!

Bad Music Joke of the Month

Q: What do you get when you play country music backwards?

A: You get back your wife, your dog, and your truck!

Submit your "Bad Musical Jokes" to Newsletter Editor **Scott Heydinger** or Dean **Larry Sharp**.

Welcome, New Members

The LexAGO welcomes two new members:

Thomas Magee John T. Webb, SPC

Indianapolis, IN Cincinnati, OH tom@classicorgans.net J_tw@live.com

URGENT! Overnight Guest Rooms Needed

Once again, with the start of a new AGO Program Year, comes the occasional need for guest accommodations in our members' homes. Lexington is known for its hospitality, so if you have an unused guest room you could share with one of our AGO guests, please be in touch with Dean Larry Sharp right away! Specifically, we will need rooms for a single night's stay during the months of September and January, prior to the Jubilee. We thank you in advance for this valuable service to our Chapter!

Organ Repairs

Campbellsville University's Organ Repairs

Farrand and Votey Gets New Leather

Early this year, Campbellsville University embarked on re-leathering the windchests in its 51-rank enlarged Farrand and Votey organ in Ransdell Chapel. The present leather was installed several decades ago when the organ was located in Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville and records indicate that the time for re-leathering has been approaching. The work is being undertaken by Milnar Organ Company in Eagleville, Tennessee, service technicians for the instrument for the past three decades.

The project was prompted by numerous ciphers which began sounding in Fall 2016. Careful inspection by Milnar revealed that small holes were developing in pouches serving windchests in the Swell and Choir. The process for re-leathering began in the Swell division. The first of two main windchests

in the Swell was dismantled in late February and taken to Milnar's shop for repair and new leather on the pouches. The task was completed by mid-March, at which time the windchest was returned and reinstalled. The second main windchest in the Swell was then removed and taken to the shop for the same procedure. It was completed in May, at which time this windchest was reinstalled in the organ. The leather chosen for the task was pneumatic leather (fine grained tan Havana hair sheep). The university was able to underwrite the expense for this portion of the project.



Todd Milnar examing the spring and pouch for a Sub Bourdon 32

Around the same time as the reinstallation of the Swell pouch-

es an estate gift became available which made possible similar work on the pouches in the Choir. These windchests were dismantled and picked up in May when the second windchest in the Swell was reinstalled. They are presently being re-leathered. It is anticipated that work on the Choir's windchests will be completed and reinstalled in the organ in time for Fall Semester by the end of August.

Along with this project, the large springs governing the pouches for the 32 SubBourdon were replaced in May. Future plans are to re-leather windchests in the Great and Pedals as soon as funding becomes available. At the present time these divisions are functioning without significant problems.

Wesley Roberts

Campbellsville University

Mail

A Note From AGO HQ

Dear Dr. Sharp,

Thank you for your chapter's contribution to the AGO. Your chapter's generous gift of \$100 to the Annual Fund was recorded on August 1, 2017. Our donor list will be published in the December issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine.

The American Guild of Organists fosters a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and share passion for the organ. Your generous contribution helps to support this mission through educational programs, outreach, and member services that otherwise could never be supported by membership dues alone.

Please extend our thanks to the members of your chapter for this gift. Thank you again for your support of the AGO!

Sincerely yours,

F. Anthony Thurman, DMA

Director of Development and Communications

Free Choir Robes

Hello! Union Church is in the process of purchasing new choir robes and is expecting them in September! With that, we are looking to give away our old robes. There are 52 total (2 cuffed, 50 open sleeved), in various sizes. Unfortunately, the robes are not all the same fabric/color and are slightly mismatched. They aren't too noticeably different, but you can tell up close. Some are also in need of slight repairs. We are also giving away the stoles that go with the robes. They are all the liturgical colors and are reversible. We will gladly donate them to an organization, but we just ask that shipping be paid.

Contact: Gabe Evans, Director of Music Ministries, Union Church, Berea

(859) 986-3725

Out and About



Grant Holcomb and **Jane Johnson** at summer AGO planning session.

"Belly up to the Bar" with Grant and Mark.





Mark DeAlba "aces" theory exam by correctly identifying "Middle C".

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May Variety Show, from L to R, "Phantom of the Opera," Nancy Dunn, Larry Sharp and Anne Willis.

Larry Sharp, standing, Merrilee Elliott, flute, and friends at Walnut Hill wedding





Grant Holcomb and **Lisa Hall** (front) prepare to drive **Ben Gillig** (back) to this summer's POE



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3:30pm Concerts

4:00pm Evensongs with Cathedral Choirs





Friday, December 2

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's Messiah with the Cathedral Choir For ticket reservations visit www.ccclex.org/messiah



Sunday, December 18

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten Roseanna Shafer, harp and the Cathedral Girls Choir



Palm Sunday, April 9

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of Men and Boys

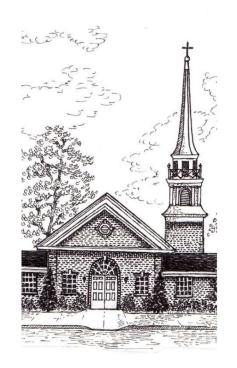


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> Dr. Wayne Gebb Music Director

Dr. Larry Sharp Organist

Sunday October 0	Merrilee Elliott, flute
Sunday, October 9	Mozart, Faure'
Sunday November 6	David Powell, oboe
Sunday, November 6	Telemann, Lynn Trapp
Sunday, November 27	Bailey Yates, violin
Advent I	Rutter, Dandrieu, Bach
Sunday, December 4	Advent Lessons & Carols
Advent II	SCAPA String Ensemble
Saturday, December 24	Premiere of Original Organ
Christmas Eve	Composition by John S. Dixon
Lent, 2017 (TBA)	SCAPA String Ensemble
Sunday April 16	Brass Ensemble with
Easter	Beaumont Choir

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Music & Liturgy at Good Shepherd

9 October 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert - Dr. Schuyler Robinson, followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

6 November 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

All Saints' Concert featuring the Fauré Requiem

18 December 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

17 February 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ Concert - Bruce Neswick

18 February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30

Open choir rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick The choirs of Good Shepherd; St. John's, Versailles; & St. Michael's

19 February 2017

Choir Festival

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist & 5:00 p.m. Festal Choral Evensong under the direction of Bruce Neswick

19 March 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert – Dr. Robert Bozeman, followed by Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

7 May 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Oboe concert by Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni, followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

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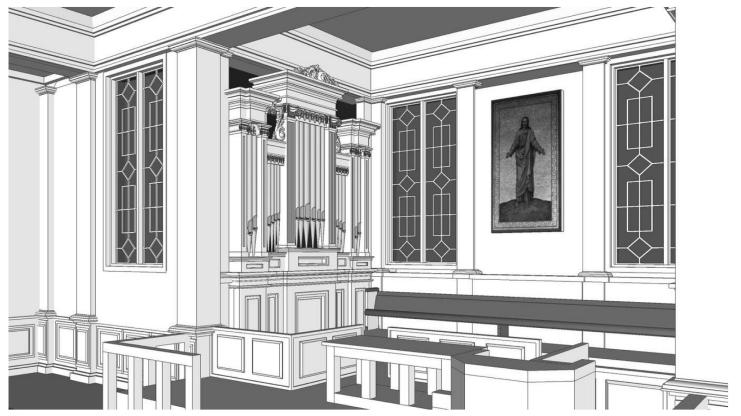
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