



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

There's no escaping it. Everywhere we turn, there are reminders that another busy holiday season is upon us! It seemed like the fall leaves had barely started changing colors by the time Reformation, Halloween and All Saints' Sunday appeared in rapid succession. And November, of course, ushers in the Thanksgiving calm, before we march straight into the December storm of Advent and Christmas!

During this busy fall season, make it a priority to take full advantage of all the AGO has to offer you! You may begin by marking November 18 on your calendars. Composer **John S. Dixon**, of Virginia Beach, VA, will be presenting a workshop, featuring his original compositions and the stories behind them.. John will have music for sale and some to give away, too, so no one will go home empty-handed! Come out and "Meet the Composer!" I believe this to be a first-of-its-kind workshop for our Chapter.

You may also choose to register, participate and volunteer for our upcoming 2018 January Jubilee. Registration is now "open," so reserve your spot with Jubilee Registrar **Don SeEVERS** right away! Full details are enclosed in this Newsletter. Also keep in mind that you can save our Chapter hundreds of dollars by graciously offering an unused guest room in your home to one of our Jubilee workshop presenters or recitalists.

You will also want to support your fellow musicians, colleagues and friends at various musical events scheduled throughout this holiday season. Check the enclosed Calendar of Events so you won't miss anything of importance to you. Be sure to promote our annual "Christmas Pipes" concert at your respective churches. It is scheduled for December 10 at Southern Hills UMC, and, best of all, ALL donations will benefit the 2018 January Jubilee! As you prepare your own music for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas, why not consider performing for the Chapter's Christmas Concert event?!

There is much to be excited about -- and thankful for -- as we enter this busy holiday season. As always, I am grateful for your ongoing friendship and support of our Chapter! I'll look forward to seeing you on November 18.

Wishing you and your families the Happiest of Thanksgivings!

--Larry Sharp

Upcoming Events

TUE / 11.14.17

12.20p

Mark DeAlba, organ

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Campbellsville, KY

SAT / 11.18.17

9.30a Gather

10.00a Workshop

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Meet the Composer: The Music of John S. Dixon

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 11.26.17

5.00p

**The Power of Music: Celebration
Lexington Chamber Chorale**

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

FRI / 12.01.17

7.30p

**George Frederic Handel's Messiah
Emily Albrink, Soprano, Ryland Angel, Countertenor,
Richard Clement, Tenor, Evan Boyer, Bass**

**The Lexington Baroque Ensemble, The Cathedral Choir,
Ericah Balling, Conductor, Kathleen Balling, Associate
Conductor, Joel Pitchon, Concert Master**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.10.17

2.00a

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Third Annual "Christmas Pipes Concert"

Proceeds to benefit the 2018 January Jubilee

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.10.17

6.00p

Blue Christmas with Pleasant Compant

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SAT / 12.16.17

8.00p

**Songs of the Manger
Lexington Chamber Chorale with LexPhil and ECCO**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.17.17

4.30a Prelude

5.00p Lessons & Carols

Prelude and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.17.17

6.30a Prelude

7.00p Lessons & Carols

**Prelude and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
with the Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

Upcoming Events

THU / 12.21.17

12.00p

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Elain Cook, harp, and The Cathedral Girls Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

Calling All Christmas Performers!

December 10 AGO Program at Southern Hills

Dr. James Humlong will be hosting our Third Annual “Christmas Pipes” Concert on Sunday, December 10, from 2:00-3:00, at Southern Hills UMC. If you are interested in performing Advent or Christmas selections for 6-7 minutes, please be in touch with **Larry Sharp** right away! All donations from this event will benefit the Chapter’s upcoming 2018 January Jubilee. Thank you!

November 18 Program with composer John S. Dixon

Plan on attending our Saturday, November 18, program, and meet composer **John S. Dixon** of Virginia Beach. We will gather at 9:30 am for breakfast treats at Crestwood Christian Church, 1882 Bellefonte Drive, followed by the composer’s workshop at 10:00.

John S. Dixon was born in London, England, and was classically trained in piano and organ. He has earned degrees from The Queen’s College, Oxford University, and from the Harvard Business School. His composing has flourished since moving to the U.S. in 1988, with hundreds of church and secular pieces to his credit. John successfully completed his CAGO exam in 2016.

One of John’s goals is to perform his compositions in all fifty states. He will be presenting for us a program of his own compositions, along with the stories behind how they were created. John’s music will be on display for purchase, and he will have pieces to give away. No one will go home empty-handed!

I believe this to be a first-of-its-kind workshop experience for the Lexington AGO, so be sure not to miss it! After the workshop, plan on joining John and other AGO Friends for lunch.

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral



George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30pm

Emily Albrink, Soprano
Ryland Angel, Countertenor
Richard Clement, Tenor
Evan Boyer, Bass



The Lexington Baroque Ensemble
The Cathedral Choir
Erich Balling, Conductor
Kathleen Balling, Associate Conductor
Joel Pitchon, Concert Master

*For Ticket Reservations,
visit www.ccclex.org/messiah
or www.lexingtonlyric.com*



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00pm, Preludes at 6:30pm

The Cathedral Choir

We gather this night to tell the greatest story
we know through the beauty of sacred scripture
and song.

Childcare is available.



Please visit www.ccclex.org to view the complete list of events.

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Member News

Member Updates

1. Congratulations to longtime LexAGO Member **Brian Hunt** upon accepting the position of Director of Music Ministry at Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary Parish, Lexington, effective January 8, 2018. Brian formerly served at Mary Queen from 2001-2004. He leaves his present position at Christ the King Cathedral, where he has served as Organist/Assistant Director of Music for the past 13 1/2 years. Best wishes, Brian!
2. **Katie Rudy** of Chicago has accepted the position of Music Director at Zion Lutheran Church, Naperville, IL. She is also a music instructor at Immanuel Lutheran School in Batavia, IL. Katie, along with husband **Jonathan Rudy**, will be participating in our 2018 January Jubilee, serving as our closing recitalists.

It Bears Repeating

1. Overnight guest rooms in members' homes are urgently needed for our upcoming January Jubilee! Please be in touch with **Larry Sharp** if you have an unused guest room in your home for the evening of Friday, January 26. THANK YOU to the LexAGO Members who have already graciously volunteered their hospitality for this evening, saving the Chapter hundreds of dollars!
2. We are offering a new advertising/sponsorship opportunity in our newsletter and on our website. You may now purchase a newsletter/website ad for a SINGLE MONTH. This is an ideal way for churches and individuals to promote a special event AND help support the LexAGO! Please contact **Larry Sharp** or **Scott Heydinger** for additional details.
3. There's no denying that the holidays are fast approaching! During a recent shopping trip to Kroger, I couldn't help but notice that all the seasonal baking goods have been strategically placed for shoppers' convenience! With all our extra holiday cooking, there's no better time to REGISTER YOUR KROGER CARDS with the LexAGO! Simply go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card. Our NPO number is 79661. Thank you!
4. Check it out! If you have not already noticed, Lexington's upcoming January Jubilee was prominently featured in the November TAO, on pages 50-51. THANKS to AGO Executive Assistant **Eric Birk** and TAO Editor **Todd Sisley** for devoting one page of the two-page ad to the LexAGO!

January Jubilee

2018 January Jubilee Update

Registration is now open for our 2018 January Jubilee! Plan now to participate in Lexington's Regional AGO Event on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 8:00-4:00, at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street.

The January Jubilee will offer a full day of inspiration for the part-time church musician, including 8 skill-enhancing workshops, a choral music reading session, a music store display, catered lunch, a message from keynote speaker **Dr. Michael Bedford**, and a closing recital featuring **Jonathan and Katie Rudy**.

All of this for only \$25 !!!

Registration brochures are currently being prepared, but why wait?! You may register NOW by sending your check for \$25 (made to Lexington AGO) to:

2018 January Jubilee
c/o Don Seevers, registrar
4433 Lancaster Court
Lexington, KY 40515

Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address. Thank you!



For Fun

Bad Joke of the Month

In honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, here are TWO bad musical jokes:

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

A: Plymouth Rock

Q: What is the most musical part of the turkey?

A: The Drumsticks

Please submit your “bad jokes” to **Larry Sharp** or **Scott Heydinger**.

November Trivia Contest

Congratulations to our September/October Trivia Contest winner, **Mark DeAlba!** Mark correctly identified five of seven pairs of LexAGO Members who are related to each other. They are:

Spouses

Mother/Son

Mother-in-law/Son-in-law

1. Erich and Kathleen Balling

6. Deborah and Gabe Evans

7. Becky Horine and John Linker

2. Mike and Nancy Dunn

3. Brian and Cathy Hunt

4. Bill and Jane Johnson

5. Jonathan and Katie Rudy

For his winning efforts, Mark will receive one COMPLIMENTARY JUBILEE REGISTRATION (a \$25 prize package)! Our Trivia “runner-up” for October is **Paul Barte**, who reminded us that, if we go far enough back, we’re ALL related somehow! Congratulations, Mark and Paul!

Now, on to our November Trivia question, which should prove to be a bit easier to answer:

Q: What famous Christmas song was originally written for the Thanksgiving holiday (with no connection at all to Christmas)?

Be the **FIRST** to contact **Larry Sharp** with the correct answer, and **WIN** a prize! Remember -- you can't win if you don't play! **GOOD LUCK!**

Out and About



Union Church's 40th Anniversary Celebration of Steiner-Reck Organ: (L to R) recitalists Jon Johnson, Gabe Evans, Dr. Schuyler Robinson, and pastor Kent Gilbert



AGO Flashback: LexAGO Member Mark DeAlba with Concert Artist Jean-Baptiste Robin, Cincinnati, May 2011



Left to right, Jon Johnson, Gabe Evans and Dr. Schuyler Robinson at Union Church's Steiner-Reck 40th Anniversary Celebration



AGO Flashforward: LexAGO Member Mark DeAlba with Concert Artist Jean-Baptiste Robin, Cincinnati, October 2017

Out and About

October Reformation Program in Danville

The Lexington AGO marked the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with an organ recital by **Dr. Zach Klobnak**, featuring music connected to Martin Luther and the Reformation. Many thanks to Zach for his efforts and preparations to help commemorate this historic event!

The recital was held on Friday evening, October 27, at The Presbyterian Church of Danville, where Zach holds the positions of Music Director and Organist. A program featuring works by Bach, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Mendelssohn and Jan Zwart was performed on the sanctuary's Taylor & Boody pipe organ. Selections by composer Rachel Laurin were played in memory of Chapter Friend **Helen Reed**. Everyone was invited to join in singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Following the recital, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.



Zach Klobnak takes a bow by Danville's Taylor & Boody organ



GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral

2017-2018



Evensongs

3:30pm Concerts

4:00pm Evensongs with Cathedral Choirs

October 1

February 25

November 5

April 15

January 21

May 20

Friday, December 1

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*
with the Cathedral Choir

For ticket reservations visit

www.ccclex.org/messiah



Sunday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 21

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



Palm Sunday, March 25

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



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2017 - 2018

10 September

5:00 Festal Choral Evensong Sung
by the choir of St. John's
Cathedral, Knoxville, Tennessee

8 October

4:30 Concert - Michael Unger,
Organ Professor, Cincinnati
Conservatory of Music
5:00 Festal Choral Evensong

5 November

5:00 All Saints' Concert
Featuring the Duruflé *Requiem*
Zachary Klobnak, Organist

17 December

4:30 Prelude
5:00 A Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

26 January

7:00 Organ Concert - Jon Johnson,
Director of Music and Organist
The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

11 February

4:30 Concert - Dr. Michael Boney,
Canon for Music, Christ Church
Cathedral, Indianapolis
5:00 Evensong for Epiphany Last

11 March

4:30 Concert
Simon Thomas Jacobs,
Concert Artist, Nashville
5:00 Evensong for Laetare Sunday

22 April

4:30 Concert -
Christopher Reynolds, St. Paul's
Episcopal, Richmond, VA
5:00 Evensong for Good Shepherd
Sunday

20 May

4:30 Concert
5:00 Evensong for Pentecost

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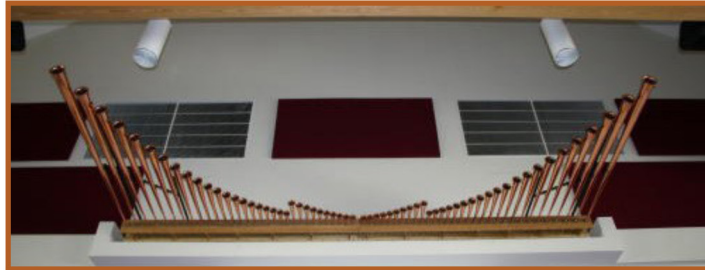


- 10.6.2017** **The Oberlin Baroque Ensemble**
3.2.2018 **Mark Mummert, organist** *"Bach in 1718"*
4.12.2018 **Richard Stoltzman, clarinet,**
Peter John Stoltzman, piano *"Bernstein at 100"*
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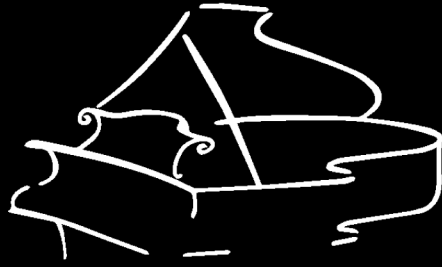
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