

Principal Pipings

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Dean's Message

Hello!

I hope you've had a relaxing summer, are ready for fall rehearsals, and excited to get back into the groove of things! I'm certainly excited about the lineup of concerts, workshops, and social events we have planned for this year, and I hope you will be too. Our program year wrapped up in May with a fun two-day event with David Lamb, and his recital on Friday night was not one to be missed!

Our first event this year will take place at Asbury University with hosts Mark Schell and Vicki Bell. We will do an "organ crawl" (don't worry, you don't actually have to crawl) of the University, and possibly the Seminary depending on campus schedules and availability. Come join us and hear and see these marvelous instruments up close, and afterward we will grab a bite to eat somewhere nearby.

You'll see more about it later in the newsletter, but please remember to renew your dues as soon as possible if they have expired over the summer. The deadline to be included in the yearbook will be September 1. Please don't miss out on this! If you have any questions about how to renew through OnCard on the AGOHQ website, please don't hesitate to email, call, or text me and I would be happy to help. Also, if you or your church or business would like to purchase an ad, please don't delay! This is how we pay for the yearbook in order to provide it to the membership free of charge.

If there is anything you need throughout the year, please know that I'm always available by email, phone, or text, and my information is available in your yearbook. Thank you again for your continued support of the Lexington AGO, and I hope to see you at one of our events this year!

James

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Upcoming Events

- 08.16.19 **Joint Recital – Violinist Amy Britton and Organist John Martin**
7:00pm Benefit for SIMON house in Frankfort
Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, Frankfort, KY
- 09.06.19 **Musicians from Good Shepherd Parish with Special Guest Gospel Keyboard Artist Charles F. Little, Jr.**
7:00pm Benefit for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, Frankfort, KY
- 09.10.19 **James Sperry, Organ**
12:20pm Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY
- 09.14.19 **Asbury University Organ Crawl – Chapter Sponsored Event**
10:00am Asbury University, Wilmore, KY
- 09.20.19 **The Darville String Duo**
7:00pm Benefit for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, Frankfort, KY

For inclusion in the newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact James Humlong at james.humlong@gmail.com. Due to space limitations, events will be listed for the current and following months. You can find events beyond that timeframe on our website, www.agolexington.org.

COMING SOON TO A THEATRE (ORGAN) NEAR YOU:

The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and the Kentucky Theater are proud to present Detroit theatre organist John Lauter in concert for a Silent Film Gala at the Kentucky Theater on Sunday, October 6 at 7:00pm. The program will consist of a short recital, followed by an old-fashioned sing-along, and culminating in the silent film comedy "Steamboat Bill Jr.", starring Buster Keaton.



Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered through the Kentucky Theater box office, and proceeds will benefit the restoration of the original historic Wurlitzer pipe organ. If you attended this fun event last year, you know it is not to be missed – invite a friend this year!

2019-2020 Program Year

Sept. 14,
2019
10:00am

Asbury University Organ Crawl

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

David Enlow Recital

Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Oct. 11,
2019
7:30pm

Oct. 12,
2019
9:30am

"Choral Accompaniment" Workshop with David Enlow

Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Member Recital and Dessert Reception

Tates Creek Christian Church, Lexington, KY

Nov. 15,
2019
7:00pm

Dec. 8,
2020
2:00pm

Fifth Annual Christmas Pipes Recital Fundraiser

Walnut Hill Church, Lexington, KY

Potluck Dinner, Presentation on Music Library Software with Tina Wagoner

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

Jan.
2020

Mar. 13,
2020
7:30pm

Paul Barte Recital

Maxwell Street Presbyterian, Lexington, KY

Paul Barte Masterclass

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

Mar. 14,
2020
9:30am

April 25,
2020
9:30am

"Harpsichord Use in Sacred Context", Jack Ashworth, "Organ Plus" music for organ and solo instruments

Southern Hills United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Officer Installation Luncheon

Location TBD

May 9,
2020
12:00pm

Chapter News

Dues Renewal Process

Please submit your dues no later than September 1 so we can include you in our 2019-2020 Yearbook!



A group from Lexington at Montreat this summer, including chapter members Maureen Howell, Grant Holcomb, Marlon Hurst, and Michael Rintamaa

Please don't forget to renew your dues if your dues cycle ends in the summer. There are four ways to renew your dues:

1. The easiest way to renew your dues is through OnCard on the National AGO website (www.agohq.org), and follow the prompts to pay by credit card.
2. You can also call National at (212) 870-2310. Molly and Leah that work in the office are both very helpful and will guide you through the process if you need help.
3. A third way to pay is by filling out your information on the National AGO website and printing an invoice, allowing you to pay by check. This can be mailed to AGO Headquarters, 475 Riverside Dr, Suite #1260, New York, NY 10115.
4. Finally, if you are unable to do either of these, please submit your check to Treasurer Anna Pan. Please include any updates to your contact information or church.

Save the date!

Trumpet and Organ Concert with Schuyler Robinson and Vince DiMartino

Trinity Episcopal Church

Danville, KY

Sunday, October 13, 4:00pm



Chapter Member and Chaplain Betsy Steiner at her 90th birthday celebration on July 27. Happy Birthday to Betsy! Betsy is the long-time co-chaplain of the chapter and a former Dean. She still maintains an active lifestyle as an ordained Presbyterian minister, as well as organist at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Cynthiana.

Chapter News

Advertisements

Yearbook Information

Advertisements, outside of dues, are the main source of income for our chapter to pay for our program year, yearbooks, and other items that come up unexpectedly. Larry Sharp has done an excellent job of running our advertisements for the last few years. We will again be offering business card sized ads for the yearbook for \$10 for all LexAGO members, so consider promoting your church, business, or even just a personal message for the AGO. As always, other sizes of advertisements are also available for both the newsletter and the yearbook, so please contact Larry Sharp for more details. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The first person to submit a business card ad to Larry gets it for free!

As was the case last year, we still offer monthly ads to be purchased. In the past, you could list your non-AGO events on the calendar on the website, and still can by contacting Scott Heydinger. We also give the option of buying monthly advertisements to include in the newsletter and website instead of having to buy an entire year if you or your church is hosting a special event you want the AGO to know about. This is \$30 for the first month, and \$20 for each month the same ad runs past the initial advertisement, such as the advertisement that Christ Church Cathedral placed on page 3 of the newsletters last year. If you have any questions, please contact James or Larry for more information.

The yearbook is well underway! After many years of doing the yearbook, Brian Hunt has decided to take a break. Thanks for all you've done for the chapter, Brian! If you have had any changes in your contact information, degrees, church, or anything else that needs to be corrected from last year's yearbook, or would like to volunteer to help with the yearbook, please contact James Humlong as soon as possible so we can get the yearbook together in a timely fashion.



Chapter member Grant Holcomb with concert organist John Ferguson at First Presbyterian, Asheville, NC this summer

Chapter News

Summer Fun

Grant Holcomb, one of our Young Organist members, was able to have an exciting summer as the Music Intern and Assistant at Montreat Conference Center, and he has submitted an article telling about his time there. This was a great opportunity for him. Congratulations to Grant!

I am privileged to have spent this summer (May 26-August 4) living and working in North Carolina at Montreat Conference Center, as the full-time Summer Music Intern/Assistant. For those of you who aren't familiar, Montreat is a Presbyterian-affiliated conference center just outside of Asheville, NC. Over the summer, the Conference Center hosts numerous conferences, one of which is the Presbyterian Association of Musicians "Worship and Music" conferences, which were especially inspiring (during which I also saw lots of familiar faces). Each conference concludes with a high-caliber Sunday morning worship service. These services are enriched with esteemed preachers that the conference center brings in from all over the country.

The organ at Montreat is a large 3-manual digital organ built by the Walker Technical Company. It has Aeolian-Skinner digitally reproduced sounds. There are speakers on either end of the room and the entire organ can be played from the front, rear, or both sets of speakers at any given time. It also has a floating solo division that can be played from any of the manuals or pedal.

The position I hold at Montreat is a new position that is only in its second year. My supervisor, Eric Wall, is the Conference Center Musician. Many of you may remember Eric, as he did a hymn festival and AGO workshop in Lexington a handful of years ago. Eric, for many years, was the musician at First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC, but has recently relocated to teach at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas.

Though I shadow Eric in most every aspect of his work here at Montreat, a large part of my experience is studying organ and conducting. We share a pretty even split of service playing and conducting duties for the Sunday services. We work through organ repertoire, choral accompaniments at the organ, choral conducting, and intensely study hymn-playing. One of Eric's main areas of research and expertise is invigorating congregational singing through creative hymn-playing. He is well-known for his work with hymn festivals.

During PAM's "Worship and Music" conferences, I served as the musician for their morning prayer services. Counting both Sunday services and the morning prayer services, I played a total of 13 services in 14 days! I had the privilege of splitting a concert program on July 6th with Eric Wall and Abby Temple (Undergraduate Trumpet Performance major at the University of Kentucky, but calls Hickory, NC home!). I also had the privilege of attending a hymn festival presented by John Ferguson (retired Professor of Organ and Church Music at St. Olaf College), while he was in town for Lutheridge's (a similar conference center, though Lutheran-affiliated) music week. The hymn festival was at First Presbyterian, Asheville, where John played the stunning 2014, 59 rank, Holtkamp pipe organ.

It has been a wonderful experience here, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Lexington!

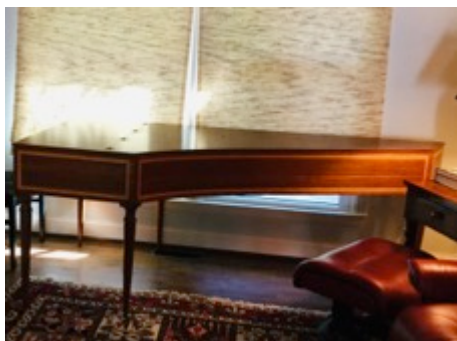
-submitted by Grant Holcomb

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Classifieds

Around the Chapter

For sale: Local musicians from the Lexington Chamber Orchestra are moving to Oxford, UK, and must sell this single 8x8 and lute harpsichord in very good condition at very reasonable price. Please contact Kathleen at (859)312-2934.



Job available:

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Lexington, KY is seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministries to continue the congregation's liturgically vibrant tradition. This position will work in collaboration with the pastoral staff in developing music for worship services. The Director will perform organ and piano music for two Sunday morning services in addition to other festival services and special events such as weddings and funerals. The Director will also lead and rehearse with several choirs (adult, youth, children, and hand bell) and will also provide direction and rehearse with cantors and assisting ministers. Faith has a 2 manual, 13 rank Steiner-Reck Tracker Organ and a Yamaha baby grand piano, in addition to 3.5 octaves Malmark handbells, 3 octaves Suzuki chimes with extension, Orff instruments, and a large collection of global percussion. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with the Harstad Fine Arts Series. Qualifications required: Bachelor's degree in music, church music or other related degree; Master's degree is preferred; at least 5 years related experience in a church worship and music ministry with demonstrated skill and competency playing organ and piano and leading a choir and other musical groups. Prefer knowledge of Lutheran theology, liturgical practice and use of music in worship. Please submit resume, references and salary requirements to Diane Nicely, dnicelydunn@gmail.com by August 9, 2019.

Dr. Schuyler Robinson will perform on organ and harpsichord with the Chautauqua Symphony, N.Y. on August 10. This will be a live presentation with the Paul Taylor Dance Co. of NYC. The works include Poulenc Concert Champetre (25 min) for harpsichord solo and J.S. Bach- 3 movements arranged by Leopold Stokowski (also organist at St. Bartholomew, NYC during his orchestral tenure) including the Bach-Toccata and Fugue in d minor and Wir glauben from Clavierbung III. This is an exciting premiere opportunity for Schuyler in a continuing performance career. You can read more about this at <https://chq.org/season/arts-entertainment/dance-events/eventdetail/19332/paul-taylor-dance-company-in-residence-with-chautauqua-symphony-orchestra>.





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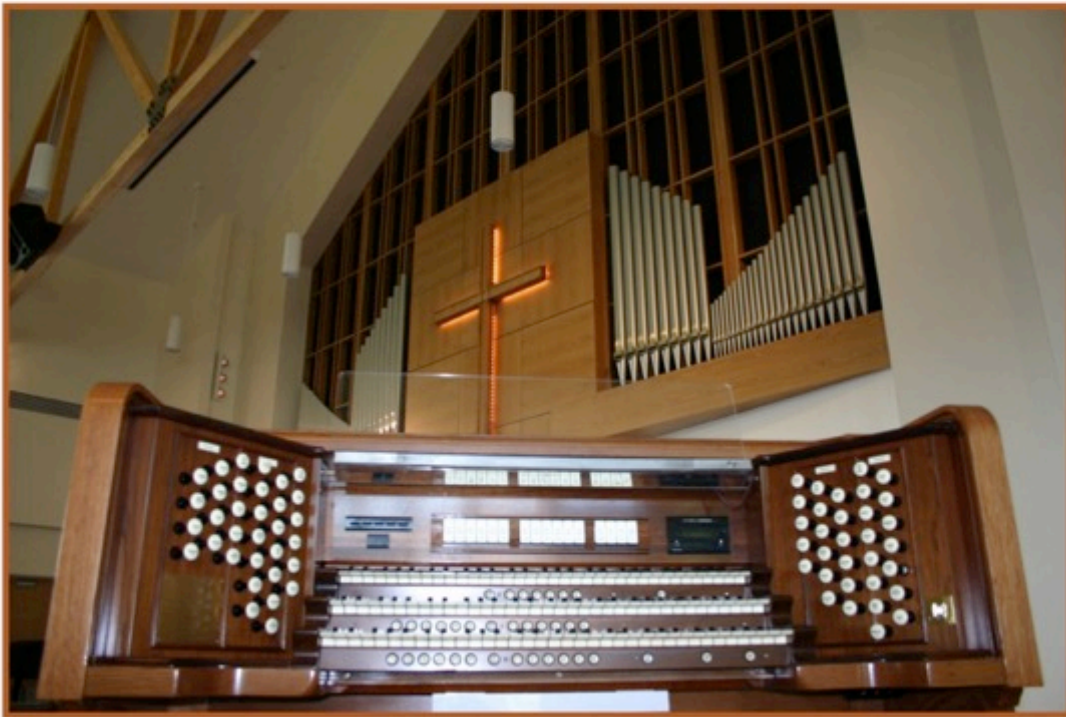


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