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Dean's Message

Happy December!

I hope you're having a wonderful holiday season so far, and that you're able to have a little time to yourself in the next few weeks. If your holiday music schedule looks anything like mine, then you might have a 30-minute window on a Tuesday afternoon that you're not playing or practicing for something!

Please note that due to some personal circumstances of our performers, our December Christmas Pipes Recital for Sunday, December 8 has been cancelled. While there will be no official AGO event this month, there are plenty on our calendar of events to attend, so make sure to take a few minutes to read through it and see if there are any that might interest you.

We will resume our Program Year in January on Friday, January 31, at First Presbyterian Church with Tina Wagoner giving a presentation on a type of music library software she uses and wants to share with us. There will be free trials of this software available, so please join us! There will be a potluck before the presentation, so come with your favorite dish. The chapter will provide fried chicken.

Thank you for everything you do throughout the year for the AGO, as well as music as a whole in your communities. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

James

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Please note on our website that there are several job openings available. Of note, due to a medical emergency, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church is in urgent need of a substitute organist/choir director for the month of December. If you can help out, please contact Ann Staton at (859)509-4374.

Upcoming Events

12.04.19 noon	Advent Series: Piano Tangos of Nazareth and Piazzolla, Randy Runyon, piano St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY – followed by soup and sandwiches
12.06.19 7:30pm	Handel's Messiah Emily Albrink, Soprano; Ryland Angel, Countertenor; Charles Reid, Tenor; Curtis Streetman, Bass; The Lexington Baroque Ensemble; The Cathedral Choir Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY (ticketed event)
12.08.19 6:00pm	Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
12.11.19 noon	Advent Series: Music for Violin and Organ by Rheinberger, and others; Margaret Karp, violin, Randy Runyon, organ St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY – followed by soup and sandwiches
12.11.19 6:30pm	Festival of Christmas, featuring the Choirs and Ensembles of Southern Hills, James Humlong, organ Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY
12.15.19	Prelude and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir (6:30pm Prelude, 7:00pm Festival) Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
12.16.19 7:00pm	Trumpet and Organ Recital, Abby Temple, Trumpet; Grant Holcomb, organ Central Christian Church
12.18.19 noon	Advent Series: The Vocal Artistry of Whit Whitaker St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY – followed by soup and sandwiches
12.21.19 noon	A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten Elaine Cook, harp Cathedral Girls Choir Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
12.22.19 5:00pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Choirs and Choristers of Good Shepherd Shareese Johnson, soprano Zach Klobnak, guest organist The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY
1.26.20	Concert – Schuyler Robinson, organ (3:30pm), Evensong with the Cathedral Choir (4:00pm) Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
1.31.20 6:30pm	Potluck Dinner and Presentation on Music Library Software with Tina Wagoner – Chapter Sponsored Event First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, 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.

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral 2019-2020



George Frideric Handel's Messiah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 7:30pm

The Cathedral Choir and guest soloists with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

For Ticket Reservations, visit www.ccclex.org/messiah



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00pm Preludes at 6:30pm

The Cathedral Choir



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

Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 Noon

The Cathedral Girls Choir with Elaine Cook, Harp



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November Program Summary

On November 15, eight Lexington Chapter members brought some of their favorite pieces to share with the community at the Chapter's Fall Member Recital at Tates Creek Christian Church. Participants were Matthew Middleton, Anna Pan, Steven Adams, James Humlong, Tina Wagoner, Wesley Roberts, Colleen Ames, and Don Seevers, and pieces ranged from German Baroque to French Romantic, from hymn tunes to English literature, and even the modern and unique "Organ and Silence". As Wesley Roberts put it, it was a "delightful evening of music making," with approximately 60 people in attendance.

The organ played at the recital was a lovely three manual Allen that had the unique feature of multiple tonal palettes, depending on the style of repertoire. All four palettes were used – the American Classic, Neo-Baroque, French Romantic, and English Cathedral. The organ also had the capability of a recording and playback feature, which Don Seevers used to start the program with an arrangement of Old 100th.

After the program, the Tates Creek Christian Choir provided coffee, apple cider, water, and more pie than could have possibly been eaten – 22 pies in all! Thank you to all the volunteers who played, the choir who donated pies and refreshments, and Don Seevers for

hosting the event.

Performers from L to R: James Humlong, Wesley Roberts, Steven Adams, Matthew Middleton, Tina Wagoner, Anna Pan, Don Seevers, and Colleen Ames



Chapter News

Chapter Updates

It's not too early to begin thinking about attending the 2020 AGO National Convention in Atlanta! The convention will take place July 6-10, 2020. You can find out more about performers, workshops, and other events at www.agoatlanta2020.com.

If you would be interested in hosting our March recitalist, Paul Barte, at your home from March 12-14, please contact James Humlong as soon as possible. Lexington hotels on average can be \$150-200 per night and hosting our recitalists at your home can save the chapter a significant amount of money.



Wesley Roberts performing "Organ and Silence" at the Member Recital

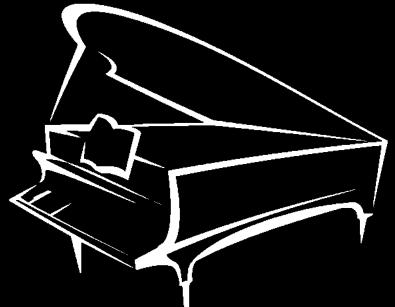


Colleen Ames performing the amazing pedal solo "Epilogue from Hommage á Frescobaldi"

Looking ahead to our April program at Southern Hills UMC, half of the program will be a time for members to share their favorite pieces for organ and solo instrument, so if you have a friend that plays duets with you, bring them along for some fun and sharing in music together.

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Our January Program will take place on Friday, January 31, 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church. This will be a potluck dinner followed by a presentation by Tina Wagoner about a music library software system she likes to use. Tina has been in conversation with the developer of this program, and he is sending a 30 day free trial to those in attendance, as well as some significant discounts for students. The chapter will provide the fried chicken, so come with your favorite dish for this program!



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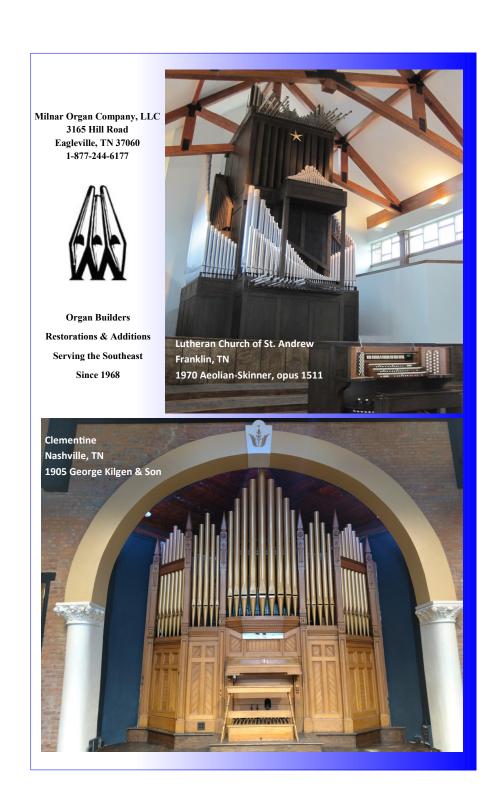


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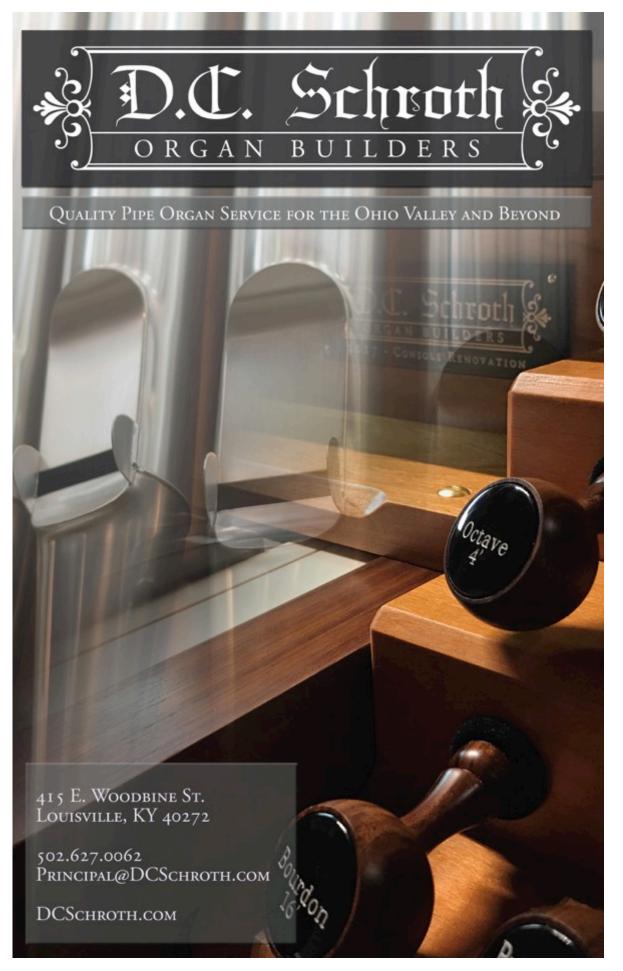


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3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with Cathedral Choirs

September 22 February 16
October 20 March 15
November 3 May 17

January 26



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

Sunday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 21

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

Palm Sunday, April 5

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



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