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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Nicole Keller's workshop and recital! That's one of the best turnouts we have had since the pre-Covid days (remember those?) And Nicole did not disappoint. Her workshop on Florence Price had something for everyone, and I know many of us have now added some Price works to our organ libraries. Her recital Sunday afternoon at Christ Church really showed off the colors of the Holtkamp as well as her playing virtuosity. One member in attendance termed the weekend "my very favorite in 50 years of AGO events!"

Next on the Lexington AGO agenda is Mattilda Middleton's Durufle' recital on Saturday, February 4th. More details may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. We are also putting finishing touches on some spring activities, including a March social event. Once details have been finalized we will send out an e-blast to the membership, so watch your inboxes.

Was getting an AGO certification on your list of New Year's resolutions? February 1st is the deadline to apply to take the Service Playing Exam this year. At least one of our members is planning to take the exam this spring! Why don't you plan to join the fun? You can get certified, and we are here to help!

The flowers are beginning to bud, and the robins have returned en masse to our yard. Perhaps spring is just around the corner!

Happy Lent!

Jane

## UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in blue

Saturday, February 4, 7:00 pm—Mattilda Middleton recital featuring the works of Maurice Durufle', Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, February 5, 3:30 pm—Scott Wright, clarinet, followed by 4:00 pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, February 5, 4:00 pm—David von Behren, organ, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Ave., Cincinnati OH

Sunday, February 5, 4:30 pm—Yun Kim, organ, followed by Choral Evensong, Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth St., Cincinnati OH

Thursday, February 9, 12:05 pm—Michael Delfin Harpsichord Concert, Christ Church Glendale, 965 Forest Ave, Glendale OH

Sunday, February 12, 2:30 pm—Grant Holcomb recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

Sunday, February 12, 5:00 pm—Lexington Chamber Chorale, "Restorative and Therapeutic Power of Music", Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

March TBD—social activity, location TBD. [Details coming soon!](#)

Sunday, March 5, 3:30 pm—Owen Sammons, organ, followed by 4:00 pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, March 5, 4:00 pm—Allen Fletcher, organ. Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

Sunday, March 12, 3:00 pm—Jason Gunnell, organ. Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 1140 Madison Avenue, Covington.

Sunday, March 19, 5:00 pm—Harpsichord Dedication and Recital, Michael Delfin; St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 100 Miami Avenue, Terrace Park OH.

Saturday, March 25, 12 noon to 5:00 pm—15th Annual Bach Marathon, St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Lexington.

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m. -- Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ; Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, Bardstown

[April TBD—potential collaborative program with the Bluegrass Chapter, American Theatre Organ Society, featuring the theatre organ at the Kentucky Theatre, Lexington.](#)

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 pm—Gabriel Faure's Requiem, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Monday, April 3, 8:00 p.m.—Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ; Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville KY

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.—Josh Cohen, Baroque trumpet, and Schuyler Robinson, organ; St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose Street, Lexington.

## UPCOMING EVENTS con'd.

Wednesday, April 19, 12:15 p.m.—Connie Goldon, organ; Trinity Episcopal Church, 16 East Fourth Street, Covington, KY

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 pm — Caroline Robinson, organ; Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati

Sunday, April 23, 5:00 pm—Lexington Chamber Chorale, “Music and Dance: A Healthy Pairing” featuring the Allegro Dance Project, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm—Gabrielle Manion recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm—Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Saint-Saens Organ Symphony No. 3. Music Hall, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati.

Sunday, May 7, 5:00 pm—The Choirs of Christ Church, Glendale, and St. Thomas, Terrace Park present A Festival of Hymns and Choral Music for the Liturgical Year; Christ Church, Glendale, 965 Forest Avenue, Glendale OH

Sunday, May 14, 3:00 pm—Michael Unger, organ; Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati

Friday, May 19, 7:30 pm—SCAPA Madrigal Singers, Ryan Marsh, conductor, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm—Mattilda Middleton recital featuring the works of Maurice Durufle’, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington. Dinner following at a location TBD.

Sunday, May 21, 3:30 pm—Jim Kosnik, organ, followed by 4:00 pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, June 4, 3:00 pm—Pre-Evensong recital featuring Lexington AGO members, followed by Trinity Sunday “Come and Sing Evensong” with installation of officers. Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

*For inclusion in the March newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at [jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu). The deadline is Friday, February 24th.*

## NICOLE KELLER WORKSHOP AND RECITAL—JANUARY 14-15



We had a wonderful turnout for Nicole Keller's workshop on the organ music of Florence Price. After a delicious catered lunch in the Great Hall of Christ Church Cathedral, twenty-three members convened in the sanctuary for the workshop. Special thanks go to Kathleen and Erich Balling and Lisa Hall for hosting and making the arrangements for Nicole's weekend with us. On Sunday afternoon Nicole presented a recital on the cathedral's Holtkamp. Works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Price, Sweelinck, and others were featured.





## DURUFLE' RECITAL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH



Join Mattilda Middleton and Christopher Burchett for an hour of fine French music on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (533 East Main St, Lexington KY 40508). This is the church's third installment in "A Year with Duruflé," a series of events to study, perform, and listen to music by the twentieth-century composer Maurice Duruflé. This concert will feature three monumental works: two for organ solo and one for organ and baritone. Suggested donation: \$20.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Allen Fletcher** will be presenting an organ recital on Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 pm at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington.

Organist **Schuyler Robinson** will join Baroque trumpeter Josh Cohen for a duo recital on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm at St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose Street, Lexington.

## COLLABORATIVE WITH BLUEGRASS THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Plans are still in the works to present a collaborative program with the Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (BGATOS). The two groups are hoping to bring renowned theatre organist Mark Gifford to the Kentucky Theatre for a showing of the Cecil B. DeMille silent film "King of Kings." Since Mr. Gifford has a regular church organist position, finding a date that will both work for him and be amenable to the film showing schedule at the Kentucky has been a bit of a challenge, but we are getting closer to setting a date for an evening you won't want to miss. We hope to have more details in the March newsletter, so stay tuned!

UPCOMING EVENTS

# GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral  
February 2023



## Concert & Evensong

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

3:30pm Scott Wright, *clarinet*  
University of Kentucky

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

## Concert & Evensong

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

3:30pm Owen Sammons, *organ*  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Versailles

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir



Please visit our website [www.ccclex.org/music](http://www.ccclex.org/music) for more information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series, and Friends of Cathedral Music.



## 15TH ANNUAL BACH MARATHON—SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH



The 15th annual Bach Marathon will be held on Saturday, March 25th, from noon to 5:00 pm at St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, 1891 Parkers Mill Road, Lexington. If you performed last year, this is the same location.

From a questionnaire provided last year to the audience, most of the responses asked that the program be more eclectic and that types of instruments be intermingled. Transcriptions of Bach's work for brass, woodwinds, strings, harp, banjo, French horn - you name it, it has been done in the past.

While it would be nice to feature entire works of a specific instrument, as has been done in the past with the cello suites or the flute sonatas, or individual works by certain instruments (such as organ), an attempt will be made to diversify the order of performances throughout the five-hour time frame. Exceptions to this would be one student, possibly two, and her or his teacher, regardless if the teacher is playing or not.

Diversifying the program is not ideal, but it is simply in response to last year's questionnaire.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Clif Cason at [clif.cason@gmail.com](mailto:clif.cason@gmail.com) with the title, the BWV number, and the approximate time to perform the work. Multiple movements are acceptable, but he would like to keep the performance time to approximately 20 minutes. However, he will try to honor performers who would like to play large scale works, such as the Goldberg Variations, the Partitas or Toccatas for keyboard, concertos, or other similar works.

It would be nice to have students from the Elementary, Middle School, and High School age range featured in a specific time slot. The popular G Major/G Minor Minuets, and the Musette in D Major, along with other favorites of budding musicians, will be snatched up quickly.

The church has a 5 ft. Baldwin piano which has a very bright sound. The piano and the organ will be placed in front of the Chancel. The organ stoplist can be found at <https://www.agolexington.org/st-raphaels-episcopal-stoplist.pdf>

The acoustics are tolerable but there is a feeling of intimacy in the room for both the performer and audience.

Attendance in 2022 was steady and the audience was very responsive. Some people stayed for the entire five hours. Clif anticipates the attendance to be the same as last year, if not better. We hope you will consider performing this year.





# COMMUNITY SING AND WORKSHOP—TUESDAY, FEB. 21ST

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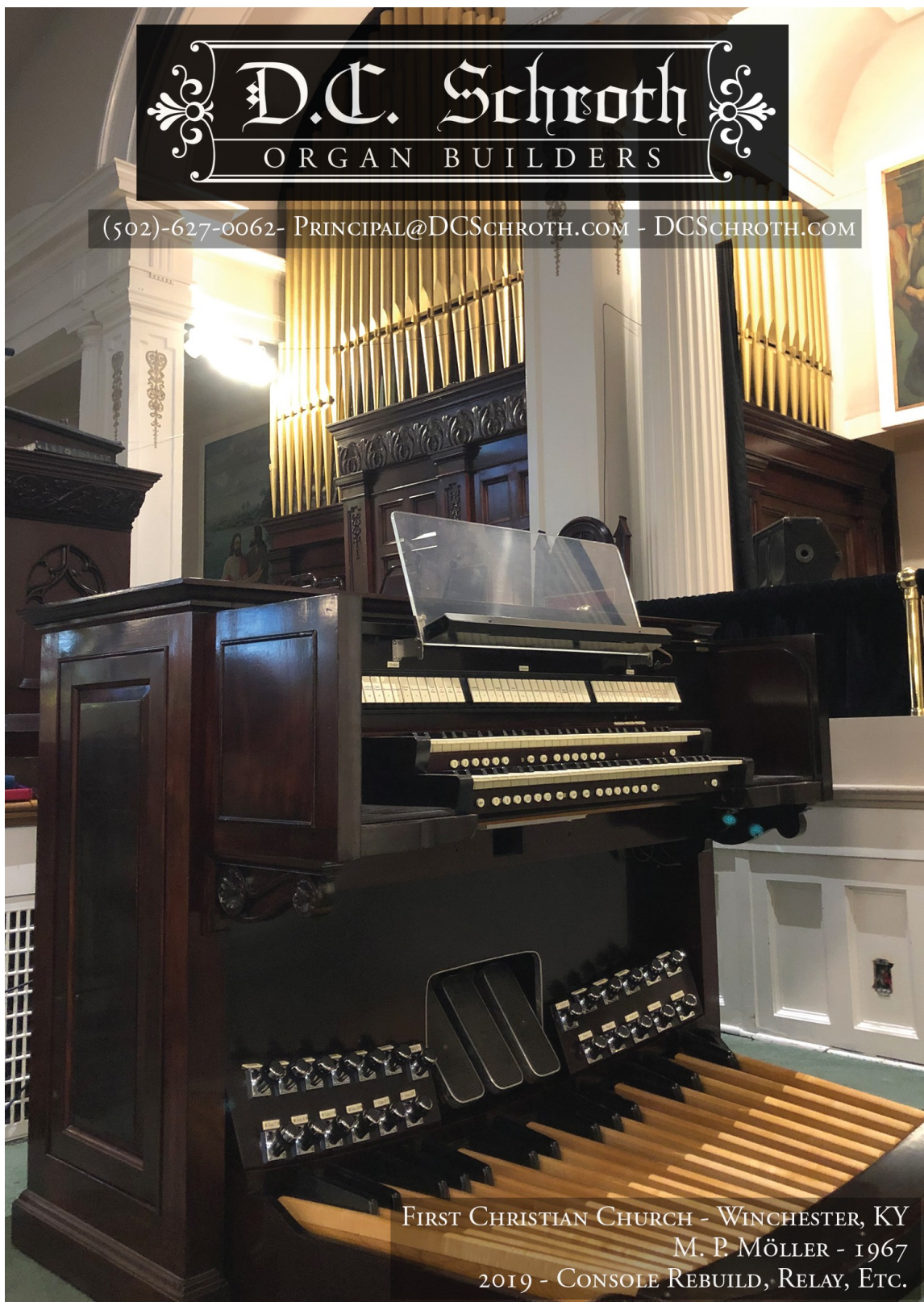
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FEBRUARY 4, 2023 - 7P

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# GREAT MUSIC

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2022-2023



### Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choirs

September 25

March 5

November 6

May 21

February 5

### Friday, December 2

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*  
Part One and the Hallelujah Chorus  
with the Cathedral Choir

*For ticket reservations, visit [www.ccclex.org/messiah](http://www.ccclex.org/messiah)*



### Sunday, December 18

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

### Tuesday, December 20

Noon A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten  
Rachel Renee Miller, harp  
The Cathedral Girls Choir



### Sunday, January 15

4:00pm Nicole Keller, organ



### Palm Sunday, April 2

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*  
with the Cathedral Choir

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