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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

We had a wonderful start to our program year with our organ crawl to Paris and Cynthiana. And who knew we had so many talented composers among our membership? We delighted in hearing their compositions, both organ and choral. Many thanks to Clif Cason for organizing the program and getting so many people to participate. Thanks also to our hosts Bonnie and Kevin Crump (Church of the Annunciation, Paris), Randy Runyon (St. Peters Episcopal, Paris), and the good folks at Church of the Advent in Cynthiana who not only greeted us in large numbers and stayed to hear our program there, but entertained us with a lovely reception afterwards. And they even turned all the pews in the sanctuary so that we would be facing the organ! Thanks to our composers Patrick Valentino, Clif Cason, Randy Runyon, Rose Daniels, Owen Sammons, and former member Rebecca Abbott for sharing your pieces with us!

Our yearbooks for 2023-24 are back from the printer and have been distributed to those who attended the organ crawl, and mailed to everyone else. If you did not receive your yearbook and you are a paid-up member of Lexington AGO, please let us know! Thanks to Brian Hunt and Clif Cason, our yearbook committee. Ads appearing in the yearbook help to offset the costs associated with printing and mailing each year, so please support our sponsors!

We have two exciting programs in October. All the details are in this issue of the newsletter. I hope to see you there!

Jane

## UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.—David Briggs, organ, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2:30 p.m.—Lisa Hall, organ, and Jana Flygstad, flute, Cathedral of Christ the King.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.—The Seipp/Sheets Duo, featuring Chuck Seipp, trumpet, and Randall Sheets, piano/organ; Harstad Fine Arts Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Lexington.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 5:00 p.m.—Lexington Chamber Chorale, Miniature MASsterpieces, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

**Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.—“Phantom of the Opera” silent film with organ accompaniment by Tim Baker, Kentucky Theatre, Lexington. Co-sponsored with Bluegrass Chapter American Theatre Organ Society.**

**Sunday, Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m.—Hymn Festival featuring Eric Wall, Central Christian Church, Lexington.**

Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:00 p.m.—All Souls’ Service, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 3:30 p.m.—Altissimo Quartet, followed by All Souls’ Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m.—University of Kentucky Chorale, Jefferson Johnson, director, Cathedral of Christ the King.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 4:00 p.m.—Nathaniel Gumbs, organ recital, Central Christian Church, Lexington.

Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.—Handel’s Messiah with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble, the Cathedral Choir, and soloists, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington. For ticket reservations, visit [www.ccclex.org/messiah](http://www.ccclex.org/messiah) or [www.lexingtonlyric.com](http://www.lexingtonlyric.com).

Sunday, Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m.—Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, Nov. 26, 5:00 p.m.—Lexington Chamber Chorale, Sing Noel, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m.—Adiel Najera, trumpet, and Gabrielle Manion, accompanist, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS, con'd.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16, 8:00 p.m.—"A Cathedral Christmas", Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:00 p.m.—Lessons and Carols, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Thursday, Dec. 21, noon—A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

**Friday, Jan. 5, 6:00 p.m.—Twelfth Night Party, home of Jane and Bill Johnson, Lexington**

Sunday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.—Lexington Chamber Chorale, Miniature Masterpieces II, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

**Saturday, March 23—Annual Bach Marathon/Members' Recital, St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Lexington**

Saturday, April 13, time TBA—David Enlow workshop, topic TBD. Central Christian Church, Lexington

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.—David Enlow, organ recital, Central Christian Church, Lexington

Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.—Greg Zelek, organ recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

**June date TBA—Officer Installation and Spring Social, home of James and Kelleigh Humlong**

*For inclusion in the November newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at [jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu). The deadline is Friday, October 27th.*

## PHANTOM OF THE OPERA WITH ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT— FRIDAY THE 13TH AT THE KENTUCKY THEATRE!

Join us, if you dare, on Friday, October 13th for this one-time performance as the Lexington AGO and the Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society sponsor organist Tim Baker from Louisville to accompany the 1925 acclaimed silent film PHANTOM OF THE OPERA at The Kentucky Theatre in Lexington. Tim Baker has accompanied several silent films in the area, and we know you will love his touch of class with this movie.



There will be door prizes, a costume contest, and special cocktails. Tickets are \$15 (\$7.50 for Kentucky Theatre members), and are now on sale at the theatre's box office or on their website [www.kentuckytheatre.org](http://www.kentuckytheatre.org). Doors open at 7 pm, with the movie beginning at 7:30. Don't miss it!

**“Decades later, it still retains its ability to scare — and Lon Chaney's performance remains one of the benchmarks of the horror genre.”** — *Rotten Tomatoes*

## MEMBER NEWS

**Zach Klobnak** recently played the Saint-Saens Organ Symphony with the Johnson City (TN) Symphony Orchestra. The concert was held in Milligan University's Seeger Chapel, which houses a 46-rank Schantz organ.

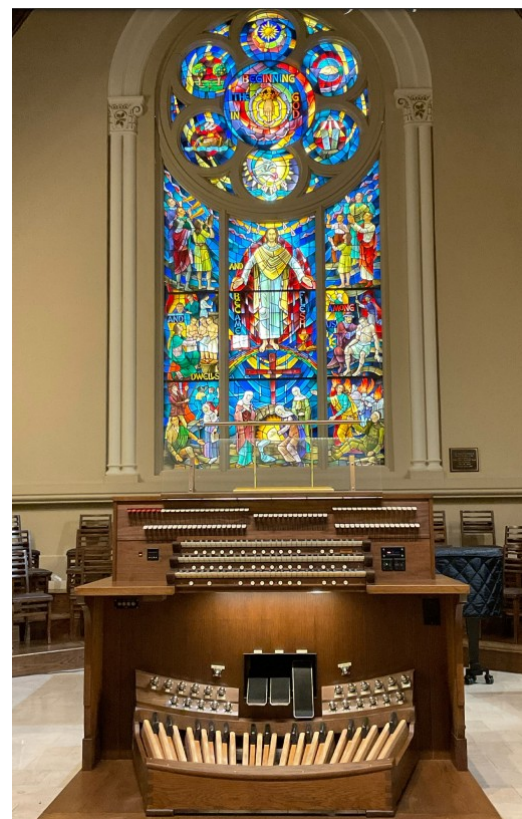
**Patrick Ryan** of Oldham Organ Works has a new address and email. He can now be reached at [oldhamorgans@gmail.com](mailto:oldhamorgans@gmail.com), or 618-791-2571. Oldham Organ Works is located at 7311 Hwy 329, Suite 607, in Crestwood, KY.

Here is a correction to your yearbook: **Lynn Vera** is the organist, and not the organist/choirmaster, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Lynn says their choirmaster is Andrew Durham, who is also a faculty member at Georgetown College.

The rebuilt Holtkamp organ at Central Christian Church in Lexington was dedicated on September 17th. **Grant Holcomb**, **Jane Johnson**, and **Michael Rintamaa** performed on the dedication service/concert. You'll have several chances to hear this lovely instrument in upcoming months, including this month's hymn festival featuring Eric Wall.

## HYMN FESTIVAL AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH—OCT. 22ND

On October 22nd at 4pm, Eric Wall will present an All Saints-themed hymn festival at Central Christian Church, *Every Time and Place: The Saints Sing*, as part of the dedicatory series of Central's renovated and enhanced Holtkamp Pipe Organ. Eric is *Gene Alice Sherman Associate Professor of Sacred Music, Dean of the Chapel* at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas, and *Conference Center Musician* at Montreat Conference center in North Carolina.



## CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER ORGAN CONCERTS RETURN!

Union Terminal's rotunda will be filled with the sound of music once more with the return of Cincinnati Museum Center's Music in the Museum series. The three-concert series will showcase the museum's 1929 E.M. Skinner Symphonic Concert Organ, which was restored and installed in specially designed organ chambers, with the main chambers of its 4,500 pipes located on either side of the rotunda.

The season begins Wednesday, Nov. 29th with organist Isabelle Demers and soprano saxophonist Rick Van Matre. The following concert will feature organist Nathan Laube and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's principal clarinet, Christopher Pell, on Wednesday, Jan. 24th. The final concert of the season will host organist Ken Cowan accompanied by the Christ Church Cathedral and St. Peter in Chains Cathedral choirs on Wednesday, April 24th. All concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Single concerts are \$30, or \$40 if you want to attend the pre-concert reception. You can also buy the concert package for all three concerts for \$75, or \$105 for the concerts and receptions. Tickets are available on the Museum's website [www.supportcmc.org](http://www.supportcmc.org).

## PARIS/CYNTHIANA ORGAN CRAWL AND COMPOSER SHOWCASE



Members in the balcony of Church of the Annunciation, Paris



Patrick Valentino talks about his compositions to some of the assembled group at Church of the Annunciation.



Gabby Manion Wrightson playing Clif Cason's "Meditation" on the Kilgen/Rule tracker at Church of the Annunciation.

Photos by Kevin Crump and Bill Johnson.

## PARIS/CYNTHIANA ORGAN CRAWL AND COMPOSER SHOWCASE



Church of the Annunciation host Kevin Crump tells the group about the history of the organ and the church before ushering us to a delicious lunch provided by the church.



Owen Sammons at the Jaeckel organ at Church of the Advent in Cynthiana. Owen improvised on "O Filii et Filiae" for parishoners and our members before we adjourned to a lovely reception hosted by the church.

# PARIS/CYNTHIANA ORGAN CRAWL AND COMPOSER SHOWCASE



AGO members checking out the new console of the Holtkamp/Walker at St. Peters Episcopal, Paris



Rose Daniels accompanies one of her choral compositions at St. Peters Episcopal.



St. Peters organist/choirmaster Randy Runyon plays his "Toccatina Latina"



Crawl organizer Clif Cason accompanies Rebecca Abbott on an original solo composition.



## COMING EVENTS

# GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral  
October 2023

## Concert & Evensong

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

3:30pm *Altissimo Quartet*  
Madison Jones, violin  
Rebecca Kiekenapp, violin  
Dale Jones, viola  
Clyde Beavers, cello

4:00pm All Souls Evensong  
with the Cathedral Choir



## George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
7:30pm

The Cathedral Choir and guest soloists  
with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

For Ticket Reservations, visit [www.ccclex.org/messiah](http://www.ccclex.org/messiah)  
or [www.lexingtonlyric.com](http://www.lexingtonlyric.com).

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information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series,  
and Friends of Cathedral Music.





International Organist and Conductor David Briggs

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.

Organ Concert by David Briggs

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

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You are invited to a concert by international organist David Briggs at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on the 10-year old, 58-stop Goulding & Wood pipe organ.

Known for his unbridled virtuosity and passion for making organ music vibrant and accessible to a wide and diverse audience, David is one of the most sought after concert organists of his generation. At the age of 17, David obtained his FRCO (Fellow of the Royal College of Organists) diploma, winning the Silver Medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians. From 1981-84 he was Organ Scholar at King's College Cambridge, during which time he also studied with Jean Langlais in Paris.

He teaches performance at Cambridge University, frequently serves on international organ competition juries, and gives master classes at colleges and conservatories across the U.S. and Europe. David has held numerous positions in North America and the U.K. He is currently Artist-in-Residence at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

~The Harstad Fine Arts Series Presents~

# The Seipp/Sheets Duo

**Chuck Seipp, Trumpet**

The United States Army Band, *Pershing's Own* (SGM retired)

**Randall Sheets, Organ/Piano**

Arlington National Cemetery Ceremonial Organist (retired), Washington, D.C.

Faith Lutheran Church ~ 1000 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY

3:30PM ~ Sunday, October 8, 2023

*Enjoy an entertaining program of music by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel, Gershwin, Mussorgsky and Freddie Mercury. Six trumpets bring flare and fun to the "Carnival of Venice" and be captivated by the power demonstrated in Widor's "Toccata" for solo organ. With several engaging video presentations, an out-of-this-world silent movie, and special tributes to Veterans and Responders...this will be an enjoyable concert for all ages!*



## Seipp/Sheets Duo Program

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Requiem   | George Frederick Handel     |
| Spring, <i>from the Four Seasons</i>                        | Antonio Vivaldi             |
| Toccata and Fugue in D Minor                                | Johann Sebastian Bach       |
| Rhapsody In Blue  | George Gershwin             |
| Toccata   | Charles Marie Widor         |
| What A Wonderful World                                      | Bob Thiele and George Weiss |
| Carnival of Venice  | Herbert L. Clarke           |
| Bohemian Rhapsody   | Freddie Mercury             |
| A Trip to the Moon  | George Méliès               |
| America - <i>Arlington National Cemetery Funeral Palace</i> | arr. D. Richard             |
| Excerpts from Pictures at an Exhibition                     | Modest Mussorgsky           |
| Promenade I   |                             |
| Il Vecchio Castello   |                             |
| Battle of the Chickens in Their Shells                      |                             |
| The Hut on Fowl's Legs (Daba-Yaga)                          |                             |
| The Great Gate of Kiev                                      |                             |

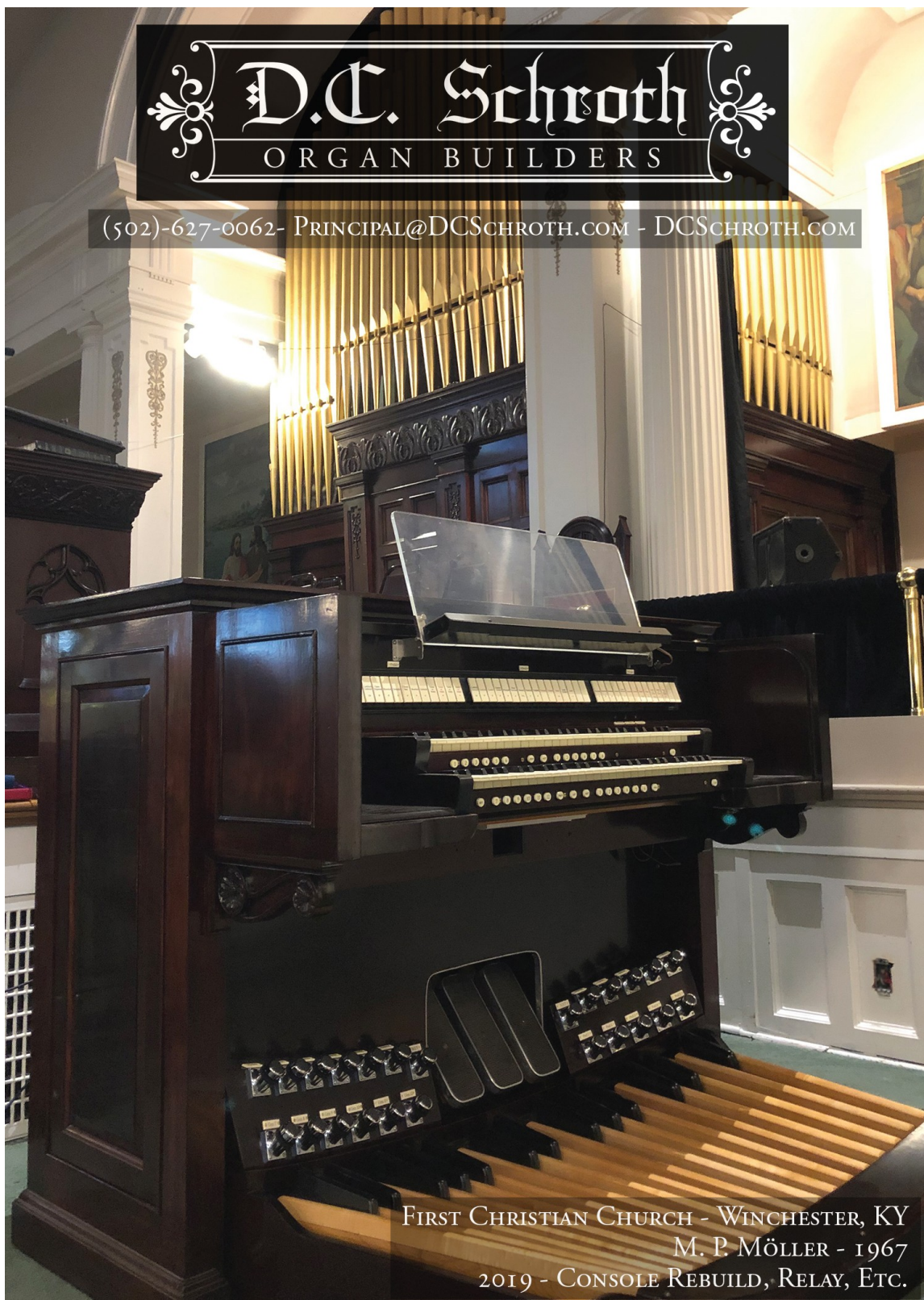
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## 2023-2024

### Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

September 24      April 21  
November 5        May 19  
February 4



### Friday, December 1

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

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

### Sunday, December 17

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



### Thursday, December 21

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

### Palm Sunday, March 24

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



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**HYMNATHON**

AUGUST 27, 2023  
11:15 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**ORGAN CONCERT  
BY DAVID BRIGGS**

OCTOBER 7, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

**ALL SOULS' SERVICE**

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

DECEMBER 17, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

**CHOIR CABARET**

FEBRUARY 2, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

**ASCENSION DAY EVENSONG**

MAY 9, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.



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