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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

It was wonderful to host so many of you at our Twelfth Night party last month. Having a chance to socialize and relax after our busy Advent/Christmas season was very welcome.

We have several upcoming events, the first of which is the Bach Marathon next month. You can find more information on this and other events elsewhere in the newsletter. And make sure to check the calendar of events for other organ-related activities in the area.

What is on your agenda for spring? It's a great time to begin working towards one of the AGO certifications. Several of our members are planning to take the Service Playing Exam and the Colleague Exam this year. Your chapter has lots of resources available to help you if getting certified is one of your goals. Just contact me and I'll be glad to get you started.

If February is here, then hopefully spring is just around the corner. As you begin your preparations for Lent and Easter music, don't forget to take some time to enjoy the budding trees and flowers and the returning robins.

Happy almost-Spring!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Friday, Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m.—Choir Cabaret; Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m.—Gabrielle Manion Wrightson, organ, followed by Evensong with the Cathedral Choir; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 4:00 p.m.—Alan Fletcher Organ Concert; Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington. A \$10 ticket donation is suggested with proceeds going to Hunter's music program.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 5:00 p.m.—David Briggs, organ concert; Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 12:15 p.m.—CCM Organ Students' Recital, Trinity Episcopal Church, 16 East Fourth Street, Covington.

Saturday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 3, 5:00 p.m.—Nathan Laube, dedicatory organ recital, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 100 Miami Avenue, Terrace Park, Ohio.

Sunday, March 17, 3:00 p.m.—Terry McCandless organ concert, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 1140 Madison Avenue, Covington.

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

Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.—Gabriel Faure's Requiem, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

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

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

Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.—Brenda Portman and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, organ concert, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, con'd.

Sunday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.—Robert Bozeman and Lisa Lewis, organ duo, followed by Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.—Ken Cowan, organ with Choirs of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica and Christ Church Cathedral. Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati. Ticketed event.

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.—Ascension Day Evensong, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

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

Sunday, May 12, 12:15 p.m.—Stephan Casurella organ concert, Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati. Suggested donation.

Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.—SCAPA Madrigal Singers, Ryan Marsh, conductor; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 p.m.—Rebecca Abbott, organ recital of new Muller organ installation, Gay Street United Methodist Church, 18 N. Gay Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.—Rachel Renee Miller, harp, followed by Evensong with the Cathedral Choir; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. —Officer Installation and pot-luck cookout at the home of James and Kelleigh Humlong, 1641 Hume Road, Lexington.

For inclusion in the March newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, March 1st.

TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY



Members enjoyed a relaxing evening of music and fellowship when Jane & Bill Johnson hosted the chapter's Twelfth Night party on January 5th. After a pot-luck dinner, everyone adjourned to the Johnson's basement, which houses their 1927 2-manual 6-rank Estey organ and a Zuckermann harpsichord. Photos, top to bottom: members enjoy a duet by the Valentinos; Gary Johnson and Roland Herzel; Brian Hunt and Wanda Deaton.



MEMBER NEWS

Jeremiah Martin and his Portsmouth OH colleague Stan Workman submitted pieces for an International Advent/Christmas organ recital on the YouTube channel “Beauty in Sound” You can listen to the entire concert at https://www.youtube.com/livew/gTDmOipD9wY?si=pV_tneX0&t=11779.



St. Raphael’s Episcopal in Lexington has hired **Vicki Bell** as their new organist/choirmaster. Vicki succeeds **Clif Cason**, who recently retired from the position.

Beginning in June, **Brian Hunt** will serv as the interim Organist/Choirmaster for St. Michael’s Episcopal in Lexington. He plans to be there for 8-12 months, during which time a search will begin for their new permanent musician replacing the retiring **Ruth Witt**.

16th ANNUAL BACH MARATHON—MARCH 23RD, Noon to 5 pm



It is hard to believe that the first Bach Marathon was celebrated in 2006. After a couple of years off because of Covid, the Marathon is back and growing stronger every year.

Our chapter wants you to be involved as we celebrate the 338th birth year of Bach. While it is wonderful to hear the performers, we need participants to play an organ piece as well. Maybe a chorale from the Orgelbüchlein, the Great 18 or the Neumeister collection. The miscellaneous chorale settings are rarely played. Do you know one and want to play it on March 23rd? How about your favorite Prelude and Fugue, or a Concerto, or movements from a Trio Sonata? Why not an entire Trio Sonata (better start practicing now). Then there is always the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 (even if scholars say it is not by Bach; whatever).

Our chapter has represented itself well over the years at this special event. Email Clif Cason (clif.cason@gmail.com) as soon as possible to reserve a spot to play a composition by the greatest organ composer of all time, for ever and ever, Amen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Clif Cason has been appointed to chair the Nominating Committee and has been hard at work lining up candidates for our upcoming officer election. A ballot and bios of candidates will be found in the March newsletter. New officers will be installed at our June 1st meeting and pot-luck luncheon.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Organist/Music Association, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville

REPORTS TO: Associate Pastor of Music and Worship

GENERAL SUMMARY: Serves as Organist and Accompanist for worship services and Choir Rehearsals. Assists the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND TASKS:

1. Music and Worship a. Play organ and piano for regular and special worship services. b. Accompany choirs, ensembles, and soloists for their rehearsal and performances. c. Lead sectionals as needed. d. Contribute to the work of the Worship Ministry Group. e. Contribute to creative worship planning. f. Recruit, develop, and retain participants in the music ministry. g. Provide leadership in the absence of the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship for musical groups. h. Maintain a regular practice schedule.
2. 2. Pastoral Care a. Create a caring and nurturing environment within all musical groups. b. Provide care and support to members of the music ministry.
3. 3. Administrative Tasks a. Work with the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship to administrate, coordinate and schedule musical programs. b. Administer and maintain the music ministry's physical assets, including instrument maintenance. c. Help maintain the music library. d. Work with the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship to oversee the Choral Scholars.
4. 4. Other Duties a. Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in music. A combination of education and experience may be substituted when excellent keyboard skills are demonstrated. Church music experience, knowledge of Biblical, theological, and hymnological disciplines. Good leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills. Ability to work with diverse populations. A valid driver's license. Reasonable accommodations may be made to those who are able to perform the essential duties of the job.

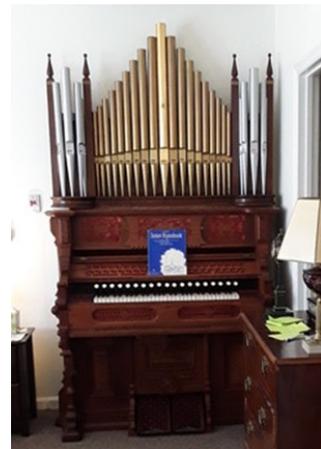
SPECIALIZED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE: Experience with layout and design software, and use of Sibelius is preferred.

SALARY: Up to \$27,000-\$40,000 annually commensurate with education and experience.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to the job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified. Highland Baptist Church reserves the right to revise this Position Description, as it deems necessary.

INSTRUMENTS NEED A GOOD HOME

Member Wesley Roberts had a friend in Chattanooga, recently deceased, whose relatives are looking for a home for his grand piano, reed organ, and electronic organ (photos below). All of these are free to a good home! If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact Wesley at mwroberts@campbellsville.edu, or phone the relative Nancy Klein at 423-280-4116 (cell) or 423-867-2923 (home).



COMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC at Christ Church Cathedral February 2024

Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

3:30pm Gabrielle Manion Wrightson, organ
Pax Christi Catholic Church, Lexington

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir



Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

4:00pm

The Cathedral Choir
Erich Balling, Conductor
Kathleen Balling, Associate Conductor



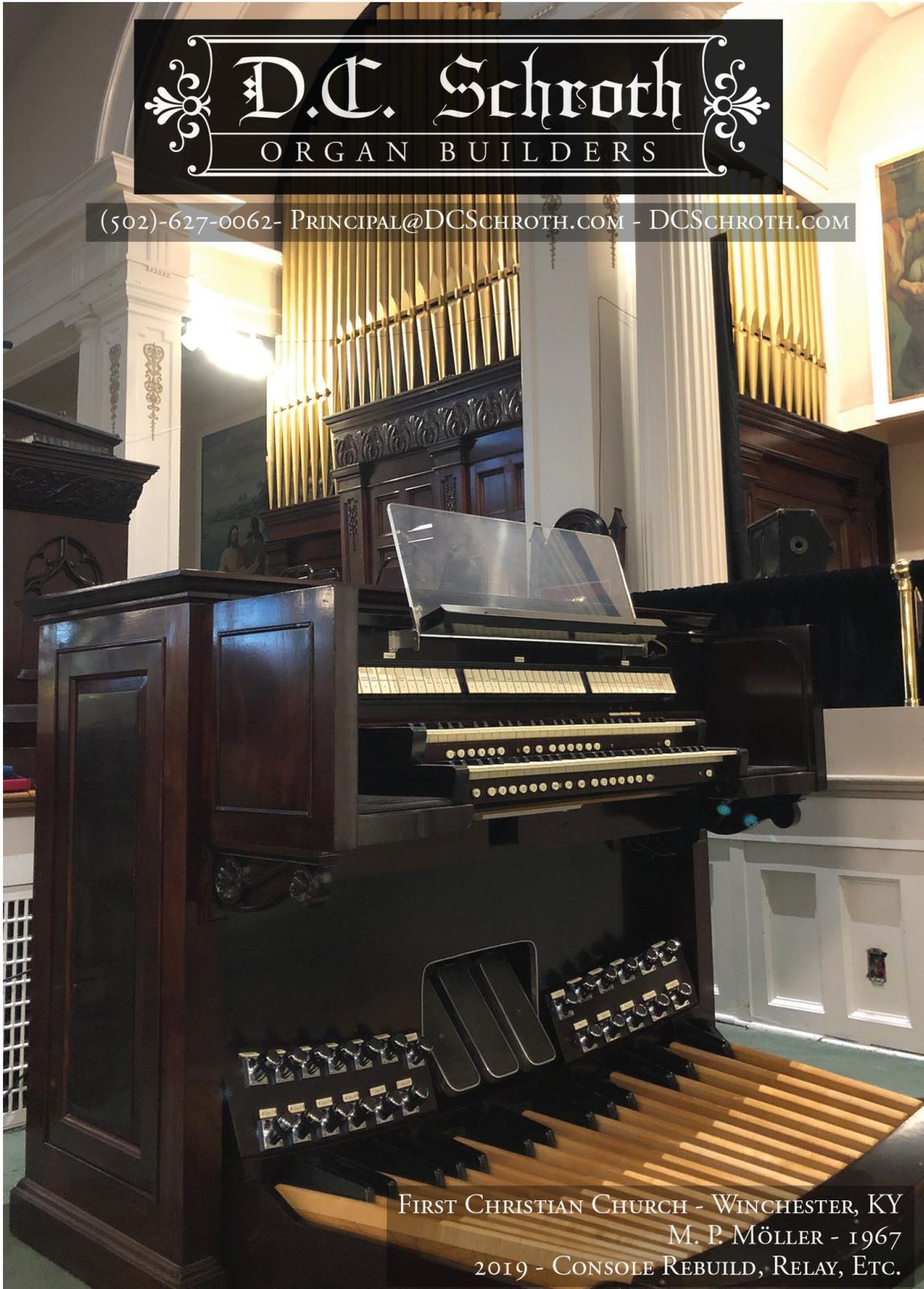
Lisa Hall, organ
Scott Elliott, bass soloist
Rachel Renee Miller, harp
Clyde Beavers, cello
Margie Karp, violin
David Davenport, timpani

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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



Sunday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 20

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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CHOIR PRACTICE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. THOU SHALT HONOR THE WEEKLY PRACTICE TIME.
2. THOU SHALT BRING THY MUSIC AND THY WATER.
3. REMEMBER THE VOCAL WARM-UP, TO KEEP THY VOICE.
4. THOU SHALT LOOK UP SOMETIMES FROM THE MUSIC.



5. THOU SHALT AT LEAST GLANCE AT THE DIRECTOR.
6. THOU SHALT NOT AUDIBLY CURSE THE ANTHEM CHOICE.
7. THOU SHALT NOT CHAT WHILE THE BASSES REHEARSE.
8. THOU SHALT KEEP TRACK OF THE CURRENT PAGE NUMBER
9. THOU SHALT NOT BLAME THE ALTOS
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S PENCIL