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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

It's a busy time of year for most of us, but I hope you will take some time from your Lent and Easter preparations to enjoy some of the programming that is on the horizon. In addition to our Bach Marathon on March 23rd, there are several wonderful concerts in March. This Sunday, March 10th, Dr. Schuyler Robinson continues the series of dedicatory recitals on Central Christian's recently refurbished Holtkamp. Some of our local choral groups also have concerts scheduled this month. Check out our Calendar of Events on pages 2-3 of this newsletter for all the details.

It's also time for our election of officers for 2024-2026 (the majority of our elected officers serve two-year terms). A list of nominees and ballot may be found on page 4. Please take the time now to vote.

Your Executive Committee is beginning to work on programming for 2024-25. We need your ideas! If there is a workshop subject that you would like to see, a recitalist you would like to hear, or a social activity that you would enjoy, please let one of your officers (listed in the sidebar) know. This is your chapter, and we want to be responsive to your wants and needs. Thanks in advance for your input!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Sunday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.—Dr. Schuyler Robinson, organ recital. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

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, 9:30 a.m. gathering, 10:00 a.m. workshop—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.

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.

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.—Centennial Benefit Concert, featuring organists Mark deAlba, Michael Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Gwendolyn Frazier, Grant Holcomb, James Humlong, Larry Sharp, and Lynn Vera. First United Methodist Church, Winchester KY.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, con'd.

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.

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.—Clif Cason, organ recital. Central Christian Church, 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.

Sunday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.—Erich Balling and Lisa Hall, organ recital. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

For inclusion in the April newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, March 29th.

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



Our chapter is sponsoring the 16th annual Bach Marathon on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. Raphael’s Episcopal Church, 1891 Parkers Mill Road, Lexington. As in past years, a variety of works by Johann Sebastian Bach will be presented. The festivities begin at noon, and will wrap up around 5:00 p.m. Musicians from Central Kentucky will be featured, including cellists, flutists, organists, and vocalists. Come out and support your fellow musicians while listening to some outstanding music in celebration of Bach’s 339th birthday. For additional information, or to join the list of performers, contact Clif Cason at clif.cason@gmail.com.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-26—VOTE NOW

Voting members of the Lexington AGO Chapter are asked to vote for the Executive Committee nominees listed below. The term for these nominees begins July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2026. You may email your ballot to Executive Secretary Grant Holcomb at hholc2@gmail.com or mail your ballot to him directly at 1812 Gayle Drive, Lexington KY 40505.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Grant Holcomb, Dean	Approve _____
Mattilda Middleton, Sub-Dean	Approve _____
Hayden McNeal, Executive Secretary	Approve _____
Brian Hunt, Treasurer and Registrar	Approve _____
Barbara Rogers, Member-at-Large* (Class of 2027)	Approve _____

*The Member-at-Large position does not follow the same timeline as other members of the Executive Committee. The Member-at-Large position is a three-year term as described in the Chapter’s operating Procedures.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Jane Johnson

Larry Sharp

Clif Cason, Chair

MEMBER NEWS

On March 10th at 4:00 p.m., **Schuyler Robinson** will present the next in a series of dedicatory recitals for the restored Holtkamp organ at Central Christian Church in Lexington. Works by Louis Marchand, J.S. Bach, Jehan Alain, Johannes Brahms, and Charles Marie Widor will be featured.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

First Christian Church, Paris KY, is seeking a skilled organist/pianist for worship and choir practice. Individual will work closely with choir director and clergy.

Duties:

Perform organ music during weekly worship services, including Sunday morning services, special services, and other church events as needed.

Attend and play for choir practice on Wednesday–late afternoon (5:30 pm).

Collaborate with clergy and choir director to select appropriate hymns, anthems, and other musical pieces that align with the theme and message of each worship service.

Provide accompaniment for congregational singing, choirs, soloists, and other musical ensembles as needed.

Participate with the music ministry team to plan and evaluate worship music programming.

Maintain the church's organ and related equipment in good working condition, reporting any maintenance issues to the appropriate personnel.

Qualifications:

Proficiency in organ/piano performance.

Demonstrate experience as an organist in a church or similar setting, with an understanding of liturgical music traditions.

Strong sight-reading skills and the ability to quickly learn new music.

Contact Nancye Fightmaster at nfight50@gmail.com for more information.

LONG-TIME AGO MEMBER MARIAN SOULE DIES

Marian Emilie (Torve) Soule died in her sleep in the early morning on February 1, 2024, in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born May 13, 1928, to Norwegian immigrants Olaf Olsen Torve and Bergliot Bjerke Torve in Everett, WA. As a young girl, Marian studied Piano and was encouraged by her church to learn to play the Organ (so that she could play for the weekly services). Marian sought out a private teacher and began her studies. She played Piano and Organ for most of the rest of her life.

Marian married Donald Marion Soule in 1950 after they met at the University of Washington, Seattle. Don had invited Marian to a dance, but he did not show up to take her to the dance. As it turned out, he was sick and had no way to let her know. Later Marian would say, "I think he chose me because I was short". (Don was 5'6" and she was 5'2"). After their Graduations from UW, Don and Marian moved to Madison, Wisconsin, Eureka, California, and Champagne, Illinois, where they had their son John, and finally in 1959 they moved to Lexington, KY where they later had their daughter Randi.

Marian was the Organist for Southern Hills United Methodist Church in Lexington for 37 years where she accompanied the choir and played numerous weddings. Marian was a member of the American Guild of Organists, Lexington chapter, PEO chapter J, the Scandinavian Heritage Society, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), and Kentucky Alliance for the Mentally Ill (KAMI). She was an accompanist for the Lexington Talent Education Association and often helped at the registration table for their Suzuki Violin workshops. Marian helped the CKYO with their fundraising for many years as the "cheese lady" selling the delicious cheese products from Old Tavern Cheese Company in Wisconsin. She loved buying Pastries from the Greek Orthodox Church every year and sharing them with friends and neighbors. She also bought and shared the Schermer Chocolate-Covered Pecans from the Southern Hills Church fundraiser. Marian often attended weekly Day Treatment sessions at Eastern State Hospital playing the piano for the attendees and leading sing-a-longs. She would often bring cookies and puzzle books to share with them.

Marian was preceded in death by her younger brother, Theodore Olaf Torve, in 2014, and her husband Donald, in 2017. She is survived by her children John Soule of Lexington and Randi Soule of Raymond, WA. and many Norwegian relatives. Marian's body was donated to the University of Kentucky Willied Body Program as was her husband's before her. She did not wish to have any services. Marian would suggest that if anyone were to donate in her name it should be to NAMI or Southern Hills United Methodist church. She and Donald were huge fans of the Chamber Music Society of Central KY and all classical music in Lexington, the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra, McConnell Springs, KET, and just about any deserving educational or humanitarian organizations in the greater Lexington area.



Photo taken Dec. 10, 2017 at Southern Hills United Methodist Church, celebrating current organist James Humlong and former organists Marian Soule and Tina Wagoner.

COMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
March 2024

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*

Childcare is available.

Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
3:30pm Robert Bozeman and Lisa Lewis, *organ*
ORGAN DUO

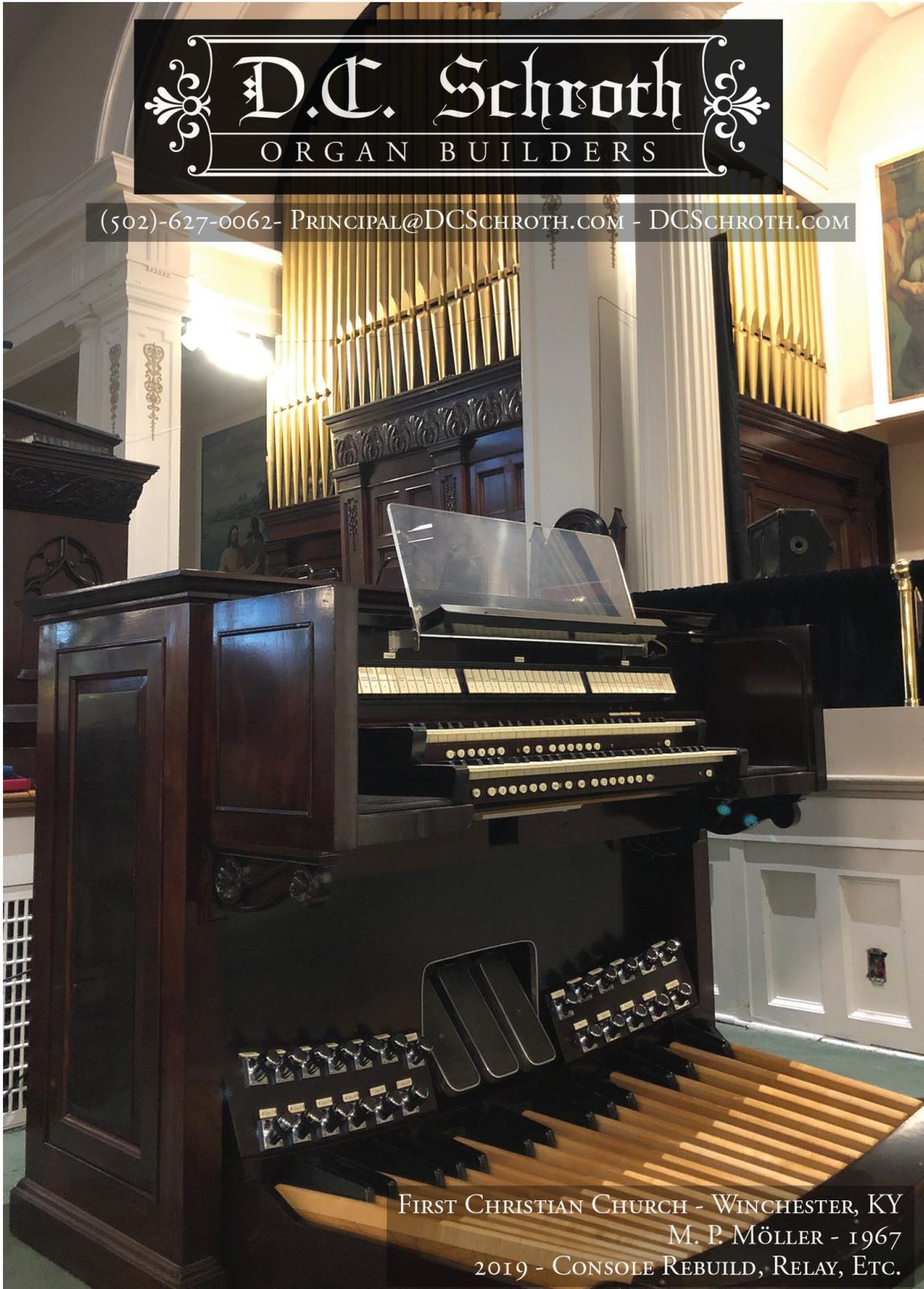
4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir



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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



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

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Church

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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