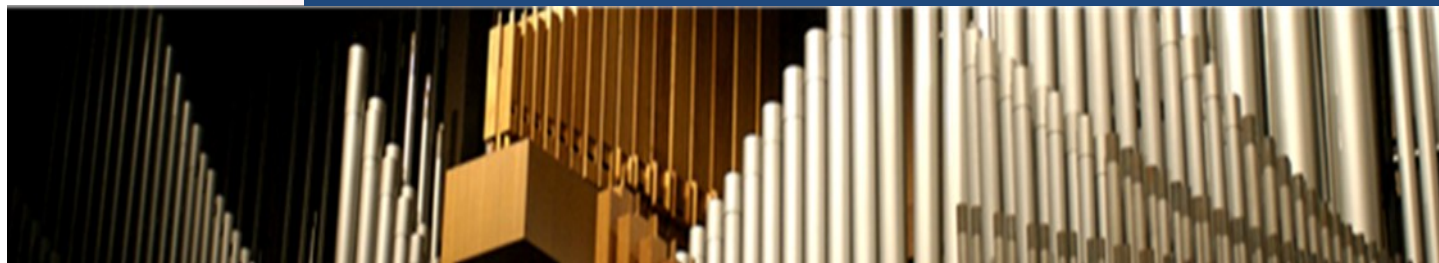


# Principal Pipings

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## Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

The year is passing swiftly, and Advent and its attendant busyness is almost upon us. It's easy to be consumed by the myriad rehearsals and performances that inundate musicians at this time of year, but don't forget to give yourself the gift of some down time to enjoy the season as it unfolds.

Our next "official" AGO-sponsored event is our Twelfth Night Party at Bill's and my home on January 5th. But there are many, many events between now and then, some featuring our own members. I hope you will be able to take in a few of these to enjoy the music of the season. Check the calendar of events in this newsletter for all the up-to-date information!

I wish you all a most wonderful Thanksgiving, and a blessed Advent season.

Jane

## UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 12:15 p.m.—CCM Organ and Harpsichord Students' Recital; Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.—Isabelle Demers, organ, with Kelly Hale, organ, and Rick VanMatre, saxophone. Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati.

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.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m.—The Organ Works of Cesar Franck Part 2; Rob Vanover, organist; Centenary Church, 2800 Tates Creek Road, Lexington.

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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS, con'd.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 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

Thursday, Jan. 11, 12:05 p.m.—Brenda Portman Organ Concert, Christ Church, Glendale, 965 Forest Avenue, Glendale OH

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 12:15 p.m.—Michael Delfin, Harpsichord; Trinity Episcopal Church, 16 East Fourth Street, Covington KY

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.—Nathan Laube, organ, with Christopher Pell, clarinet; Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati OH

Sunday, Jan. 28, 3:00 p.m.—Jonathan Ryan Organ Concert; Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati OH

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 December/January newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at [jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu). The deadline is Friday, December 1st.*

## AN INVITATION TO LEX AGO MEMBERS

Former Lexington AGO Member Rebecca Abbott, who some of you met during our September organ crawl, extends this invitation:

You are invited to a celebration recital of the new organ installation by Muller Pipe Organ (front cover of June 2023 *TAO*) on **Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 3 p.m.**, at Gay Street United Methodist Church, 18 N. Gay Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050; (740) 392-6626; [gaystreetumc.org](http://gaystreetumc.org).

The program is still in the works, but former Lexington AGO member and resident GSUMC organist Rebecca Abbott expects to play a couple of her own compositions; a set of variations by Midwest composer Brent Nolte, probably on "Christ Lag in Todesbanden"; and Smetana's "Ma Vlast" transcribed for organ (to show off the colors!); and the choir is planning to do a Bach "Alleluia." There may be a guest or two. A reception will follow.

As we get closer to the date, please let Rebecca know if you will be coming—[abbottmusiclab@gmail.com](mailto:abbottmusiclab@gmail.com)—and whether you would appreciate overnight housing with a church member or Columbus AGO member. They'd love to welcome you.

Thanks for letting us know about what promises to be an exciting recital, Rebecca!

## MEMBER NEWS

**Rob Vanover** will be presenting "The Organ Works of Cesar Franck (1822-1890), part 2" on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Centenary Church, 2800 Tates Creek Road in Lexington. The recital will feature Franck's Three Pieces (1878) and Three Chorales (1890). Come hear Rob perform on Centenary's magnificent 63-rank Reuter organ.

## LEXINGTON CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AGO EXAM CENTER

Lexington AGO will once again serve as an exam center in 2024 for those wishing to take the AGO ChoirMaster and Associate (AAGO) certification exams. The Service Playing and Colleague exams do not need to be taken at a designated exam center.

We have several members who are currently preparing to take one of the AGO certification exams. If you would like information on how to start on the road to certification, Lexington AGO has resources to help! Contact Jane Johnson for all the info. Maybe 2024 will be the year you become certified!

## HYMN FESTIVAL WITH ERIC WALL



On Sunday, October 22nd, Lexington AGO and Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Lexington presented the second in a series of dedication events for Central's renovated and enhanced Holtkamp pipe organ. *Every Time and Place: The Saints Sing*, an All-Saints-themed hymn festival, was led by guest organist Eric Wall. Eric is the Gene Alice Sherman Associate Professor of Sacred Music and Dean of the Chapel at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Texas and Conference Center Musician at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina.



## COMING EVENTS

# GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral  
November 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

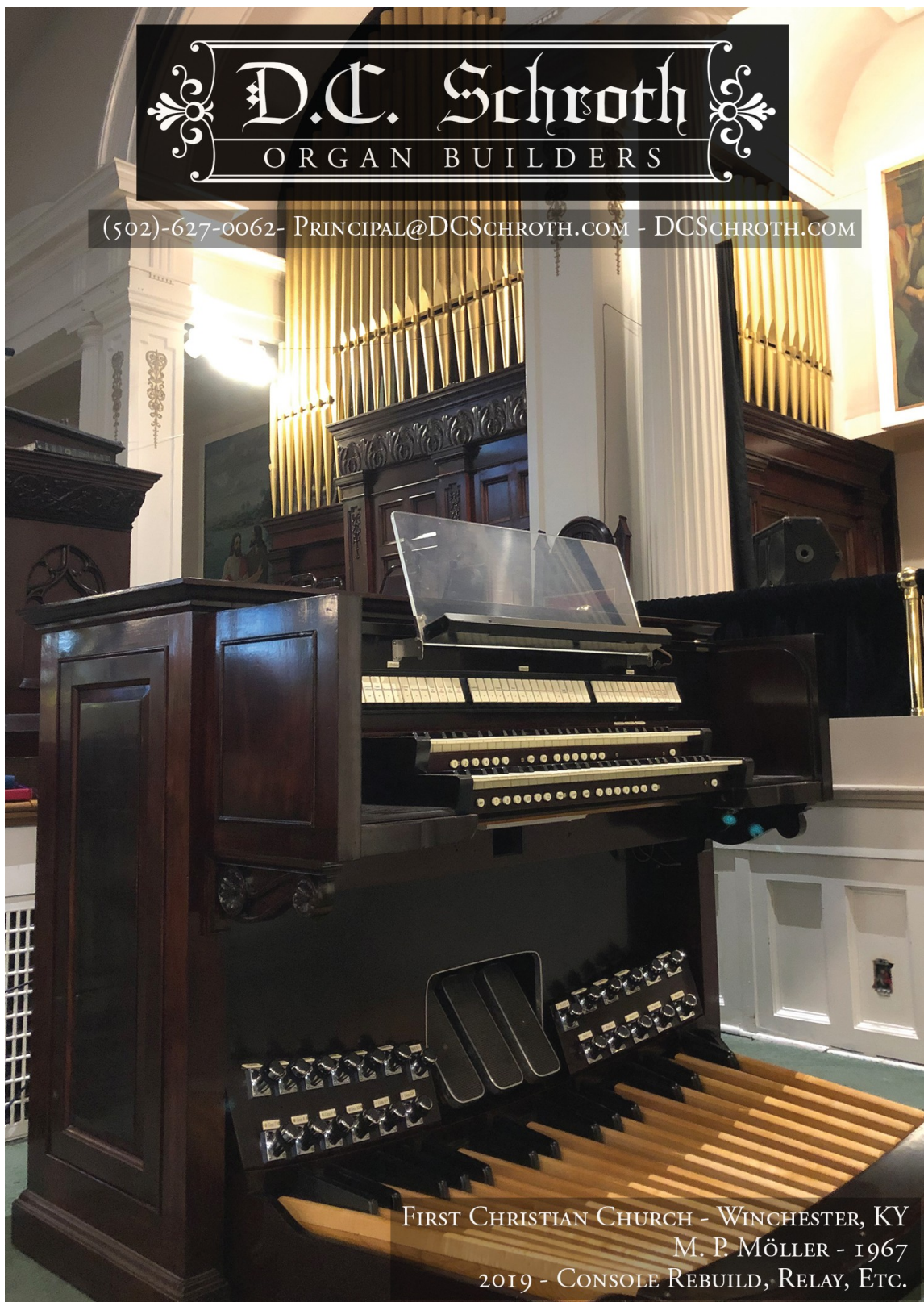
The Cathedral Choir and guest soloists  
with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

*For Ticket Reservations, visit [cccllex.org/messiah](http://cccllex.org/messiah)*

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at Christ Church Cathedral

## 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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