



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

The logs are on the fire, and the wreaths are all hung. Advent has arrived, although you'd never know it if you only listen to the Christmas music playing on our radios and at the shopping malls.

We are the keepers of Advent. The music of Advent is kept alive in our churches. I always look forward to the gradual crescendo from Advent's hushed tones of waiting and expectation ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel") to the joyous strains of Christmas celebration ("Joy to the World!" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing").

Let's build on last month's fine Reger Centennial Program, which brought together members and guests from four states! Join your AGO Friends on Sunday, December 18, at Central Baptist Church (across from Fayette Mall), for our "Christmas Pipes" Concert. Several LexAGO Members will present a one-hour program featuring the organ music of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. A reception will follow, and donations will benefit our Education Committee's 2017 POE Scholarship Fund. This promises to be an afternoon of fun -- and all for a good cause! Wouldn't it be GREAT to have 100% Chapter participation?! Don't be a "Scrooge!" Read your newsletter for ways YOU may contribute! I will look forward to seeing you there.

During this special holiday season, like no other time of the year, our choral and organ music takes center stage in our churches' services and festivities. May each of you be inspired to lead your congregations through their musical journeys of Advent and Christmas -- and be sure to save a cup of eggnog for yourself!

Wishing you a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

--Larry Sharp

December Events

SUN / 12.4.16

5.00p

Darkness Into Light: The Great 'O' Antiphons

Church of the Ascension, Frankfort, KY

SUN / 12.4.16

7.00p

Christmas with the Kentucky Bach Choir

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

SAT / 12.10.16

8.00p

**A Cathedral Christmas with the Lexington Philharmonic
Lexington Chamber Chorale**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.11.16

4.45p

Evensong with Guest 16 yr. old Organ Scholar Oak Martin

Trinity Episcopal Church, Danville, KY

SUN / 12.11.16

6.00p

**Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
J.S. Bach Sacred Cantata 140**

Faith Lutheran Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.11.16

6.00p

Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.18.16

2.00p

**Christmas Pipes: A program of seasonal music
performed by chapter members**

Central Baptist Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.18.16

5.00p

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.18.16

6.30p Prelude

7.00p Carols

Organ Prelude

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, The Cathedral Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

WED / 12.21.16

Noon

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Roseanna Shafer, Harp and The Cathedral Girls Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

January Events

TUE / 1.17.17

12.05p

Charlie Mitchell, Organ

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

SAT / 1.21.17

9.00a

Choral and Organ Reading Session

St. John's Episcopal Church, Versailles, KY

SUN / 1.22.17

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

Concert, Kentucky String Quartet

Anna Hess, violin

Rebecca Kiekenapp, violin

Dale Jones, viola

Clyde Beavers, cello

Evensong, The Cathedral Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SAT / 1.28.17

2017 AGO January Jubilee Great Lakes Region

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, LaGrange, IL

Upcoming AGO Events

2017 AGO January Jubilee

Great Lakes Region

January 28, 2017

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

LaGrange, IL

2017 AGO Regional Convention

Youngstown, OH

2018 AGO National Convention

Kansas City, MO

2019 AGO Regional Convention

Grand Rapids, MI

2020 AGO National Convention

Atlanta, GA

Chapter Program

“Christmas Pipes” Program on December 18

Please be sure to mark Sunday, December 18, on your calendars. Our “Christmas Pipes” Concert Program will be held at Central Baptist Church, 110 Wilson Downing Road (across from Fayette Mall). The program will run from 2:00-3:00 pm and will feature performances of seasonal music for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Additionally, a newly-commissioned organ composition for Christmas will receive its AGO premiere.

As of press time, seven LexAGO members have volunteered to participate in this holiday program. Host organist **Mark DeAlba** will be working with us to schedule practice time on the sanctuary’s Skinner Organ.

Following the concert, there will be a reception at the church. Donations will be accepted to benefit our 2017 POE Scholarship Fund. So it’s all for a good cause!

One hundred percent chapter participation is our goal for this holiday program! Here’s how EVERY LexAGO Member may participate:

1. Volunteer to perform a short program of seasonal organ music.
2. Plan on attending the concert. Invite your family, friends, church and choir members. The more, the merrier!
3. Help us publicize the event by printing and posting the enclosed poster at your churches, schools and studios.
4. Contribute financially. Checks written to the LexAGO may be sent to the chapter dean, **Larry Sharp**, or to the treasurer, **James Humlong**. Write “POE Scholarship” on the memo line. Last year, we raised over \$650 to benefit our POE. Let’s do even better this year!

Participate, attend, publicize, contribute! This is one program that we ALL can get behind and support!

I will look forward to seeing many of you there!

Thank you for your support,

Larry Sharp

Chapter Program



Christmas Pipes

**A Program of Holiday Music
Presented by Members of the
Lexington Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists**

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 pm

Central Baptist Church
110 Wilson Downing Rd., Lexington

Donations Accepted for the
2017 AGO Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarship Fund

Above and Beyond

A Special Thanks to Chapter Members

The Lexington AGO wishes to THANK the following Friends and Members for their services to our Chapter, ABOVE and BEYOND the call of duty!

1. **Tina Wagoner** and **James Humlong**, for hosting our last two Chapter programs at their respective churches, First Presbyterian and Southern Hills UMC. Hosting a Chapter program involves juggling dozens of minute details, ranging from access to the church's sanctuary and scheduling practice time for our guests, to making sure the coffee pot is "on" -- not to mention all of the unforeseen challenges that can pop up! Tina and James were both perfect hosts, and we appreciate their efforts and good humor!

2. **Bill and Jane Johnson**, for sharing their guest room with **Dr. Christopher Anderson**, prior to his November presentation. We appreciate their willingness to share a little Lexington hospitality with our guest!

3. **Nancy and Mike Dunn** and **Angela Hurley**, our outstanding Hospitality Committee members! They have been treating us to homemade breakfast treats for the last two months, and we can't wait to see what they have in store for us next! Since many of you have been asking, the recipe for their Apple Pecan Muffins is included in this newsletter.

4. **Dr. Christopher Anderson**, **Carolyn Craig** and **Dr. Greg Gyllsdorff**, for their outstanding recent presentations to our Chapter. We appreciate their willingness to share their knowledge, time and expertise with us, not to mention their good humor and friendship!

AGO Holiday Gifts

Just in time for holiday gift giving, the AGO Online Store carries an assortment of greeting cards and hymn collections. As an added bonus this year, you will receive a complimentary CD of LexAGO's very own **Jonathan Rudy**, the 2014 NYACOP winner!

Other gift ideas should include the gift of AGO membership for a fellow organist, friend or student. A Chapter Friend membership is a bargain at only \$25. Gift subscriptions are also available for the monthly professional journal, *The American Organist*. You may also wish to consider making a charitable contribution to the AGO Annual Fund in someone's honor. It's 100% tax-deductible, and your name, as well as that of your honoree, will appear in print in TAO.

Season's Greetings from the AGO!

Apple Pecan Muffins

A Recipe from our Hospitality Committee

In response to several requests, here is the "secret family recipe" from **Mike and Nancy Dunn** -- just in time for your own holiday meal plans. Enjoy!

(Approximately 12 regular size muffins.)

1 1/4 c flour	1 egg
1 t baking soda	2 T fresh lemon juice
1/2 t cinnamon	1 t lemon zest
1/8 t salt	1 1/2 t vanilla extract
3/4 c sugar	2 c Granny Smith apples, peeled and chopped
1/2 c vegetable oil	1/2 c pecans, toasted and chopped

Oven: 350

Grease the muffin cups. Combine flour, soda, cinnamon and salt. In another bowl combine sugar, oil, egg, lemon juice and zest, and vanilla. Mix in the dry ingredients and then the apples and pecans. Spoon 1/3 cup (or so) batter into muffin cups. Bake until toothpick inserted into centers comes out clean - about 33-35 minutes. Carefully remove muffins from pan and cool slightly.

Reger Centennial Program

As everyone who attended last month's meeting already knows, our Reger Centennial Program, held on November 19, at First Presbyterian Church, will be a hard one to top! Kentucky native (and Transy grad) **Dr. Christopher Anderson**, of SMU, presented a first-class program on the life, times and music of Max Reger (1873-1916). As an added treat, he was joined by LexAGO member **Carolyn Craig**, who performed one number for our listening pleasure (and for Dr. Anderson's comments).

The program was well-attended. Not only were there homemade breakfast treats, compliments of our outstanding Hospitality Committee, but several of us stayed and enjoyed lunch afterwards with Chris, Carolyn, and her mom, Ann, at Saul's Good Restaurant.

Many thanks to Chris, Carolyn, host organist **Tina Wagoner, Jane Johnson, Schuyler Robinson** and everyone else who helped make this program so memorable!

Why I Am an AGO Member

Why am I a member of the AGO? For me, it all boils down to one word: collegiality. So much of what we do as organists is spent in solitude --- practicing, planning, preparing, etc. It is easy to get caught up in our own worlds and forget that others are out there going through many of the same routine tasks. I know that whenever I attend an AGO event, I will be surrounded by colleagues that understand my work and share my passion for the instrument. This is equally true here in the Lexington chapter as well as when I attend a summer convention and can reunite with friends and classmates from the past. In fact, some of these colleagues have become my closest friends, and I value their advice, opinions, and camaraderie.

Submitted by **Zach Klobnak**

LexAGO Subdean and 2016 POE Director

Bad Music Joke of the Month

During this hectic holiday season, simply pause and remember --STRESSED spelled backwards is DESSERTS!

Mailbox

A Message from Yun Kim

The Lexington AGO Chapter I hold very dear to my heart. It's not only because you had graciously given me the special opportunity to make my first appearance as a featured performer at an AGO convention, but also because of a very unusual experience I had during my recital at Union Church in Berea during the Lexington Regional. After the second piece I bowed, and as soon as I looked out to the audience who were sitting all together in the middle of the church, this split-second thought went through my mind – “we are all connected.” It was a very quick unexpected insight which moved me for the rest of the concert. I can't help but think it was the Holy Spirit that taught me the importance of my job. I believe that when we gather together as a group to enjoy creating beauty or any other meaningful activity, we are somehow reminded that we are never alone and need one another. It was great to revisit my experience this past summer as I served as a faculty member at your amazing POE. Many thanks and I wish all of you only the best!

Yun Kim
past-dean, Dayton Ohio Chapter

Thanks from Christopher Anderson

Larry,

Let me thank you once again for everything you did to arrange my visit this last weekend. I had a great time and it was fantastic to reconnect with some and get to know others for the first time. You have a great chapter in a really lovely place -- wonderful people all around -- and I know they must appreciate your leadership!

Again many thanks for everything, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Christopher S Anderson

A Note from Carl Bruhn

Dear Larry,

As Dean of the Lexington Kentucky AGO Chapter you are probably well aware this year's January Jubilee is coming to our Region on Saturday January 28. This is a Great Lakes Regional event, and will be held in LaGrange, Illinois—a lovely Chicago suburb—and a nice drive from Kentucky—especially if the weather is favorable! (Last year's gathering was hosted by the Southern Indiana Chapter—and was the first JJ ever in our Region. And there was a blizzard!) You can read/see more about it in the November issue of *The American Organist* on page 47. Any/all of your members are invited to attend, and I hope many will. Please encourage them to do so, and promote it in your newsletter.

Our January Jubilee is an all-day event with with five-double tracks of practical workshops for organists, choir directors, and handbell directors. There will be ten sessions—two sessions being held simultaneously. Each is taught by an expert in his/her area. Those attending will have to make a choice of which workshop he/she will attend. You and your members will be getting a mailed brochure in the next week or two (they are sent "bulk rate") that has specifics of the workshops. Our January Jubilee will be held from 8 am until 4 pm at the very beautiful Emmanuel Episcopal Church 203 S. Kensington Avenue in LaGrange, IL.

AGO Trivia

Congratulations to **Nancy Dunn**! Nancy submitted the correct answers to last month's Trivia Question. She correctly identified the two LexAGO members whose last names are palindromes: (1) New POE member **Ben Gillig**, and (2) longtime member **Larry Sivis**. Nancy will receive her prize at a later date. Remember -- you can't win if you don't play!

Now, here is your Trivia Question for December. Be the first to contact Larry Sharp by email (ago-larry@att.net), and you will receive a prize! GOOD LUCK!

Q: Spike Jones and the City Slickers had a hit in 1948 with which popular Christmas song?

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Sunday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten
Roseanna Shafer, harp and the Cathedral Girls
Choir



Palm Sunday, April 9

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of
Men and Boys



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complete list of events.*

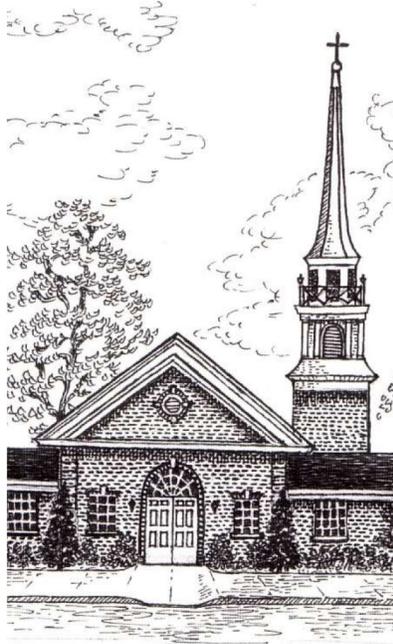
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Dr. Larry Sharp
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Sunday, October 9	Merrilee Elliott, flute Mozart, Faure'
Sunday, November 6	David Powell, oboe Telemann, Lynn Trapp
Sunday, November 27 Advent I	Bailey Yates, violin Rutter, Dandrieu, Bach
Sunday, December 4 Advent II	Advent Lessons & Carols SCAPA String Ensemble
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Premiere of Original Organ Composition by John S. Dixon
Lent, 2017 (TBA)	SCAPA String Ensemble
Sunday April 16 Easter	Brass Ensemble with Beaumont Choir

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Music & Liturgy at Good Shepherd

9 October 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert - Dr. Schuyler Robinson,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

6 November 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

All Saints' Concert featuring the Fauré *Requiem*

18 December 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

17 February 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ Concert - Bruce Neswick

18 February 2017, 10:00 – 12:30

Open choir rehearsal under the direction of Bruce Neswick
The choirs of Good Shepherd; St. John's, Versailles; & St. Michael's

19 February 2017

Choir Festival

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist & 5:00 p.m. Festal Choral Evensong
under the direction of Bruce Neswick

19 March 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Organ concert – Dr. Robert Bozeman,
followed by Solemn Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

7 May 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Oboe concert by Dr. ToniMarie Marchioni,
followed by Festal Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

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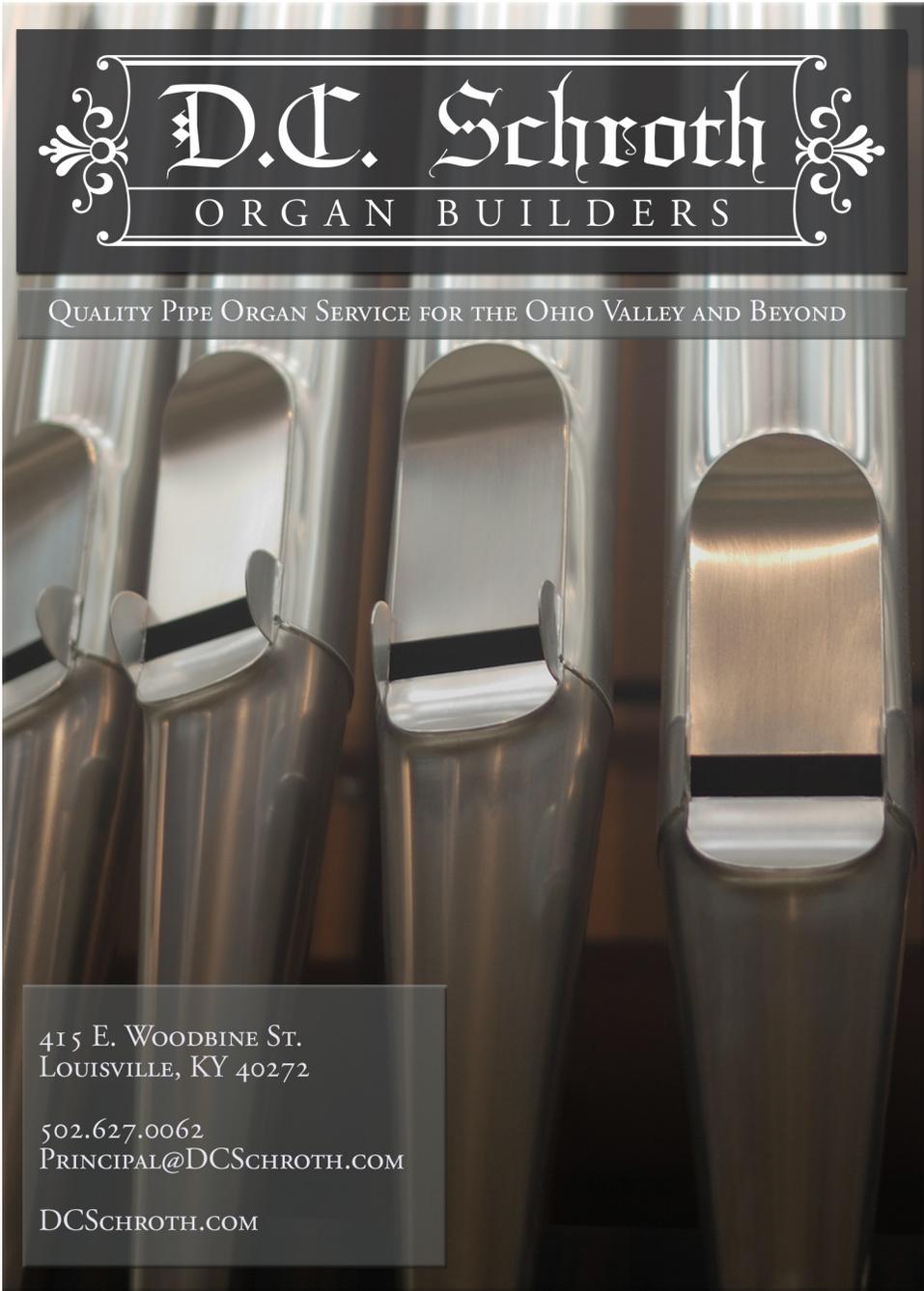
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