



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

Well, another LexAGO Program Year is winding down. It seems like there has been a whirlwind of activity ever since last summer's Pipe Organ Encounter, right up to our final concert program this weekend. You won't want to miss Lexington's own **Schuyler Robinson** in recital at Christ the King Cathedral this Sunday. After all, it's Mother's Day, so be sure to bring your moms along!

Your Executive Committee and I are pleased to announce our upcoming LexAGO 2017-18 Program Year. Again, we will be offering a full slate of ten programs over a span of ten months in three Central Kentucky cities. There's something here for everyone! The full schedule will be found inside this newsletter. Be sure to mark the date on your calendars for our first program in the fall -- Saturday, September 30.

And there's more good news to share! I am pleased to announce that Lexington has been approved by the AGO National Council as one of three host sites for the AGO's 2018 January Jubilees. Our Chapter, along with Columbus and St. Louis, will be busy planning this exciting event over the course of the summer and into the fall. Inside this newsletter, you will find preliminary information about the January Jubilee.

You, our LexAGO Members, should rightfully be proud of all we have accomplished together. From 2011's "Racing to Lexington" Regional Convention, to 2016's successful Pipe Organ Encounter, we now together look forward to our 2018 January Jubilee. With this event, the Lexington AGO will have hosted the "Triple Crown" of AGO events!

WIN (When): Saturday, January 27

PLACE: First Presbyterian Church

SHOW: 2018 AGO Great Lakes

JANUARY JUBILEE

Enjoy your summer! Come back in the Fall rested, and ready to "roll up your sleeves" and get to work! I'm proud to be the Dean of the best AGO Chapter anywhere!

Hope to see you this weekend,

Larry Sharp

Upcoming Events

FRI / 5.12.17

7.00p

Variety Show, Anne Willis, Director

Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels/Generations Center
First Christian Church, Winchester, KY

FRI / 5.12.17

7.30p

SCAPA Lafayette Madrigal Singers

Ryan Marsh, conductor, Laura Howard, conductor

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SAT / 5.13.17

2.00p

Variety Show, Anne Willis, Director

Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels/Generations Center
First Christian Church, Winchester, KY

SUN / 5.14.17

2.00p

Schuyler Robinson, organ

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

LexAGO Sponsored Event

SUN / 5.21.17

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

Concert, Shawn Dawson, organ,

Evensong with Chorister Promotions and Recognitions

The Cathedral Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SUN / 5.21.17

5.00

Evensong and Potluck Dinner

Parish Choir under the direction of Bill Webber

St. John's Episcopal church, Versailles, KY

All Are Invited to Music and Potluck

On Sunday, May 21, there will be a service of Evensong at St. John's Episcopal Church in Versailles featuring The Parish Choir under the direction of **William Webber**, Organist/Choirmaster. This Evensong service will feature music by McNeil Robinson, Orlando Gibbons, T. S. Haller, and Charles Calahan.

The service begins at 5pm. Immediately following the service, a potluck dinner will be served in Hosea Hall. All are welcome.

*Submitted by **Bill Webber***

Ago Events

Final Program: Schuyler Robinson Recital on May 4

As usual, we've saved the best for last! For our final program for the 2016-17 year, the Lexington AGO is proud to partner with the Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, in presenting our own **Dr. Schuyler Robinson** in recital on Sunday, May 14, at 2:00 pm.

Schuyler has enjoyed a distinguished career with us here in Lexington as a professor of organ, harpsichord and music theory at the University of Kentucky, while also serving as assistant organist at Christ Church Cathedral. His program will include works by Lubeck, Bach, Franck, Alain, Willan and Vierne.

Please join us for this special Mother's Day recital. In addition to Dr. Robinson, we also extend thanks to our hosts at Christ the King, LexAGO Members **Robert Whitaker**, Director of Music, and **Brian Hunt**, Organist, for offering us this concert opportunity. You may visit the CTK Concert Series website at www.ctlklex.org.

Cathedral of Christ the King Concert Series

2016-2017

299 Colony Boulevard, Lexington ~ (859) 335-3693

May 14, 2017 (Sunday), 2:00 p.m.

Organ Recital

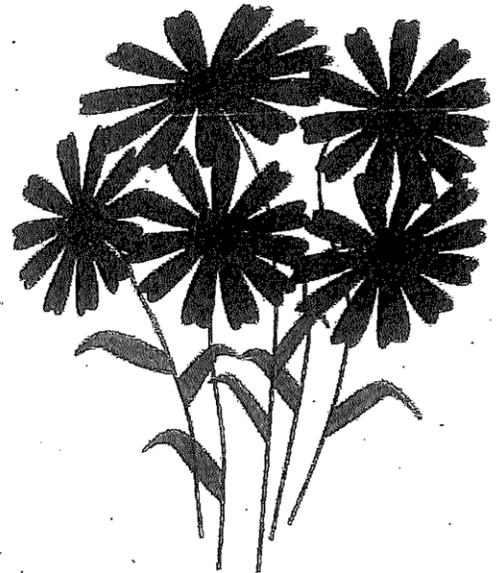
Dr. Schuyler Robinson

Featuring music of Lubeck, Bach, Franck,
Alain, Willan, and Vierne

Cathedral Director of Music: Robert Whitaker BA, MA, CAGO,
ChM

Cathedral Organist/Assistant Director of Music: Brian Hunt BMME,
MM

Concert Series Website: www.ctlklex.org



2017 Youngstown Regional Convention

Good news! It's still not too late to register for the 2017 AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention, to be held July 2-5 in Youngstown, Ohio. You may check out the impressive list of performers, workshops and other planned activities on the Convention website: www.agoyoungstown.com. It sounds too good to miss!

2017-18 LexAGO Program Year

Your LexAGO Executive Committee is pleased to announce the lineup for the upcoming 2017-18 Program Year. Full details, plus any updates, will be published in the September Newsletter.

SAT / 9.30.17

9.30a Gather
10.00a Workshop

Contemporary Organ Repertoire, Dr. Brenda Portman

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

FRI / 10.27.17

7.30p

500th Anniversary Reformation Concert

The Presbyterian Church, Danville, KY

SAT / 11.18.17

9.30a Gather
10.00a Workshop

Meet the Composer: The Music of John S. Dixon

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.10.17

2.00p

Third Annual "Christmas Pipes Concert"

Proceeds to benefit the 2018 January Jubilee
Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY

SAT / 1.27.18

8.00-4.00

2018 AGO Great Lakes Region 2018 January Jubilee

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

TUE / 2.13.18

6.30p

Mardi Gras Dinner and Jubilee Wrap-up

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

FRI / 3.2.18

7.30p

"1718: Bach at 33", Mark Mummert, organist

Faith Lutheran Church, Lexington, KY

SAT / 4.14.18

9.30a Gather
10.00a Workshop

Organ Improvisation Workshop, Owen Sammons

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, KY

SAT / 5.19.18

11.45a

Chapter Luncheon and New Officer Installation

Dudley's on Short St., Lexington, KY

FRI / 6.15.18

7.30p

Katelyn Emerson Recital

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

Executive Committee

2017 Election Result

The votes are all tallied, and Executive Secretary **Lynn Vera** informs us that **Grant Holcomb** will be the new representative at-large to the Executive Committee (Class of 2020). We congratulate Grant and welcome him to the EC! We look forward to incorporating his ideas and enthusiasm into our programming! Grant will be entering the University of Kentucky in the fall.

Our thanks are also extended to **Mark DeAlba**, who is completing a three-year at-large term on the EC. Mark joined us on the EC in 2014, while still a student at U.K. We are appreciative for all that Mark has done for our Chapter, and wish him the best in his future endeavors!

Your 2017-2018 Executive Committee

Larry Sharp

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Zach Klobnak

Subdean

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James Humlong

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Bill Webber

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Angela Hurley

At-large (2019)

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January Jubilee

What is a January Jubilee?

A January Jubilee is a one-day conference designed as an AGO outreach program for the purpose of nurturing church musicians, introducing those unacquainted with the AGO to its work and mission, and encouraging them to become AGO members.

The goal is to make our Chapter more accessible and welcoming. This is accomplished by interacting with peers who share an interest in the organ and its music.

The winter months are targeted for Jubilees. They are held at a single venue over the course of a single day. No fewer than eight workshops will be offered, on a double-track, taught by local experts. Lunch will be included with the modest registration fee.

Lexington AGO Members will be encouraged to reach out to non-members in our area and invite them to the Jubilee. A six-month complimentary membership will be offered to non-members in attendance.

You will be reading more about the January Jubilee when the Newsletter resumes in the fall. Until then, please be thinking of ways you would like to become involved. Your financial gifts and contributions will be welcomed and put to good use. Many volunteers will be needed to make sure the Jubilee runs smoothly. And, above all, be thinking of people you would like to invite to attend Lexington's first January Jubilee.

(Adapted from the AGO Handbook for January Jubilee)



2018
AGO Great Lakes Region

January Jubilee

Saturday, January 27, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
Lexington, Kentucky

www.agolexington.org

Chapter News

A Note from Sheila Hess

Dear Larry,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee on Sharing Skills and Resources to inform you that National Council has approved your chapter to host a 2018 January Jubilee. Each of the three Jubilees will receive a \$1,000 subsidy from National.

The members of CoSSR look forward to working with you and your chapter as you plan and present your Jubilee.

Welcome to the Jubilee Family!

Sheila Hess, Director

Committee on Sharing Skills and Resources

Congratulations, Dr. Klobnak!

The Lexington AGO extends congratulations to Subdean **Zach Klobnak** upon the completion of his DMA requirements at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In April, Zach successfully defended his dissertation, titled “The Solo Organ Works of Rolande Falcinelli (1920-2006).” Falcinelli was a prized pupil of Marcel Dupre and succeeded him as organ professor at the Paris Conservatory. Congratulations, Dr. Klobnak!

Email Update

Please make note of the following change of email address for Treasurer **James Humlong**:

james.humlong@gmail.com

Yearbook Ads for 2017-18

It's not too early to be planning, designing and submitting your Chapter Yearbook Ads for the coming 2017-18 LexAGO Program Year!

As an added incentive to all returning sponsors this year, there will be a substantial discount on the price of your ad if you submit it to me during the months of June and July, without being reminded! After August 1, regular fees will take effect. More details to follow...

It Bears Repeating

1. **Gabe Evans**, Director of Music at Union Church in Berea, has announced the opening of the **John Courter** Music Library, housed in Union Church. John Courter's extensive collection of organ music has been categorized and filed by librarians and church volunteers. ALL Members of the Lexington AGO are invited to visit, browse and borrow music. The only stipulation is -- you must return it! To plan your visit, please be in contact with Gabe at evansgabet@gmail.com, or (859) 986-3725 (church phone number).

2. For those who haven't already obtained and/or registered their Kroger Plus Cards, there would be no better time than NOW! Simply go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card with the Lexington AGO (NPO number 79661). Thanks, all, for your support of our Chapter!

*LexAGO Members **Gabe Evans**, left, and **Mark DeAlba** review a score at the Courter Music Library at Union Church in Berea.*



POE Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to LexAGO Member **Ben Gillig**, of Frankfort! Ben is the deserving recipient of our 2017 POE Scholarship. Ben will receive \$400 to help defray the costs associated with attending this summer's Pipe Organ Encounter at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, June 11-16. We know that Ben will represent our Chapter well, and we hope he has just as much fun as he did last summer at Lexington's POE! We will look forward to all Ben has to share with us when he returns home.



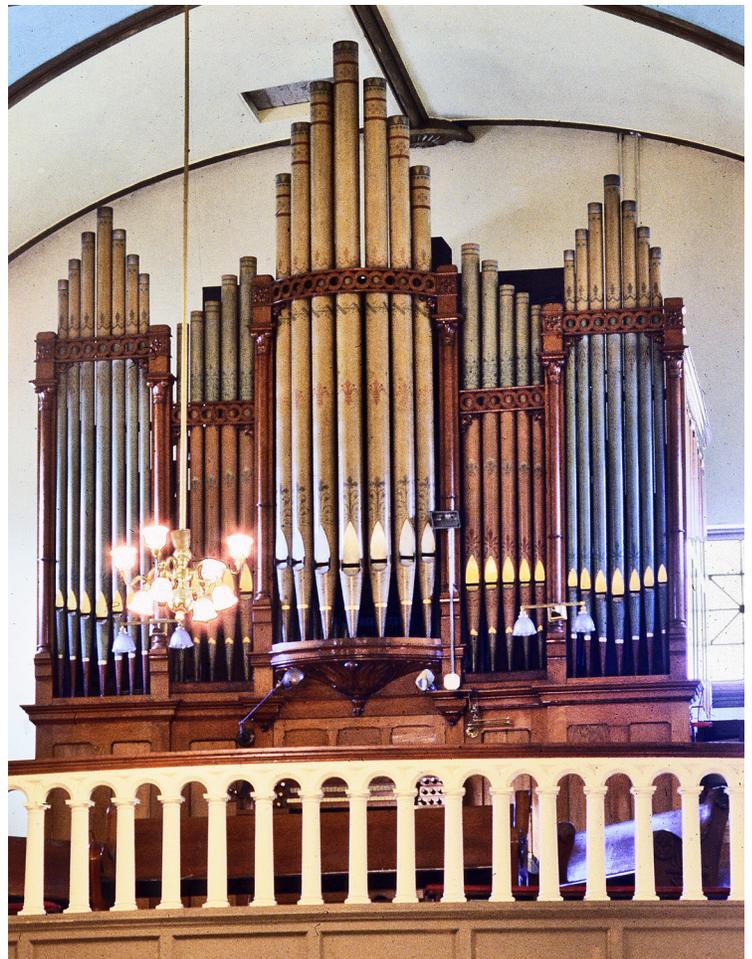
Miscellaneous

Calling All Subs!

The summer season is upon us, and this is the time of year that our substitute organists are in HOT demand! If you would like for your name to remain (or be added) to our online Substitute Organist List, please be in touch with Dean **Larry Sharp** right away. We will also plan on highlighting our member subs in September's new Chapter Yearbook.

A Note from David Schroth

I would like my fellow guild members to know that the fine 1898 August Prante organ of 18 ranks is still available and currently in storage. Originally from St. Philip Neri, this locally-built instrument is one of only three remaining fully-intact instruments from this notable Louisville organ builder, and was his last completed instrument. Significant restorative work was undertaken previous to being dismantled, and we feel its assertive Victorian voice would make an ideal instrument in a medium sized building. The organ received citation 143 from the Organ Historical Society in 1993. Please have any interested parties contact **D. C. Schroth** at Principal@DCSchroth.com.



Summer Recommendations

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy,” or so go the popular lyrics. Summer break is upon us, and we all have our own tried-and-true methods of relaxing. If, however, you’re looking for ways to occupy your leisure time, here are a few recommendations.

Places to Visit:

The AGO Regional Conventions are held in odd-numbered years, and this summer there are seven host sites from which to choose. The Great Lakes Regional in Youngstown is only a short drive away. The other six cities are Montreal, Richmond, Jacksonville, Iowa City, Dallas and Salt Lake City. Smaller and more intimate than the National Convention, the Regionals offer great learning experiences and are an easy way to get to know fellow AGO Members!

Books to Read:

(1) The Noise of Time by Julian Barnes (2016)

I have been a fan of Julian Barnes ever since reading his Booker Prize-winning novel, *The Sense of an Ending*. Join me this summer in reading his latest novel about the life of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich.

(2) An Equal Music by Vikram Seth (1999)

Music lovers will enjoy this elegant classical music romance not solely for its insight into the world of chamber music, but also for its references to works by Schubert (*Trout Quintet*), Vaughan Williams (*The Lark Ascending*), and Beethoven (*String Quartet in C minor*).

(3) Until I Find You by John Irving (2005)

This is Irving’s eleventh novel. If you’re already a fan of his previous novels (*The World According to Garp*, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*), then you will enjoy this story of a boy in search of his father. You’ve never encountered a novel with as many references to the organ world, churches, chorale tunes -- and tattoos!

Summer Recommendations

Movies:

(1) “Whiplash” (2014)

Director Damien Chazelle won an Oscar this year for “La La Land,” but his previous film about a young jazz drummer (Miles Teller) and his instructor (J.K. Simmons) explores that intense connection between student and teacher. Forget about “La La,” this sounds much more interesting!

(2) “Amadeus” (1984)

“An oldie, but a goodie!” Milos Forman’s film version of the stage play deservedly won eight Oscars. While highly fictionalized, it explores the relationship between a young Mozart (Tom Hulce) and rival composer Salieri (F. Murray Abraham), with interwoven themes of genius and jealousy. And don’t forget that score! A perfect evening’s entertainment.

(3) “Babe” (1995)

No, this isn’t just a children’s movie -- it’s a classic fable of a pig named Babe, raised by sheepdogs, who learns to herd sheep with some help from Farmer Hoggett (James Cromwell). Organists, in particular, can’t help but sit up and take notice of the musical score! (Why is that? See this month’s Trivia Question!)

Other Suggestions:

(1) The Kentucky Theater again will be offering their Classic Movie Series on Wednesdays throughout the summer (May--August), preceded by a theater organ concert presented by several LexAGO Members, including **John Landon, Brian Hunt, Tom White** and **Bill Webber**.

(2) Summer break is the perfect time to begin your own AGO Certification process. So gather up your music, order your certification manuals and materials from AGO HQ, and get started!

(3) If your summer travels take you to places of interest to other AGO Members, please send us your photos and a brief write-up of your adventures! These will appear in our Fall Newsletters.

April Trivia

Congratulations this month to **Mary Anna Stepp**, for correctly identifying the 8' Steiner Phone as a stop on the Bunn=Minnick organ at Second Presbyterian Church, named in honor of our own **Betsy Steiner!**

The Steiner Phone seems to be a play on "Stintorphone," a loud flue stop, similar to the Diapason. Who better to explain than Betsy Steiner herself:

A Note from Betsy Steiner

O. K. So I know all about that stop! The organ at Second Presbyterian was completely removed and renovated some years ago by the Bunn-Minnick organ company of Columbus, OH. The Skinner that had been in the church since 192? was removed and renovated and added to. It was always frustrating for me to use - it had a nice Swell division and a somewhat good Choir division, but the Great was so - o - o lacking. There was a big 8' Diapason and several quiet stops borrowed from the choir. The diapason was so heavy, loud and unpleasant that I seldom used it.

I was not the Organist/Director at the time the organ was rebuilt, **Donnie Beddingfield** was (he was a grad student at U.K.), however, even though I was doing other things during that time, I would assist Donnie from time to time. So, when they were going to work on the organ I was interested and got to know **Bob Bunn** and **Phil Minnich**. Once my husband and I had them and others out to our house for dinner. I fixed a ham loaf made of new and old ham. I was good if I do say so. But in fun I told Bob and Phil that it was possom loaf. They were a bit hesitant and ate it and liked it. That was a standing joke for a long time.

When the organ was returned to Second Pres. There was the console on a truck. I was at the church to see the goings on and was told to go outside to the truck. There it was! They had returned the old Diapason to be reinstalled for historical reasons. But the stop had a new name - Steiner Phone. Bunn-Minnick like to put some sort of joke on their organs. Once they changed the Rausch (forgot how to spell it!) Quint on an organ to **Ralph Quint** for the chair of the organ committee.

So that is my story and I'm sticking to it - it's true

Submitted by **Betsy Steiner**

(In Memorium -- Phillip D. Minnick, 12/26/2016)

For Fun

May Trivia

Here is the May Trivia Question. As mentioned in the “Summertime Recommendations” article, what is featured in the 1995 motion picture musical score of “Babe” that is of unique interest to organists in the audience? Be the FIRST to submit the correct answer, and you will win a PRIZE! Remember -- you can't win if you don't play! GOOD LUCK!

A Note from the Editor

As another season draws to a close I get to express again what a pleasure it's been to serve as your newsletter editor and webmaster for another season. Many thanks go to **Larry Sharp** for collecting and preparing such fantastic content. From the timely news to the fun and creative trivia contests I've looked forward each month to my inbox filling with a bunch of emails from Larry, all numbered and ready to be dropped into the InDesign template. I get to try to make the newsletter look good, but Larry makes it worth reading. Thanks for being so well organized, Larry!

Please note that our calendar beyond May is empty. I know many of you are preparing programming for next season. Please send me information as soon as you can and we'll put it up on the website. As per our custom, we publish this newsletter 10 times a year and thus look forward to the next one coming in August. Have a great summer!

Scott Heydinger

sheydinger@yahoo.com

AGO Membership Renewal

It is time, once again, for the majority of us to renew our memberships with the American Guild of Organists. Online renewal notices have already been sent by National Headquarters to all Members and Friends who are on the traditional July 1 dues renewal cycle.

This year, there are at least three different ways to pay your dues:

(1) You may pay quickly and easily online via ONCARD. Simply visit the National website at www.agohq.org, click on ONCARD, and enter the required information. There! It's done! Easy as pie!

(2) You may CALL National Headquarters and renew by phone, with your credit card, during normal business hours. Simply dial (212) 870-2310. No problem there!

(3) You may MAIL your payment to National the old-fashioned way. Be sure, though, to print out and enclose your dues statement, along with your check. Failure to comply will result in prolonging your membership renewal process. Here's that address: AGO National Headquarters, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite #1260, New York, NY 10115. Easy enough -- just don't forget to affix proper postage!

(4) OK, OK, I know I said there were three options -- BUT, if you still require assistance, you may ALWAYS feel free to contact your FRIENDLY Chapter Dean, Treasurer or Registrar. After all, we are here to help! Our names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses may all be found easily enough in your Chapter Yearbook, or online on our website, www.agolexington.org.

NEW this year are a redefining of some former membership categories and a restructuring of dues amounts. Please refer to your latest issue of The American Organist for additional information and/or clarification. You may even opt to receive your journal electronically, instead of by mail, and save money.

On the LOCAL level, here in Lexington, there will be a dues increase for our Chapter Friend category. Effective July 1, Friend dues will increase from \$25 to \$30. Renew early, and you'll save five bucks!

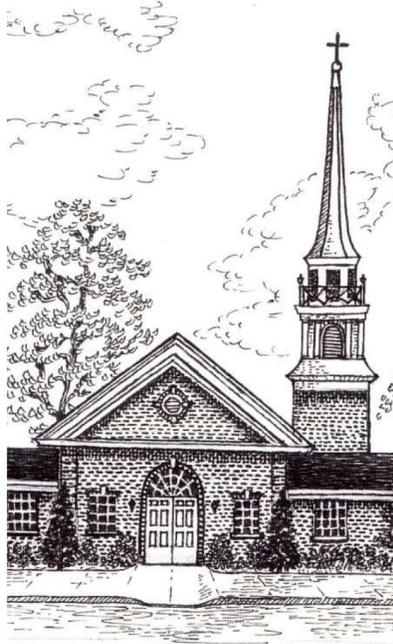
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2016 - 17 Music

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Dr. Wayne Gebb
Music Director

Dr. Larry Sharp
Organist

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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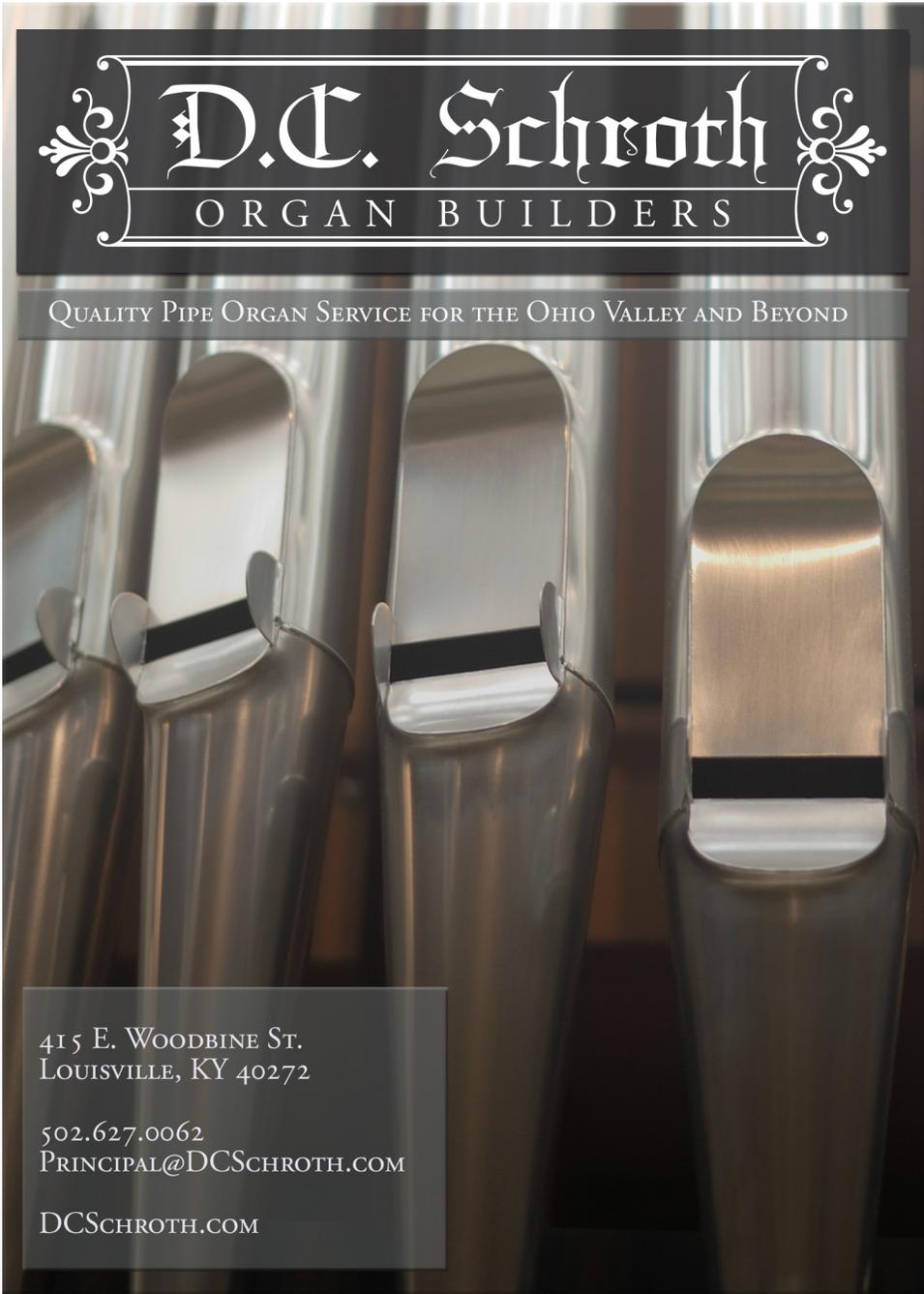
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March 19

January 22

May 21



Friday, December 2

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

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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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