



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

Dear LexAGO Members and Friends:

I hope everyone enjoyed the Labor Day holiday weekend, marking the “official” end of summer! That means that a fresh AGO Program Year is upon us.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us on Saturday morning, September 30, as we kickoff our 2017-18 Program Year at Christ Church Cathedral. **Dr. Brenda Portman** of Cincinnati will be our special guest, presenting a workshop entitled “Contemporary Organ Repertoire.” I can think of no better way for us to get off to a good start this fall. See you then!

Until then, let’s begin thinking of ways to build on our Chapter’s many successes. This may start, for some, with a simple commitment to attend more programs this coming year and to become more involved in the life of our Chapter. Did you know that only 60 percent of our membership attends a single function each year?

For those already active, perhaps it’s time to volunteer for a leadership role or participate as a member on one of our various committees. There will be a need for several volunteers just during the upcoming January Jubilee alone. Please let me know of your interest and willingness to serve. We’ll be more than happy to put you to work!

Perhaps now is the time to consider inviting a friend, colleague or family member to become a member of the LexAGO. Each of us knows any number of individuals who would benefit from involvement in our “organ”-ization! Put it off no longer! Invite someone to join our Lexington Chapter!

Now would also be the perfect time to step up and offer your unused guest room to one of our visiting AGO speakers or recitalists. Again, by the time of our January Jubilee, there will be a great need for this service to our Chapter. Your gracious hospitality for a single night can save our Chapter Treasury hundreds of dollars!

Your Chapter Yearbook Committee, under the leadership of **Brian Hunt**, has been in overdrive these past weeks, updating the Chapter Roster and processing an ever-growing number of Chapter Sponsors. Our Chapter’s Membership stands strong at 117, as we welcome many new members this fall,

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Upcoming Events

FRI / 9.8.17

7.30p

Geert D'Hollander Playing the John Courter Carillon

Draper Quadrangle, Berea College, Berea, KY

SUN / 9.10.17

8.45a

Eucharist with the Choir of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral Knoxville, TN

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SUN / 9.10.17

5.00p

Festal Choral Evensong Sung by the Choir of St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville, TN

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

TUE / 9.12.17

12.20p

Nevalyn Moore, organ

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

SUN / 9.17.17

5.00p

Holy Eucharist with Music from the Beatles

St. John's Episcopal Church, Versailles, KY

FRI / 9.22.17

7.30p

Javier Clavere Playing the John Courter Carillon

Draper Quadrangle, Berea College, Berea, KY

SAT / 9.30.17

9.30a Gather

10.00a Workshop

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Contemporary Organ Repertoire, Dr. Brenda Portman

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

Dean's Message (continued)

including National AGO President **Michael Bedford** and Great Lakes Regional Councillor **Karl Bruhn**. This marks a first for the LexAGO, to have among our "ranks" a National President, so I expect everyone to be on his/her best behavior!

See you on September 30, if not sooner. Come and experience for yourself ALL the LexAGO has to offer!

Larry Sharp

Upcoming Events

SUN / 10.1.17

2.00p

500th Anniversary Reformation Concert

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

SUN / 10.1.17

3.30p Concert

4.00p Evensong

**Concert, James Kosnik, organ, Old Dominion University
Evensong with the Cathedral Choir**

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

TUE / 10.3.17

12.20p

David Lamb, organ

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

FRI / 10.6.17

7.30p

Oberlin Baroque Ensemble

Faith Lutheran Church, Lexington, KY

SUN / 10.8.17

4.30p Concert

5.00p Evensong

**Concert - Michael Unger, Organ Professor, Cincinnati
Conservatory of Music, and Festal Choral Evensong**

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SAT / 10.14.17

7.30p

The Power of Music: Political, Lexington Chamber Chorale

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

TUE / 10.17.17

12.05p

Owen Sammons, organ

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

FRI / 10.27.17

7.30p

500th Anniversary Reformation Concert

The Presbyterian Church, Danville, KY

LexAGO Sponsored Event

SUN / 10.29.17

4.00p

40th Steiner-Reck Birthday Recital and Celebration

Gabe Evans, Jon Johnson and Schuyler Robinson, organ

Union Church, Berea, KY

URGENT! Overnight Guest Rooms Needed

Once again, with the start of a new AGO Program Year, comes the need for occasional guest accommodations in our members' homes. Lexington is known for its hospitality, so if you have an unused guest room you could share with one of our AGO guests, please be in touch with Dean **Larry Sharp** right away! Specifically, we will need rooms for a single night's stay during the months of September and January, prior to the Jubilee. Thank you in advance for this valuable service to our Chapter!

Welcome, New Members!

The LexAGO welcomes the following seven new members:

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Back to School

The LexAGO extends congratulations and best wishes to **Mark DeAlba**, as he begins his postgraduate studies in organ at Campbellsville University this fall. Mark will be studying under **Dr. Wesley Roberts**. Mark is a longtime chapter member and has recently completed a three-year term as Member at-large on the Executive Committee. He has agreed to serve as our photographer for the upcoming January Jubilee. Good luck, Mark!

Mark DeAlba enjoys "All-You-Can-Eat" Seafood Meal Plan at Campbellsville University Cafeteria



Chapter News

Reminder! Register Your Kroger Cards

For those of you who still haven't obtained and/or registered your Kroger Cards, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING ON?! There would be no better time than NOW, so please take a moment to go online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and register your card with the Lexington AGO (NPO number 79661).

The LexAGO is grateful to Kroger for its support of community organizations. If enough of our members register their cards with the LexAGO, our quarterly and yearly Kroger donations could reach a point where it would offset the cost of at least one of our monthly programs. We estimate that we would need approximately 16 members to participate for this level to be reached, so we still have quite a way to go! Won't you please consider participating in this worthwhile cause? Thank you!

Free Choir Robes

Just a reminder -- Union Church in Berea is offering to give away up to 52 used choir robes and stoles. If you are interested, or know of a church with this need, please contact **Gabe Evans** right away at (859) 986-3726.

(Dean's Note: You owe it to yourselves to visit Union Church's **John Courter** Music Library sometime! Again, be in touch with Gabe (above) to schedule a convenient time.)

2017-18 Chapter Yearbook Distribution

Many thanks to all who renewed their AGO Membership by paying their dues in a timely fashion! The Membership Roster has been updated, sponsors have been lined up, and Yearbook Editor **Brian Hunt** is now working his "magic" to turn it all into a new edition of our Chapter Yearbook!

The Yearbooks will be ready for distribution later this month, in advance of our first program on September 30, so please be on the watch for your copy by mail. Additionally, we thank new sponsor **Matt Grossman** and our friends at The Piano Shop for donating this year's popular AGO Program Magnets to our members. We appreciate your generosity, Matt!

January Jubilee

2018 January Jubilee Update

Be watching this space each month for all the latest updates and developments with our January Jubilee, scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Christ Church Cathedral. We are so appreciative of **Erich and Kathleen Balling, Lisa Hall** and our friends at Christ Church Cathedral for enthusiastically agreeing to host our AGO Jubilee!

Here is a partial listing of our planned workshop choices for the event, along with the names of the presenters. Two workshops will run concurrently throughout the day, so there will be plenty of choices for each Jubilee Registrant!

“Creative Service Playing” -- **Dr. David Lamb**

“Accessible Organ Music for Lent and Easter” -- **Karl Bruhn**

“Organ Registration: What Do I Do with All These Stops?” -- **Dr. Paul Barte**

“Transitioning from Piano to Organ” -- **Jonathan Rudy**

“Developing and Leading a Children’s Choral Program” -- **Katie Rudy**



Education

September 30 Workshop with Brenda Portman

It's time to kickoff our 2017-18 LexAGO Program Year! Please mark your calendars and plan on joining your AGO Friends on Saturday, September 30, at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street. We will gather at 9:30 am for doughnuts, coffee and conversation, followed by a 10:00 Workshop, "Contemporary Organ Repertoire for Church Use," presented by **Dr. Brenda Portman**.

Dr. Portman is the resident organist at Hyde Park Community UMC in Cincinnati, where she accompanies the Cathedral Choir and serves as the Executive Director of the church's Organ Concert Series. She is also the Adjunct Organ Instructor at Xavier University.

Brenda recently completed her DMA degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She has received numerous awards, including First Place prizes in the Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition and Arthur Poister Organ Competition.

In 2017, Brenda was awarded the AAGO Certificate and received the AAGO Prize and S. Lewis Elmer Award for the highest exam score. She is also a composer of sacred music for voice and organ.

What an exciting way to kickoff our fall programs! We look forward to Brenda's workshop presentation and her visit to Lexington!

Sienna Stribling Attends Interlochen Arts Camp

This past summer, I attended Interlochen Arts Camp to study organ and piano. The highlights of my summer include performing with the World Youth Wind Symphony and Interlochen Philharmonic, and playing an organ solo in the 2017 Interlochen Collage. Also, I received a Fine Arts Award in piano and was selected as the High School Girls Unit A Honor Camper. Working with the amazing faculty and studying with other young musicians and artists was inspiring. --**Sienna Stribling**

*LexAGO Member Sienna Stribling at
Interlochen Center for the Arts,
Interlochen, MI*



AGO Convention

Tina Wagoner Attends Richmod, VA, Convention

The June 25-28 Mid-Atlantic Regional was a successful, well-planned convention in Richmond, Virginia. Convention headquarters were at the beautiful downtown Omni Hotel. We were fed many tasty meals along the way and all was seamless without delay. Buses were always on time. Opening evening concert was a celebration of hymns stemming from the Reformation. How appropriate! The Chancel Choir of River Road Baptist Church was directed by **Robt Gallagher**. On Mon. morning, I attended “AGO Chapter Programming and Membership Ideas” and “The Legacy of **Anton Heiller**”. Being on our chapter Executive committee, I found the first workshop most valuable. I heard brilliant recitals by **Christa Rakich** and **Daniel Stipe** and an afternoon workshop covering “New Music for the Organ.” Composer and Richmond resident **Dr. Mary Beth Bennett** reviewed newly composed and published organ music and some of what I heard was Dr. Bennett’s music. She is an excellent composer. She is published in Augsburg, Concordia, Selah, GIA, World Library, Nat’l, Hope and Oxford Press. Daniel Stipe played Mon. night her piece called Prelude & Toccata on “Kingsfold” Tues. morning started with “Social Media for Organists” and “Introduction to ForScore for iPad” I especially found the second workshop valuable. We heard recitalists **Chelsea Chen** and **Stefan Engels**. The afternoon workshop was “Dupre You Can Play”. It was a treat to have the honor to eat my Tues. lunch at the same table as Chelsea Chen!!!! Weds. morning workshops were “Maximizing Your Handbell Skills” and “Adding Bronze to Your Worship.” Recitalists that day were **Renee Anne Loupette** and **Mark Laubach**. The afternoon workshop was “Accompanying Non’Traditional Church Music on the Organ.” An afternoon choral evensong was led by the Choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Wash., D.C, directed by **Jeremy Filsell** and guest organist **Erik Wm. Suter**. The Closing Concert was the astonishing N.Y. Polyphony. They are brilliant at singing Early Music, so if you ever get a chance to hear them, be sure and go!!! Richmond is a lovely city full of history. I encourage you to visit it.



*Tina enjoys lunch with Richmond recitalist **Chelsea Chen***



Richmond, VA, Regional Convention

This One Time, At Pipe Organ Encounter...

Ben Gillig Attends 2017 Sioux Center, Iowa, POE

As with all Pipe Organ Encounters, I had a blast attending the South Dakota Chapter's event. Dordt College is a small campus for 1800 students, in the tiny town of Sioux Center, Iowa. On June 11, I arrived on campus eager and ready for my second POE after flying into Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I realized



Silas and myself at the bench

immediately that I was an hour early for check in so I looked in the auditorium and saw that the room and seating had been designed especially for the organ, a pleasant Casavant, with stops labeled in Dutch (Hoofdwerk, Rugwerk, Bovenwerk, Pedaal), and reversed keys (black naturals and white sharps). My teacher, **Matthew Geerlings**, and my co-student **Silas** from Albany, NY, were awesome to work with. Matthew taught me the trick of unit practice—playing in short sections and going through measures over and over again until they were memorized and perfected. He chose the Buxtehude “Tocatta in F” for me to work on, out of my complimentary “First Organ Book” By Wayne Leupold. We also had lessons on the instruments at the Central Reformed Church and at the Netherlands Reformed Congregation in Sioux Center, Iowa. Interestingly, the Netherlands Reformed had a northern German tracker, while the Central Reformed had a 1980's Allen (with the wooden keys very worn). For my recital piece, I played “Von Himmel Hoch” by Pachelbel, which went well.

Our field trip to the National Music Museum in Vermillion, South Dakota was a highlight—I highly recommend visiting if you have the chance. It has one of the largest and most important collections of musical instruments in the world, including a case of Stradivariuses, and the oldest playable harpsichord (1530) in the world. One night, I also got to meet **Michael Barone** of “Pipedreams.”

I want to thank the Lexington AGO Chapter for the scholarship making it possible for me to attend, further my skill with the organ, and meet many well-known organists. It was an amazing experience.

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Silas, Matthew, and me after recital

AGO “Night Out” a Success!

Our annual AGO “Night Out” was held on Friday evening, August 25, at Puccini’s Smiling Teeth in Chevy Chase. A dozen or so LexAGO Members and guests gathered for dinner, drinks and laughs. The group included some of our newest members, as well as several longtime chapter members. This was a fun and informal way to get caught up with everyone after the summer break.

Our special guest for the evening was **John Webb** of Cincinnati. John is our Great Lakes Regional Coordinator for Professional Concerns and newest LexAGO Member. John presented a brief update on the AGO’s recent settlement agreement with the Federal Trade Commission, and answered several questions from the group. We’ll be looking forward to seeing John at several of our events and programs this year!

Be watching for additional opportunities like this to gather with your fellow AGO Members throughout the coming program year.



Bill and Tina’s “Night Out!”

Out and About



For Presbyterians Only! From left, Ted Gentry, Zach Klobnak, Rose Daniels, Larry Sharp and Tina Wagoner

Tina awards Zach "Runner Up" Prize in Brahms Beard Contest.



Special guest and newest LexAGO Member John Webb at AGO "Night Out"



Bad Joke of the Month

Bumper sticker spotted recently around town:

“Where are we going?

And why am I in this handbasket?”

Please submit your “bad jokes” to Larry Sharp or Scott Heydinger.

September Trivia Contest

Congratulations to **Jane Johnson**, our winner in last month’s Trivia Contest! Jane was the FIRST to correctly guess the identity of the mystery LexAGO Member posing as the “Phantom of the Opera” -- none other than **Michael Dunn**! Perhaps her tip-off was the fact that Mike appeared in the photo next to his wife, Nancy. For her winning response, Jane will soon receive a prize!

All of which leads us to our Trivia Question for September . . .

We all know that the Lexington AGO is just one big, happy family! In addition to Mike and Nancy Dunn, and in advance of our 2017-18 Chapter Yearbooks, how many “pairs” of LexAGO Members are there who are related to each other, either by blood or by marriage? (Name them -- this may be trickier than it sounds!) Submit your responses to Dean **Larry Sharp**.



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Sunday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 21

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

Palm Sunday, March 25

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of
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10 September

5:00 Festal Choral Evensong Sung
by the choir of St. John's
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8 October

4:30 Concert - Michael Unger,
Organ Professor, Cincinnati
Conservatory of Music
5:00 Festal Choral Evensong

5 November

5:00 All Saints' Concert
Featuring the Duruflé *Requiem*
Zachary Klobnak, Organist

17 December

4:30 Prelude
5:00 A Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

26 January

7:00 Organ Concert - Jon Johnson,
Director of Music and Organist
The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

11 February

4:30 Concert - Dr. Michael Boney,
Canon for Music, Christ Church
Cathedral, Indianapolis
5:00 Evensong for Epiphany Last

11 March

4:30 Concert
Simon Thomas Jacobs,
Concert Artist, Nashville
5:00 Evensong for Laetare Sunday

22 April

4:30 Concert -
Christopher Reynolds, St. Paul's
Episcopal, Richmond, VA
5:00 Evensong for Good Shepherd
Sunday

20 May

4:30 Concert
5:00 Evensong for Pentecost

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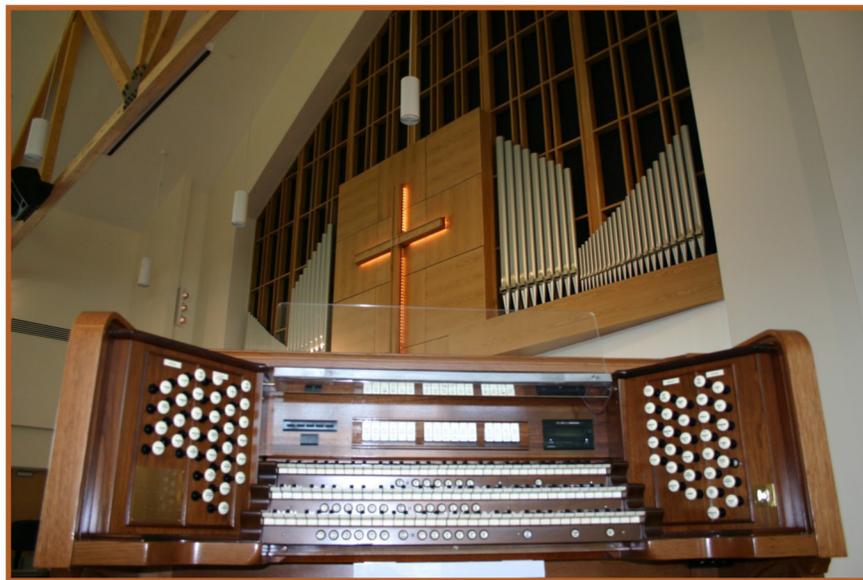


- 10.6.2017** **The Oberlin Baroque Ensemble**
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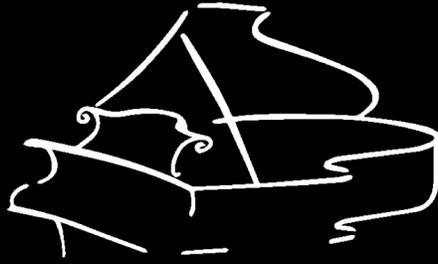
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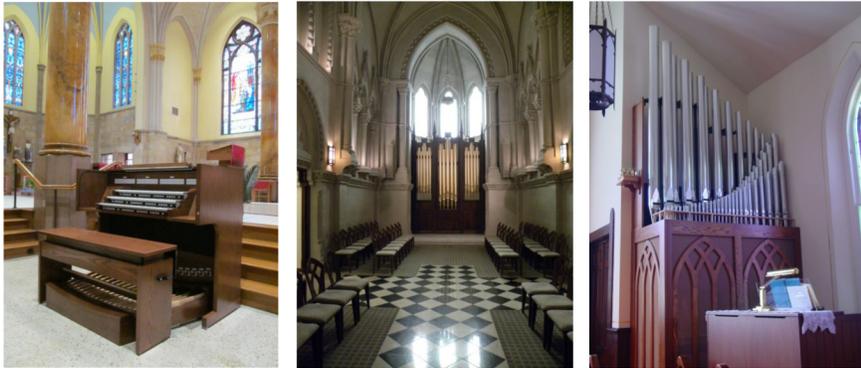
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