



Principal Pipings

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Message From the Dean

“It’s the Hap-Happiest Season of All!” Time to dust off our copies of “Wachet auf” and polish the Zimbelstern! Advent has arrived, with Christmas right around the corner!

I hope you’ll plan on joining us on Sunday, December 10, for our Third Annual “Christmas Pipes” Concert. **Dr. James Humlong** will be hosting this year’s program at Southern Hills UMC, featuring Chapter Members performing favorite Advent and Christmas selections. Afterwards, there will be a Holiday Reception, planned by our Hospitality Committee, **Dr. Angela Hurley** and **Nancy Dunn**. Be sure to invite your family, friends and choir members to this special event. This has been a successful community outreach program for our Chapter in recent years, thanks to EVERYONE’S participation. And the best part of all -- all donations this year will directly benefit the 2018 January Jubilee!

Speaking of the January Jubilee, registration is now open! You may send your check to Jubilee Registrar **Don SeEVERS** to reserve your spot (not to mention lunch!). Here’s an idea for that hard-to-shop-for AGO Member or Friend -- how about giving a gift of a Jubilee registration this year?!

Of course, there are many other ways to contribute to the Jubilee’s success. Please send me the names of any individuals you know who may enjoy attending the Jubilee, along with their contact information. We will make sure they are invited! Your financial gifts and contributions will also be welcomed and encouraged. The costs associated with hosting a January Jubilee greatly exceed the modest registration fee. Feel free to be in touch with Treasurer James Humlong or me for additional information on making a donation. No amount is too large or small -- and it all will be put to good use!

You may also wish to serve as a volunteer during the day-long Jubilee, or offer to house an overnight workshop presenter in an unused guest room at your home. Again, please be in contact with me to help us plan for this AGO Regional Event!

During the days and weeks ahead, your music fills our churches -- and touches the lives of its members -- like no other time of the year. I appreciate each and every one of you for the many gifts, talents and generous spirits you bring to our Chapter. It truly is the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year!”

Wishing you and your families a Joyous Christmas Season! “God bless us, every one!”

--**Larry Sharp**

Upcoming Events

SUN / 12.10.17

2.00p

LexAGO Sponsored Event

Third Annual “Christmas Pipes Concert”

Proceeds to benefit the 2018 January Jubilee

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.10.17

6.00p

Blue Christmas with Pleasant Compant

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

SAT / 12.16.17

8.00p

Songs of the Manger

Lexington Chamber Chorale with LexPhil and ECCO

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.17.17

4.30p Prelude

5.00p Lessons & Carols

Prelude and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SUN / 12.17.17

6.30p Prelude

7.00p Lessons & Carols

Prelude and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

THU / 12.21.17

noon

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

The Cathedral Girls Choir,

Elain Cook, harp, Erich Balling, conductor

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

December 10th “Christmas Pipes” at Southern Hills

Please be sure to mark Sunday, December 10, on your calendars. Our Third Annual “Christmas Pipes” Concert will be held at Southern Hills UMC, 2356 Harrodsburg Road, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Dr. James Humlong** will host this event, featuring performances of seasonal organ music for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Following the concert, there will be a holiday reception at the church. Donations will be accepted to benefit our 2018 January Jubilee.

You may help support our performers and our Chapter by attending this program. Please publicize this program at your churches, schools and studios. Encourage your family, friends, church and choir members to attend, as well. Last year, we raised over \$400 -- let's do even better this year!

Upcoming Events

SUN / 1.7.18

3.00p

Carolyn Craig and Leah Martin
Seniors at Indiana University, Joint Recital
Trinity UMC, New Albany, IN

SUN / 1.21.18

3.30p Concert
4.00p Evensong

Concert, Adam Mayon, piano
University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
Evensong with the Cathedral Girls Choir
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

TUE / 1.23.18

12.05p

Ted Gentry, organ
Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

FRI / 1.26.18

7.00p

Organ Concert - Jon Johnson, Director of Music & Organist
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY

SAT / 1.27.18

8.00a-4.00p

LexAGO Sponsored Event

2018 AGO Great Lakes Region January Jubilee
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

TUE / 1.30.18

8.00p

Wesley Roberts, organ
Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY

Welcome, New Member

This month, we welcome the following NEW MEMBER into our Chapter:

William L. Robinson III

London, KY

BILL1377@hotmail.com

Christmas Eve Sub Available

Mark DeAlba will be available as a substitute organist for evening services on December 24. You may contact Mark at: mcdealba@icloud.com.

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00pm, Preludes at 6:30pm

The Cathedral Choir

We gather this night to tell the greatest story we know through the beauty of sacred scripture and song.

Childcare is available.



A Ceremony of Carols

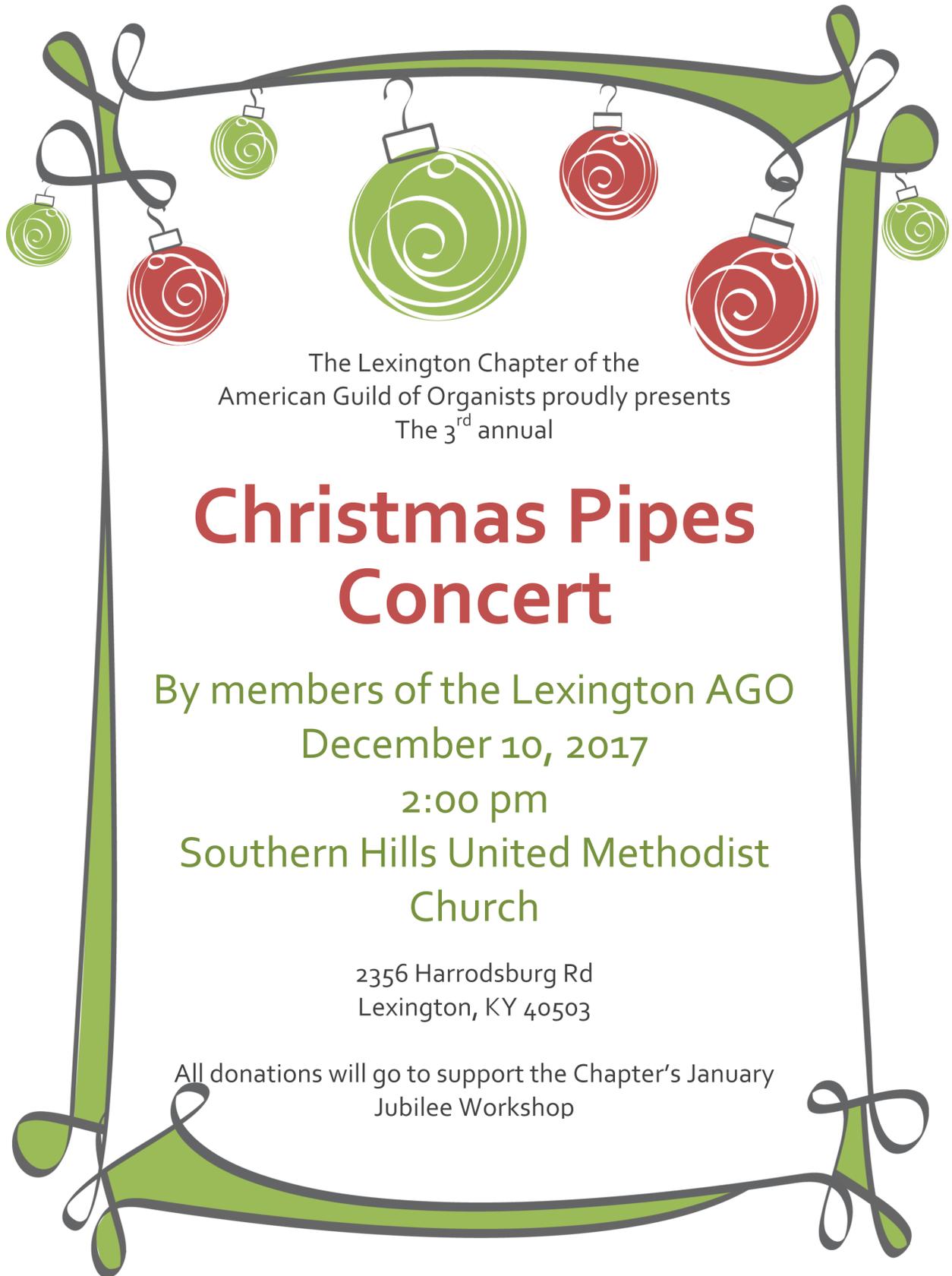
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
Noon

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten
The Cathedral Girls Choir
Elaine Cook, Harp
Erich Balling, Conductor



Please visit www.ccclex.org to view the complete list of events.

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The Lexington Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists proudly presents
The 3rd annual

Christmas Pipes Concert

By members of the Lexington AGO

December 10, 2017

2:00 pm

Southern Hills United Methodist
Church

2356 Harrodsburg Rd
Lexington, KY 40503

All donations will go to support the Chapter's January
Jubilee Workshop

January Jubilee

Registration Open for 2018 January Jubilee

Registration is now open for our 2018 January Jubilee, scheduled for Saturday, January 27, from 8:00-4:00, at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street.

The January Jubilee will offer a full day of inspiration for the part-time church musician, including 8 skill-enhancing workshops, a choral music reading session, a music store display, catered lunch, a keynote address and closing organ recital.

All of this for only \$25 !!!

You may register TODAY by sending your check for \$25 (made to LexAGO) to:

2018 January Jubilee
c/o Don Seevers, Registrar
4433 Lancaster Court
Lexington, KY 40515

Please include your name, mailing address, phone number and email address. Thank you!

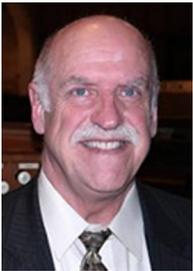


January Jubilee

Jubilee -- Other Ways to Contribute

There are several ways for Members and Volunteers to contribute to a successful January Jubilee:

1. Please send us the names of any church musicians you know who may be interested in attending the Jubilee, but are not currently AGO Members. We will see that they are invited to participate! Registration brochures will be going out in the mail soon.
2. Consider making an end-of-year financial gift to the Jubilee (tax deductible). Please be in touch with **James Humlong** or **Larry Sharp** for details. The costs associated with hosting a January Jubilee far exceed the modest registration fee. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated, acknowledged, and put to good use!
3. Please let us know if you will be able to provide hospitality for a single night (Friday, January 26), for one of our Jubilee workshop presenters. That unused guest room in your home can save the Chapter hundreds of dollars!



Presenters

*Dr. Michael Bedford, Keynote Speaker
Jonathan Rudy, Closing Recitalist
Katie Rudy, Closing Recitalist*



*Dr. Paul Barte
Karl Bruhn
Marlon Hurst*



*Dr. David Lamb
Patty Saunders
Holly Sunderland*

Out and About



LexAGO Member Steven Adams, center, at Senior Recital, with Colleen Ames and Dr. Wesley Roberts, Campbellsville University, November 14



L to R, LexAGO Members Anne Willis, Nancy Dunn and Mike Dunn, Director of Winchester Chorale, at "We Need a Little Christmas" Holiday Concert



LexAGO Members Mark DeAlba, left, and Dr. Wesley Roberts at November 14 Recital in Campbellsville



At lunch with John and Karen Dixon

Out and About

November Workshop with Composer John S. Dixon

LexAGO Members and Friends gathered at Crestwood Christian Church on November 18th for a workshop with composer **John S. Dixon**. A native of London, England, John moved to the U.S. in 1988, where he lives and works in the Virginia Beach area.

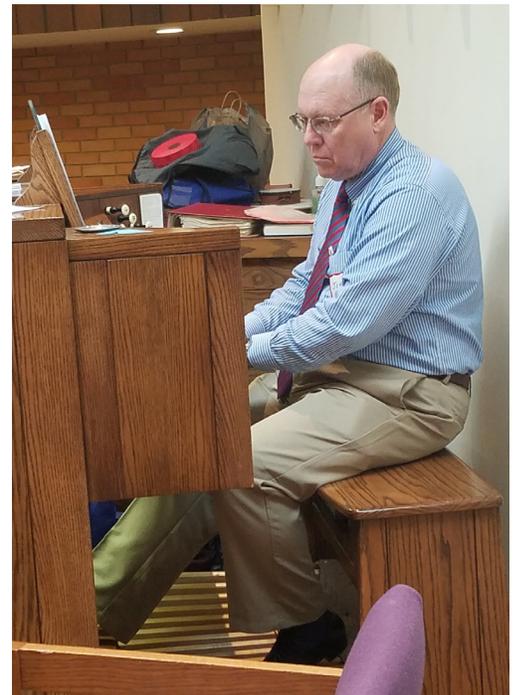
John has over 700 compositions to his credit, and he performed several of his works for us, along with the stories behind their creation. John distributed copies of several of his pieces to those in attendance. Other solo compositions and collections were available for purchase.

With his Lexington appearance, John and his wife, Karen, have kicked off their plan to ultimately visit and perform in all 50 states! We are proud to have been their first stop!

Many thanks go to John for this outstanding program! We also extend thanks to **Jane Johnson** for hosting the workshop, and to **Angela Hurley** and **Mike and Nancy Dunn** for their delicious breakfast treats! Door prizes were won by **Betsy Steiner** and Nancy Dunn. Afterwards, several LexAGO Members joined John and Karen Dixon for lunch at Ramsey's.



Composer John S. Dixon, left, with Jane Johnson, Larry Sharp and Mark DeAlba at November Workshop



Composer John S. Dixon at November Workshop

Why I Am an AGO Member

Mary Anna Stepp

My interest in the organ is as a worship instrument in the church. The AGO has allowed me to participate in workshops and conventions, as well as local programs, which have been helpful. Being in the AGO has also given me an opportunity to meet other organists with similar goals and create lasting friendships.

Submitted by **Mary Anna Stepp**, former dean

Dr. Anna Pan

Why am I an AGO member? Two keywords: people and learning. Since each one of us is created differently, given different talents, and called into different ministries, I enjoy meeting with colleagues and people of different denominations through AGO's events and conventions, sharing my experience with them, learning from them, being encouraged by them, and reaching out to them for help. Since learning for me is a lifelong pursuit, I enjoy learning through attending workshops, educational events, and concerts sponsored and offered by AGO local chapters and national conventions. As a minister said once, "Together we are stronger to do the ministries we are called to do;" so, join me to become an AGO member!

Submitted by **Anna Pan**

Certification

Why I am AGO-certified

I graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BFA in Music (Organ) at a time when all the major employers in Hartford were desperate for computer programmers. The stability and benefits of corporate life were impossible to resist. After passing a math and logic test I was hired, and for 23 years I had a good and rewarding career in the IT field. My organist positions were secondary. My husband's career required us to make major moves every 5-7 years, from Connecticut to Miami FL, then to Pittsburgh PA, Washington DC, Tampa Bay FL, and now Lexington KY. To keep up my organist skills I sought out university professors and enrolled in Applied Music courses wherever we happened to be living. In Pittsburgh I studied with a professor at Duquesne University. She was also an AGO mentor who encouraged me to get my SP certification, then the CAGO a year later. I originally regarded AGO certification as simply another form of lifelong learning.

In January 1999 we were living just outside DC, preparing to move to Tampa Bay. I had already joined the Clearwater AGO to receive their newsletter and get a feel for the organist job market there. One day during the afternoon commuter rush my cell phone rang just as I was about to descend into the Metro. I recognized the Florida area code and stopped to answer it. The caller introduced himself as an Episcopal church administrator as well as a new organist colleague. "Lynn, I see you have your CAGO certification. We have a job for you! No audition required." Right there on the sidewalk I accepted the position, and became the new organist/director at St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church in Seminole, Florida.

This is probably my most dramatic example of how I've benefited from AGO certification, but it's not the only one. Being certified not only provides an edge in job searches; it also helps open doors to some very special opportunities. In my case, after I became certified I accompanied world-class soloists from the National Symphony Orchestra and the Washington National Opera; played for special ceremonies at Georgetown University and the Paroisse Saint Louis de France (Diocese of Paris); accompanied the St. Jerome Chorale (Tampa Bay) in a Christmas CD project as well as on a trip through Ireland, where we presented concerts from Galway to Dublin; and was invited to be a piano instructor at the prestigious John Hopkins magnet school for the Performing Arts.

We are fortunate here in Lexington to have a strong AGO and many opportunities for organists. I encourage you to make use of our resources and become certified. 2018 is a great year to make it happen!

Lynn Vera, CAGO

December Trivia Contest

Congratulations to our November Trivia Contest winner, **Grant holcomb!** Grant knew that “Jingle Bells” was originally composed in 1850 by James Pierpont as a song for children to sing in a Boston Sunday School Celebration. It was meant for the Thanksgiving season, with no connection to the Christmas holiday. For his winning efforts, Grant will receive one COMPLIMENTARY JUBILEE REGISTRATION (a \$25 prize package)!

Now for our December Trivia question:

Q: In Charles Dickens’ classic story, “A Christmas Carol,” how many ghosts visited Ebenezer Scrooge?

Be the **FIRST** to contact **Larry Sharp** with the correct answer, and **WIN** a prize! Remember -- you can’t win if you don’t play! **GOOD LUCK!**

Bad Joke of the Month

During the holidays, remember --

Before you try catching snowflakes with your tongue, make sure all the birds have flown south for the winter!

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



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Evensongs

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4:00pm Evensongs with Cathedral Choirs

October 1

February 25

November 5

April 15

January 21

May 20

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

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
Men and Boys



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2017 - 2018

10 September

5:00 Festal Choral Evensong Sung
by the choir of St. John's
Cathedral, Knoxville, Tennessee

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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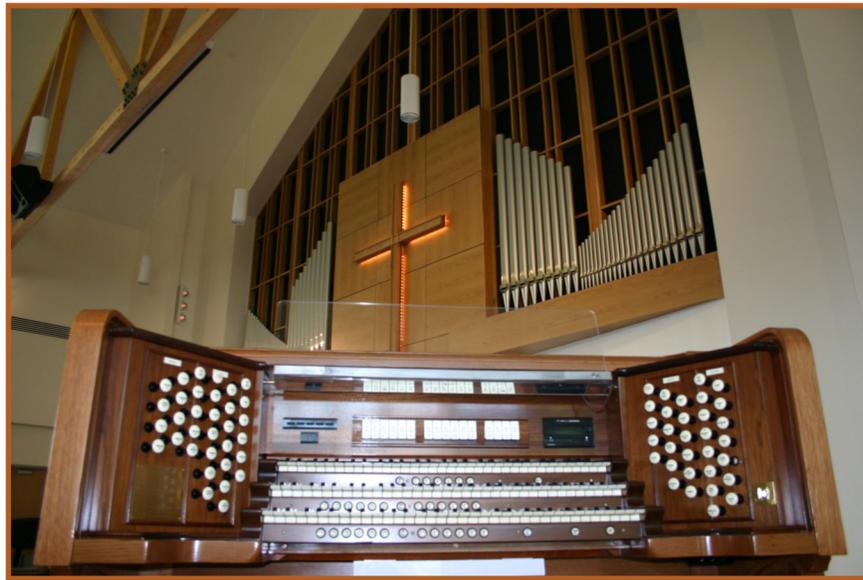


- 10.6.2017** **The Oberlin Baroque Ensemble**
3.2.2018 **Mark Mummert, organist** *"Bach in 1718"*
4.12.2018 **Richard Stoltzman, clarinet,**
Peter John Stoltzman, piano *"Bernstein at 100"*
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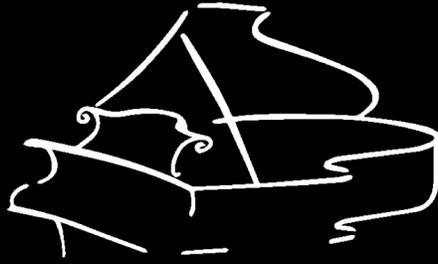
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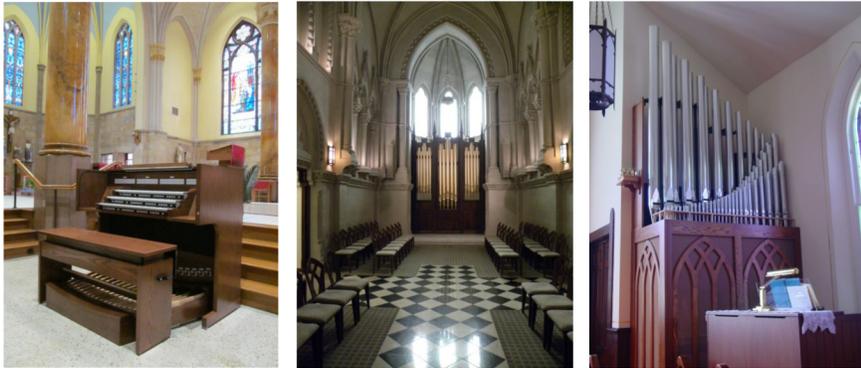
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