

Principal Pipings

Message From the Dean

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At last! The month of May has finally arrived in the Bluegrass! I certainly hope YOUR Derby pick fared better than MINE (20th in a field of 20). Can I pick 'em, or what?!

May is also shaping up to be a busy month for the Lexington AGO! Please plan on joining us on May 19 for our Chapter Luncheon and Officer Installation to be held at Dudley's on Short. A delicious lunch menu has been planned for us, so don't miss this special event in the life of our Chapter! In fact, you may make a weekend of it with our "add-on" reception planned for May 18 at Christ the King Cathedral, following **Carolyn Craig**'s recital. Let's celebrate another great LexAGO Program Year! Details are provided inside this newsletter. See you there!

Speaking of the upcoming Officer Installation, be sure to check the list (inside) of new Chapter Officers for 2018-20. We appreciate their willingness to roll up their sleeves and step into their respective leadership roles. Thanks to ALL who participated in this year's election.

Also inside this Newsletter, you will find the announcement of our 2018-19 LexAGO Program Year. Once again, your Executive Committee is pleased to present an ambitious program lineup, featuring nine programs in three Central Kentucky cities. There are exciting recitals, workshops, educational opportunities and social events planned, in addition to another "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza" event. We will also be partnering with our friends in the Bluegrass Theatre Organ Society for a unique program opportunity at The Kentucky Theater later this fall. Indeed, there's something here for everyone!

It's hard to believe that my term as LexAGO Dean is coming to an end. It seems like only yesterday we were in the midst of our Chapter's first Pipe Organ Encounter. But since that time, we've hosted the region's January Jubilee, celebrated Max Reger at 100 and the Reformation at 500, enjoyed top-notch recitalists, and have been enlightened and entertained at workshops and social gatherings. No other Chapter can boast of hosting the AGO's "Triple Crown" of events! But above all else, it's our PEOPLE who make us stand out from the pack. I would like to offer a final word of thanks to ALL who attended our programs, volunteered in countless ways, and donated their time and resources to help promote our Chapter. I truly appreciate your kind words, written notes, friendship and support these past two years.

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Upcoming Events

FRI / 5.18.18 Carolyn Craig, organ Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington, KY 7.30p FRI / 5.18.18 SCAPA Madrigal Singers, Ryan Marsh, Conductor Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY 7.30p SAT / 5.19.18 **Chapter Luncheon and New Officer Installation** 11.45a **RSVP** Required Dudley's on Short St., Lexington, KY LexAGO Sponsored Event SUN / 5.20.18 Concert, Scott Wright, clarinet, University of Kentucky **Evensong with Chorister Promotions and** 3.30p Concert **Recognitions with the Cathedral Choirs** 4.00p Evensong Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY SUN / 5.20.18 **Concert, Evensong for Pentecost** Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, KY 4.30p Concert 5.00p Evensong SUN / 6.3.18 Dr. John Cummins, recitalist, 25th Anniversary Dyer Organ

First United Methodist Church, Frankfort, KY

FRI / 6.15.18 Katelyn Emerson Recital

7.30p Cathedral of Christ the King., Lexington, KY

LexAGO Sponsored Event

4.00p

Dean's Message (Continued)

A personal word of thanks must be extended to **Erich**, **Kathleen** and **Lisa** for their tremendous support during the Jubilee, and also to **James**, **Jane**, **Scott**, **Lynn**, **Angela** and **Nancy** for going above and beyond the call of duty each and every month. You helped make our work seem fun and easy! I'm proud to be part of the best AGO Chapter anywhere!

-- Larry Sharp

Upcoming Events

May 19th Chapter Luncheon and Officer Installation

It's nearly time for our Chapter Luncheon! Plan on joining your LexAGO Officers (old and new) and other Friends for a delicious lunchtime program at Dudley's on Short, 259 W. Short Street, on Saturday, May 19. Please arrive at the restaurant between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon. We will have a private upstairs room reserved. The cost is \$25, not including tax and gratuity. Please bring with you a check made to the LexAGO. The Chapter will then write a single check to Dudley's.

A special menu has been created for us, including:

Entree: Atlantic salmon, or Pasta with chicken, country ham, mushrooms and asparagus

Dessert: Chocolate chip walnut pie, or Cheesecake

Beverage: Coffee, tea, soft drinks, Cash bar

Please reserve your place by contacting **Larry Sharp** (agolarry@att.net) no later than WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Don't miss this special event in the life of our Chapter! Join with other Chapter Members and Guests as we welcome our newly-elected officers, say farewell to our outgoing officers--and celebrate another successful LexAGO Program Year!

Special AGO Reception for Carolyn Craig on May 18th

We are pleased to announce a special AGO "add-on" event for Friday evening, May 18. LexAGO Member **Carolyn Craig** will be returning to present a recital at Christ the King Cathedral, 299 Colony Boulevard, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Lexington Chapter will be sponsoring a special reception for Carolyn and all guests immediately following the program. Carolyn will be graduating from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, with a bachelor's degree in organ performance. She has accepted a coveted Organ Scholar position at Truro Cathedral in England for the 2018-19 term. Please plan on joining us for this not-to-be-missed recital appearance and special AGO reception in Carolyn's honor!

LexAGO Events

Katelyn Emerson in Recital on June 15

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss **Katelyn Emerson**'s recital program on Friday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., at Christ the King Cathedral, 299 Colony Boulevard.

Katelyn requires no introduction to her Lexington fans, having been part of our LexAGO family since the 2011 Regional Convention here, where she was the RCYO First Place winner. Since then, Katelyn has earned her B.Mus and B.A. degrees from Oberlin College and Conservatory. She was named the First Place winner of the NYACOP at the 2016 AGO National Convention in Houston. Presently, Katelyn serves as the Associate Organist and Choirmaster at The Church of the Advent, Boston, MA.

It's always an honor to welcome Katelyn back "home" to Lexington. I can think of no better way to wrap-up a successful 2017-18 LexAGO Program Year than by attending Katelyn's "not-to-be-missed" concert program!

April Improvisation Workshop

Presented by Owen Sammons

Owen Sammons presented a uniquely entertaining and informative workshop on organ improvisation to Chapter Members and Guests on April 14, at First Presbyterian Church. Owen generously shared his skills and talents with us, as he walked us through the various concepts involved in creating an improvised organ piece. He shared many of his "tried and true" tips with us, and answered many questions from those in attendance. It's always exhilarating to hear Owen perform, and this workshop was no exception! We thank Owen for this well-planned and well-executed workshop experience!

Prior to the workshop, Members and Guests enjoyed breakfast treats provided by our Hospitality Committee, **Angela Hurley** and **Nancy Dunn**. At the workshop's conclusion, members enjoyed lunch at Shakespeare and Co. in downtown Lexington.



Owen Sammons leads Organ Improvisation Workshop

LexAGO Events

9.30a Gathering 10.00a Workshop

2018-19 LexAGO Program Year

Your LexAGO Executive Committee is pleased to announce the lineup for the upcoming 2018-19 Program Year. Full details, plus any updates, will be released in the August Newsletter.

SUN / 9.9.18 4.00p	David Briggs Recital Trinity Episcopal, Danville, KY
SUN / 10.7.18 7.00p Recital 7.45p Sing-Along 8.15p Movie	Combined program with Bluegrass Theatre Organ Society John Baratta recital, Sing-Along, Silent Movie "College" The Kentucky Theater, Lexington, KY
SAT / 11.10.18 9.30a Gathering 10.00a Workshop	"Handbell Techniques for Organists" Workshop with Patty Saunders Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY
SUN / 12.9.18 2.00p	Fourth Annual "Christmas Pipes" Concert and Reception Southern Hills UMC, Lexington, KY Proceeds to benefit 2019 LexAGO "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza"
SAT / 1.5.19 6.00-8.00p	Twelfth Night Celebration Larry Sharp Residence, Winchester, KY
February 2019	Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
SAT / 3.30.19 9.30a Gathering 10.00a Workshops Noon Lunch	"Lenten Lunch and Learning" Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY
FRI / 5.17.19 7.30p	David Lamb Recital First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY
SAT / 5.18.19	"Inspired Service Planning" Workshop with David Lamb

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY



2018 LexAGO Officers/Election Results

The votes are all tallied, and Executive Secretary **Lynn Vera** has released the 2018 election results. Serving as 2018-20 LexAGO Officers will be:

James HumlongDon SeeversTina WagonerDeanSubdeanExecutive Secretary

Anna Pan Zach Klobnak

Treasurer/Registrar Member At-Large (2021)

Congratulations to the successful candidates, and thank you to ALL LexAGO members who participated in the election. We appreciate Lynn Vera's efforts to make voting easy and fun this year with our online ballot.

Just a Friendly Reminder

Here's a "friendly reminder" to all LexAGO Members! Have you remembered to:

- 1. Register your Kroger Plus Cards by going online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. The Lexington AGO's NPO number is 79661. Help support our local Chapter's fundraising efforts!
- 2. Visit the **John Courter** Music Library at Union Church in Berea. All LexAGO Members are invited to visit, browse and borrow music from this extensive collection! Contact **Gabe Evans** at evansgabet@gmail.com, or by phoning the church at (859) 986-3725.
- 3. Be watching your upcoming issues of The American Organist. The June TAO will feature Lexington's January Jubilee. The July TAO will include annual information on the AGO Certification requirements. So order your music and guidebooks -- and start practicing! Good luck!
- 4. Pay your AGO renewal dues. Summertime starts the AGO dues renewal cycle for most of us. If your membership is up for renewal during the months of June, July or August, please make sure your dues are paid in a timely fashion. All dues payments must be received and recorded by the end of August, in order for your name to be included in September's 2018-19 Chapter Yearbook.
- 5. Plan and submit your 2018-19 Yearbook ads. It's not too early to submit your yearbook ads to Publicity Chair **Larry Sharp**. In fact, any advertiser who submits an ad during the months of June and July, before the yearbook ad rush begins, will receive a substantial discount in the price for the ad!

AGO Events

Upcoming AGO Summer Events

Several LexAGO Members have already made plans to attend this summer's National Convention in Kansas City. Be sure to take in two convention events featuring LexAGO Members -- **Katelyn Emerson**'s recital and **Zach Klobnak**'s workshop. Additionally, three LexAGO Members are on the ballot for re-election -- President **Michael Bedford**, Great Lakes Regional Councillor **Karl Bruhn**, and Councillor for Membership **David Lamb**. Best wishes to ALL!

Other dates for upcoming AGO Events include:

Pipe Organ Encounters (POE) (for ages 13-18)

June 17-22 Phoenix, AZ

June 24-29 Minneapolis, MN

July 8-13 Philadelphia, PA

July 16-21 Los Angeles, CA

July 22-27 Deland, FL

POE + (for adults)

June 17-22 Rockford, IL

2018 AGO National Convention

July 2-6, Kansas City, MO

2019 AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention

June 30-July 3, Grand Rapids, MI

2020 AGO National Convention

July 5-9, Atlanta, GA

Member News

LexAGO Member News

May is the month for graduations, job searches and retirements, it seems. The LexAGO CONGRATU-LATES the following Members on their significant milestones!

Steven Adams

Steven will be graduating from Campbellville University with a BME degree, with an organ emphasis. Steven is the organist for St. Joseph Cathedral and Bardstown UMC. Best wishes as he searches for a teaching position.

Karl Bruhn

Karl has recently become AGO-certified by passing his Service Playing examination. Karl is up for re-election as the AGO Great Lakes Regional Councillor. (See this month's article, "Why I Am AGO-Certified," by Karl.)

Carolyn Craig

Carolyn will be graduating from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a bachelor's degree in organ performance. She has accepted the position of Organ Scholar at Truro Cathedral in England for the 2018-19 term. Carolyn's Lexington recital will be presented on May 18, at 7:30 p.m., at Christ the King Cathedral.

Dr. Angela Hurley

Angela will be retiring from Transylvania University after 27 years of teaching there. She has been invited to give "The Last Lecture" to the Transy seniors before their May 26th graduation, and will be honored by the faculty at a luncheon. Her future plans include traveling, writing -- and practicing the organ!

Dr. John Linker

Former LexAGO Dean John Linker has completed his dissertation and received his DMA degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he studied under Roberta Gary. John worked with Michael Unger on his final project, the published and unpublished organ works of Jan Nieland. John is presently the organist/choirmaster at Christchurch Transitional Cathedral in New Zealand.

Owen Sammons

Owen has accepted the position of organist at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville. He is currently preparing for the Organ Improvisation Competition at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Why I Am a Member

Mike Dunn, Winchester

I am proud to be a member of the American Guild of Organists! The Lexington chapter helps ALL organists and choir directors - beginners to advanced - by offering workshops, lectures and recitals to help improve their skills. These are wonderful opportunities to gain knowledge and experience, to be supportive of colleagues and receive support in return. I have found that being a part of the AGO is a life-enriching experience!

Nancy Dunn, Winchester

One Reason Why I am an AGO member

There are certain conversations you cannot have with just anyone. If you are an organist for a church or synagogue, you have interests and weekly concerns that only other organists can understand. AGO makes it possible for us to (at least occasionally) surround ourselves with people who "speak our language." What a relief it is to be comprehensible to other sympathetic human beings!

AGO Member #1: "We've done O WALY WALY three times since Lent began!"

AGO Member #2: "It's in our hymnal 3 times, but one is 'O WALY WALY' and the other two are 'GIFT OF LOVE'--you know, the Hopson one where the rhythm is different."

AGO Member #3: "One of the Easter hymns we considered was set to REGENT SQUARE - the text was nice, but can you imagine singing REGENT SQUARE on Easter?!"

[collective giggling]

AGO Member #4: "Well, I need to head home and dig out an alternate harmonization for Sunday and make sure it's in the same key as the hymnal!"

Welcome, New Member

The Lexington AGO welcomes the following New Member this month:

Lois Birdwell

Lexington, KY lois.birdwell@fayette.kyschools.us



Why I Am Certified

Karl Bruhn

I am pleased to report that I recently completed and passed my AGO Service Playing Examination! I probably should have taken it 40+ years ago when I had just finished my master's degree. But none of my teachers even mentioned it. (I think they should have.)

But then I kind of just put this idea out of my head until two things happened. I started "bugging" folks in our Region about the possibility of taking the exam. (Also, it seems like a number of chapters have had their members working together on this project—especially the Dayton chapter). Secondly, **Greg Gyllsdorff** is a good friend of mine, and had bugged me about taking it for the past few years—until I finally "broke down" and said yes. He was my tutor for the past nine months or so; and he was excellent. Very persistent and very caring. I doubt I could have (or would have) done this without a tutor—or I might have given up. Greg has tutored probably at least 20 folks through this exam—and everyone has passed.

The hardest part was the transposition. I never transpose anything. So this took a lot of work. I practiced transposition for about 15 minutes per night for four nights a week for probably three months. In the end I was quite sure—but not overly brash.

In the test results—on the ten sections—I scored three perfect 10's—including the transposition section. But that still was hard for me.

Greg wants me to continue with the CAGO next. I am still thinking about that, but I know—if I do it—it won't be until this coming Fall. At my ripe old age I am glad that I can still pass a personal challenge. And it did take quite a bit of work—for me.

Submitted by **Karl Bruhn**, SPC AGO Great Lakes Regional Councillor

Mailbox

Dick Hoogterp

Greetings to the Lexington AGO Chapter,

I am **Dick Hoogterp** and was encouraged to write a note recognizing the activity and accomplishments of your chapter in recent years. For a bit of background, I met **John Courter** at Michigan State University in the distant past. Then, my wife, **Eileen**, and I attended a Lexington Chapter meeting in Berea one year (it was exactly 500 miles from our house in Michigan to the Union Church), and we had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know **Larry Sharp**. We greatly enjoyed the Lexington Convention, including the venue, so many friendly people and, especially for me, the recital by **Ken Cowan**, the Taylor and Boody organ, the entirety of "Berea Day," and a spur of the moment visit to Keeneland through the kindness of **Scott Heydinger**.

At the Michigan Dean's meeting in September of 2017, Counsellor for Region V **Karl Bruhn** extolled the membership booklets of two chapters (of the 48 in Region V). It happened that those singled out were our Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter and your Lexington Chapter. I immediately informed Larry as we were both very proud and gloated quite a bit. At length, Larry began to send me your monthly newsletter, and I noticed the remarkable level of activity, engagement and participation evident on the part of your Guild members.

It is certainly a noteworthy achievement to have hosted a POE and your wonderfully successful January Jubilee 2018 in such a short span of time. I think the Lexington chapter certainly is to be commended for extraordinary efforts to promote the organ and its music in recent years. I mentioned to Larry recently that I think your Chapter is very highly regarded in our Region. I stand by that statement and encourage you all to keep up the high standard your are setting.

Speaking of conventions, as long as we are chatting like this, I would like to invite you to plan to attend the 2019 AGO Regional Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan June 30-July 3, centered at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Plans are coming together nicely, I think, and we are anticipating a wonderful event, which I hope will rival the Lexington Convention. Please come if you are able and we will welcome you with open arms.

Sincerely,

Richard T. (Dick) Hoogterp, CAGO
Dean, Muskegon-Lakeshore Chapter AGO
Director of Music and Organist, Holy Family Catholic Church, Sparta, Michigan

Roy Nance

Dear LexAGO Members,

We will soon be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the installation of our Dyer Organ at First United Methodist Church in Frankfort. You and your guests are invited to a Gala Anniversary Recital on Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m., presented by guest artist **Dr. John Cummins**. A Kentucky native, John is presently the organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem. A reception will be held in Gallery Hall.

Thank you,
Roy Nance
Former LexAGO Dean

Brother Luke

Dear Larry,

It was grand having you and other Lexington AGO members back with us at Gethsemani Abbey last month for an evening with **Wesley Roberts** and compadres.

And many thanks for writing thereafter.

Let's keep the pipes ringing in our respective Bluegrass venues and plan on touching base again.

Warm fratly best meantime,

Br. Luke Abbey of Gethsemani Trappist, KY

"Principal Pipings" Newsletter Editor Needed

LexAGO is in need of a volunteer to prepare the monthly chapter newsletter, published ten times a year from August to May. It's been a pleasure to put together this document for the last six years and I thank you for the many kind words regarding the layout. I'll still be preparing the website so please continue to send your events to **Scott Heydinger**, sheydinger@yahoo.com. Please contact Dean **James Humlong** if you are able to take over with the 74th volume of our chapter's long running publication.

For Fun

May Trivia Roundup

Congratulations to our April Trivia co-winners, **Steven Adams** and **Anne Willis**. Since they both submitted a correct response within 60 seconds of each other, we decided to declare a TIE! Steven and Anne each correctly identified the poet who penned the immortal opening line, "April is the cruellest month." It was none other than T.S. Eliot ("The Waste Land"). Gifts have been awarded to Steven and Anne for their efforts.

Rather than pose a Trivia Question for May, before our summer newsletter break, I thought it would be interesting to review the past two years of Trivia Winners. 18 Trivia Questions have been posed, resulting in 20 winning responses. Five Chapter Members have submitted more than one correct answer, with Anne Willis leading the way with FOUR! Thanks to ALL who have participated!

Anne Willis -- 4 correct responses

Mark DeAlba -- 3

Paul Barte, James Humlong and Jane Johnson -- 2 each

Steven Adams, Kate Covington, Nancy Dunn, Grant Holcomb, Don Seevers, Mary Anna Stepp and Bill Webber -- 1 each

Bad Joke of the Month

Q: What's the difference between an organist and a terrorist?

A: You can negotiate with a terrorist!

Picture Gallery



LexAGO Members enjoy 2017 Montreal Convention (L to R): Zach Klobnak, Larry Sharp, Katelyn Emerson and Gwen Frazier



Mark DeAlba at the console with Karl Bruhn, left, and Michael Bedford

Picture Gallery



Owen Sammons at the console, April Improv Workshop



Grant Holcomb at the console

GREAT MUSIC at Christ Church Cathedral



Organ Concert

FRIDAY, MAY 11 7:30pm

Lisa Hall, Assistant Cathedral Organist



Concert & Evensong

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20

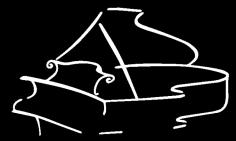
3:30pm Scott Wright, clarinet, University of Kentucky

4:00pm Choral Evensong with Chorister Promotions and Recognitions with the Cathedral Choirs



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4:00pm Evensongs with Cathedral Choirs





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



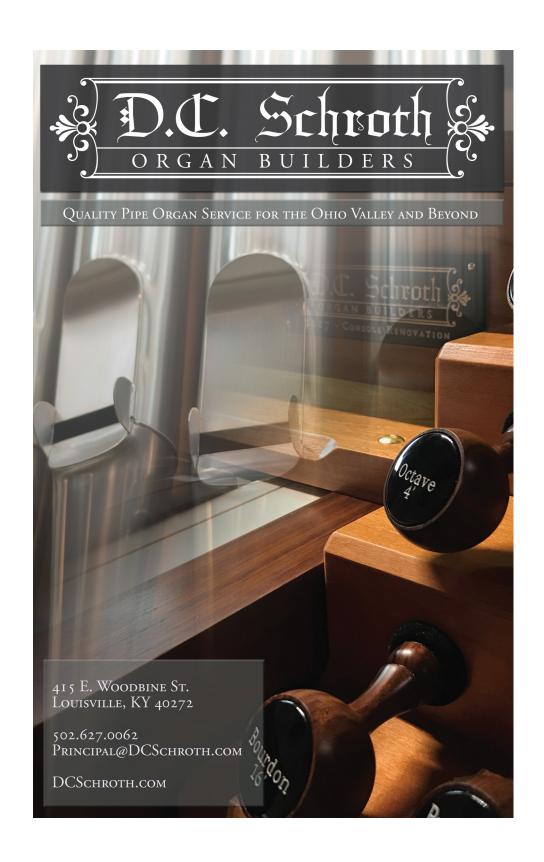
4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* with the Choir of Men and Boys





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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 ChurchCathedral, Indianapolis5:00 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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