

Principal Pipings

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Dean's Message

Happy September! It's time for leaves to begin changing, weather to start cooling down, and choir rehearsals to start back! The Lexington AGO is certainly in full swing, and I'm glad you're a special part of it.

Coming up first is the David Briggs recital at Trinity Episcopal in Danville this Sunday, September 9, at 4:00pm. This will not be one to miss! Included in the program, he will be using a couple of improvisations on themes submitted by AGO members. No stranger to the Lexington AGO, David Briggs always entertains and brings the full organ to life like no other!

Next month, we will have a very unique event with the Bluegrass Theatre Organ Society, which you can read more about further down in the newsletter, but it will be a very exciting program. This is a ticketed event (\$20) and will certainly be worth your money. \$19 of each ticket goes to the restoration of the 1926 Wurlitzer organ that was once an integral part of the Kentucky Theater. I'm proud that the AGO is helping the BGTOS with this noble endeavor to bring a piece of history back into action in the community.

Please take a few moments to read through this issue of *Principal Pipings*, and I hope to see you at an event or two soon. As always, thank you for your continued support of the Lexington AGO.

James

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Upcoming Events

- 09.09.18 **David Briggs Recital**
4:00pm Trinity Episcopal, Danville, KY
- 09.11.18 **Stephen Black, organ**
12:20pm Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY
- 09.30.18 **Paul Barte, organ, Ohio University (3:30pm)**
3:30pm **Evensong with the Cathedral Choir (4:00pm)**
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 10.07.18 **Combined Program with the Bluegrass Theatre**
7:00pm **Organ Society (ticketed event)**
John Baratta Recital, Sing-Along, Silent Movie "College"
The Kentucky Theater, Lexington, KY
- 10.13.18 **For Every Song There Is a Season**
7:30pm **Lexington Chamber Choral**
Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY
- 10.16.18 **Kenneth Stein, organ**
12:20pm Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY



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Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

3:30pm Paul Barte, organ, Ohio University
4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir
followed by reception

All are invited and welcome!



Concert & Evensong

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

3:30pm University of Kentucky Guitar Quartet
Andrew Wilder, Kique Ortiz, Ashley
Nalley, & Candela Arias
4:00pm All Souls Evensong with the Cathedral
Choir and Curtis Streetman, Bass
Soloist



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

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A Few Thank You's...

Dear LexAGO Members,

I can't believe it has already been over a month since I had the joy of returning to the glorious city of Lexington and the privilege of seeing so many fellow chapter members again! I adored every moment spent with the Randall Dyer organ at the cathedral and am grateful that I was able to spend time with friends old and new in one of the most beautiful parts of the world! I look forward already to our next meeting and to seeing many of you in the future!

Very best wishes,
Katelyn Emerson

Dear James and LexAGO Friends,

Thank you so very much for surprising me at May's Chapter Luncheon by presenting me with an AGO past-dean's lapel pin. What a thoughtful gift! I'll wear it with pride at future AGO conventions and events. I appreciate the many kind words and gestures of friendship that so many of you have shared with me. You helped make my term as dean a joy and pleasure.

Best wishes to each of you for another successful LexAGO Program Year!

Appreciatively,
Larry Sharp

Chapter News

Dues Renewal and Yearbook Update

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their dues! The yearbook, under the careful design of **Brian Hunt**, is well underway. These will be mailed to you as soon as they are available. If you haven't renewed your dues, please do so as soon as you can. While it's too late to be in the yearbook, an addendum to the yearbook will be sent out at least twice this program year. As always, invite your friends and colleagues to join the AGO. Let them know they don't have to be an organist or even know anything about music, they just have to enjoy good music and want to support the arts in the Lexington area! Our "friend" category is designed especially for this group of people, as they have access to all of our chapter events and news, and the entire \$30 dues fee goes directly to our local chapter to support our program year.

Have a choir member that's passionate about your playing? Invite them to join the Guild!

We are very thankful for all of our yearbook and newsletter sponsors for making it possible to provide the chapter with such great resources. Please take the time to look through all the ads and support these fine churches, companies, and individuals. This year's donors include Christ Church Cathedral, Rodgers/Classic Organs, Randall Dyer Organs, Campbellville University, Beaumont Presbyterian Church and Larry Sharp, B. Rule Organs, Rivierstad Consultants, Goulding and Wood, The Bluegrass Theatre Organ Society, D. C. Schroth, The Piano Shop, Seta Music, Webber and Borne, Asbury University, Wesley Roberts, Bill Webber, Lois Fyfe Music, Lynn Vera, Milnar Organs, Rose Daniels, Frances Scott, David Lamb, Crestwood Christian Church, First Christian Church Ashland and Larry Sivis, Elaine Cook, Barbara Rogers, and Amy Roth. Thank you donors!

Chapter News

Kroger Cards

Pictures needed!

Throughout the year, if you take any pictures at AGO events, or have old “throwback” photos of the LexAGO you’d think the guild would enjoy seeing, please submit them to James Humlong (james.humlong@gmail.com), so they can be included in the newsletter. It makes the newsletter much more interesting!

Last year, our chapter signed up for Kroger Community Rewards to earn money for our chapter. This is a program that Kroger has had for many years, and has given schools, churches, and non-profit community organizations millions of dollars, all just for signing up! The best part is that you don’t have to do anything other than sign up, and do your normal grocery shopping.

Our chapter currently has approximately 120 members, and there are only 6 members that have the Lexington AGO set as their rewards recipient. This past year, our chapter has received about \$180. Imagine how much we could raise for programs and scholarships if even a quarter of our members signed up! Many of you have other noble causes you have your card linked to, but if you don’t, it’s very simple to join. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, and select “Lexington AGO, NPO number NN700”. Note that this is a different NPO number than what we’ve had in the past, but if you’ve already enrolled, you don’t have to change anything. That’s all – piece of cake!

We welcome Angela Hurley and Nancy Dunn back as our Hospitality Co-Chairs for the current program year. They have been the co-chairs for the last two years, and have done a fantastic job providing wonderful refreshments at every event with poise. They have brought our pre-program gatherings to a new level. Thank you ladies!

Chapter News

KY Theatre Organ
Program

KY Convener Update

Congratulations to **Larry Sharp**, who has been named the Kentucky State Convener! He will work closely with the other State Conveners in the Great Lakes Region and the Great Lakes Regional Councillor, Karl Bruhn.

We'd also like to thank Larry for his generous donation for our program year magnets, which you should be receiving in the mail in the near future. Thanks Larry!

On Sunday, October 7, at 7:00pm, our chapter will be doing something that it has never done before – we will be co-hosting a very special program with the BGTOS (Bluegrass Theatre Organ Society)! They are very excited about this, and so are many members of the AGO. They will be bringing John Baratta, theatre organist, to give a recital, lead a sing-along, and accompany a silent movie, “College”. This is a ticketed event (\$20 per ticket) in order to raise money for the restoration of the 1926 Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ that was originally in the Kentucky Theater. The following has been submitted by **Bill Webber**, who has been instrumental in making sure this program goes smoothly –

“College” is a 1927 comedy-drama silent film directed by James W. Horne and Buster Keaton, and starring Keaton, Anne Cornwall, and Harold Goodwin. Prior to the silent movie the concert will feature a singalong. We will have the words for the songs projected onto the movie screen to make it easy for everyone in the audience to sing along with the organ music.

John V. Baratta is a native of Lodi, New Jersey and presently resides in Wantage, New Jersey. John attended Jersey City State College where he studied piano and organ, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education. He has recently retired from teaching music in the public school system for thirty years. John is the resident organist and director of music for the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in River Edge, New Jersey. He is also the house organist for the historic Newton Theater located in Newton, New Jersey.

Mr. Baratta is a member of the Hudson Valley and Northern New Jersey chapters of The American Guild of Organists, and is a longtime member of The New York Theatre Organ Society.

TICKETS: Tickets are on sale by AGO and ATOS members of our chapters, at the Kentucky Theater box office, or at the Bluegrass Chapter website.

<http://www.LexTheaterPipes.Org> \$20 each.



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Evensongs

3:30pm Concerts

4:00pm Evensongs with the Cathedral Choir

September 30

February 17

November 4

March 17

January 20

May 19



Friday, December 7

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

For ticket reservations visit
www.ccclex.org/messiah



Sunday, December 16

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

Friday, December 21

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

Palm Sunday, April 14

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



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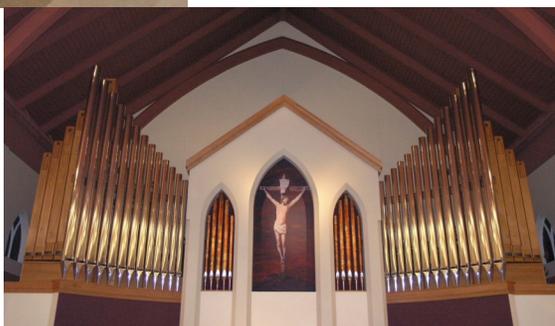
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