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Dean's Message

Happy December!

The time is here – all your hard work practicing is finally getting ready to pay off! If your calendar looks anything like mine, you have more days playing for events and recitals and cantatas than you do at home. Make sure to make time for yourself this Christmas season to relax and enjoy the holidays. My favorite thing to do is to go to the late Christmas Eve service at Christ Church Cathedral. I hope you find your own thing to help you appreciate this special time.

This month, we will be having our fourth annual Christmas Pipes recital at Central Baptist Church at 2:00, Sunday, December 9, and will feature Larry Sharp, Mark DeAlba, Anna Pan, Bill Webber, Grant Holcomb, and myself. Afterward, we will have a lovely reception hosted by Angela Hurley and Nancy Dunn. All donations received will go toward our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza program in February, so invite your churches and friends! I hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, mark on your calendars our "Twelfth Night" Party, hosted by Larry Sharp at his home in Winchester on January 5. It will be a nice evening to socialize and relax after a busy holiday season.

Thank you for everything you do throughout the year for the AGO, as well as music as a whole in your communities. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

James

Upcoming Events

- 12.07.18
7:30pm **Handel's Messiah (ticketed event)**
Cathedral Choir, Lexington Baroque Ensemble, and Soloists
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 12.09.18
2:00pm **Fourth Annual "Christmas Pipes" Concert and Holiday Reception**
LexAGO Members
Central Baptist Church, Lexington, KY
- 12.09.18
6:00pm **Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company**
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 12.16.18 **Prelude (6:30pm) and A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (7:00pm)**
The Cathedral Choir
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 12.21.18
12:00pm **A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten**
Elaine Cook, harp, Cathedral Girls Choir
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
- 01.05.19
6:00pm **Twelfth Night Celebration**
Larry Sharp Residence, Winchester, KY
- 01.20.19 **Visiting Conductor Series with Robert McCormick**
Choral Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir (11:00)
Concert, Sean Cavanaugh, piano (3:30)
Evensong with the Cathedral Choir (4:00)
Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
2018-2019



George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30pm

The Cathedral Choir and guest soloists
with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

For Ticket Reservations, visit www.ccclex.org/messiah



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00pm

Preludes at 6:30pm

The Cathedral Choir



Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Noon

The Cathedral Girls Choir
with Elaine Cook, Harp



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

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November Event Report

On Saturday, November 10, eight members of the AGO gathered at Crestwood Christian with host Jane Johnson for a morning of fun and learning with Patty Saunders, local handbell expert and director of the Alluring Community Bell Choir. Breakfast was provided by Angela Hurley and Mike and Nancy Dunn, and was delightful as always.

Following a bit of socializing, we began with telling about our handbell experience – some were directors of their church bell choir, others played in them. Some of us had no handbell experience at all! Patty did an excellent job of instructing how to ring the bells, showing different ringing techniques, and offering ways to incorporate handbells into worship services. She brought along a “bell tree”, which is a stand that holds whole octaves of bells so that one person can play them all with mallets.

We ended the day by playing a game with two teams where each person on the team had to ring a whole octave of bells as quickly and as accurately as they could. Several members went to Ramsey’s for lunch after the workshop. Overall everyone had a fun time and was able to take away something useful for their church bell choir.



Members have fun at the November meeting playing a team game to see who could play handbell octaves the fastest

Chapter News

As mentioned in the Dean's Letter, our December program will take place at Central Baptist Church, Sunday, December 9 at 2:00pm. This is a free event open to the community, so invite anyone and everyone you can! A flyer was sent out by email a couple of weeks ago so you could advertise it to your church. Another idea to advertise would be to have it in your bulletin or Sunday morning announcements.

Coming Soon!

We are still preparing a mailing list for the Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Program to send information out to potential attendees. If you teach piano lessons to middle or high school students, or know someone that does, please send their information to James Humlong soon! Mailings will go out toward the end of December. We need your help to make this event a success and introduce the organ to the next generation of potential organists!

Don't forget to think about heading to Grand Rapids to the 2019 Regional Convention. In addition to almost a dozen organ recitals and concerts, they will feature handbells, brass, carillon, and the theatre organ. There will also be some familiar faces to the Lexington Chapter, including recitals by Nicole Keller, Katelyn Emerson, and Ken Cowen. You can find more information on their website at grago2019.org.



Dr. Wesley Roberts, Colleen Ames, Larry Sharp, Mark DeAlba, and James Humlong pose for a picture following Larry's noon recital at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Campbellsville

Chapter News

Free Music Available

Music Available from Composer John Dixon

Many of you will recall last November's program led by composer John S. Dixon of Virginia Beach, VA. John has recently sent our chapter several copies of his original organ composition, "Solemn Melody." This piece was distributed in the registration bags for attendees at last summer's AGO National Convention in Kansas City. Advance copies were presented to all

LexAGO members who attended last May's Chapter Luncheon and Officer Installation at Dudley's Restaurant.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy should contact Larry Sharp.

John's goal is to share his music in person in all fifty states. The Lexington Chapter is proud to have been John's first stop on this journey! You may email John directly at JohnSDixon@aol.com if you would like to be placed on his mailing list. You may also request free pdf files of selected sheet music. Visit his website for additional information and updates.

John has been a good friend to our chapter, and we extend our best wishes for his continued success! His newest SATB choral composition, "Three Celtic Blessings," will soon be available through The Sacred Music Press, Lorenz Corporation, Dayton, OH.

- submitted by Larry Sharp



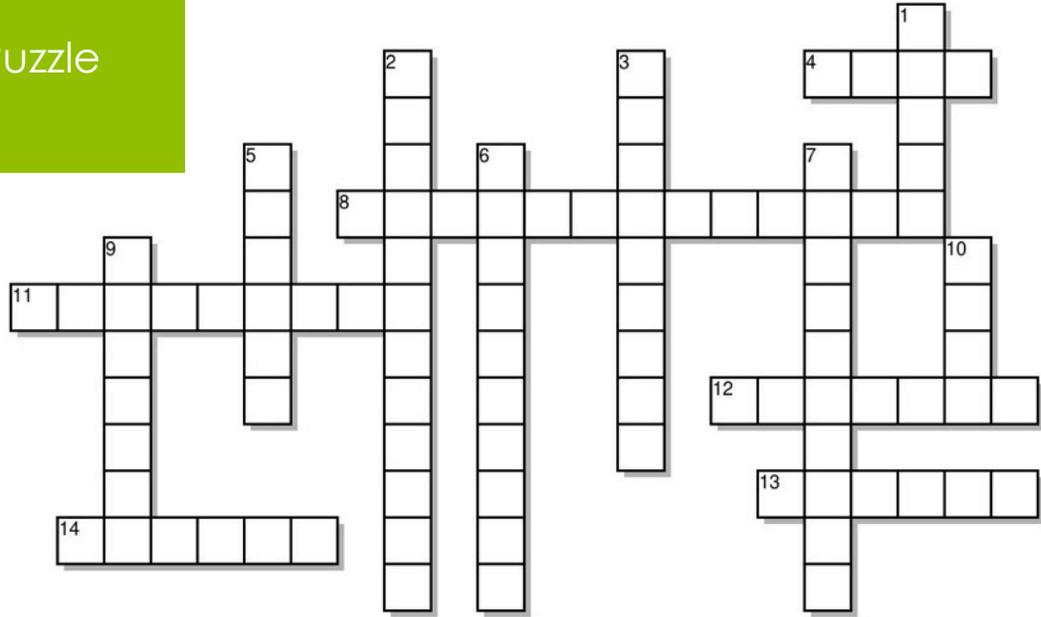
John Dixon at the Crestwood Christian Organ at his November 2017 workshop

Another opportunity for free music is from Phil Clark, whose wife was the longtime organist at First Alliance Church in Lexington before her passing. He has hundreds of good church music books he is looking to rehome for someone to put to good use. For a list of music, please contact James Humlong, or you can contact Phil directly to see the music yourself or ask any questions. His email is pdc3393@twc.com and his phone number is (859)223-7627. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Christmas Fun

Print this page out of the newsletter and enjoy a musical Christmas crossword!

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4 Benjamin Britten originally wrote "A Ceremony of Carols" for trebles and this instrument
- 8 This Bach Chorale Prelude has been used at the end of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge since 1938
- 11 If Jack Frost was nipping at your nose, what would you be busy roasting?
- 12 Carol of the Bells originated in this country
- 13 Instead of the organ, Franz Gruber used this instrument for the premier of Silent Night in 1818
- 14 Baroque French organist who wrote a collection of Noels still used today

DOWN

- 1 Nine Lessons and Carols was first started at this English Cathedral
- 2 While we all sing Jingle Bells at Christmas, it was really written for this holiday
- 3 This Christmas song that begins by mentioning that the weather is frightful actually never explicitly mentions Christmas
- 5 The same man that was the original voice of Tony the Tiger sang about this grouchy green Christmas character by Dr. Seuss
- 6 This Christmas decoration is the centerpiece of a ballet that premiered in St. Petersburg Russia in 1892
- 7 When Good King Wenceslas looked out his window, what did he see the poor man gathering?
- 9 In "For Unto Us a Child is Born" from Handel's Messiah, the sopranos and altos engage in a 57 note one of these
- 10 On the 7th day of Christmas, what type of bird did my true love give to me?



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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



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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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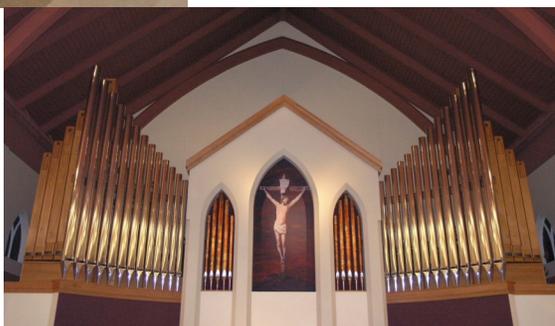
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