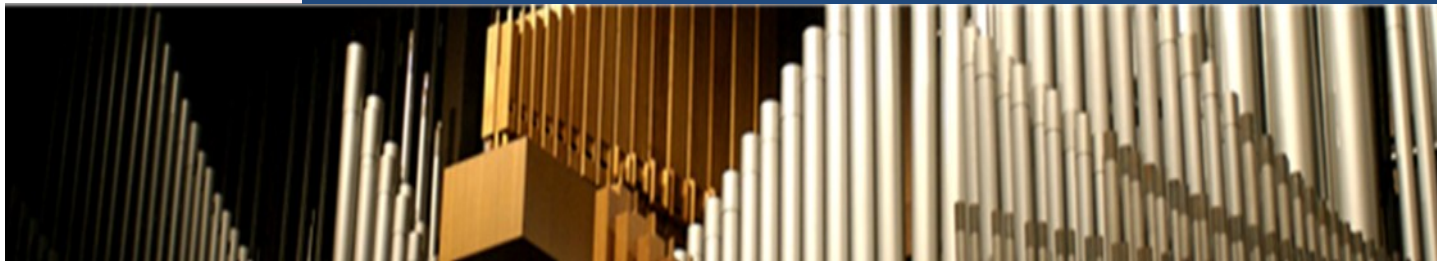


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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

Wow—how did May get here so quickly? It's hard to believe that summer is almost here, but we still have some programming scheduled before we break for the summer.

Don't miss Greg Zelek this coming Friday, May 10th, at Cathedral of Christ the King. It promises to be a wonderful program on an exciting instrument. And look elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details on our June 1st luncheon and installation of our new officers for 2024-26. Don't forget to RSVP!

Your executive committee is putting the finishing touches on programming for next year. We have an assortment of educational programs and recitals planned, as well as some fun social events. We will be sending all those details soon, so you can mark your calendars and not miss a minute of what Lexington AGO has to offer!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.—Greg Zelek, organ recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

Sunday, May 12, 12:15 p.m.—Stephan Casurella organ concert, Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati. Suggested donation.

Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.—SCAPA Madrigal Singers, Ryan Marsh, conductor; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Saturday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.—Lexington Philharmonic, featuring Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 (the Organ Symphony). Ticketed event.

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 p.m.—Rebecca Abbott, organ recital of new Muller organ installation, Gay Street United Methodist Church, 18 N. Gay Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Sunday, May 19, 3:30 p.m.—Rachel Renee Miller, harp, followed by Evensong with the Cathedral Choir; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m.—Clif Cason, organ recital. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

**Saturday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. —Officer Installation and catered lunch, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Lexington.
(NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)**

Sunday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.—Erich Balling and Lisa Hall, organ recital. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

For inclusion in the June newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, May 24th.

GREG ZELEK RECITAL—MAY 10TH, 7:30 PM

Lexington AGO and the Cathedral of Christ the King are pleased to co-sponsor Greg Zelek in recital on Friday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m. The Cathedral is located at 229 Colony Blvd. in Lexington.

Praised as “extraordinary in the classical music world” (Jon Hornbacher, PBS Wisconsin Life) and a “musical star” (Bill Wineke, Channel 3000), Greg Zelek is the Principal Organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Curator of the Overture Concert Organ, where he regularly performs and oversees all of the MSO's organ programming. Since September 2017, Greg has proudly held the Elaine and Nicholas Mischler Curatorship.



In addition to concertizing throughout the United States, Greg performs with orchestras as both a soloist and ensemble member, including the MET Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony, Florida Orchestra, New World Symphony, Ridgewood Symphony, Miami Symphony, and Madison Symphony. Greg also released his first recording on the Overture Concert Organ in the Fall of 2022.

In 2016, Greg was chosen by The Diapason magazine as one of the top “20 Under 30” organists, a feature which selects the most successful young artists in the field. He was the First Prize winner in the 2012 Rodgers North American Classical Organ Competition, 2012 West Chester University Organ Competition, and 2010 East Carolina University Organ Competition, as well as the Audience Prize winner of the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. A recipient of the inaugural Kovner Fellowship, he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, as well as an Artist Diploma, from the Juilliard School as a student of Paul Jacobs. Greg, who is Cuban-American and a native Spanish speaker, grew up in Miami, FL.

RSVP NOW—JUNE 1ST LUNCHEON AND OFFICER INSTALLATION

We will close out our 2023-24 programming with our officer installation and luncheon on Saturday, June 1st at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, 180 E. Maxwell Street in Lexington. We will meet at 11 am, have lunch, and then celebrate our new officers.

Lunch is \$20/person. The menu includes spring mix lettuce/spinach salad with strawberries, goat cheese and sliced almonds with homemade poppyseed vinaigrette; ham/gruyere cheese quiche; Noodles Louise casserole; warmed croissants with honey butter drizzled glaze; vanilla ice cream with Michigan cherry sauce; tea or water with lemons and limes, and coffee. Doesn't that sound delicious?

As an added attraction, we have several boxes of organ music donated by Mary Anna Stepp that will be available for you to peruse and take. Thank you, Mary Anna!

You won't want to miss this chance to have lunch and socialize with your AGO friends, so **please RSVP now** by sending your check (made out to Lexington AGO) to Jane Johnson, 3456 Belvoir Drive, Lexington KY 40502. **The deadline to RSVP is Monday, May 20th.** We look forward to seeing you on June 1st!

DAVID ENLOW WORKSHOP AND RECITAL IN PICTURES



David Enlow gave a wonderful improvisation workshop on April 13th at Central Christian Church, and followed up with a recital on the church's recently-restored Holtkamp organ on April 14th. It was great to have David return to Lexington.



MICHAEL DUNN RECEIVES SERVICE PLAYING CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Michael Dunn who was recently awarded AGO's Service Playing Certificate. Michael is Director of Music at First Christian Church in Winchester.

If you've thought about trying the Service Playing Exam but don't know how to start, we are here for you! Several of our members have been working towards this certification. We have study guides and other information to help you. If you're interested, please contact Jane Johnson for more information. Maybe 2024-25 is the year we count you among our newly certified members!

MEMBER NEWS

A recent recital at First United Methodist Church in Winchester raised over \$6200 for some needed organ repairs. The nine performers included AGO members **Anne Willis, Michael Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Gwen Frazier, Lynn Vera, Mark DeAlba, Grant Holcomb, Brent Nicholas, and Larry Sharp**. The program, which was organized by Choir Director/Minister of Music Brent Nicholas and Organist Larry Sharp, had selections ranging from Bach to jazz, including an organ duet by the Dunns and a piano-organ duet by Anne Willis and Brent Nicholas. A reception was held after the performance.

Congratulations to **Glenna Metcalfe**, who was named Teacher of the Year at Royal Spring Middle School in Georgetown. Her school says, "Ms. Metcalfe is an amazing conductor, pianist, and musician. Her choirs produce amazing sounds, scoring distinguished at competitions as well as sounding amazing during their concerts. In addition to being an incredible musician, Ms. Metcalfe invests in her students outside of the music classroom. Everyone has seen first-hand that she cares deeply for them as human beings. This year alone, we had 27 students make it to All-State. That is an incredible feat! Ms. Metcalfe makes a difference in the lives of her students by exposing them to the joy and the depths of music. She is a selfless co-worker who can always be counted on to do her part to make the school a better place. She makes a difference in the lives of parents by being an excellent communicator of expectations, important information, and upcoming opportunities that parents can take advantage of. Thank you, Ms. Metcalfe, for being such a wonderful music educator and for representing Royal Spring so well. You are a true gem." Congratulations, Glenna!

Clif Cason will present the next in the series of dedication recitals on the newly-restored Holtkamp at Central Christian Church in Lexington. The recital will be on Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 pm.

Dr. Larry Sharp has been re-elected Great Lakes Regional Councillor for AGO, representing the 5-state area of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. Congratulations, Larry!

Mary Anna Stepp has generously donated several boxes of organ music to Lexington AGO, for dispersal to our members. This music will be available for your perusal at our June 1st luncheon. There are some real gems in this collection, and it's all free for the taking! Thank you so much, Mary Anna!

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIST—UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HARRODSBURG

United Presbyterian Church in Harrodsburg, KY is in need of an organist beginning June 2, 2024. Our current organist is graduating and moving. We pay \$100 each Sunday with some mileage reimbursement possible. The job is for church music and consists of preparing a Prelude, Offertory and Postlude (organist choice) and three hymns chosen by the pastor. There are no extra rehearsals, so basically, the job is for a little over one hour a week. For more information, please contact Jackie Corbit, personnel chair, corbitj@gmail.com

ORGANIST/PIANIST—HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FRANKFORT

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1251 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, is looking for a part-time organist/pianist beginning June 2, 2024. The church holds weekly services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. with additional services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas eve. Choir sings only for the Easter morning and Christmas eve services. Choir rehearsals are held immediately following Sunday services a couple/few weeks before Easter and Christmas. The monthly Worship & Music committee meeting is held immediately following the first Sunday service of each month. A short monthly newsletter article is also needed. The church's organ is a Rodgers electronic instrument with three manuals. Pay is open for discussion. Interested parties may contact Ms. Marge Batement, church council president, at batemanm245@gmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
May 2024

Choral Concert

FRIDAY, MAY 17
7:30pm

SCAPA Madrigal Singers
Ryan Marsh, conductor



Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, MAY 19

3:30pm Rachel Renee Miller, harp
Cincinnati, Ohio

4:00pm Evensong
with the Cathedral Choir

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2023-2024



Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

September 24 April 21

November 5 May 19

February 4

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

Wednesday, December 20

Noon Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
Rachel Renee Miller, harp
The Cathedral Girls Choir



Palm Sunday, March 24

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*
with the Cathedral Choir



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and Friends of Cathedral Music.*

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Central Christian
Church

HYMNATHON

AUGUST 27, 2023
11:15 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

**ORGAN CONCERT
BY DAVID BRIGGS**

OCTOBER 7, 2023 - 7:30 P.M.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 17, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.

CHOIR CABARET

FEBRUARY 2, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

ASCENSION DAY EVENSONG

MAY 9, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

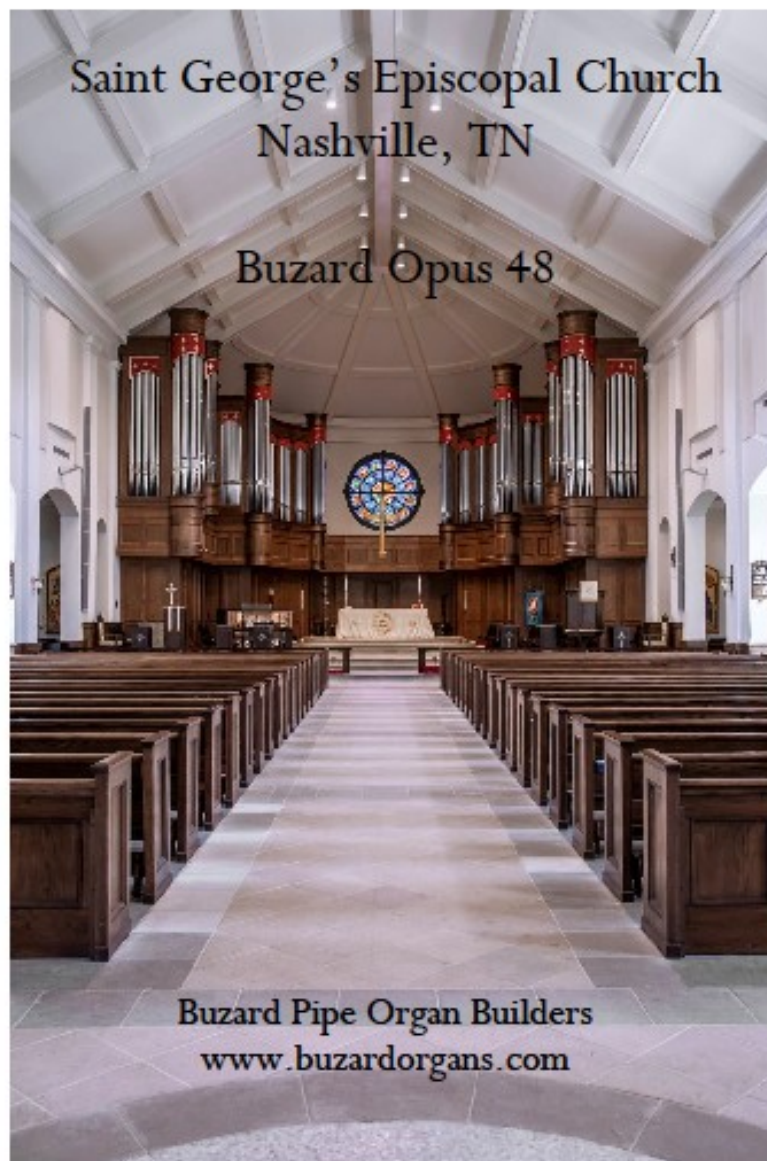


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CHOIR PRACTICE 10 COMMANDMENTS

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2. THOU SHALT BRING THY MUSIC AND THY WATER.
3. REMEMBER THE VOCAL WARM-UP, TO KEEP THY VOICE.
4. THOU SHALT LOOK UP SOMETIMES FROM THE MUSIC.



5. THOU SHALT AT LEAST GLANCE AT THE DIRECTOR.
6. THOU SHALT NOT AUDIBLY CURSE THE ANTHEM CHOICE.
7. THOU SHALT NOT CHAT WHILE THE BASSES REHEARSE.
8. THOU SHALT KEEP TRACK OF THE CURRENT PAGE NUMBER
9. THOU SHALT NOT BLAME THE ALTOS
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S PENCIL