



Principal Pipings

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Greetings from the dean

Hello AGO Friends,

I hope you have been able to attend some of the recent events in our area. I continually hear from other chapters about how they are envious of all our great programming, and it is true that we have a wealth of organ- and choral-related events from which to choose! The next couple of months are no exception—from Jonathan Rudy's organ recital this Friday to organ and choral concerts of all description, there should be several things to please each of you. I love being a part of making music, but it's also so enjoyable to be able to just sit and soak up music that I didn't have to have a part in creating. Despite our busy schedules at this time of year, I hope you will be able to give yourself the gift of time to enjoy some of this musical outpouring.

In other chapter news, plans are speeding ahead for our Pipe Organ Encounter this coming summer. See Zach's article elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details. Our POE brochure will be mailed in December, in hopes of getting twenty interested students to register. There are so many demands on teenagers' summer time that we hope by getting the word out early we will have a full POE. If you know of any piano students who might be interested, now is the time to let us know so we can be sure they receive a brochure!

Later this month, your sub-dean Larry Sharp and I will be traveling to Frankfort to meet with the dean and sub-dean of the Louisville AGO; Glenna Metcalf, our state convener; and Karl Bruhn, Great Lakes Region Councillor. We hope to come away from the meeting with ideas for recruiting new members and making our chapter even more relevant to our overall membership.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jane

Area Events

FRI / 11.6.15

7.30p

Jonathan Rudy, Organ Recital

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 11.8.15

2.00p

University of Kentucky Faculty Brass Quintet

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

SUN / 11.8.15

2.30p

James Humlong, Organ Recital

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington

TUE / 11.10.15

12.20p

Doug O'Neill, Organ Recital

Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville

FRI / 11.13.15

7.30p

From Tallis to Tavener: Icons of the English Choral Tradition, Ecco, Vicki Bell, conductor

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

FRI / 11.13.15

7.30p

David Briggs, Organ Concert

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lexington

SUN / 11.15.15

5.00p

David Briggs, Organ Concert

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal, Louisville

FRI / 12.4.15

7.30p

Handel's Messiah, Lexington Baroque Ensemble and the Cathedral Choir

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

SAT / 12.5.15

7.30p

Lexington Chamber Chorale Christmas in the Great Hall

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SUN / 12.6.15

7.00p

First Cantata of J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Mozart's Solumn Vespers, Kentucky Bach Choir

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

SAT / 12.12.15

8.00p

Lexington Philharmonic and Lexington Chamber Chorale

Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington

SUN / 12.13.15

6.30p (prelude)

7.00p (festival)

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Cathedral Choir with Organ Prelude

Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

Dear Lexington AGO Colleagues:

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a most busy time of the year. I am pleased to share with you some exciting updates on our POE plans for next summer. We have secured a fine faculty and an equally impressive list of instruments that the students will use. Many thanks to Glenna Metcalfe (faculty coordinator) and Tina Wagoner (facilities coordinator) for their work on this!

Faculty include:

Paul Barte	Ohio University
Karl Bruhn	St. John's Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL
Richard Dwyer	Transylvania University
Laura Ellis	University of Florida
Nicole Keller	Baldwin Wallace University
Yun Kim	Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton, OH
Jonathan Moyer	Oberlin College
Helen Reed	University of Evansville
Dana Robinson	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Schuyler Robinson	University of Kentucky

Instruments include:

Calvary Baptist	Moeller
Cathedral of Christ the King	Randall Dyer
Christ Church Cathedral	Holtkamp
Faith Lutheran	Steiner-Reck
First Presbyterian	Kimball/Buzard
First United Methodist	Zimmer
Good Shepherd Episcopal	Goulding & Wood
Maxwell Street Presbyterian	Rieger/Buzard
St. Augustine's Chapel	Flentrop & Ward
Second Presbyterian	E.M. Skinner/Bunn-Minnick

POE News (continued)

You will soon receive a brochure about our POE in the mail. I hope you will consider passing it along to a young person that might benefit from our POE. Remember they need not have any organ experience. In fact, part of our target is intermediate/advanced pianists that are interested in learning more about the King of Instruments. We have room for twenty young musicians to join us next summer in Lexington. So . . . spread the word!

As always, I'm happy to answer any questions you might have. I'm equally happy to hear from you if you want to get involved!

Many thanks,

Zach

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Campbellsville Student Wins Award

Dr. Wesley Roberts reports that Lexington AGO member **Chia-Yin Chen**, a graduate student who also played at the Bach Marathon, won this year's KMTA Young Artists Organ Competition in Bowling Green. Dr. Roberts also said she was the only student to perform, but nonetheless played a fine program of literature by F. Couperin, Mendelssohn, and Utterback. Congratulations!

Events

James Humlong Recital This Sunday

SUN / 11.8.15

2.30p

James Humlong, Organ Recital

Southern Hills UMC, Lexington

Similar to last year, there will be baskets at the door for donations to Nathaniel Mission and a scholarship fund for our Youth Handbell Choir to take their annual summer trip to Music and Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, NC. The program is available at www.agolexington.org.

-- Submitted by James Humlong

If you go, please congratulate James on his recent graduation from the UK College of Pharmacy and new job with Baptist Health Lexington, and thank him for his service as a member at large of the Lexington AGO chapter.

Bach Choir Christmas Concert

SUN / 12.6.15

7.00p

First Cantata of J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Mozart's Solumn Vespers, Kentucky Bach Choir

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

The Kentucky Bach Choir will perform its first-ever Christmas concert with the performance of masterworks that have not been recently performed in Lexington. On Sunday evening, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington (174 N. Mill St.), we will perform the first cantata from Bach's Christmas Oratorio paired with Mozart's Solemn Vespers, K.339. The concert will be accompanied by orchestra. Soloists: Erica Intilangelo, soprano (Winner of the 2015 Audrey Rooney Kentucky Bach Choir Vocal Competition); Diane Timmons, mezzo soprano; Zackery Morris, tenor; Andre' Campelo, bass (Recent lead in the University of Kentucky Opera Theater performance of South Pacific). Visit kybach.org for complete details. Tickets available at the door. \$25 – General Admission; \$20 – Age 65+; \$10 – Students.

-- Submitted by John Christopher

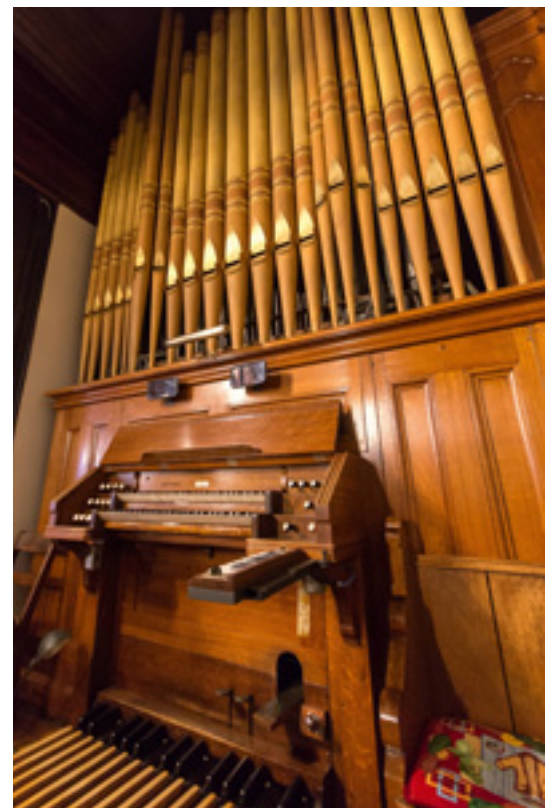
It's Done!

William Webber Reports on Hook & Hastings Restoration

When I agreed to accept the position of Organist/Choirmaster of this historic parish of The Episcopal Church, I had not spent a great deal of time playing older tracker instruments. This beautiful 2-manual, 13-rank Hook & Hastings has a classic organ sound, but needed some serious refurbishment. After struggling along with cracked ivory keys that occasionally came off during Sunday services, dealing with a lack of color due to the “prepared for” or missing reed, and a lack of other worship-enhancing extras, I decided it was time to raise money to give one of the last remaining examples of this builder in Kentucky some much-needed upgrades.

The organ firm that serviced this instrument when I arrived at St. John's was Webber & Borne Organ Company from Louisville, Kentucky, just an hour away from the parish. I was intrigued by the knowledgeable Mr. Pete Webber who shared my last name, but is not related to my family. With the members of his firm, things that needed repair, refurbishment, and additions came into focus. Given this information, the parishioners of St. John's stepped forward and raised the funds needed in order to give new life to their historic instrument in a short amount of time.

The work began, and took nearly a year to accomplish. After checking into the history of this instrument, it became obvious that the builder intended for there to be one reed, an oboe, which was prepared for, but for some reason was never installed. After searching for some time, a lovely period oboe was found and installed. Nearly half of the ivory keys were sent away to be refurbished, and some of the ivory disks within the draw knobs were also restored to their earlier luster. The speaking façade, with its classic stencil work, was carefully taken down, cleaned, and a couple of pipes repaired. This brought out the breathtaking gold leafing that the Hook & Hastings craftsmen so carefully added to their work. The flat pedalboard was adjusted, as were the levels of the manual keys so that things were balanced and even. The two treadles, the foot-activated forerunners of more modern pistons, were reset to my specifications in order to achieve a quicker transition from forte to fortissimo. This helps when moving from offertory to Doxology.



Restorations

Finally, the extras were added. In order not to diminish the integrity of the instrument, a new set of Mayland tubular chimes was installed just outside the chamber, connected to its own 21-note keyboard which was attached perpendicular to the lower manual. A new Zimbelstern utilizing Schulmerich bells was added activated by a toe stud mounted on a matching wood block to the right of the swell shoe. These enhancements have been blessing our liturgies, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

The Lexington Chapter of the AGO held a monthly meeting this past year prior to the final restorations of tracker mechanisms.

Soli Deo Gloria;

William A. Webber, IV, MTS, STM, CAGO

Organist/Choirmaster

St. John's Episcopal Church

Versailles, KY



Lexington AGO members enjoy food and fellowship at the September social, including a potluck and used music sale at the beautiful Walnut Hill Church in Lexington. Funds from the sale will be used to support our upcoming POE.



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Sunday, December 13

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Cathedral Choir

Monday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten

Elaine Cook, harp and the Cathedral Girls Choir

Palm Sunday, March 20

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

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