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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

It's hard to believe it's already August, and with it the last days of summer and the beginning of another school year. It's also time to kick off another great year of Lexington AGO activities! Your executive committee has been working this summer to put together a year of programs that we hope you will find useful and enjoyable. A preliminary listing of these events may be found on page 2 of this newsletter, so mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss any of them.

Our yearbook committee is beginning work on this year's issue, which we hope to have ready to distribute at our first meeting in September. Please send any updates of your contact information by August 15th to Brian Hunt at bbhuntky@gmail.com. This is also the time that many of our members' dues become due. If this pertains to you, please log on to ONCARD now and pay, or send your check directly to AGO National. Remember that we also have a "Friends" membership category for any of your acquaintances who love the organ. For only \$30 a year a Friend of Lexington AGO can receive our newsletter and support our activities.

I look forward to serving as your dean for another year. See you in September!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in blue

Friday, September 9, 4:30 pm—Lois Fyfe Music Display, followed by 6:00 pm dinner at a neighborhood restaurant and 7:15 pm Reading Session, Southern Hills UMC, Lexington.

Saturday, October 29, 1:00 pm—Workshop: Incorporating Harpsichord into Worship, presented by Jack Ashworth, emeritus faculty from University of Louisville. Southern Hills UMC, Lexington. Lunch beforehand at an area restaurant TBD.

Sunday, November 6, 5:00 pm—Durufle' Requiem, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Saturday, December 10, 7:00 pm—Rob Vanover recital, featuring Cesar Franck's Op. 16-21 on the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth. Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington.

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm—Annual Christmas Pipes Member Recital, Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington.

Saturday, January 14, 1:00 pm—Workshop: The Organ Music of Florence Price, presented by Nicole Keller, organ professor at University of Michigan. Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington. Lunch will be available at noon at the church.

Sunday, January 15, 4:00 pm—Nicole Keller recital. Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Saturday, January 28, 9:00 am—Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza for young organists. Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

Saturday, February 4, 7:00 pm—Mattilda Middleton recital featuring the works of Maurice Durufle', with pre-recital lecture by Prof. Schuyler Robinson. Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Sunday, February 12, 2:30 pm—Grant Holcomb recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

March TBD—social activity, location TBD.

April TBD—potential collaborative program with the Bluegrass Chapter, American Theatre Organ Society, featuring the theatre organ at the Kentucky Theatre, Lexington.

Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm—Gabrielle Manion recital, Cathedral of Christ the King, Lexington.

Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm—Mattilda Middleton recital featuring the works of Maurice Durufle', with pre-recital lecture by Prof. Schuyler Robinson. Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington. Dinner following at a location TBD.

Sunday, June 4, 3:00 pm—Pre-Evensong recital featuring Lexington AGO members, followed by Trinity Sunday "Come and Sing Evensong" with installation of officers. Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

For inclusion in the September newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, August 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IS YOUR YEARBOOK INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

It's time for a new Lexington AGO yearbook, and we want to make sure your information is correct. Please take a moment now to check your old yearbook and send any updates to your phone, address, degrees, email, and church/work to Brian Hunt (bbhuntky@gmail.com) by **Monday, August 15th**.

And please consider supporting your AGO chapter by placing an ad in the yearbook to promote your church, studio, or business. A business-card-sized ad can be purchased for only \$10. Larger ads are also available. Contact Larry Sharp (larryb.sharp@icloud.com) or Clif Cason (clif.cason@gmail.com) for more information and to place your ad. The same deadline date applies.

Thanks to our yearbook committee of Brian Hunt, Larry Sharp, and Clif Cason for putting everything together for us this year!

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

HUNTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hunter Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Music Ministry to build upon its tradition of musical excellence that is valued by the congregation. The right individual will offer nurturing leadership skills to enhance the current program by providing forward-thinking, spiritually empowering models of music ministry. We seek a Director who embraces all generations and skill levels, who values the worship experience, and who seeks to engage with the life of the congregation through fellowship and connection.

We are a body of people with diverse convictions, who come together to worship God through compassionate engagement and dialogue. Our worship services are based on the traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This position is currently approximately 10 hours per week on average, with an annual salary of \$14,000 - 15,000.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and résumé to:

Dr. Barbara Rogers
Music Director Search Committee
Hunter Presbyterian Church
109 Rosemont Garden
Lexington, KY 40503

A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COUNCILLOR LARRY SHARP

The AGO National Convention in Seattle has come and gone — and what a spectacular time we all had! The Lexington Chapter was well represented with Michael Bedford, Dave Brown, Carolyn Craig, Katelyn Emerson, Grant Holcomb, and myself, all in attendance. New AGO officers and regional councillors were sworn in on Tuesday, July 5, during the general business meeting. It will be an honor for me to represent the Great Lakes Region (Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan) on the AGO Board of Regional Councillors for the next two years. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions, and let me know how I may be of service. We will continue our tradition of holding state deans' meetings during the fall months. As most of you already know, next summer's regional convention will be held in Evanston. Plan now to attend!

Photo shows Larry with Lexington AGO member Carolyn Craig.



A FEW MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING SCAM—BEWARE!

One of our members cautions us to beware of a wedding scam that is making the rounds. A person calls and books the musician for the wedding, and then sends a check for payment but also includes payment for other wedding items (flowers, photography, etc.) and asks the musician to deposit the check and then write checks to these other vendors. The deposited check ends up being returned for insufficient funds, but meanwhile the musician is out the money he/she paid to the other wedding vendors. So be cautious and don't be taken in by this scam.

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WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION by Grant Holcomb

AGO Pipe Organ Encounter, Long Beach, CA

I was honored and privileged to be a teacher, presenter, and recitalist at the Long Beach, CA, Pipe Organ Encounter in June! I just finished a three year term on the AGO's National Committee for Young Organists (AGOYO). Each of us AGOYO officers spent a week this Summer at a POE.

In Long Beach, we had 11 very enthusiastic high school-aged organ students. I taught two of them – both going into their junior year of high school this Fall. I did my teaching on a 3-manual Schilcker from the 70s at California Heights UMC in Long Beach.



All of the students stayed in a dorm at California State University-Long Beach. I was a dorm chaperone, so I stayed there too (no air conditioning, might I add!) We rented a 15-passenger van to shuttle the students around Southern California, taking them to see, hear, and play some incredible instruments. The main highlight for me was playing the mighty Hazel Wright organ at the former Crystal Cathedral in Orange County! The instrument just underwent a 10-year restoration by Ruffatti in Italy. 293 ranks, and mind-boggling to play, but a bucket list experience for me. After the Schullers and the Hour of Power Ministries went bankrupt, the Catholic Diocese of Orange County purchased the campus and restored everything - only changing what details were necessary to change to suit their ministry. A close-second highlight was playing a beautiful Fisk at Segerstrom Concert Hall (also in Orange County).

I also split a recital in Long Beach at First Congregational Church with another graduate student, Ethan Haman, who is finishing up his masters in organ at Yale, and that was great fun. A big 5-manual Moller (like Singletary!) - I felt right at home!

AGO National Convention – Seattle

I had a wonderful time at the AGO National Convention in Seattle this Summer! It was so nice seeing colleagues, and also especially nice to see faces familiar to Lexington including, but certainly not limited to: newly-elected Regional Councilor, Larry Sharp; Carolyn Craig; Katelyn Emerson; Bruce Neswick; and Jim McFarland, to name a few – they all bid their greetings to Lexington!

I enjoyed attending many great masterclasses, workshops, worship services, competitions, and concerts. It was fun hearing such a diverse array of organs over the course of the week! I hope to make it to the 2024 convention, and hope to see you there, too!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Kathy Egner**, who is now serving as Interim Director of Music at Faith Lutheran Church in Lexington. Kathy is also the church's Parish Administrator.

William Robinson recently performed J.S. Bach's Arioso for Viola and Organ BWV 156 on the 9-rank Wurlitzer organ at St. Peter Catholic Church in Lexington. William is the Director of Music at St. Mark Catholic Church in Richmond and is one of our newer members.

The summer Good Shepherd book group, led by **Mattilda Middleton**, is deep into the study of *Maurice Durufle': The Man and His Music* by James E. Frazier (University of Rochester Press, 2007). LexAGO members participating include **Schuyler Robinson, Larry Sharp, Charles Baker, Mark DeAlba, and Jane Johnson**. The book is a great prelude to the upcoming Durufle' concerts to be held at Good Shepherd later this year.

YEAR-END WRAP-UP AT WALNUT HILL CHURCH

The end of the 2021-22 program year featured a members picnic at historic Walnut Hill Church in Lexington. We had lots of great food and fellowship, and more than lots of free music to explore and take home thanks to former member Dan Uhl who donated the majority of his collection to LexAGO. Kathy Egner facilitated getting the music (some 16 boxes worth) from Dan's home to the church. Once we got it all unboxed and onto tables for perusing, there was an amazing array of music for members to look through and add to their libraries.

If you weren't able to come to the picnic and music give-away, don't despair. All the donated music is currently housed at Central Christian Church in Lexington, and you can make an appointment to go through it and take what you'd like. Contact Grant Holcomb at hholc2@gmail.com, or 859-940-8774 for more information.

Thank you, Dan and Kathy, for making this opportunity available for our Lexington AGO members! And thanks to Angela Hurley, organist at Walnut Hill, for making the arrangements for us to meet in this lovely space.

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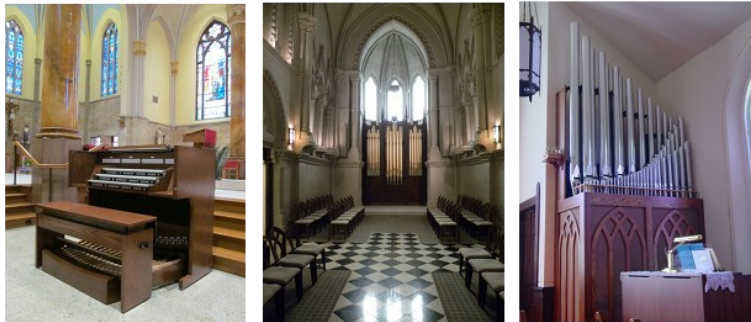
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Sunday, December 12

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

with the Cathedral Choir

Tuesday, December 21

Noon *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten

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Palm Sunday, April 10

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