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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

I hope your preparations for all the upcoming activities on your plate are going well. Your Executive Committee has also been busy as we begin to plan for 2023-24 programming. If you have an idea for a workshop or other event that you would like to share, please let me know. This is your chapter, and we want to be responsive to your wants and needs.

It is also time to elect a new member-at-large to our Executive Committee. Members-at-large serve for a three-year term, staggered so that each year a new at-large member comes onto the board. (The other elected members of our Executive Committee serve two-year terms, so their elections will occur again next year.) Brian Hunt has chaired this year's nominating committee, with the able assistance of Clif Cason and Jim Fitzpatrick. I would like to thank them for their work. A ballot for our new member-at-large is included in this newsletter on page 3. Please make sure you vote before the April 21st deadline. Your ballot may be mailed to our Executive Secretary, Grant Holcomb, or sent to him via email. All the pertinent information you need is included on the ballot.

Happy Passover, Happy Easter, Happy Spring!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in blue

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 pm—Gabriel Faure’s Requiem, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Monday, April 3, 8:00 p.m.—Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ; Ransdell Chapel, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville KY

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.—Josh Cohen, Baroque trumpet, and Schuyler Robinson, organ; St. Augustine’s Chapel, 472 Rose Street, Lexington.

Sunday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.—Grant Holcomb, organ; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

Wednesday, April 19, 12:15 p.m.—Connie Goldon, organ; Trinity Episcopal Church, 16 East Fourth Street, Covington, KY

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 pm — Caroline Robinson, organ; Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati

Sunday, April 23, 5:00 pm—Lexington Chamber Chorale, “Music and Dance: A Healthy Pairing” featuring the Allegro Dance Project, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

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

Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm, Saturday, May 6, 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm—Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Saint-Saens Organ Symphony No. 3. Music Hall, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati.

Sunday, May 7, 5:00 pm—The Choirs of Christ Church, Glendale, and St. Thomas, Terrace Park present A Festival of Hymns and Choral Music for the Liturgical Year; Christ Church, Glendale, 965 Forest Avenue, Glendale OH

Sunday, May 14, 3:00 pm—Michael Unger, organ; Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati

Friday, May 19, 7:30 pm—SCAPA Madrigal Singers, Ryan Marsh, conductor, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

[Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm—Mattilda Middleton recital featuring the works of Maurice Durufle’, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington. Dinner following at a location TBD.](#)

Sunday, May 21, 3:30 pm—Jim Kosnik, organ, followed by 4:00 pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

[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 May newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, April 21st .

VOTE NOW FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE 2023-2026



Allen Fletcher, originally from Jackson, Kentucky, is organist at Hunter Presbyterian Church in Lexington. He is a 2018 graduate of Transylvania University, where he majored in History and Organ Performance and studied with Richard Dwyer and Gregory Partain. He is currently a PhD candidate in History at the University of Kentucky and is completing a dissertation on women and the politics of education in twentieth century Appalachia.

BALLOT FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE 2024

Your Nominating Committee, chaired by Brian Hunt, has met and is pleased to recommend the following person for the Executive Committee for a 2024-2027 term:

Allen Fletcher—Member-at-Large 2027 (3-year term)

Please cast your ballot vote by email to current Secretary Grant Holcomb at hholc2@gmail.com or by mail to Grant, 1812 Gayle Drive, Lexington KY 40505, no later than Friday, April 21st, at 5 pm. The votes will be tallied and announced in the May newsletter.



REGISTRATION FOR GREAT LAKES REGIONAL IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is now open for the 2023 Great Lakes Regional AGO Convention, to be held June 25-28 in Evanston, IL. Featured performers include Eric Budzynski, Nicole Keller, Vincent Dubois, and Aaron David Miller. All the information for convention and hotel registration can be found at the convention website: <https://nsago2023.org>.

1927 SILENT FILM *KING OF KINGS* AT THE KENTUCKY THEATRE WITH ORGANIST MARK GIFFORD—FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH



St. Louis theatre organist Mark Gifford entertained and delighted patrons of the Kentucky Theatre with his accompaniment of the Cecil B. DeMille silent classic, *King of Kings*, on March 24th. Members of both Lexington AGO and the Bluegrass Chapter American Theatre Organ Society met for dinner before the concert. Work continues to complete the restoration of the theatre's original WurliTzer pipe organ. In the meantime, the Allen digital theatre organ allows theatre-goers to experience the fun of an organ at the theatre. (Photos by Dana Ross and Lynn Vera)



BACH MARATHON



Nero's Fiddle, featuring Tina and Carl Wagoner on dulcimers and Dean Phelps on guitar.



Marathon organizer Clif Cason turning pages for organist Mark DeAlba.



Cade Dundon with page turner Grant Holcomb



Gwen and Don Frazier in a duet



UK Organ Studio—Grant Holcomb, Prof. Schuyler Robinson, Xiaoyu Ouyang, Cade Dundon, and Carson Crovo

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Abby Temple of Lexington has recently joined the Lexington chapter as a Young Organist Member. Abby is from North Carolina, and is now living in Lexington where she is adjunct instructor of trumpet at the University of Kentucky. Abby also sings in the choir at Central Christian Church. She and **Grant Holcomb** have collaborated on several trumpet-organ recitals. Welcome, Abby!

Loys Mather has recently joined as a Friend of Lexington AGO. Loys is a long-time member of the Choir of Men and Boys at Christ Church Cathedral. Welcome, Loys!

MEMBER NEWS

Grant Holcomb will present his master's recital on Sunday, April 16th at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington. Works by D'Aquin, Walther, Buxtehude, Bach, Franck, and Vierne will be featured.

James Thomas has many copies of *The American Organist*, *The Diapason*, *Choir & Organ*, and *The Tracker* (Organ Historical Society) magazines that date from the early 1970's to present day. If you would like to give any of these great magazines a good home—FREE—please call or text James at 606-524-2725.

REED ORGAN FOR SALE

Loys Mather is selling this Chicago Cottage organ by Cable Co., Chicago, Ill. built before 1911. It has 11 stops, has been restored and works. Case is in good condition. They are downsizing so it needs a new home. Loys says It is too good of an instrument to end up homeless. \$225 or best offer. If you're interested, email Loys at loysmather@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
April 2023

Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
4:00pm

The Cathedral Choir
Erich Balling, *Conductor*
Kathleen Balling, *Associate Conductor*



Lisa Hall, *organ*
Michael Preacely, *bass soloist*
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*

Clyde Beavers, *cello*
Margie Karp, *violin*
David Davenport, *timpani*



Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, MAY 21

3:30pm Jana Flygstad, *flute*

4:00pm Evensong
with the Cathedral Choir

Please visit our website ccdex.org/music for more information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series, and Friends of Cathedral Music.



JOB OPENING—ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL, VERSAILLES

St. John’s Episcopal Church Organist/Choirmaster Job Announcement

St. John’s Episcopal Church of Versailles announces the opening of its Organist/Choirmaster position beginning April 10, 2023. St. John’s is a 175-year-old church built and furnished in the style of English county parish churches. The music program is modeled accordingly. A 15-member volunteer choir sings the weekly choral Eucharist, and all music is led from an 1897 Hook & Hastings tracker-action organ.

The Organist/Choirmaster position is responsible for the music program of St. John’s including the following principal duties:

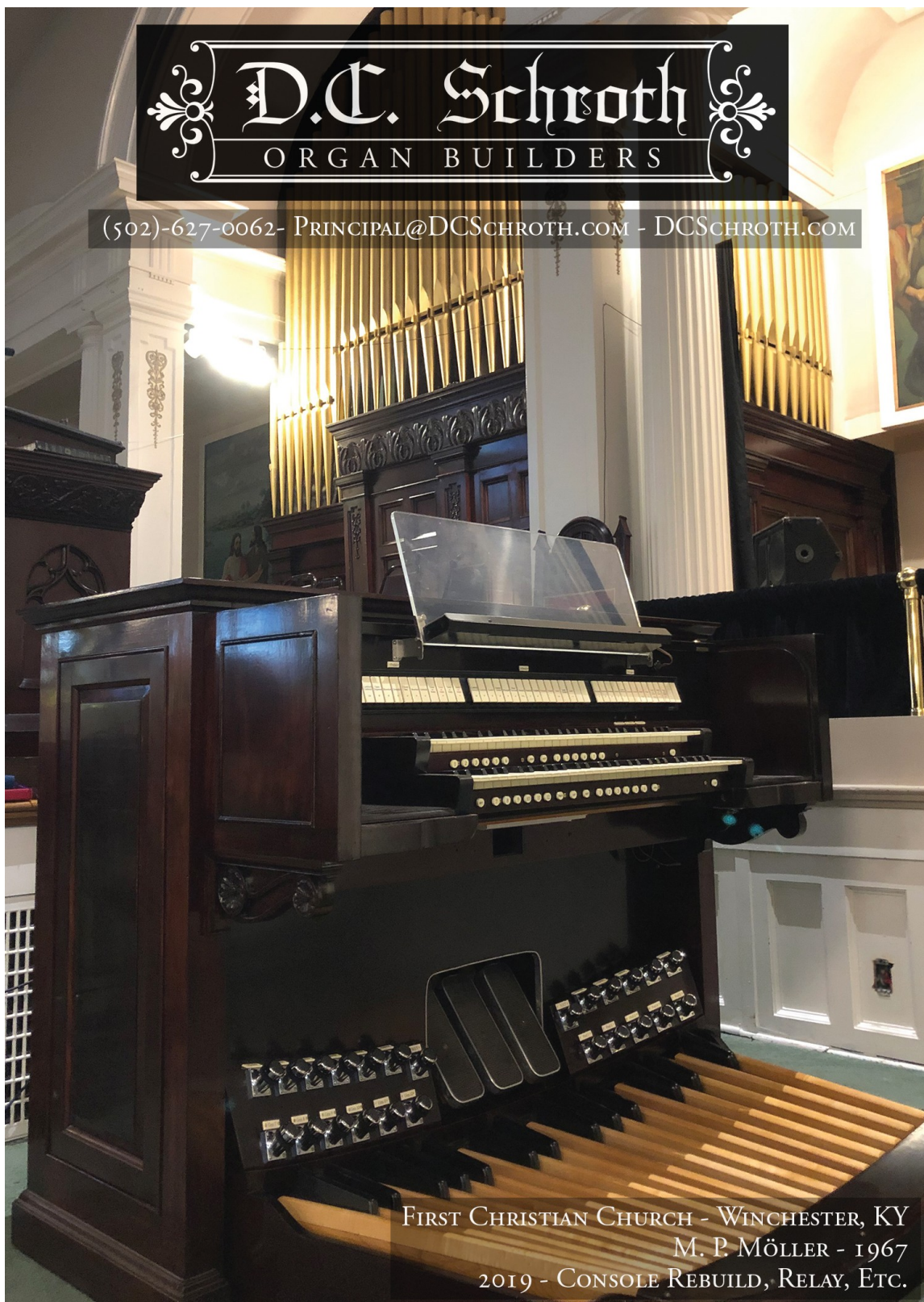
- Planning, preparation, and performance of music for the Sunday service on organ and/or piano.
- Preparing and directing the parish choir for the Sunday 10:30 service and holding weekly practices. (Choir meets September through May and is off during the summer.)
- Selecting and coordinating all special and supplemental musicians for special services.
- Recruiting new members for the parish choir.
- Researching new music and maintaining the parish choir library.
- Working with organ and piano maintenance firms to ensure proper tuning and upkeep.
- Providing musical services for all weddings and funerals, whenever possible.

The minimum job qualifications are:

- Ability to play organ and piano is required.
- Ability to teach vocal techniques and to conduct a choir.
- A postsecondary degree in music is preferred. Candidates currently enrolled in a music degree program are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Must have experience in selection and performance of music with theological content.
- Must have knowledge of copyright law and infringement.
- Must have organizational, interpersonal, technical, managerial, and musical skills.
- Must be able to work well with others. The typical work week should not exceed 20 hours.

This is an annual appointment to be reviewed and renewed by January 1 of each year. Salary to be based on experience. St. John’s offers a competitive benefits package. Desired start date is April 10 with an expected start date no later than May 1, 2023. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Jay Box in care of St. John’s Episcopal Church, 210 North Main Street, Versailles, KY 40383 or email to info@stjohnsky.org. **Application deadline is April 3, 2023 .**

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NOVEMBER 6, 2022 - 5P

LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 18, 2022 - 5P

DURUFLÉ ORGAN WORKS I

FEBRUARY 4, 2023 - 7P

**ALICIA HELM MCCORVEY
& FRIENDS**

MARCH 26, 2023 - 3P

EVENSONG & RECITAL

MAY 7, 2023 - 3P

DURUFLÉ ORGAN WORKS II

MAY 20, 2023 - 7P

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2022-2023



Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choirs

September 25

March 5

November 6

May 21

February 5

Friday, December 2

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*
Part One and the Hallelujah Chorus
with the Cathedral Choir

For ticket reservations, visit www.ccclex.org/messiah



Sunday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 20

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



Sunday, January 15

4:00pm Nicole Keller, organ



Palm Sunday, April 2

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

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



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