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Dean's Message

Hello AGO Friends,

I hope your Holy Week and Easter services went well and you are now getting some well-deserved rest. But your AGO chapter is not at rest! We have some great events coming up that we know you will enjoy.

First up is our improvisation workshop with David Enlow next weekend, followed by his recital. Both events will be held at Central Christian Church on their newly restored Holtkamp. See all the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

There are also a number of events that have been added to the calendar on pages 2-3. Make note of these (including some that are happening tomorrow) so you won't miss out.

Our new officers for 2024-26 have been elected (see the article elsewhere in this newsletter) and we are making plans for their installation. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1st when we will have a luncheon at Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church in Lexington, and the officer installation. Watch the May newsletter for all the details and to RSVP.

Your executive committee continues our planning for next year's programming. We have some great ideas for activities that we know you will enjoy. If you have anything you want to share, please let one of the officers know.

Happy Spring!

Jane

UPCOMING EVENTS—AGO sponsored events are in bold

Sunday, April 7, 3:00 p.m.—ECCO (Asbury University Alumni Choir) performing Palestrina's Missa Brevis. Jameson Auditorium, Asbury University. Free and open to public.

Sunday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.—Robert Vanover, organ; Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville KY.

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. gathering, 10:00 a.m. workshop—David Enlow Improvisation workshop. Central Christian Church, Lexington.

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.—David Enlow, organ recital, Central Christian Church, Lexington

Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.—UK Symphony and UK Choirs featuring Mozart Requiem. Ticketed event.

Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.—Brenda Portman and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, organ concert, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati.

Sunday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.—Robert Bozeman and Lisa Lewis, organ duo, followed by Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington.

Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.—Ken Cowan, organ with Choirs of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica and Christ Church Cathedral. Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati. Ticketed event.

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.—Centennial Benefit Concert, featuring organists Mark deAlba, Michael Dunn, Nancy Dunn, Gwendolyn Frazier, Grant Holcomb, James Humlong, Larry Sharp, and Lynn Vera. First United Methodist Church, Winchester KY.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, con'd.

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 May newsletter calendar for local music events, please contact Jane Johnson at jhjohn@email.uky.edu. The deadline is Friday, April 26th.

OFFICERS FOR 2024-26 ELECTED

We are pleased to announce the following new Lexington AGO officers for 2024-26:

Grant Holcomb, Dean

Mattilda Middleton, Sub-Dean

Hayden McNeal, Executive Secretary

Brian Hunt, Treasurer

Barbara Rogers, Member-at-Large (class of 2027)

Our new officers will be installed at our June 1st luncheon. They will officially begin their terms of office on July 1st. Congratulations, all!

16th ANNUAL BACH MARATHON—MARCH 23RD



The 16th annual Bach Marathon was held on Saturday, March 23rd at St. Raphael's Episcopal Church in Lexington. Those in attendance enjoyed an afternoon of Bach, ranging from his organ works to piano sonatas, works arranged for Celtic harp, a flute partita, various chorales from the Christmas Oratorio, and selections from Good Shepherd's Recorder Group. Thanks to Clif Cason for organizing the event once again. AGO members who played are pictured above, L to R: Clif Cason, Gwen Frazier, Mark DeAlba, Allen Fletcher, Don Frazier, and Schuyler Robinson. Cade Dundon also played.



Good Shepherd's Recorder Group performed several selections. (left)

Gwen and Don Frazier played an E. Power Biggs arrangement of Sheep May Safely Graze for piano and organ. (right)

MEMBER NEWS

Rob Vanover will present a recital Sunday, April 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, 339 West Lexington Avenue, Danville. The recital will feature works by J.S. Bach, Franck, Boellman, and some of Rob's own compositions. It is free and open to the public.

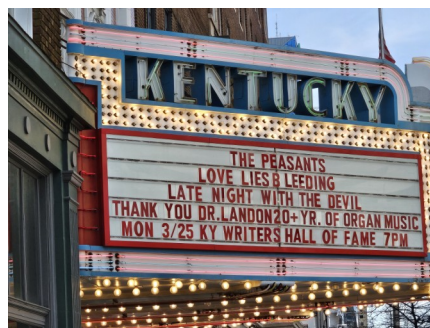
Dr. Schuyler Robinson will be playing the Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3 (Organ Symphony) with the Lexington Philharmonic on Saturday, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available by contacting lexphil.org/events.

DR. JOHN LANDON HONORED BY KENTUCKY THEATRE

The historic Kentucky Theatre in downtown Lexington recently honored Dr. John Landon for over 20 years of dedicated service in playing the theatre organ for numerous matinees and evening film showings. Dr. Landon announced his retirement just days before his 87th birthday. He played the organ once again prior to the showing of the movie classic *Singing in the Rain*, receiving a standing ovation. The theatre dedicated a commemorative sign in Dr. Landon's honor which will hang in the theatre lobby. The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society also gifted Dr. Landon with a beautiful plaque featuring the Kentucky Wurlitzer logo. Dr. Landon has been a theatre organist since 1955, and is widely recognized for his knowledge of and contributions to the theatre organ world. He is perhaps best



known for his two books on the subject: *Jesse Crawford, Poet of the Organ*; *Wizard of the Mighty Wurlitzer* and *Behold the Mighty Wurlitzer, The History of the Theatre Pipe Organ*. Congratulations, Dr. Landon! We will miss your music.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Part-time Choir Director, Midway Christian Church (DOC), Midway KY

One service, 10:55 a.m. Sunday, and one weekly choir rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For all the details, call the church at 859-846-4102 .

Organist/Choirmaster, Grace Episcopal Church, Hopkinsville KY

Estey pipe organ (1906, restored 2009). Contact Rev. Stephen Spicer, 270-885-8757 or visit the church website for details.

DAVID ENLOW WORKSHOP AND RECITAL, APRIL 13-14

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LEXINGTON



David Enlow is a “commanding” organist (*The New Yorker*), conductor, and teacher based in New York, who is active in North America and Europe. David is Music Director of Park Avenue Synagogue, Organist and Choir Master of the Church of the Resurrection, and Assistant Conductor, Organist, and Repetiteur to the Clarion Music Society.

His solo recordings on the Pro Organo label include *Pater Seraphicus*, the complete major organ works of César Franck; *Piano à l’Orgue*, an album of piano transcriptions; and *Bach on Park Avenue*, recorded on the Mander organ at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York.

David has taught church music, improvisation, and organ repertoire classes for local, regional, and national events of the American Guild of Organists, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and at the Juilliard School, from which he received two degrees. David also received the Fellowship diploma, with both prizes for highest marks, from the AGO; this resulted in his joining the committee on professional certification, which sets the standards for national organist examinations and grades them. David then served two terms as Dean of the New York City Chapter AGO.

IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP—Saturday, April 13

We will meet at 9:30 for coffee and refreshments before beginning the workshop at 10:00 a.m. We may try to go to lunch afterwards for anyone who is interested.

RECITAL—Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
April 2024

Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

3:30pm Robert Bozeman and Lisa Lewis, organ
ORGAN DUO

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir



Concert & Evensong

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

4:00pm Evensong
with the Cathedral Choir

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



APPLY NOW FOR JOHN COURTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists John Courter Scholarship Guidelines

The Lexington Chapter seeks to support and encourage student members of the chapter in furthering their musical knowledge and experience. With this in mind, the Chapter will offer a limited number of scholarships to assist with registration fees for regional or national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the American Choral Directors Association, as well as Pipe Organ Encounters. The scholarship fund began as a bequest from our late chapter dean, John Courter, FAGO.

In order to qualify for AGO or ACDA convention assistance, an applicant must be a member of the Lexington Chapter who is enrolled in college and/or taking organ lessons.

To qualify for a POE scholarship, the applicant must be a member of the Lexington Chapter and enrolled and accepted to a POE.

All scholarship recipients must be willing to provide a written report and/or oral presentation at a chapter meeting following the convention or POE. Scholarships may or may not be renewable. The Chapter reserves the right to decline applications of students who have already received an award for previous conventions. The chapter reserves the right to decline scholarship applications and/or make selection of recipients based on demonstrated financial need.

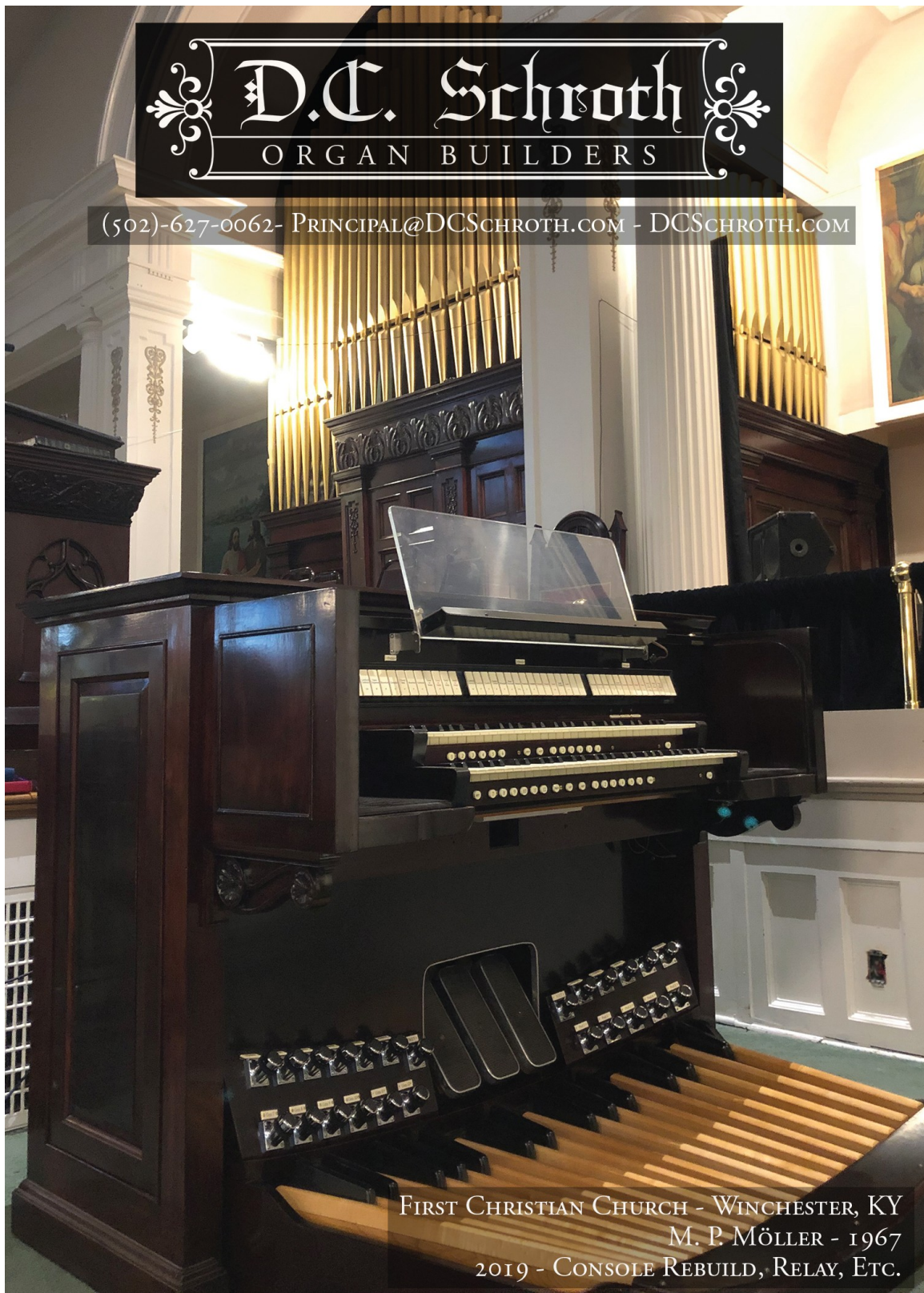
Awards may not exceed \$500. Funds will be sent directly to the student upon verification of fees submitted and registration confirmation. If a student receives a scholarship, but is unable to attend, the funds received are expected to be returned to the Lexington AGO.

Application Procedure: Please complete and submit the application form at least three months prior to the regional or national convention or POE you wish to attend. Applicants who demonstrate financial need will receive priority consideration, but scholarships will not solely be determined by financial need. The Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

**The Lexington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
Scholarship Guidelines**

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3:30pm Concert

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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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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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