

The Bombarde

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December 26, 2016

A Note from the Dean

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you! As the season winds down, our chapter continues to celebrate. Our next event, the Epiphany Dinner at Kirk in the Hills, promises to be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, food and festive fun! Dinner will be at 7:00 PM followed by the performance of our recitalist, Dexter Kennedy III, at 8:00 and dessert at 8:45. Tickets are \$30. Please note that no alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Kirk. The following information will help to guarantee your seat at the table:



1. To order tickets, email Glenn Miller directly at gmiller@kirkinthehills.org.
2. Payment for these reserved tickets will be made at the door.
3. Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, January 4.
4. If there are any vegetarians or other dietary considerations, please let Glenn know in your email so that we can plan accordingly.
5. The planned menu is beef tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, salad, vegetable, dessert.

Following the Epiphany Dinner, we anticipate an exciting three-day event in March. The Olivier Latry event will take place from March 17 through March 19, 2017. We have a few more corrections from last month's Bombarde so please make a note of the following:

Friday March 17, 2017 3:30pm Public Masterclass with Olivier Latry First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor

Saturday March 18, 2017 7:30pm Organ Concert with Olivier Latry First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

Sunday March 19, 2017 4:00pm Vespers with Improvisations, Olivier Latry Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit

Please be sure to update these details in your calendar.

Our April event is coming along nicely thanks to Pete Townsend. Pete sends along the following for the Pedal, Pipes and Pizza event on Saturday, April 22, 2016:

As with anything, the future is always with the young. So it is with the Organ-our future is with young people that might want to play, but also with those that might find they enjoy hearing organ music.

On April 22, 2016, we in the Detroit Chapter will sponsor a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event to introduce youngsters, particularly piano students, to the wonders of the organ. In the up-coming months' Bombardes, we'll be going into more detail on the event.

In the meantime, if you know piano students, and piano teachers, let them know about this exciting opportunity. And mark your own calendars, we'll definitely need help, but even if you just come to watch you'll enjoy just interacting with the young people as they explore our instrument.

The scholarship winners and members recital will be our final Event. Auditions will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester, on March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The Scholarship Winners and Members Recital will be on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

In closing, we are saddened by the news of the passing away of one of our beloved colleagues, Elaine Grover. I copied the following from her obituary:

Elaine H. Grover passed away at her home on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the age of 75. Elaine was born on November 17, 1941 in Flomaton, Alabama the daughter of Lloyd and Mae (nee Aaron) Harper. She graduated from Flomaton High School in 1961. She earned her BA from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama in 1964 and her first Masters Degree in Sacred Music in Germany. In 1967 she received her second Masters in Sacred Music from Whittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. Elaine was a professor of music at Marygrove College in Detroit. She was also quite active in the music programs at her church, St. John Episcopal Church of Plymouth. Elaine served as organist, worked with the hand bell choir and childrens choir from 1972 until 1992. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists. Elaine loved music and traveling with her husband Tom enjoying trips to Germany, Florida, Seattle, Washington and Austin, Texas. Elaine leaves behind her beloved husband Thomas whom she married on November 1, 1969. She is also survived by her two sons Michael (Tammy) Grover and Benjamin (Andrea) Grover. Six grandchildren Riley, Olivia, Alaina, Samuel, Abby and Caitlin also survive.

Enjoy the Holidays Season; we look forward to our celebration together at the Epiphany Dinner. Until then, may all of you be well and be safe.

Ronald Prowse
Dean, Detroit Chapter AGO

2016-2017 Chapter Events

Monday, January 9, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Epiphany Banquet and Recital

[Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills](#)

Dexter Kennedy, III, Recitalist

March 17/18/19, 2017

Olivier Latry, Titular Organist of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame

Friday, March 17, 3:30pm:

Public Master Class with Olivier Latry

First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor

Sat., March 18, 7:30pm

Organ Concert with Olivier Latry

First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

Sunday, March 19, 4:00pm

Vesper Service with Improvisations by Olivier Latry at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit

Saturday, April 22, 2017 (Details TBA)

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

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May, 2017 (Details TBA)

[St. Paul's United Methodist Church,](#)

[Rochester](#)

Scholar Winners and Members Recital

Roster

The Detroit Chapter Members' Roster is at the printers and should be in your mailboxes soon.

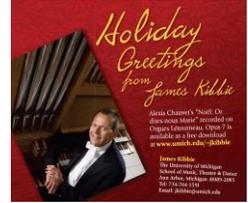
Member News

**Do you have news that you'd to share with the chapter?
Please send your news to Gerald
Furi at detroitago@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to
be included in The Bombarde.**



Holiday Greetings from James Kibbie

James Kibbie continues his annual holiday tradition of offering free downloads of a recording on his house organ, a 7-stop Létourneau tracker, as an "audio holiday card." This year's recording is Alexis Chauvet's "Noël: Or dites-nous Marie," available in MP3 format, please click [HERE](#).



The List

Please send your items for

The List to Gerald Furi at detroitago@gmail.com by the 15th of the month to be included in

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(Events generally include a free-will offering unless otherwise noted)



*** Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 pm**

[Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament](#)

Messe Solennelle (Louis Vierne), et al.

The Detroit Archdiocesan Chorus and Audivi

The Archdiocesan Chorus of Detroit and up-and-coming chamber choir Audivi join together to sing two thrilling Masses with two organs: Louis Vierne's *Messe Solennelle* and Yves Castagnet's *Messe "Salve Regina"*. Each choir will also independently perform aneclectic set of music for Christmas and Epiphany.

*** Sun., Feb. 12, 2017, 3:00 pm**

[Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#)

Tasty Treats

The Memorial Church Staff Singers

Memorial Church's talented choir section leaders offer another fun afternoon of treats for the ears and the palate. Enjoy songs from opera, musical theater, and popular repertoire as well as tasty treats to eat.

*** Sun., Mar. 5, 2017, 3:00 pm**

[Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#)

The Detroit Children's Choir

Eric Taylor, Conductor and Artistic Manager

The Detroit Children's Choir uses the power of music education as a cultural platform to unite children of diverse backgrounds. Now completing its 11th season, the DCC has grown from one in-school choir to 13 ensembles. The Advanced Choir serves as the premiere and touring ensemble of the

organization, giving performances throughout the Metro Detroit community.

*** Sun., Apr. 9, 2017, 4:30 pm (Palm Sunday)**

[Christ Church, Grosse Pointe](#)

Ein deutsches Requiem

Johannes Brahms

Christ Church Chorale, Soloists, and Orchestra ([Tickets \\$20](#))

*** Sun., Apr. 23, 2017, 7:00 pm**

[Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#)

Missa Gaia

The Lakeshore Chorale

Returning by popular demand is our Earth Day concert featuring the Earth Mass, originally created by the Paul Winter Consort with organist Paul Halley. First performed at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City (and still presented there every fall), this musical celebration of the planet Earth features the creativity of jazz musicians and the sounds of wolves, loons, and whale-songs.

*** Sun., May 7 2017, 4:30 pm**

[Christ Church, Grosse Pointe](#)

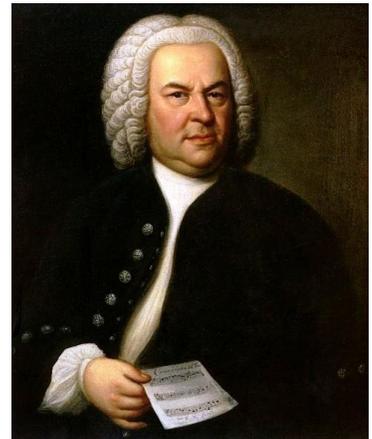
Requiem (John Rutter) and Lux Aeterna (Morton Lauridsen)

Grosse Pointe Choirs

In the Footsteps of Bach: A 2017 Tour for Organists

We have some exciting news to share with you! We are inviting organ enthusiasts to join us in Germany next July to follow in the footsteps of Bach! This intimate group will have the opportunity to visit churches and play organs that were significant to his incredible life in addition to exploring the towns and cities where Bach lived and worked.

We are partnering with organist, Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, who will be the musical leader of the tour. He has designed the itinerary with Bach's life in mind and is eager to share his passion on the tour!



Tour highlights include: Lubeck, Leipzig, Eisenach, Weimar and Dresden. In addition, as it's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, the tour will be visiting Wittenburg to pay homage to Luther. [See here for more details about the tour and learn how to register!](#)

We hope you'll be able to join us for the musical journey of a lifetime!

Tour of the Cathedrals of England

WITTE TRAVEL announces a tour of the cathedrals of England, July 16-26 (with optional extension in London), with Dr. Randall Engle, tour host. Imagine music cascading off stone walls throughout English Cathedrals. Think of sitting in a pew with splendor and beauty surrounding you. Now is the time to make that dream a reality. Join Randall Engle, PhD, on a trip to visit England's heritage. Highlights included a private tour of Lambeth Palace and archives; a private organ tour at Westminster Abbey, a concert at Royal Albert Hall and attendance at the Southern Cathedral Festival. Along the way eat fabulous food, and stay in luxurious accommodations. Optional lectures will be offered on the history and origins of the Church of England and its worship and music. For further information, visit

www.wittetravel.com.

Substitutes, Teachers, Builders, and Technicians

You are important to our calling, instruments, and future. Check the DetroitAGO.org website and see if you are listed correctly. To add your name or make corrections contact Pete Townsend at Registrar@DetroitAGO.org.

For Sale

J. Estey & Co. Reed Organ

- This organ is in very good working condition. The bellows were replaced in 1980. According to the Estey website, the serial number, 13727, indicates it was manufactured between 1865-67.

If interested, please contact Katy Holleran at 248-930-0809 or orkmholleran@yahoo.com

I would like to donate this instrument as is and am offering it free of charge.

Delivery is not available - buyer must be able to move it.



Petrof (lower price!)

Model IV grand piano, 5'-8" with padded bench, polished white finish. Piano has a wonderful tone and is in perfect condition. Price is \$7,000. Contact Chris Kozakiewicz at 586-997-3707 or

chrishilda@wowway.com

Gulbransen T-200 'Theater' Organ

Spinet organ with two 44-note manuals and a 13-note clavier. Console type featuring horseshoe design and Reiterating Percussion and Rhythm Effects. Solid state amplifier with full 60 watt output. Built in Leslie tremolo system. Vintage circa 1966. \$250.00 or Best Offer. Being sold to benefit church rummage sale. Contact: Steve Olson (248-514-8746)



Hammond C3 Organ with Leslie Speaker

\$3500 or best offer. Contact [Renee Kuczeski](mailto:ReneeKuczeski)

Farrand and Votey Reed Organ

Free to a good home. Interested please contact Julie Taylor (734) 250-0159.



Historical Organ CD's Now Available



D'Ann Rohrbach, Organist of Metropolitan United Methodist Church from 1971-1977, is releasing two remastered historic CD's from early recitals on this 5 manual, 119 rank Moeller organ. They are available for donations of at least \$10 each, and \$4.00 shipping and handling. Checks only please, made out to First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, with Summer Choir Camp written on the memo line. Mail to D'Ann Rohrbach, 4358 Arden Pl., Royal Oak MI, 48073. My email is dannrohrbach@gmail.com For more information, including the listing of specific pieces, please go to the Music page on my website, www.hvtworks.com

Positions Available

* Organist / Pianist

St. John's Lutheran Church in Romeo is seeking a part-time organist. For more information, please click

[HERE](#).

* Director of Music Ministry

First Presbyterian Church Tecumseh (PCUSA) - 211 W. Chicago Blvd,
Tecumseh, 517-423-3470

Director of Music Ministry (15-20 hours/week)

This position will provide oversight direction and development to our music and worship ministry, and will be directly responsible for the following:

1. Serve as organist and choir accompanist
2. Serve as cantor/ musical educator
3. Incorporate variety of musical genres and cultural diversity in worship
4. Develop additional musical offerings: ensembles, choral groups, soloists, duets
5. Use of the church facility for independent lessons
6. Engage with the community through music outreach

Please submit a resume and recording of music by November 30 to: Mr. Kevin Burchett kburchett.kb@gmail.com

* Organist/Worship Leader: Messiah Church

Messiah Church, Detroit is seeking a part-time Organist/Worship Leader. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

* Organist: Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak is seeking a part-time organist. For more information, please click [HERE](#)

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*** Organist: Troy First United Methodist Church**

Troy First United Methodist Church is seeking an organist for one Sunday morning worship serve weekly (10:00 AM). The organist provides a Prelude and Postlude each week as well as accompanying congregational singing on hymns. Additional services include seasonal services like Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Good Friday, etc. First right of refusal on weddings and funerals. This is a part-time position with salary. If interested please contact Steve Kosinski, Director of Music at skosinski99@gmail.com

*** Organist/Pianist position at North Congregational Church, Farmington Hills, MI**

North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

www.northcongregationalchurch.org

248-848-1750

Organ: Colby Hybrid with new speakers and 2015 Musicom ADE-7 installed July 2016.

Duties:

- One worship service weekly (Sunday)
- Special worship services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. A weekly Lenten Service is normally also scheduled
- One choir rehearsal weekly (Tuesday evening)
- One choir run-through before Sunday service
 - Accompany soloist or ensemble during worship service
 - Rehearse with soloist or ensemble (time to be arranged with the singers)
- Piano accompaniment for choir anthems occasionally required
- Select appropriate music for prelude, offertory and postlude (Clergy or the Music Director may be consulted if desired)

To schedule an audition, contact Laurie Meeker, Director of Music, at lauriemeeker1@att.net. Please attach resume and salary requirements.

*** Cathedral of St. Anthony, Detroit, MI**

Cathedral of St. Anthony in Detroit is looking for an organist for their Sunday morning mass at 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested should contact Bishop Karl direct at 786-252-4999 as well as occasional weddings and funerals. Further information is available at the website:

www.cathedralofstanthonydetroit.org.

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*** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI**

150-year-old Lutheran congregation in Ypsilanti, Michigan seeks choir accompanist to assist our multi-cultural and multi-generational worship. Rehearsals: Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM, to begin 9/7/2016. Services: Sunday 10:45 AM, with rehearsal beginning at 10:15 AM. Christmas Eve: rehearsal at 6:30 PM, service at 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Ash Wednesday Service: rehearsal at 6:15 PM, service at 7:00 PM. Holy Week: Maundy Thursday rehearsal at 6:15 PM, service at 7:00 PM. Good Friday rehearsal at 6:30 PM, service at 7:00 PM. Easter Sunday: rehearsal at 7:45 AM service at 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM.

The accompanist will collaborate with the pastor, worship committee, organist in repertoire selection, and placement of music selections within the worship service. The accompanist may be asked to accompany the Sunday School choir several times throughout the season. We sometimes use a projector screen to enhance worship services. Reliability and familiarity/comfort with a variety of

music very important. Please email inquiries to me

- careygmack@gmail.com

*** Music Director position at First Congregational Church of Wayne, Michigan**

The position of Music Director/Organist at First Congregational Church of Wayne, Michigan will be open as of the second week of September, 2016. Responsibilities for this approximately 1/4 time post include a Sunday Service at 10:30 AM, preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:30 AM during the school year, occasional performances by bell choir, Thursday rehearsals for bells and singers at 6:30 and 7:30, respectively, occasional weddings and funerals, and some extra services during Advent, Lent, and Summer. Staff meets once a week, usually on Wednesdays. Instruments include a beautiful 30 stop Schantz pipe organ [1985] and a Walnut 6' Kawai grand piano.

First Congregational Church of Wayne
2 Towne Square
Wayne, Michigan 48184
734-729-7550