



The Bombarde

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November 25, 2016

A Note from the Dean

Greetings and a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

I love Thanksgiving. If you are gathering around a wonderful meal with family, friends, and people you love, that itself is a pleasure not to be taken for granted. Let us have thankful hearts for our many blessings.

Speaking of blessings, we have many wonderful events coming up for our chapter. As mentioned in last month's *Bombarde*, Dexter Kennedy III (Trip) will be with us on Monday, January 9, 2017 at our Epiphany Dinner at Kirk in the Hills. Dinner will be at 7:00 PM followed by the recital 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.



We are honored and proud to have Dexter Kennedy III with us at our Epiphany dinner. Trip, as Dexter Kennedy III is fondly called by those who know him well, was the winner of the 24th International Organ Competition at Chartres Cathedral, France in November, 2014. We are truly privileged to have to have an international star in our midst. Those of you who attended the Evening Prayer and Installation of Officers in September at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, received a tantalizing preview of Trip's prodigious talent.

The following paragraphs are taken from the website of Dexter Kennedy III.

As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interprétation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres, Dexter Kennedy has established himself internationally as "one of the greatest organists of our times" (Iceland Monitor). Praised for his "prodigious technique and grand style musicality" in *The American Organist*, Dexter Kennedy currently serves on the music faculty of the College of Wooster (Ohio) as Instructor of Organ and Harpsichord.

Kennedy is an active recitalist throughout both North America and Europe, having performed in great cathedrals, churches, and concert halls including: Washington National Cathedral; St. Thomas Church 5th Avenue, New York; Old West Church, Boston; the University of Calgary; Berliner Dom; Chartres Cathedral; Slovak Philharmonic Hall, Bratislava; Chichester Cathedral, UK; Hallgrímskirkja, Reykjavik; Basilica of St. Nazaire, Carcassonne, France; Auditorio Manuel de Falla, Granada; Santa Rita da Cascia, Turin; St. Willibrordus Basilika, Echternach, Luxembourg; St. Andreas Kyrka, Malmo, Sweden; and the Aosta Valley Organ Festival, Italy. In the summer of 2015

he joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra for two subscription concerts at Tanglewood with maestros Bramwell Tovey and Ludovic Morlot. Upcoming engagements during Kennedy's busy 2016-2017 season include recitals at Strasbourg Cathedral; the Abbey of St. Etienne, Caen; the Canadian International Organ Competition Festival; the 2017 Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians in Toledo; the St. Albans International Organ Festival; as well as recitals in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Louisville, and Florida. In 2018 he will make his solo recital debut at Notre-Dame de Paris.

Dexter Kennedy holds the Artist Diploma from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he was a pupil of James David Christie. He holds a Masters Degree from the Yale University School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. His principal teachers include James David Christie, Martin Jean, Olivier Latry, and Jeffrey Brillhart (improvisation). He is currently Assistant Organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe (MI). In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and vigorously rooting for the professional sports teams in his native Detroit. More information about Kennedy and his schedule can be found at his website, www.dexterkennedy.com

Following the Epiphany Dinner, our event in March 2017, also promises to be a very special opportunity for all of us. Please note some corrections from last month's announcement of this three-day event.

The Olivier Latry event will take place from March 17 through March 19, 2017. A master class will take place on the afternoon of Friday, March 17 in Ann Arbor (time and place TBD); a recital on the evening of Saturday, March 18, will be performed at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham at 7:30 PM; a Vesper service, with organ improvisation by Olivier Latry, will be held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, March 19, at 5:00 PM. This three-day event is hosted by Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit, First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, The Detroit Chapter AGO, and the Ann Arbor Chapter AGO. Please be sure to put these exciting events in your calendar.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone.

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 18/19, 2017

Olivier Latry, Titular Organist of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame
March 18 Morning Master Class (TBD)
March 18 Evening Concert (7:30 PM - First Presbyterian, Birmingham)
March 19 Vesper Service (5:00 PM - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit)

April, 2017 (Details TBA)

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza
Pete Townsend

May, 2017 (Details TBA)

St. Paul's Methodist Church, Rochester
Scholar Winners and Members Recital

Roster Errata

Click [HERE](#) for additions/changes to the chapter roster.

It's Annual Dues Renewal Time

Although AGO now has dues on a 12 month rotating cycle, most renewals are coming due right now. Most current members should have already gotten, or will shortly get, an email from National with instructions on renewing your membership. The process is extremely simple using the ONCARD website. But please don't procrastinate. It is easy to say, "Oh, I'll do it next week" but then it slips your mind. If you have any questions, problems, or need assistance, please send an email to Registrar@DetroitAGO.org. Please, while you are renewing your membership, also consider adding a little extra by contributing to our Scholarship fund; young people are the future of our art, and they need our support. We have an exciting program for the 2016-17 year, so thanks for supporting your Chapter.

Pete Townsend, Registrar

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

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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 *The Bombarde*.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 3:00 PM - Handel's Messiah, Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, in historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W.

Fort in downtown Detroit (corner of Fort and Third). Tickets are \$20 for general admission. Group rates and patron seating also are available. Call (313) 961-4533 or go to www.fortstreet.org.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 10:30 AM - A Christmas Cantata, Featuring a Rare Gem of Baroque Music. A historical orchestra, including a rarely-heard theorbo, will join professional vocal soloists and the GPWPC Chancel Choir in performing Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *In nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi canticum*, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue (at Torrey Road) in Grosse Pointe Woods. The performance will take place as part of the weekly Sunday morning service; this serves as the most elaborate musical service of the year.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 4:00 PM - "Measure for Measure" Men's Chorus - 90 voice men's choir from Ann Arbor Michigan presents a holiday concert at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn. For more information, please call 313-563-4800.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 3:00 PM - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church Choirs, Meghan Meloy Ness, Director of Music and Organist. Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill

Road, Dearborn, Michigan. For more information, please call 313-563-4800.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 -3:00 PM, a service of Christmas Lessons and Carols will take place at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church (main church) in Bloomfield Hills, featuring the St. Hugo's Liturgical Choir, Handbell Choir, St. Nicholas Choir, and brass quartet and timpani. This service tells of the coming of the Lord through music and scripture. There will be works for choirs, brass, and organ, as well as uplifting settings of beloved carols for all to sing. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow. St. Hugo's is located at 2215 Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills, south of Square Lake Road. For more information, please contact the parish music office at 248-644-5460.

The Area's Largest Residential Organ

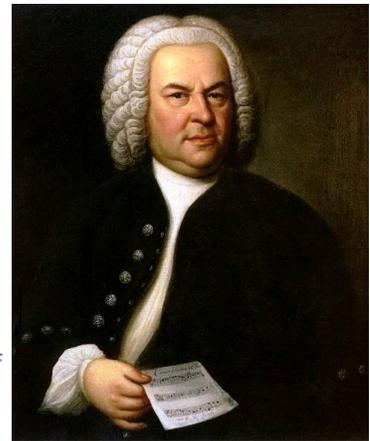
Once again the original-condition 1919 Aeolian organ in Meadow Brook Hall will be featured during the annual Holiday Walk from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Meadow Brook Hall is a National Historic Landmark. It is the 88,000 sq.ft. former home of Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, and is on the campus of Oakland University.

In past year's members of the Detroit AGO have generously joined in volunteering to man the console and provide holiday music for the hall's visitors. Around the end of October, interested organists will be contacted to set up schedules. If you have an interest in playing this historic instrument and would like to be added to the contact list, please contact Pete Townsend at ptownsend@comcast.net so your name can be added to the email list. If you have an interest in a short practice or trial session prior to then, please also contact Pete.

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.

Petrol (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 \$8,000. 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**

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: St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

One service at 10: 00 AM. We do not have a standing choir. St. Luke's draws upon traditional and contemporary music. We have a Schantz pipe organ, and a Yamaha piano. We are located at 7700 22 Mile Rd. Shelby Twp. To apply email at papadsailor@gmail.com or call at 586-764-6238.

• **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](#).

• **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. as well as occasional weddings and funerals. Further information is available at the website: www.cathedralofstanthonydetroit.org. Anyone interested should contact Bishop Karl direct at: 786-252-4999.

- **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

FTC Settlement

Most people not dealing with the management of AGO are unaware that the Federal Trade Commission alleged that the AGO may be violating Federal antitrust laws by publishing salary guidelines and model contract provisions. The terms of the settlement, now underway, requires that National and its member chapters must no longer publish or promulgate salary guidelines, model contract provisions or similar material. To comply with that, in mid-November we removed that material from our website.