



# The Bombarde

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## A Note from the Dean

Reflecting on our events this year, I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of our members who helped make this year's events such a success. This past year's events include the following: September 18, 2016 - Evensong and Installation of Officers, Christ Church Grosse Pointe Farms, Evensong conducted by Scott Hanoian (Dexter Kennedy III Accompanist); October 10, 2016 - Eileen Guenther, Workshop on Pastor/Musician relations; January 9, 2017 - Epiphany Dinner at the Kirk, hosted by Glenn Miller, featuring Dexter Kennedy III Recitalist; March 17-19, 2017 - Olivier Latry Master Class, Evening Concert, and Vespers; April 22, 2017 - Pedals, Pipes and Pizza. We certainly hope that you have enjoyed the recitals, benefited from the workshops, and cherished the camaraderie of the social events. We hope to see all of you at our final event in Greektown



Our final event, The Scholarship Winners and Members Recital, will be on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's in Greektown. The church address is: 646 Monroe Ave. Detroit, MI 48226. Website: <http://oldstmarysdetroit.com/>. A description of the organ is here: <http://wigtonpipeorgans.com/Opus12.aspx>. Thank you, Jean Randall for organizing this event and thank you to our host, Robert Barnhart. We have eight organists scheduled to play, including both members and scholarship winners: Bob Barnhart, Joanne Clark, Christian James, George Gottfredson, Steven Livingstone, Sean Moss, Samuel Ronning, and Benjamin Schuessler.

Finally, now that Holy Week and Easter is behind us, along with the additional responsibilities and inevitable stress that accompany this sacred and joyful time, we can get out and enjoy the welcome break in the weather. We have been fortunate to have had another mild winter this year, but the recent Spring days are certainly as pleasant and refreshing as ever. My wife, Catherine, and I have been doing some gardening and have even put out our patio furniture. We have also done some bird

watching and other relaxing and mindless activities. Spring seems to be a time when we revel in simple joys.

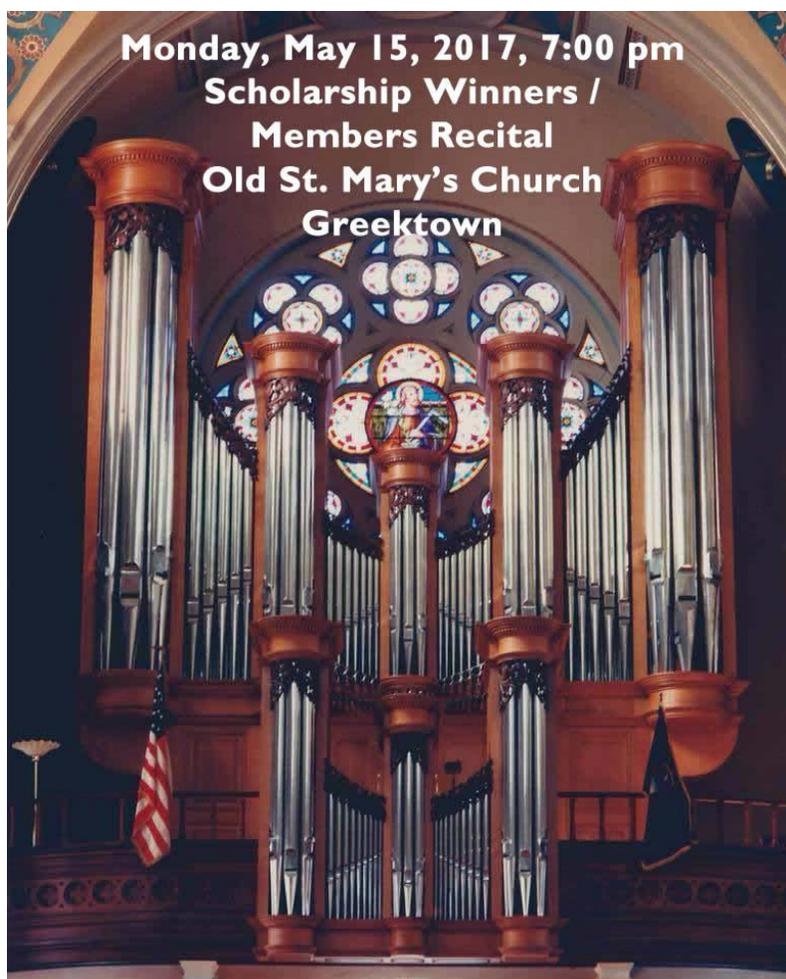
Be well everyone

Ronald Prowse

Dean, Detroit Chapter AGO



## 2017 Chapter Events



[Directions to Old St. Mary's Church \(Greektown\)](#)

**PEDALS,  
PIPES,  
& PIZZA**



Even though we had a very small turnout for this event the quality of the young people attending was outstanding. Each one came prepared to play. We potentially have several new organists to enjoy making music on the organ.

A huge thanks goes out to Andrew Herbruck and First Presbyterian Birmingham for the use of their facilities and two organs; to Rick Abdoo for bringing the pipes and mechanisms to demonstrate the workings of an organ; and to Steve Hansen, Joan Haggard, and Pete Townsend for helping with running the event. Finally, a huge thank you to Evola Music and Lance Luce for underwriting the cost of food.

**National / Regional News**

[Sun. July 2 through Wed., July 5, 2017 AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention Registration Is Now Open!](#)

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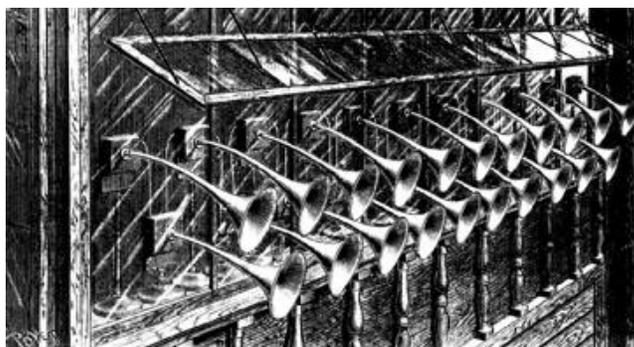


Apollo's Fire



ALSO FEATURING: APOLLO'S FIRE • KATHERINE MUELLER  
CAROLINE OLTMANN • JEANETTE SORRELL  
AND THE YOUNGSTOWN SCORING STAGE

## Member News



Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter? Please send your news by the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at:

[detroitago@gmail.com](mailto:detroitago@gmail.com)

for inclusion in the next issue of *The Bombarde*.

## The List



Please send your items for

*The List* to Gerald Furi at [detroitago@gmail.com](mailto:detroitago@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month to be included in *The Bombarde*.

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

**Tue., Apr. 25, 2017, 8:00pm-Sanctuary**

**Chanticleer in Concert**

**[Kirk in the Hills](#)**

**1340 W Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI**

Chanticleer, the internationally-acclaimed professional men's vocal ensemble and regarded as "America's a cappella pride and joy," will perform at the Kirk as part of its spring national tour. Tickets are \$40 patron level/reserved seating, and \$25 general/unreserved seating, and go on sale on the [Kirk website](#) beginning February 25, and will also be available by calling the Kirk office, (248) 626-2515.

**Fri., April 28, 2017, 7:30pm**

**Young Artist Organ Concert**

**[Cathedral Church of St. Paul](#)**

**4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI**

Our series of Cathedral concerts continues on Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. with our first Young Artist Organ Concert. Sarah Simko, Joshua Boyd, and David Heinze are all young organists noted for their consummate musicianship. They will present a program of Schumann, Ritter, Vierne, and the contemporary Latvian composer, Aivars Kalejs.

The audience will be able to watch the performers play via a video screen in the Great Crossing.

Suggested donation at the door is \$10 (adults) and \$5 (students and seniors).

A pre-concert reception is offered at 7:00 p.m.

Ample parking is available by entering the lot via Cathedral Lane from eastbound Warren Avenue.

**Fri., Apr. 28, 2017, 7:30pm**

**Yun Kyong Kim, Organ Recital (Sponsored by the Toledo AGO Chapter)**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**5373 Main St, Sylvania, OH**

Kim is in great demand as an organ recitalist and is passionate about presenting engaging programs of diverse musical styles to her audiences. Concert reviewers have described her performances as "remarkable" and "uniquely spectacular" and she "plays with great sensitivity and great élan". Recent engagements have included solo performances at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival and Washington National Cathedral and as a featured recitalist at two National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society and at two Region V Conventions of the American Guild of Organists. Her performances have been broadcast nationally on *Pipedreams* and Seattle Public Radio's *From the Organ Loft*.

**Sat., Apr. 29, 2017, 9:45am**  
**Sacred Music Workshop with the Aeolian Choir, Marshall Dicks, Conductor**  
**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**120 N. Military, Dearborn, MI**

**Registration: 9am**  
**\$20 pre-order, \$25 at the door**  
**[www.christchurchdearborn.org/](http://www.christchurchdearborn.org/)**

**Sun., Apr. 30, 2017, 4:00pm**  
**Organ Recital by John McGovern**  
**St.artin de Porres Catholic Church**  
**31555 Hoover Rd. Warren, MI (N. of 13 Mile Rd.)**

John McGovern will perform Works by J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Harris, Langlais and Tournemire

**Sun. May 7, 2017, 3:00pm**  
**Music at Cherry Hill Series: The Aresnal Duo**  
**[Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church](#)**  
**24100 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn, MI**

The "Music at Cherry Hill" concert series of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24100 Cherry Hill Road, Dearborn, is pleased to present in concert the "Aresnal Duo" on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Pittsburgh musicians Nathan Carterette (piano) and Edward Alan Moore (organ) joined forces as The Arsenal Duo. Since 2013, they have been presenting concerts that unite their respective instruments in a unique and spectacular fashion. They draw from a diverse repertoire, including works originally for piano and orchestra; works original to piano and organ; their own transcriptions; and solo offerings.

Nathan Carterette (pictured on right) Hailed as "wonderfully poetic" (Westfalen Post) and "very compelling in his power and presence" (International Composer), Mr. Carterette has distinguished himself in the concert world by performing a huge range of works from Elizabethan keyboard music to music written today. Educated at Yale University, where he studied with Boris Berman, Mr. Carterette began his piano studies at the age of eleven with Cleveland's legendary Birute and Anthony Smetona as well as intense private study in Germany.

Edward Alan Moore is a native of Girard, OH, is Organist/Music Director at East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. Previously he was a member of the organ faculty at The Catholic University of America Benjamin T. Rome School of Music in Washington, DC, Director of Music Ministries at The Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA, and Minister of Music at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. He received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

**Sunday, May 7, 2017, 7:00pm**  
**Solemn Evening Prayer (Vespers)**  
**[St. Hugo of the Hills](#)-Stone Chapel**  
**2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI**

The music for the service will be led by the St. Hugo Schola. An organ recital by John Sittard, parish Director of Music, will follow. Works by Demessieux, Bridge, Bach, Durufle, and Langlais will be performed. Admission is free. All are welcome. St. Hugo of the Hills parish is located at 2215 Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills, at the corner of Hickory Grove Road, near Square Lake Road. For more information, contact John Sittard at (248) 644-5460, ext. 2211.

**Sun., May. 7, 2017, 7:30pm**  
**Annual Spring Choir Festival**  
**[Kirk in the Hills](#)**  
**1340 W Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI**

Sung by the Kirk Treble Boys', Junior Girls', and Intermediate and Senior Boys' and Girls' Choirs. No admission charge.

**Fri., May 19, 2017, 8:00pm**  
**Langsford Mens Chorus**  
**Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church**  
**2600 Harvard Rd., Berkley, MI**

One evening in the fall of 1999, six men casually gathered around a piano and began to sing. While this event might not seem particularly unusual, it did hold a special significance in that these men were holding the first rehearsal of a group that is now known as The Langsford Men's Chorus. Since that first informal session, the LMC has evolved into a world class male choral ensemble, now numbering 60 men.

The chorus was formed in part to honor its namesake, Dr. Harry M. Langsford, who founded the WSU Men's Glee Club in 1945 and was its sole director for almost half a century. Dr. Langsford was committed to the attainment of vocal excellence through the performance of the finest, and often the most challenging choral literature written for men's voices. The Langsford Men's Chorus has proudly carried on this tradition.

In the summer of 2008, the LMC gained international acclaim by placing second in the male chorus competition in the prestigious International Musical Eisteddfod held in Llangollen, Wales. The group returned to Europe in the summer of 2012 for a successful concert tour of Scotland, England, and Wales. Also in 2012, LMC was a featured performing group for the American Choral Director's Association of Michigan Fall Conference. In 2014, LMC completed a concert tour of the Washington, D.C area, singing at several national monument sites and performing a joint concert with the US Army Chorus. The group has plans to embark on an international concert tour in the summer of 2018.

This Spring, the Chorus will take the stage to perform "A Spring Festival of Song - Brothers Sing On!" its annual Spring Concert series. The audience will be treated to several classical and contemporary selections, spirituals, folk songs, show tunes, and other pieces sure to stir the soul and spirit.

Under the direction of founding member and conductor Steven SeGraves and associate conductor Justin Umbarger.

Tickets for each performance are \$18 at the door, \$15 if purchased in advance by mail or on line. For more information regarding advance ticket sales and group sales, call CJ Reynolds at 586-202-1280, or log on to: <http://langsfordmenschorus.org/> For directions to the church call: (248) 541-3762.

## **Substitutes, Teachers, Builders, and Technicians**

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

**For Sale**

**1920s era Chickering 5'3½" baby grand piano.** Completely rebuilt about 1970; regularly maintained and kept in smoke-free house. Mahogany case with surface scratches, some moving damage on bass (back) side. The soundboard sings and the tuning pins are very tight. Must sell to make room for larger piano! Perfect for home, choir room, or chapel. \$2,850 or best offer. More pictures at [bierymusic.com](http://bierymusic.com). Contact James Biery at [james.biery@gmail.com](mailto:james.biery@gmail.com) or 313-820-3379.



## Positions Available

### \* Director of Music Ministry

#### **First Presbyterian Church** **Mt. Clemens, MI**

The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens is a mid-size church located north of Detroit, Michigan. This church has a traditional service with an adult choir, a children's choir, and a handbell choir, and a second service known as Morning Glory which is our casual service.

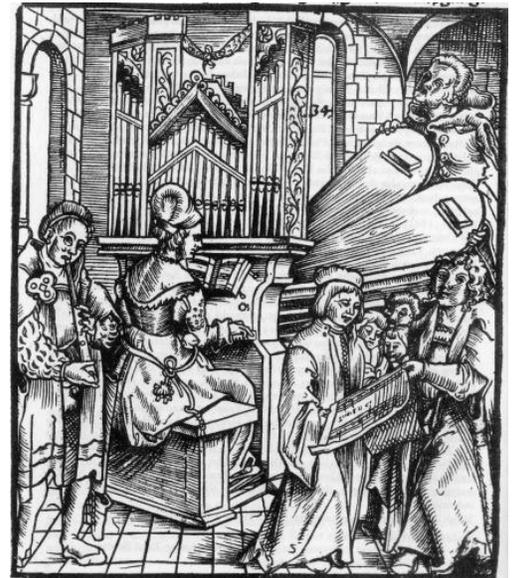
Position details, benefits, and application information are available [using this link.](#)

### \* Director of Music

#### **West Bloomfield United Methodist Church** **4100 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323**

West Bloomfield United Methodist Church is searching for a Music Director with a heart, spirit, and organ / piano musical talent inspired by God to enrich our church worship experiences. Some of our top priorities are as follows:

- \* Your heart is hugely important to us. Meaning, the spirit of your work, the attitude you bring to the role, being fully engaged in your music, and a desire to truly worship God through music is essential.
- \* Your musical talent is important as well, both in terms of playing piano or organ with proficiency, but also a versatility to your music. We're a diverse congregation, and with that comes a diversity of preferred musical styles as well.
- \* We hope you'll contribute your creative voice to the musical conversation by making suggestions, selecting songs, and making musical contributions to worship planning.



It will involve approximately 10-12 hours per week, 52 weeks per year.

Please contact [church@westbloomfieldumc.org](mailto:church@westbloomfieldumc.org) for further inquiry.

**\* 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](mailto:kburchett.kb@gmail.com)

**\* 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](mailto:skosinski99@gmail.com)

**\* Choir Accompanist**

**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](mailto:careygmack@gmail.com)

**\* Organist / Woship Leader**  
**Messiah Church**  
**3816 Toledo Street, Detroit, MI**

To provide leadership to the worship ministries of Messiah Church.  
Start Date: September 1st, 2017 (negotiable)

**[Use this link for Job Description, Salary, and other details](#)**