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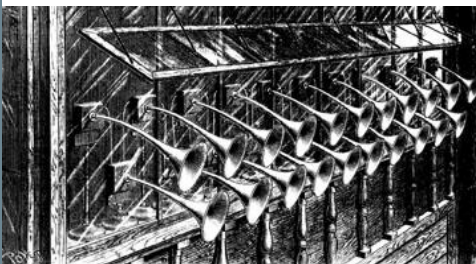
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From the Editor



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

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

I'd like to share with our membership something passed on to me by Bob Barnhart, the genial Maestro at Old St. Mary's, Greektown. As some of you know, I retired in 2011 after 32 years as an Administrator and CIO at the Farmington Community Library, so "good reads" have always been an interest for me.

There is a series called "Liturgical Mysteries" by Mark Schweizer, 14 (thus far) novella-length stories available for Kindle featuring Hayden Konig, who is the police chief in the small Appalachian town of St. Germaine, North Carolina. His part-time job, however, is serving as the choir director and organist at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, but he's also determined to write the next great hard-boiled mystery novel a la Raymond Chandler—a liturgical mystery novel with no real plot, but enough bad prose to make the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest look like the Oxford University Press spring catalog.

Chief Konig is also lucky enough to be independently wealthy, which is why he decides that his lack of talent in the writing department can easily be remedied, or at least greatly enhanced, by the purchase of Raymond Chandler's 1939 Underwood typewriter. He is sadly mistaken, but the results are uproarious!

If you're looking for something different in the way of "organ-related reading" that is also uproariously funny, try "The Alto Wore Tweed", which is the first in the series.

In Memoriam



Dr. Robert Clark

We have just received word of the passing of Dr. Robert Clark, former Professor of Organ at U. of M. and Arizona State University.

[Here is an interview](#) with him published in The Diapason in August, 2013.

National and Regional News

The University of Michigan's 57th Annual Organ Conference, September 30 - October 3, 201

This year we honor the memory of Professor Robert Glasgow with a conference on the music of Louis Vierne, presented in partnership with the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. Thanks to the generosity of Susan Goodson and our collaborating churches and organizations, University of Michigan faculty, students, alumni and guest artists will present performances, lectures and workshops on the music of Vierne and his time, including the performance of all six organ symphonies. We'll also host the final round of our annual Organ Improvisation Competition. We look forward to welcoming you to these exceptional events.



Schedule of Events

Performances by

Students from the University of Michigan

Dr. Martin Jean, Yale University

Vincent Dubois, Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Paris, France; Director of the Strasbourg Conservatory

Dr. Kola Owolabi, University of Michigan

Dr. James Kibbie, University of Michigan

Dr. Naki Kripfgans, Organist, First United Methodist, Ann Arbor

Dr. Jason Alden, Alden Organ Services

Dr. Andrew Meagher, University of Michigan; St. Mary Church, St. Clair, MI

Sarah Simko, University of Michigan; Christ Church Cranbrook

Nicole Keller, Baldwin Wallace University

Dr. Jeremy Chesman, Missouri State University

Dr. Tiffany Ng, University of Michigan

Kathy Ball, Soprano, Ypsilanti, MI

The Choirs of The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit

The Choirs of Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit

Lectures & Workshops by

Dr. Lawrence Archbold, Carleton College
 Michael Barone, Host, Pipedreams, American Public Media
 Vincent Dubois, Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Paris, France; Director of the Strasbourg Conservatory
 Jeremy David Tarrant, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit
 Dr. Jason Alden, Alden Organ Services, Plano, TX
 Dr. Naki Kripfgans, Organist, First United Methodist, Ann Arbor
 Christine Miller, Chef, Ann Arbor

[Register Online](#)

The List

* [Ss. Peter and Paul Parish](#)

7685 Grandville Ave., Detroit

Jozef Kotowicz, Concert Organist from Poland

Saturday, August 26: 6pm (Pre-Concert Reception 5:30pm)

Free admission

* Organ Recital by Dr. Kola Olowabi

U. of M. School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Sunday September 10 at 4pm,

on the Fisk organ in [Blanche Anderson Moore Hall](#).

The program will feature mostly Renaissance and Baroque organ works from Portugal, Spain, Italy and Germany. Admission is free.

* [Kirk in the Hills](#)

1340 W Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Summer Carillon Series: June 18-September 3:

One of the jewels of the Kirk is the 77 bell carillon, which in addition to being heard every Sunday is featured in the annual summer carillon series, which is presented following the Sunday morning services (recitals begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. and noon) beginning on June 18 and concluding on September 3.

* [Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church](#)

24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124

Music at Cherry Hill: The Ann Arbor Brass Quintet

Sunday, September 17, 4:00pm

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church's concert series, "Music at Cherry Hill" will begin its second season on Sunday, September 17 with a concert by the Ann Arbor Brass Quintet at 4:00 p.m.



* **St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church**

31555 Hoover Rd., Warren, MI 48093 (bet. 13 Mile & Masonic)

Organ and Violin concert

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

John McGovern (organ) and Pamela A. Compasio (violin) will perform works by J.S. Bach, Bruhns, Caccini, Diemer, Gounod, Mendelssohn and Sweelinck. Free will offering.

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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.

Positions Available

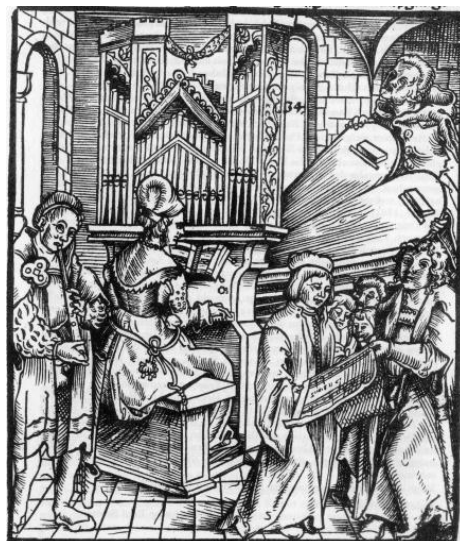
* **Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church**

Director of Music and Organist

Cherry Hill is beginning a search for a new Director of Music and Organist.

This part-time position involves serving as organist for our one Sunday morning worship service, direction of the adult chancel choir, and as organist for a 30 minute chapel service held on Wednesday evenings prior to choir practice. We have a 3 manual Austin organ in the sanctuary as well as a Bosendorfer Imperial Grand piano and a two manual Allen organ in the chapel.

Last year, we started a concert series, "Music at Cherry Hill" which brought to Cherry Hill a variety of musicians and ensembles. We look forward to continuing the series this coming season and into the future.



Position Details

* **Clarkston United Methodist Church**

6600 Waldon Rd, Village of Clarkston, MI

Two Positions are available:

(1) Director of Music and Worship Arts

Primary Responsibilities

Oversees the entire music ministry of our church, which includes all age groups and volunteers

Directing the Chancel Choir (SATB Adults), Youth Choir (grades 6-12 SAB) and Wesley Choir (Grades 2-5, unison-2 part)

Working with clergy team in planning and selecting music for the weekly worship services

Plan/assist in planning special events and develops new worship opportunities

Main Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in music, preferred

Directorial experience and/or leadership in music

Comfortable with different styles of music

Strong organizational, administrative and communication skills with all age groups

Program management skills

(2) Principal Organist

The Principal Organist is a key member of the Music and Worship team at CUMC. He/she must support the overall mission of the church, be a spiritual leader, and a supportive team member. He/she should be called by God into this ministry and model the CUMC mission statement, "to vitally connect people to people and people to God."

Summary:

This position is a part time position (approximately 25 hours per week)

Bachelor's or advanced degree in organ/church music or equivalent work experience

Advanced organ and piano skills; comfortable with all styles of music

The organ is a 3-manual 48-rank Casavant installed by Lauck Organ Company in 1999

Sunday worship (8am-1pm)

Wednesday afternoon - Music Team planning, children & youth rehearsals

Thursday - Adult Choir rehearsal (6-9pm)

Friday & Saturday - Scheduled weddings

For more information and to apply, go to www.clarkstonumc.org and click on Employment Opportunities

*** [Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#), GPF**

Assistant Minister of Music

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a 1200-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, is seeking a 20-hour per week Assistant Minister of Music to assist James Biery in developing and enhancing its innovative music program, beginning in September 2017. The successful candidate will have significant training and ability in organ and piano playing and conducting, and will be comfortable working with a wide range of ages. GPMC's music program includes a semi-professional adult choir, children's choirs, a bell choir, and an active concert series featuring performances by guests as well as in-house musicians. GPMC regularly offers special music presentations during worship, including cantatas, chancel operas, and hymn festivals. Undergraduate degree in music required; graduate degree preferred. Music facilities include a 66-rank Klais tracker organ, four Steinway pianos, and a newly-refurbished 48-bell carillon. For a detailed job description and more information, contact James Biery at jbiery@gpmchurch.org or 313-882-5330 x134. Applicants should submit a resume and three references. Position open until filled.

*** 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**

[Troy First United Methodist Church](#)

Troy First United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time organist. Responsibilities include Sunday morning worship(one service @ 10:00 a.m.) and special services like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and two services on Easter Sunday morning. The person hired needs to be familiar with hymnody and classical organ repertoire. Weddings and funerals are on a service by service basis. The person hired will not be responsible for the choir. The choir has its own accompanist. Troy First UMC has a membership of 550 with an average Sunday attendance of 225. Salary is open. Those interested should contact **Steve Kosinski, Music Director**