



The Bombarde

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January 25, 2017 Issue

A Note from the Dean

The Epiphany Dinner was delightful; thank you Glenn Miller for organizing such an enjoyable event! My wife, Catherine, and I both enjoyed seeing so many people from the membership that we have not seen in years.

The dinner was delicious thanks to the the wonderful chefs and staff from Kirk in the Hills. After dinner we attended a first-rate performance by Trip Kennedy in the chapel, a most edifying experience in an inspiring edifice. The acoustics have been greatly improved due to some recent work on the ceiling; the organ now has a power and a resonance that only a fine acoustic can provide.



Our next event is the grand event of our calendar year. If you have missed the other events, don't miss this one. Joe Balistreri and Andrew Herbruck have been working hard along with the Ann Arbor Chapter to put together an exciting three-day event in March.

Olivier Latry, organist, improviser, Professor of Organ at the Conservatory of Paris and one of four titular organists of Notre Dame in Paris, will be joining us from March 17-19, 2017.

Friday March 17, 2017 at 3:30pm

Public Masterclass with Olivier Latry

First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor

Saturday March 18, 2017 at 7:30pm

An Organ Concert with Olivier Latry
First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

Sunday March 19, 2017 at 4:00pm

Vespers with Improvisations by Olivier Latry
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit

We need some volunteers from our Detroit membership to play for the master class on March 17. Please consider volunteering for this wonderful opportunity.

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. 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 interacting with the young people as they explore our instrument. Please contact Pete Townsend for more information.

The scholarship winners and members recital will be our final Event. Auditions for scholarships 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., at St. Mary's in Greektown.

We do not have any applicants yet for the scholarship audition on March 13th. Teachers, please consider having one or two of your students audition for our scholarship. We want to give some money away this year! Wow! Did I just write that?

Be well everyone

Ronald Prowse

Dean, Detroit Chapter AGO

2017 Chapter Events

Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 pm
Auditions for Scholarships

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

620 Romeo Street, Rochester

March 17/18/19, 2017

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

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First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

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



Olivier Latry

Saturday, April 22, 2017 (Details TBA)

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

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, 2017,

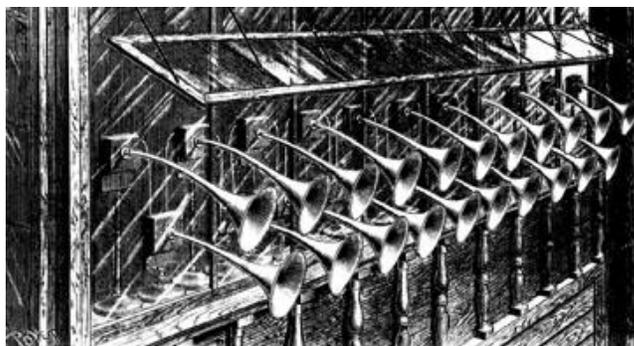
we in the Detroit Chapter will sponsor a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event to introduce youngsters, particularly piano students, to the wonders of the organ. In the coming months' issues of the *Bombarde*, we'll be going into more detail on the event. In the meantime, if you know piano students, and piano 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.

Monday, May 15, 2017, 7:30 pm

Scholarship Winners and Members Recital

[Old St. Mary's Church, Greektown](#)

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

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

News from National AGO

[Important 2017 Announcements and Deadlines](#)

- [**AGO Young Organists \(AGOYO\) North Central Region Young Composers Competition Submission Deadline is March 10, 2017 AGO**](#)

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce a new music competition for composers under the age of 30. Organized and sponsored by the AGO Young Organists in the North Central Region, the competition for a new work for organ solo, 3-6 minutes, is open to any individual who is younger than 30 years of age as of August 31,

2017. U.S. composers need not be AGO members; composers living outside of the U.S. must be AGO members.

First prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$500; three honorable mentions will also be announced. All prize winning and honorable mention compositions will be performed at the AGO North Central Regional Convention in Iowa City, Iowa, on June 20, 2017.



- [**AGO Announces 7 New Pipe Organ Encounters Programs**](#)

Eight Summer Programs for Teenagers and Adults Will Be Supported with Generous Funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America, the American Institute of Organbuilders, the Jordan Organ Endowment, and the NEA

- [*** AGO Awarded \\$25,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts**](#)

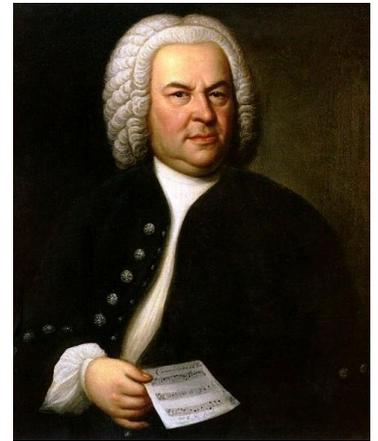
NEA Funding Will Support Educational Programming in 2017 and New Music Commissioned for the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

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!

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.

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

*** 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., Feb. 12, 2017, 3:00 pm**
[Kirk in the Hills \(Refectory\)](#)

An Afternoon of Song

Members of the Kirk Chancel Choir will present a program with a Valentine's Day theme, showcasing our singers in a wide range of music—from Broadway and pop to opera. Tickets will be available at the door:

\$12 general admission, \$10 seniors, and \$5 students. ([Purchase Tickets Online](#))

*** Sun., Feb. 26, 2017, 3:00 pm**
[Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church](#)

Organist Aaron Tan in Recital

An eclectic concert of music for piano and organ featuring works by Bach, Barber, Bolcom, and Bizet, played on Cherry Hill's Imperial Bosendorfer and Austin Organ. No admission fee; free-will offering will be received.

*** 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

Tour of the Cathedrals of England



Salisbury Cathedral

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
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:Renee.Kuczeski)



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](#)

* 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.

*** 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.

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Wayne, Michigan 48184
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