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A Note from the Dean

Our final event, The Scholarship Winners and Members Recital, was held on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Mary's in Greektown. Thank you, Jean Randall for organizing this event and thank you to our host, Robert Barnhart, Director of Music at Old St. Mary's Church.

Eight organists performed, both chapter members and scholarship winners: Robert Barnhart, Music Director, Old St. Mary's Greektown, played *Prelude on "Cibavit Eos"* from *Messe Basse* by Camil Van Hulse; Christian James, Scholarship Winner, pupil of Ronald Kressman, played *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*, formerly attributed to J.S. Bach and *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* by Johann Gottfried Walther; Benjamin Schuessler pupil of Dr. Joanne Clark, played *Olivet* (My faith Looks Up To thee) and *Prelude on "Rejoice the Lord is King"* by John G. Barr; Dr. Joanne Clark Guild Member and Past Dean of the Detroit Chapter, played *Ciacona in E Minor*, BuxWV 160 by Dietrich Buxtehude; Steven Livingstone, Scholarship Winner, pupil of Dr. Joanne Clark, played *"O Sacred Head"* by Flor Peeters and *"Son of god Eternal Savior"* by David Schaak; Samuel Ronning, pupil of James Biery, played *Prelude and Fugue in D Minor* from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*, formerly attributed to J.S. Bach; David Mutone, pupil of John Sittard, played *Prelude in C Major*, BWV 547 by J.S. Bach; Gerald Furi, Guild Member, played *Méditation* by Maurice Duruflé and *"Post Benedictionem, Antiphon ad Magnificat: Te Deum"* by Jean Langlais.



Thank you to all who performed for the recital and congratulations to our Scholarship Winners.

I understand that Tom Curry, our SubDean, has some great ideas for next year's AGO Events Calendar. Thank you for the ideas that many of you have written in your membership renewals. Please feel free to continue making suggestions either by including them in your renewal or by contacting your executive board directly. We would like to have our events in place early enough to include in our Chapter Directory.

Speaking of Membership Renewals, renewal emails and letters with accompanying invoices will be sent out soon. I received this recently from AGO National Headquarters: **"If your AGO membership expires in July, 2017 you can renew now by logging in to ONCARD. Members with expiration dates after July 31 should wait for an email before attempting to renew."**

Have you ever heard anybody compare an organ performance to a bullfight? Well, here is Ernest Hemingway from Death in the Afternoon: "On such a bull [one who is pumped up to charge the matador] the bullfighter can play to the extent of his artistic ability as an organist can play on a pipe organ that is pumped for him. The pipe organ, and let us say the steam calliope, if the symbols are becoming too delicate, are, I believe, the only musical instruments in which the musician utilizes a force which is already there, simply releasing this force in the direction he chooses rather than applying force in a varying degree himself to produce music. So the pipe organ and the steam calliope are the only instruments whose players can be compared to the matador." With this comparison in mind, you may consider wearing a matador's cape the next time you perform Batalla Imperial by Cabanilles.

Be well everyone

Ronald Prowse
Dean, Detroit Chapter AGO

2017 Chapter Events

Are your Dues due?

If you've been paying your dues on the traditional cycle, your 2017-18 dues can be paid now.

AGO National Headquarters states: "If your AGO membership expires in July, 2017 you can renew now by logging in to ONCARD. Members with expiration dates after July 31 should wait for an email before attempting to renew."

We encourage you to not procrastinate; it helps us with planning and budgeting for the coming year.



Thanks to all who have already paid.

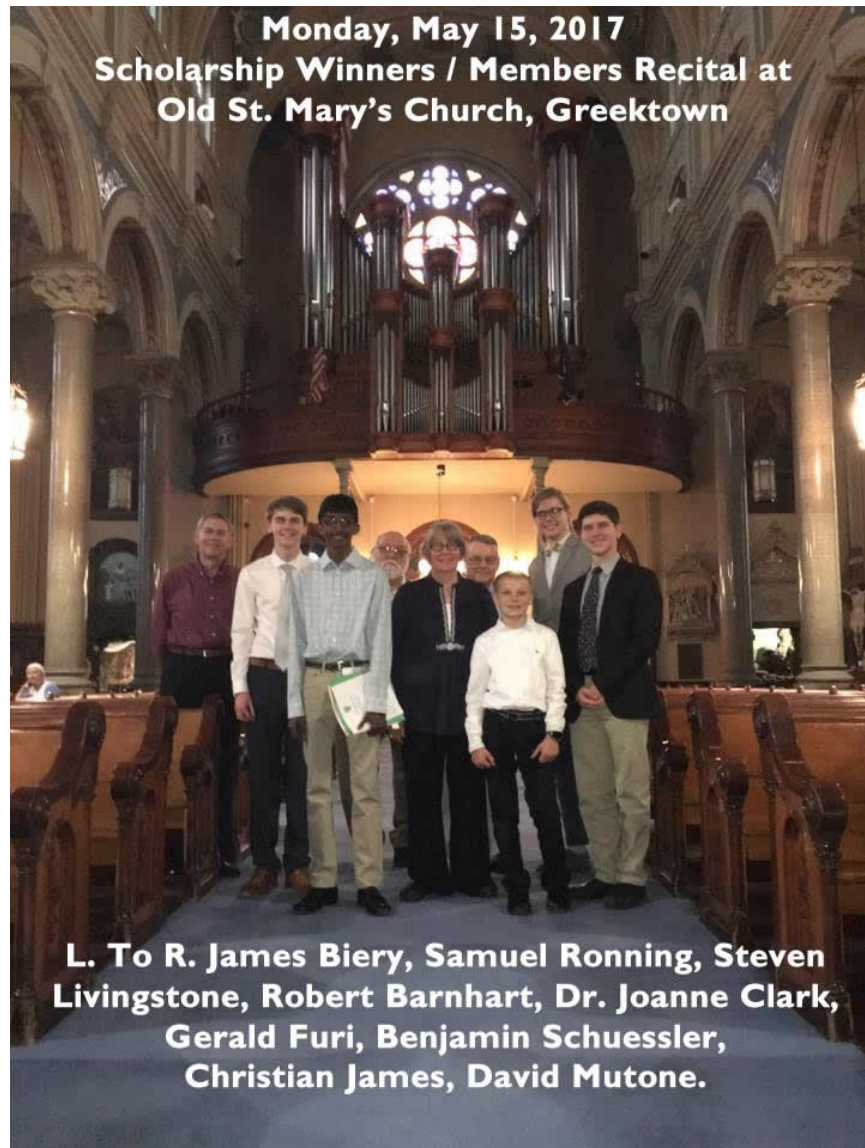


Photo courtesy of William J. Randall

An excellent Scholarship Winners and Members recital this evening at Old St. Mary's Greektown !!! Thanks to Bob Barnhart for graciously hosting. Thanks to Dave Wigton for crafting the very fine instrument we were privileged to play and hear.

National / Regional News

Take a moment today to register for the Great Lakes Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Youngstown,

Ohio-Sun. July 2 through Wed., July 5, 2017!

The Youngstown chapter has a fantastic line-up of programs, workshops and awesome organs for you! Hear great organists performing classic and new organs throughout the Youngstown area as well as the world-famous "Apollo's Fire: The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra"

The convention is shaping up to be a fantastic week of music and enjoyment all we need now is YOU! AGO Great Lakes Regional Convention. [More Information and Registration Here](#)

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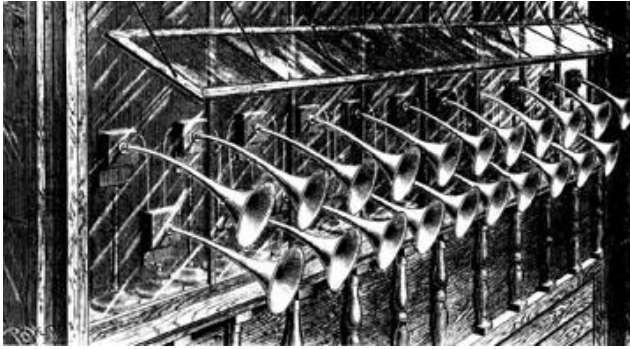
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Member News



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*.

The List

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

4800 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48201

Music At Mid-Day

Friday, May 26, 2017 at 12:30pm

Jeremy David Tarrant, Canon Precentor and Organist/Choirmaster at the Cathedral, will perform works of J. S. Bach and Gaston Litaize.

[First Prebyterian Church, Birmingham, MI](#)

1669 W Maple Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Bach Festival:

Sat. June 3, 2017, 3:00pm

Hapsichord Recital by oseph Gascho, professor of harpsichord and early music at the University of Michigan

Sat. June 3, 2017, at 7:30pm

Noah Horn conducts Audivi and the Michigan Bach Collective in a period performance of Bach's B Minor Mass

Sun. June 4, 2017, at 10:00 am

Enjoy the music of Bach throughout the Sunday morning worship service of First Presbyterian.

Sun. June 4, 2017 at 3:00 pm

James Kibbie, professor of organ at the University of Michigan will present an all Bach concert on the magnificent Nichols and Simpson organ of First Presbyterian.

[St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham](#)

Sun. June 4, 2017, 3:00pm

Les Ecuries du Roy

Les Ecuries du Roy, a fine Baroque chamber music ensemble, will present a program of eighteenth-century music on period instruments and reproduction of the same..

[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.

All are welcome to attend these free events and stroll the gardens while enjoying beautiful music from a wide array of international artists.

June 18 - Dennis Curry, Kirk in the Hills

June 25 - Amy Johansen, Sydney, Australia

July 2 - Carol Jickling Lens, Denver, CO

July 9 - Gordon Slater, Ottawa, Ontario

July 16 - Jim Fackenthal, Chicago, IL

July 30 - Jon Lehrer, Vancouver, British Columbia

August 6 - Parker Ludwig, Provo, UT

September 3 - Dennis Curry, Kirk in the Hills

[Christ Church, Grosse Pointe](#)

Sat. July 22, 2017, 4:00pm

Christ Church Schola Bon Voyage Concert

The Schola will present selections from their upcoming tour to England, where they will be in residence at Salisbury Cathedral and Westminster abbey. Free Will Offering.

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.

Positions Available

* 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.



* Fort Street Presbyterian Church

Interim Conductor for the Fort Street Chorale

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is seeking an interim conductor for the Fort Street Chorale, for the next concert year. The interim director will rehearse the Chorale beginning in September for the December performances of Messiah, and plan and implement a spring concert in May. Interested applicants are requested to submit their resumé and three references to Marilyn Biery, music director at Fort Street, at musicdirector@fortstreet.org by May 4. Semifinalists will be interviewed in May with an audition with the Chorale in June. A MM or DMA in conducting, or equivalent experience, is expected. The position begins August 15, 2017.

* **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 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

*** 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

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*** 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

*** 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](#)