



# The Bombarde

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## The Dean's Column

Thank you, Glenn Burdette, for hosting the installation of officers on Monday, September 25, at St. James Episcopal Church. Thank you for a wonderful meal and your inspiring hymn-playing. Congratulations to the new members of the executive board: Jean Randall, SubDean, Glenn Burdette, Rick Helderop, and Carolyn Thibadeau, Members-at-Large.

Our next event will occur on Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m., at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Organized Rhythm, a duo consisting of Clive Driskill-Smith, Organ and Joseph Gramley, percussion, has set our expectations high in anticipation of a unique and exciting musical event. The concert will be preceded by a pre-concert reception at 6:45 p.m. Works by Copland, Saint-Saens, Susman, Ives, Creston and selections from Holst's "The Planets" will be performed. This concert is presented jointly by the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Cathedral Music Society.



Suggested donation of \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students and Seniors.



## About Organized Rhythm

The "mini-orchestra" pairing of organ and percussion remains a rarity, making the Organized Rhythm duo the only full-time, or at least fully-active, duo of its kind anywhere in the world. The Organized Rhythm duo deeply explores the lyrical and powerful tonal aspects of thunderous and dulcet wood and metal organ pipes married to the visceral, arresting, and delicate aspects of a wide array of percussion instruments from around the world through a collection of new works as well as

transcriptions of recognizable classical compositions.

**Our SubDean, Jean Randall, is still putting some finishing touches on our events calendar, but the next section below, "Chapter News" includes the tentative list of Programs for 2017-2018. Thank you, Jean, for all of your hard work. Peruse the Program list, below, enjoy, and mark your Calendars!**

I look forward to seeing you on November 3 at the The Cathedral of St. Paul.

Until then, I remain,

Ronald Prowse, Dean  
Detroit Chapter, AGO

## Chapter News

### 2017-2018 Programs

**Friday, November 3, 2017, 7:30 PM**

**[Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit](#)**

**Organized Rhythm Organ and Percussion**

**Host: Jeremy Tarrant**

- **[Organized Rhythm Bio](#)**
- **[Program for Nov. 3](#)**

The Cathedral Music Society, in cooperation with the Detroit Chapter American Guild of Organists will present Organized Rhythm in concert here at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The concert program will feature Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Hoe-Down", Paul Creston's "Meditation", and four movements from Gustav Holst's "The Planets".

The concert will be preceded by a pre-concert reception at 6:45pm.

Suggested donation: \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students and Seniors.

Ample well-lit parking is available by entering the lot via Cathedral Lane from eastbound Warren Avenue. Q-line stop: Warren Avenue.

## December 2017

No program

## Monday, January 8, 2018

### Fort Street Presbyterian Church

Annual Epiphany Banquet

- 6 PM arrive, meet & greet, open console
- 6:30 PM dinner
- 7:30-8:15 PM demonstration of the organ by Jim and Marilyn Biery
- 8:15-8:45 PM open console, tours, gabbing, etc.
- Out by 9 PM

Host: Marilyn Biery

## Monday, February 5, 2018, 6:30 PM-?

Detroit Chapter Scholarship Auditions

### St. Paul's UMC, Rochester

## Saturday, February 10, 10 AM

Why Should I Take Those Tests??

American Guild of Organists Certification Workshop

Location TBD

## Sunday, March 4, 2018, 4 PM

Annual Detroit Chapter Members Recital

### Sts. Peter and Paul Downtown

Host: Julie Ford

## Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10 AM-3 PM

"Big Honkin' Organs on Woodward"

Organ Crawl with lunch!

Details TBA

## Saturday, April 28, 2018

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

### St. Paul's UMC, Rochester

Host: Pete Townsend

## Friday, May 11, and Sunday, May, 12, 2018

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"A Weekend with Eugenio"

Eugenio Maria Fagiani will be with us at St. Paul's Rochester for one of our 30th birthday celebrations for the Walker organ. I am going to piggyback a masterclass and lecture on Saturday for interested folks. Eugenio is a well known organist / Composer / performer throughout Europe and the middle east. He is organist at the Cathedral in Bergamo and organist / concert coordinator at Santa Maria Sanctuary and Pilgrimage site at La Verna IT where he has discovered many new organ works by: Padre Martini.

## Chapter Scholarship Information

The Detroit Chapter of the A.G.O offers three possible scholarships of \$400.00 are awarded in three categories: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Additional scholarships may be awarded. ALL scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the judges. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.

Each scholarship will be made payable to the student's private organ instructor or educational institution.

A student may be a scholarship recipient a maximum of three times.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee, composed of local qualified organists, as empowered by the American Guild of Organists, Detroit Chapter Executive Board.

[Full details and the Application Form available here.](#)

## Annual Meadowbrook Holiday Walk-Organists Needed!

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 years, 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](mailto: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.

## From The Registrar

Free Advertising

Are you listed on the DetroitAGO website? We have categories for AGO members who are Substitutes, Teachers (piano and/or organ), and Builders, and starting a new category for Technicians/Tuners. If you are currently listed, please confirm that your listing is correct and still wanted. If you are not listed and would like to be, please send your information to [Registrar@DetroitAGO.org](mailto:Registrar@DetroitAGO.org).



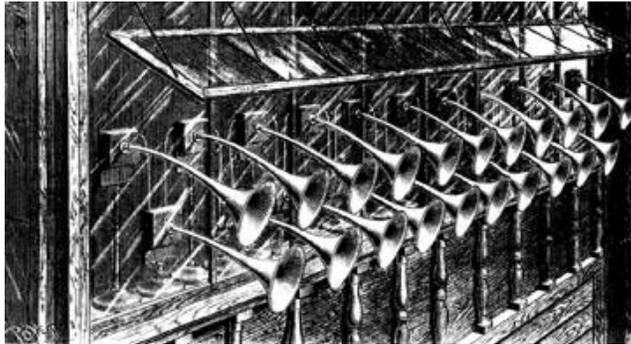
### Our Photo Gallery

Several years ago when our website was re-done, we asked for photos. Those photos are still interesting but need to be added to. Especially, we would like photos from each of our events. In our Gallery, we also have a page for Organ photos and specifications. We would appreciate each of you who plays a pipe or hybrid organ, no matter how small the instrument, to provide us with one or more photos (pipes, console, etc.) and specifications. Photos should be identified as to who, what, where and when, as appropriate. They must be in focus and should be in JPG format. Send photos and information to [Registrar@DetroitAGO.org](mailto:Registrar@DetroitAGO.org).

### Free to Good Home

7 day Bell Controller. Functions include Hour strike, Call to Worship, Toll, Swinging, and Peal (of up to 3 bells). If you have bells with solenoid operated clappers, but no controller for automated ringing, this is for you. For information Contact Pete Townsend at [ptownsend@comcast.net](mailto:ptownsend@comcast.net)

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

**for inclusion in the next issue of *The Bombarde*. New issues generally go out by the 25th of each month.**

## The List

### \* [Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church](#)

24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124

**Music at Cherry Hill: Te Deum-The Song of the Saints and Angels**

**Sunday, October 29, 4:00pm**

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church's concert series, "Music at Cherry Hill" continues its second season on Sunday, October 29 with a concert by organists Deborah Friauff and Timothy Huth.

[Details here.](#)



\* [St. Hugo of the Hills Parish](#)

**2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hill  
Evening Prayer for All Souls Day  
Thursday evening, November 2, at 7:00 pm**

Featured will be the St. Hugo Liturgical Choir. Music by Howells, Paulus, and Nestor will be sung. A reception will follow. For more information, please contact John Sittard, Music Director, at 248-644-5460

\* [Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church](#)

**24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124  
Music at Cherry Hill: Tenor Eric McClelland & A Special Guest  
Sunday, November 22, 4:00pm**

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church's concert series, "Music at Cherry Hill" continues its second season on Sunday, November 22 with a concert by [Eric McClelland](#). Eric has performed in a number of musicals, including leads in "The Sound of Music", "My Fair Lady", and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". He has sung with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, and was a featured soloist with the Youngstown Symphonic Band for over 20 years. His concert at Cherry Hill will include a variety of songs from every genre.

\* [St. James Episcopal Church](#)

**355 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI  
Advent Lessons and Carols.  
Sunday, December 10, 4 p.m.**

## 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).

## Positions Available

\* [St. Paul United Church of Christ](#)

**14600 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118  
Notice of Position Availability - IMMEDIATE  
[Job Description: Music Director/Organist](#)**

**Contact:**

**Sue Keezer, Music Ministry Chair**  
**stpaulchelseasearch@gmail.com**  
**734-358-3677**

Active participation with the Pastor in worship planning and a sincere appreciation for Christian worship using traditional hymns and service music, as well as competence in leading intermixed contemporary Christian music. Planning and direction of chancel choir, bell choir and seasonal children's choir. Coordination of summer music. Attendance at all Sunday services, plus special services for Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. Chancel choir meets September to mid-June with weekly one-hour rehearsals; bell choir meets seasonally with one-hour rehearsals, as arranged. Attendance as available for weddings and funerals. Supervision of all other musicians. All music under the oversight of the Pastor. Staff meetings required.

Rodgers digital organ, Yamaha baby grand piano, electronic keyboard, extensive choral library, and copyright fees provided. Facilities are available to organist for private teaching lessons and recitals without cost, subject to church calendar and Pastor's approval.

Position is part-time. Salary negotiated based on experience.

\* **Grosse Pointe Memorial Church**, **Grosse Pointe Farms, MI**  
**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](mailto:jbiery@gpmchurch.org) or 313-882-5330 x134. Applicants should submit a resume and three references. Position open until filled.

