



The Bombarde

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The Dean's Column

Hi, Everyone

Two great chapter events recently. The Organ Crawl on November 17—The chapter met at Old St. Mary's and traveled from there. We were joined by 10 or 15 of our brothers and sisters from the Windsor chapter for a really nice day. A tour of three really fine old organs in downtown historic Detroit.

The next event, the Choral Workshop on Saturday, December 1 at Birmingham Presbyterian Church—This was one that should not have been missed by anyone who has a choir responsibility in addition to being the church organist. It was led by Dr. Brandon Ulrich, who is the Minister of Music at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Troy and he was awesome; two hours very well spent.

In both events, once again the disappointment was lack of chapter participation. I am well aware that schedules are crazy these days but remember, these events are here for you—this is *your* chapter and *your* participation is very much desired as well as needed. In a recent board meeting it was noted that our chapter had not hosted a regional convention of AGO since 2009 and had not hosted a national convention since 1996. We are talking about wanting to do that sometime in the future. As you are aware, events at that level require much more in the way of human resources than which is available on the board. As always, we welcome your input as to ideas you might have to make our chapter a more vibrant and active one.

As we move into 2019, we have some additional events that are certain to be of interest: there's the Epiphany Banquet, the Certification workshop, the Scholarship Audition and the Scholarship Winner/Member Recital among these events. The one I want to focus on in this article is our Epiphany Banquet.

This year's banquet is coming up right after the New Year holiday, on Sunday, January 6. It will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral. The afternoon will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a choral Evensong led by Jeremy Tarrant. Immediately following the Evensong service, chapter members will be treated to wine and cheese and appetizers prior to the meal being served.

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Evensong is not a requirement for the event but is a very nice addition. The banquet will include a short program and a special presentation by yours truly as chapter Dean. Please make your plans to attend now. More details and procedures for making reservations are in another part of this newsletter. The afternoon and evening event is only \$25.00/person. Hope to see you there.

As we start to bring this busy season to a close—most of us are done once the final note is played for the late service on Christmas Ev—(LOL), and my wish for all of us is time to reflect on the past year and time to recharge the batteries for a really successful 2019 with our church- and school-related work.

Looking forward to working together as we move into 2019 and beyond as we continue to change the world one stop at a time. Blessings for a beautiful holiday season and a healthy and happy new year to all of you.

Regards,

George Jonte-Crane
Chapter Dean

Chapter News and Events

Annual Epiphany Banquet Sunday, January 6, 2019 4 pm—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, [4800 Woodward Ave.](#) Detroit

Recover after the busyness of the Christmas season! Choral Evensong followed by a catered dinner.

Please RSVP to Andrew Herbruck as soon as you are able, using his email at subdean@detroitago.org so that we know how many people to plan for. (The caterer would like to have a firm estimate by Dec. 30.) At the last Board meeting we decided on \$25 a person. There will be wine and appetizers immediately after the evensong service for banquet attendees and then we will sit down to eat shortly after that.

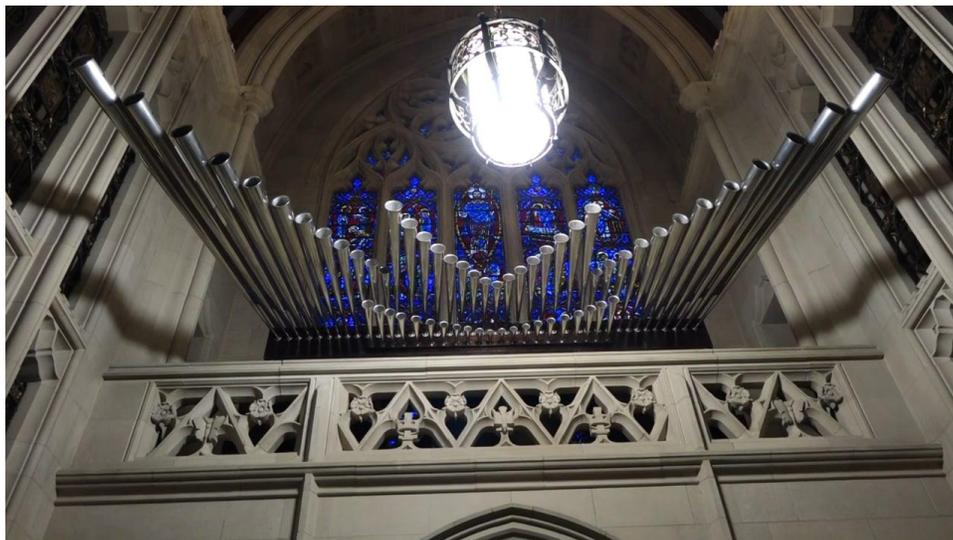


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Rising Stars Concert

Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 5 pm

Kirk in the Hills [1340 W. Long Lake Rd.](#), Bloomfield Hills



Come hear the next generation of organ stars from the University of Michigan!

Scholarship Competition

Monday, March 18, 2019, 6 pm

First United Methodist Church

[320 W. Seventh St.](#), Royal Oak

This annual event relies on contributions from members and friends.
Please consider giving to this worthy fund!



Creative Hymn Playing with Michael Burkhardt

Saturday, March 23, 10 am

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

[1669 W. Maple Rd.](#), Birmingham

Spice up your hymn playing with tips from hymn-playing expert and composer, Michael Burkhardt

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Member & Scholarship Recital
Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7 pm
Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
[18700 James Couzens Freeway, Detroit](#)

Hear your fellow guild members and recent scholarship winners in recital on the 90-rank Petty Madden organ.



Regional News & Events

Performers Requested for Student Recital (Annual Student Recital) January 20

The AGO Columbus Chapter's annual Student Recital will be held at 3 p.m., January 20th, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, [4456 Morse Road, Columbus, OH](#). St. Luke is located near the Gahanna area, and practice time on the organ can be arranged during weekdays leading up to the event. Please contact Jenny Kristler at 614-906-5387 or at jennifergmcnamee@gmail.com by December 31st if you or your student is interested in participating.



National HQ News & Events: Committee on the New Organist

The purpose of the [Committee on the New Organist \(CONO\)](#) is to introduce non-organists of all ages to the organ, and to further motivate and develop new organists.

The committee creates age-appropriate means, materials and programs for engaging them, and for enabling their development as performers. It oversees such programs and resources as [The New Organist web page](#). It also assists the COPOE, CCPE and other committees in projects involving new organist.

The AGO Committee on the New Organist, directed by Michael Koenig, is seeking a Panel of Advisors from the general AGO membership.

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The new AGO Strategic Growth Plan presents many opportunities for CONO to become a major force in engaging, supporting, and uplifting every organist – especially those new to the organ. The CONO Panel of Advisors would serve voluntarily on an as-needed basis to advise the committee in their projects and directions.

The time commitment will be entirely at the advisors' discretion and can be small and occasional. As the support of new organists represents a significant opportunity for increasing the diversity of AGO membership, both nationally as well as internationally, Michael is highly interested in collaborating with a panel that represents such diversity.

Those interested in joining the CONO Panel of Advisors should email Michael at cono@agohq.org including the following information:

- Name, mailing address, email, phone
- Current activity or interest as organist
- Résumé
- A brief statement describing what you might be able to contribute as a CONO Panel member

Although there is no deadline for applications, the panel will begin functioning immediately.

Member News & Events (The List)

Sunday, December 23, 2018, 2 pm: Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
[24110 Cherry Hill St.](#) Dearborn, MI

Randall Nicholls, Cherry Hill's Tenor and accompanist David Hufford will share the music of the season in a special Christmas concert!



Sunday, December 23, 2018 4:30 pm: Christ Church Grosse Pointe
[61 Grosse Pointe Rd.](#) Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Doors open at 3:45 pm. Pre-service organ recital at 4 pm. Freewill offering

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Monday, December 23, 2018, 4 pm: St. Michael's Episcopal Church
[20475 Sunningdale Park](#), Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Harpichord Recital by Christian Schoen, followed by Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 20, 2019, 2 pm: Old St. Mary's Catholic Church
(Greektown) [646 Monroe St.](#) Detroit, MI

Music for Two Organs: Dr. Joanne Clark and Bob Barnhart

Sunday, January 27, 2019, 4 pm: Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
[24110 Cherry Hill St.](#) Dearborn, MI

Music at Cherry Hill Series: "Littlefield Folk"—a concert by musical friends from The Littlefield Presbyterian Church (and some from Cherry Hill as well).

Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter? Please send your news no later than the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at detroitago@gmail.com for inclusion in the next issue of The Bombarde.

