



# The Bombarde

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the American Guild of Organists

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### The Dean's Column

Greetings!

I have asked Jean Randall, our Scholarship Chair, to share with you a few words regarding the history of our Scholarship Awards and the forthcoming Scholarship Auditions.



Dear Colleagues:

For over 50 years our chapter has hosted an annual Scholarship Audition designed to benefit organ students and piano students interested in pursuing organ lessons. It has been a privilege to oversee this important event the last seven years. In that time, we awarded well over \$8000 to deserving individuals, many of which have gone on to great achievement in our field. During the audition students are invited to play in front of a jury made up of 2 or 3 qualified members of the American Guild of Organists in a friendly atmosphere where interaction with the jurors is encouraged. Auditions are open to persons residing in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties or students of Detroit Chapter AGO or NPM members. I won't waste a lot of bandwidth going through the Scholarship guidelines and application materials simply click on the link further down the page and have a look. Teachers: Do you have students that might be interested? Students: Let your teacher know you want to join in the fun!

Historically our chapter Scholarship Auditions have been funded outside of the general budget. Your Executive Board would like to keep it that way! In order to do this we need your help. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the scholarship fund if you haven't already done so through the national dues renewal process.

Checks should be made out to Detroit Chapter American Guild of Organists and memo: scholarship fund. Mail to Detroit AGO c/o Richard Abdo, 17423 Francavilla, Livonia MI 48152. Unfortunately, we do not have an online pay option at this time.



## Dean's Column, Concluded

Auditions are free and open to the public! This season the Detroit Chapter Scholarship Auditions will be held at 6 pm, Mon., March 18, 2019 at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church. I would encourage you to get this date on the calendar and come out to support our Detroit Chapter students; they are the future of The American Guild of Organists!!!

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on [wrand81122@aol.com](mailto:wrand81122@aol.com)

All the Best

Dr. Wm. Jean Randall

Detroit AGO Chapter Scholarship and Professional Certification Chair

## Chapter News and Events

**Choral Masterclass with Dr. Brandon Ulrich**  
**Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 am**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**1669 West Maple Rd.**  
**Birmingham, MI**



Be sure to bring your Choir to this Masterclass—others who have experienced workshops with Dr. Ulrich have proclaimed it to be a truly awesome experience!

**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. See our website for further details.



## Chapter News and Events, Continued

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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!

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### **AGO Professional Certification Workshop**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019 (Time TBA) St.**

**Paul United Methodist Church**

**[620 Romeo St.](#), Rochester**

Come and explore the possibilities at the American Guild of Organists Certification Workshop. Discover what is demanded of us at the various levels of certification. We will review AGO Certification requirements, study sample tests, and investigate preparation study materials,



## Chapter News and Events, Continued

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### 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



### 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.



## Chapter News and Events, Concluded

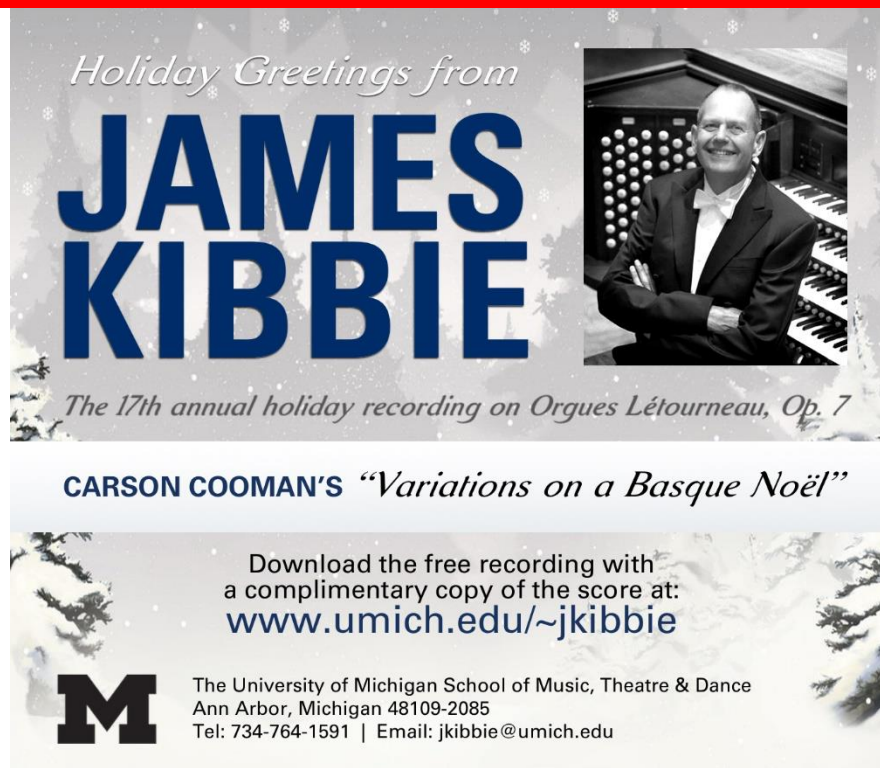
### Chapter Scholarship Information, Guidelines & Application

Jean Randall has submitted our Chapter Scholarship information, guidelines, and an application form, all available [online here](#).


Auditions will be held at Royal Oak First Methodist on March 18, 2019. The members recital will be held on May 6, 2019 7PM at Hartford Memorial Baptist Detroit.

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## A Holiday Lagniappe from Dr. James Kibbie




*Holiday Greetings from*  
**JAMES KIBBIE**



*The 17th annual holiday recording on Orgues Létourneau, Op. 7*

**CARSON COOMAN'S** *“Variations on a Basque Noël”*

Download the free recording with  
a complimentary copy of the score at:  
[www.umich.edu/~jkibbie](http://www.umich.edu/~jkibbie)



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## Member News & Events (The List)

**Sunday, December 2, 2018, 3 pm**  
**Christ Church, Grosse Pointe**  
[61 Grosse Pointe Rd.](#)  
**Grosse Pointe Farms, MI**

### *Advent Procession*

A service of readings and music celebrating the Advent of Our Lord.



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**Sunday, December 9, 2018, 4 pm: Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church**  
[24110 Cherry Hill St.](#) Dearborn, MI

### *Annual Holiday Concert*

“Measure for Measure Men’s Chorus”—Ann Arbor’s (and Dearborn’s) beloved 90-voice men’s chorus returns for their annual holiday concert at Cherry Hill. Tickets: \$15

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**Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3 pm: Christ Church, Grosse Pointe**  
[61 Grosse Pointe Rd.](#) Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

### *Christmas Oratorio* by J. S. Bach (Christ Church Chorale with the Michigan Bach Collective)

Johann Sebastian Bach conceived the six parts of his Christmas Oratorio to be performed on the first six days of Christmas. As we celebrate the season this year, we will perform four of the six parts in one evening only. Depicting the birth of Jesus, the annunciation to the shepherds, the adoration of the shepherds, and the adoration of the Magi, Bach’s exquisite writing will lift your spirits from the opening chorus to the final chorale. This performance will feature the Christ Church Chorale with the Michigan Bach Collective, the region’s new period instrument orchestra.

[Tickets \\$25](#)



## The List, Concluded

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 3:00 pm: Our Lady of La Salette Parish**  
**[2600 Harvard Rd.](#) Berkley, MI**

Cantata Academy Chorale (Susan Catanese, Director) presents *Luminous Night—A Holiday Choral Concert*

*Luminous Night—A Holiday Concert* of the Cantata Academy Chorale will feature Ola Gjielo's spellbinding "Luminous Night of the Soul", Jake Runestad's riveting "Alleluia", Dan Forrest's delightful arrangement of "O Come All Ye Faithful", and more beautiful selections with string quartet. Make this annual concert part of your holiday celebration as we once again welcome the Chorale to our acoustically superb sanctuary! Advance tickets: \$15 Adult, \$13 Senior/Student, Children under the age of 10 are free. At the door tickets: \$18 Adult, \$16 senior/student. Contact: Cantata Academy Chorale, P.O. Box 1958, Royal Oak, MI 48068, (313) 242-7282, [www.cantataacademy.org](http://www.cantataacademy.org) (email [cantata@cantataacademy.org](mailto:cantata@cantataacademy.org))

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**Sunday, December 9, 4 pm: Saint James Episcopal Church**  
**[350 W. Maple Rd.](#), Birmingham, MI**

Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata and other music for Advent and Christmas.  
St. James Choir, brass quintet and organ. Freewill offering

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**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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**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!

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**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](mailto:detroitago@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next issue of The Bombarde.**

