

The Bombarde

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The Dean's Column

What a great afternoon we had on September 30. A beautiful organ recital given by Michael Hey and violinist Christiana Liberis. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament was a perfect spot for this recital and a perfect setting for the installation of officers. The sounds of the violin in that space were magnificent and both artists played beautifully. Many thanks to Joe Balistreri for hosting us that afternoon and to Andrew Herbruck for putting together the hospitality reception afterwards. All our new officers and board members were present save for three. A special thanks to our chapter chaplain, Rev. Randall Engle for leading the installation service.

It was an opportunity for me, as Dean, to meet a few members I had never met before, and renew friendships with some of our longtime members. Sorry there were not more members present. It was unfortunate that our event fell on the same weekend as a major annual organ event at University of Michigan. But we have learned that you can hardly plan anything that doesn't coincide with some other event. Just remember, the chapter is here for you and there is so much more to offer members in addition to your subscription to The American Organist. Which brings me, once again, to membership renewals. If you have not yet renewed your membership and your member year has expired, I strongly encourage you to go online and do



that right away. If you have any questions regarding your membership in the Detroit chapter, feel free to contact our registrar, Pete Townsend, at ptownsend@comcast.net . And our Directory editor, Dalos Grobe, is in the process of putting our 2018-2019 directory together. If there are any changes in your listing that need to be made, I encourage you to contact him right away : he can be reached at dalgrobe@aol.com and also copy Pete Townsend at ptownsend@comcast.net so he can coordinate things with the AGO HQ information database.

I am also aware that some new people have moved into the area to accept positions at our local churches and schools. If you know who any of these people are, I encourage you to speak to them and ask them to contact us, and pass such information on to Dalos and Pete at their email addresses above.

We have some exciting events planned for this coming year and they are announced in the **Chapter News** section, below The board meets this week to plan out the rest of the season so stay tuned.

We are in the process of revamping our web site in a continuing effort to make it more user friendly. In addition, we are pursuing possibilities of redesigning the software used to publish our newsletter to make it more user friendly as well. All these changes are being made for your benefit to enhance your experience of keeping in touch with us and what our activities are.

Fall is upon us now as we are beginning to experience cooler days and evenings. As your calendars fill up with recitals, special music events, etc., please make sure that our newsletter editor is aware of these events, so we can publicize them in The Bombarde. And sooner than later if possible. One of our general complaints has been that by the time the newsletter arrives, the event has already happened, and we want to make every effort to avoid that in the future.

As we get closer to one of our busiest seasons, hoping that it goes well for you. Working together to change the world, one stop at a time.

Kindest regards,

George Jonte-Crane
Dean

Chapter News and Events

Organ Crawl!

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9 am.

We'll meet at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown ([646 Monroe Ave.](#), Detroit)

This will be a tour of historic instruments of Detroit:

- Old St. Mary (Wigton Organs, [Opus 12](#), 3m 74 rks)
- Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, [1345 Gratiot Ave.](#) (E. M. Skinner [Opus 808](#), 3m, 31 rks)
- 1st Unitarian Universalist Church, [4605 Cass Ave.](#) (E. M. Skinner [Opus 202](#), 4m, 51 rks)
- Lunch at the the Traffic Jam and Snug, [511 W. Canfield](#), Detroit



Choral Masterclass with Dr. Brandon Ulrich
Satur day, Dec. 1, 10 am
First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham
[1669 W. Maple Rd.](#), Birmingham

Bring your choir members and brush up on choral basics!

Annual Epiphany Banquet!
Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 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.

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!

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.



Scholarship Competition
Mon., March 18, 2019, 6 pm
First United Methodist Church
[320 W. Seventh St.](#), Royal Oak

this fund!

This annual event relies on contributions from members and friends. Please consider giving to

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 Scholarship Information, Guidelines and Application Form

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.

Is Your Roster Information Up-to-Date?

Is Your Information in the Roster Correct?

The annual Roster is being formatted. You can help us by making sure we have your latest home address, phone and email; your latest work place information, and any updates to certifications or other information. All this information is obtained from the AGO National ON-CARD system. If there have been any changes in the past 18 months, please update your information. To access the national system go to [AGOHQ.org](#); click on the ON-CARD item in the menu at the bottom; enter your first initial and full last name as the 'username'; and your password is your member number that appears at the top of the American Organist mailing label. If you have any problems accessing the system send an email to Pete Townsend, registrar@detroitago.org.

Would You Like to Play the Area's Largest Residential Organ?

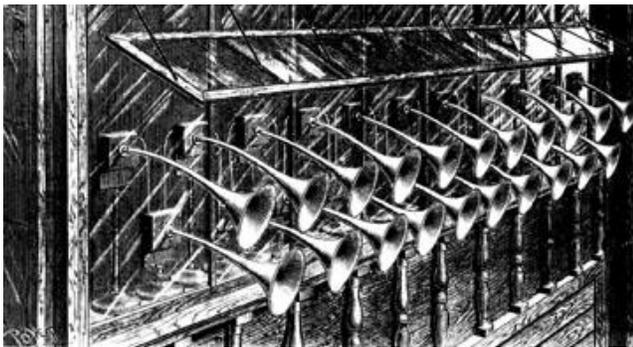
Once again the original-condition 1919 Aeolian organ in Meadow Brook Hall will be featured during the annual Holiday Walk from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Meadow Brook Hall is a National Historic Landmark. It is the 88,000 sq.ft. former home of Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, and is on the campus of Oakland University.

In past year s 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 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.



Member News



Do you have news that you'd like to share with the Chapter?

Please send your news bno later than the 15th of the month to Gerald Furi at:

detroitago@gmail.com

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

The List

Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 pm

[St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church](#)

31555 Hoover Rd. Warren

Organ Recital

John McGovern will perform works by J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Frescobaldi and Mendelssohn. Free will offering.

Sunday. October 21, 2018 4:00 p.m

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church

[24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124](#)

313-563-4800

Music at CHerry Hill Series

Kypros Markou, violin, Debra Terry, violin, Yawen Hsu, cello, Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt, pianop present an "Afternoon of Beethoven." Tickets : \$15.00

Sunday, October 21, 2018 3:00 pm

[Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#)

16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Embellish Handbell Choir

Embellish is the premier handbell ensemble of the West Michigan area. Under the direction of Stephanie Wiltse, the 16 member group plays a wide variety of selections including original compositions, arrangements of classical works, and even a little Dixie and pop music! You won't want to miss their entertaining concert of music for bells. [Buy tickets online HERE](#)

Sunday. October 21, 2018 2:00 p.m

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

646 Monroe, Detroit

**The Grand Organ: Heinrich Schmidt Concerto for Organ & String
Orchestra (Bob Barnhart, Organ)**

Free Will Offering

Sunday October 21, 4:30 PM

[St. Paul UMC Rochester Hills](#)

620 Romeo St. Rochester, MI

James Kibbie in concert with special guest Susan Clark Joul, soprano.

A Grand Celebration of the JW Walker sanctuary organ

**Featuring a newly commissioned piece for organ and soprano by Catherine
McMichael.**

Suggested donation \$15

Sunday, October 28, 3 pm