



The Bombard

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American Guild of Organists



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The Dean's Column

Well, friends, another frenzied season is upon us. Once again Lent is here and it rolls around like clock work just like taxes and insurance renewals, etc. And we are all extremely busy. Even those who are interim and substitute organists are finding themselves actively engaged for the Lenten season. Despite all our busyness, there are some great things happening at AGO and our Detroit Chapter.

When you see this, one thing may have already passed. Monday night, March 18 at 6 p.m. at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, we will hold our annual scholarship competitions.

We only had two applicants this year. Glenn Burdette and I are looking forward to hearing these students and hopefully awarding a scholarship to be used toward their private organ studies over the next year.

Another exciting event is this coming Saturday. At 10:00 a.m. at Birmingham Presbyterian Church, we will gather for a hymnody workshop. The workshop will be led by Michael Burkhardt, a well-known organist and composer particularly adept at the use of hymns for organ improvisation, etc. This is a not to be missed event. And you should encourage members of your church choirs to attend this workshop as well. It will be two hours well spent. Hope to see many of you there.

More information about our May event will be forthcoming. But please mark your calendars now for May 6. This is a Monday evening. This will be our annual scholarship recipient/member recital. This will be at 7 p.m. and will be at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens in Detroit.

This has been a whirlwind year and we're not done yet. There are still great programs in which you can and hopefully will participate.



The Dean's Column, Concluded

Our nominations committee will be contacting people soon to fill new places on the board. If contacted, it is my sincere hope that you will give diligent consideration to being part of the board. We generally meet on the second Thursday of the month and we have been having our meetings this year at noon which has worked out very well. There are no plans to change that at this time.

And once again, I am putting out an appeal as your yearly dues roll around for renewal to make an effort to contribute to the scholarship fund. Of course, you can contribute anytime during the year but at dues renewal time, it seems opportune to add that to your dues check or credit card. Fostering interest for our young people is vital to the organ remaining an important instrument in our churches, schools and even our theatres.

Look forward to seeing you at our spring events as we continue to change the world one step at a time.

George Jonte-Crane
Dean

Chapter News and Events

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 fund!



Chapter News & Events, Continued



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Spice up your hymn playing with tips from hymn-playing expert and composer, Michael Burkhardt. Those who attended our Centennial program well know what a compelling and exciting presenter Michael can be. Be sure to take part in this eye-opening workshop with a master composer & performer!

**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.



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Regional News & Events

AGO Regional to be held in Grand Rapids from June 20–July 3, 2019

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We're proud to be the hosts of the 2019 Great Lakes Regional Convention which will be held here in our city from June 30, 2019 – July 3, 2019. A great line-up of top-shelf artists and venues is scheduled. For details and Registrsation, go to the [Regional website](#).



Member News & Events (The List)

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.



Sunday, March 24, 2019, 4 pm
Cathedral Cultural Series:
Music for Trombone and Organ
[Blessed Sacrament Cathedral](#)
9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI

DSO trombonist David Binder and cathedral organist Joe Balistreri perform a whirlwind recital of original works and transcriptions for trombone and organ. Free will offering.

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 3 pm
The Peace and Hope of Bach
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
[16 Lake Shore Dr.](#), Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The message of peace and hope in the cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach is as relevant today as it was when these masterpieces were first sung nearly 300 years ago. The program includes Cantata 12, “Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen,” and Cantata 106, “Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit” (“God’s Time Is Best”).

Member News & Events (The List) Continued

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 4 pm

Cathedral Cultural Series: Lenten Vespers

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

[9844 Woodward Ave](#), Detroit, MI

Join the Archdiocesan Chorus for evening prayer on Laetare Sunday, the halfway point through Lent when the Church loosens the rigidness of her liturgical fasting. Experience beautiful Lenten music, psalmody, hymns, and readings with a dose of joy! Free will offering.

Sunday March 31 2019, 4pm

Ss. Peter and Paul

[7685 Grandville](#), Detroit MI

Johnny Kash and Aaron Kaleniecki will perform a concert of organ and piano on a new Viscount 3manual Physis Organ

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 3 pm

Christ Church, Grosse Pointe

[61 Grosse Pointe Rd.](#)

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

St. John Passion by Bob Chilcott (Christ Church Choirs with Orchestra)

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 4 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church,

[355 W. Maple](#), Birmingham

Mozart Vesperae solennes de confessore. St. James Choir with Julie Ford, organ; Glenn Burdette, conductor. Freewill offering.

Member News & Events, Concluded

Sunday, April 28, 2019, 3 pm
Langsford Mens CHorus
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
[16 Lake Shore Dr.](#) , Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Langsford Men's Chorus was formed by alumni of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club in 1999, and has grown into one of the area's premiere choral ensembles. They are dedicated to performing and promoting the art of men's singing, and will present a thrilling and enjoyable program

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 3 pm
Christ Church, Grosse Pointe
[61 Grosse Pointe Rd.](#)
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

The Creation | Franz Joseph Haydn (Christ Church Chorale with Orchestra)

Sunday, May 5, 2019, 4 pm
St. Martin de Porres Church
[31555 Hoover Rd.](#), Warren, MI

"Organ Trumpetings" will feature John McGovern playing works by J.S. Bach, Boyce, Buxtehude, Cocker, Cook, Dupre, Durufle and Merula. Free will offering.

Sunday, May 19 , 2019, 2 pm
Choral Vespers of the Blessed Virgin
Old St. Mary's Catholic Church (Greektown)
[646 Monroe St.](#) Detroit, MI



For Sale

Yamaha Clavinova Digital Piano For Sale



YAMAHA CLAVINOVA DIGITAL PIANO, Model CLP-950C

88 weighted keys. 3 pedals.

Voices: Grand piano I & II, Electric piano I & II, Harpsichord, Vibraphone, Church organ, Jazz organ, Choir, Strings, Wood bass, Electric bass.

Accessories: Reverb / Sound recording (2 tracks) / Metronome / Midi (In/Out/Thru) compatible / 60 Watt amplifier self-contained / Sliding key cover / Voice demos & Preset songs. Includes matching bench, and user manuals.

Cherry finish. Excellent condition (very seldom used)

Price: \$800

Contact: Dennis Souter (dnnssout@aol.com)