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The Dean's Column

Well, fall is upon us, and things are in full swing again with our church and school programs. And our Detroit chapter is no exception. I am really looking forward to our first event of the season this coming Wednesday night, October 23. We kick it off with a recital by Johan Vexo. Certainly hope your calendars have been circled, highlighted and marked for some time now as we have been in anticipation of Mr. Vexo's recital for several months.



His recital begins at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester. Prior to that you are cordially invited to join the board in Rickard Chapel for a reception and installation of our new board. The reception begins at 6:30 and we will have a string trio providing background music during that hour. As we near the end of the hour, we have the installation service for our board and then adjourn to the sanctuary for the recital. It promises to be a lovely evening. Look forward to seeing you there. After the recital, the chapter membership is invited to join the board at Rochester Mill at 400 Water Street in downtown Rochester for a time of socializing and fellowship.

Just as a heads up, there is a lot of construction around Rochester Road and I-75. We suggest that you use surface roads and not try freeway. And give yourself an extra amount of time to get there. The recital is at no admission charge for members, but a free will donation is always welcomed.

Dean's Column Continued

Another reminder, that it is dues renewal time for most every one of us. SO don't forget to renew your dues when the anniversary date for your membership rolls around. And continue to give to our scholarship fund. Those who have renewed so far this year have given generously and we want that to continue. As a heads up, the board voted recently to name the scholarship fund The Helen Fairchild Larson Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Scholarship/Member Recital, usually our last event of the Spring, has recently been named in honor and blessed memory of Ray Ferguson. Ray was, for many years, very active in our chapter. He was a professor of organ at Wayne State University and was a consummate organist himself. Several of our chapter members studied with Ray. He was also a former Dean for the chapter and was largely responsible for the institution of our Scholarship/Member Recital program. Both commemorations are certainly appropriate.

It is fitting that we continue to honor members who are both still living and those who have gone on to their reward in the great beyond. After our board meeting adjourned yesterday, I was speaking with a fellow board member and I am in constant awe of the rich history our chapter has and likewise of those who have left us with such a rich legacy.

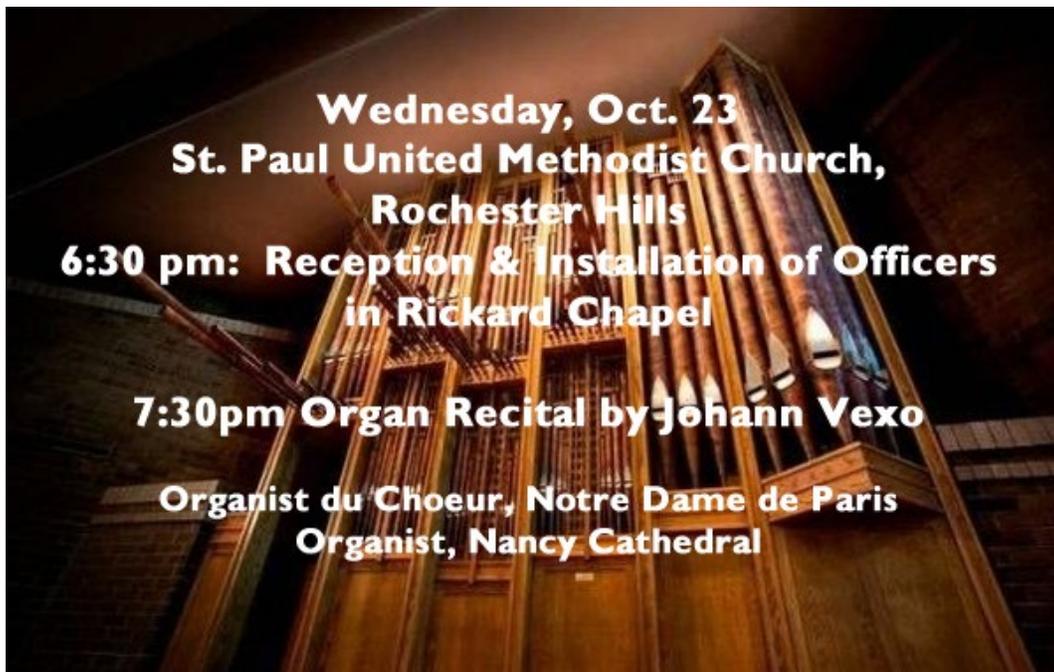
It is also that time of year when we will be publishing an updated directory that goes out to our membership. Dalos Grobe does a wonderful job every year of putting this directory together. If any of you have made a change in your contact information whether it be a phone number, e-mail address or have changed your place of employment, please send that information to Pete Townsend, our chapter registrar at ptownsend@comcast.net or directly to Dalos Grobe at dalgrobe@aol.com . If you would be interested in advertising in our directory, please also contact Dalos for rates and advertising deadlines. The advertising in our directory is not very expensive but goes a long way in defraying the cost of producing the directory and is another way for you to let your fellow members know about your work. Hoping to see many of you Wednesday night as we begin another year of changing the world one stop at a time.

Kindest regards,

George Jonte-Crane, Dean

Chapter News & Events

Installation of Officers and Organ Recital by Johann Vexo
October 23, 2019: [St. Paul United Methodist Church, Rochester](#)



Wednesday, October 23 will be our annual installation of officers and board members for the new year. The evening includes a reception sponsored by the host church, St. Paul's UMC in Rochester and installation of AGO Chapter Officers in Ricard Chapel, followed by a recital in the main sanctuary by Johhann Vexo. organist at Notre Dame, Paris.

You will not want to miss this evening of good fellowship, friendship, sharing stories with colleagues and beautiful music. So please, if you have not done so, mark your calendars now for October 23 and save that date. Our thanks to Jean Randall and the entire ministry team and staff of St. Paul's UMC for this great evening.

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 4pm
Jean-Baptiste Robin in Recital

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI

With his appointment as Organist of the Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles, Jean-Baptiste Robin has secured a place in a long line of royal organists, such as François Couperin, Louis Marchand, and Louis-Claude Daquin, as “court musician” whose playing mirrors, and indeed matches, the opulent elegance of that world-renowned building.



Widely regarded as one of the most prominent and accomplished French organists and composers of his generation, Jean-Baptiste Robin also serves as Professor of Organ at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional in Versailles

This organist of the Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles and former artist-in-residence at Yale performs a recital on the cathedral's historic Casavant organ. Robin has performed across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas to great acclaim and is a sought adjudicator of major organ competitions.

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7pm
Jeremy David Tarrant

Cathedral Church of St. Paul
4800 Woodward Avenue, Detroit

Jeremy David Tarrant will present a lecture/recital on Vierne's *24 Pièces de Fantaisie*. Between 1926 and 1927, Louis Vierne composed *Pièces de Fantaisie pour Grande Orgue*, displaying his most mature writing style. He performed *Pièces de Fantaisie pour Grande Orgue* and his *Six Symphonies pour Grand Orgue* frequently during his concert tours such as his tour of America in 1927. On June 2, 1937, the last set of *Pièces de Fantaisie* along with his recently published work, the *Triptyque*, was programmed for what ultimately became his final recital. Vierne passed away on the organ bench during this concert.

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Even following his death, Vierne's *Pièces de Fantaisie* stands as a unique collection in organ literature, as it offers varied inspirations; some pieces derive from the French tradition of writing with musical titles that relate to the Baroque era, some pieces are poetic, and some pieces are visual.



Thursday, March 26, 2020 7pm
Thomas Ospital, Organist at Saint-Eustache
First Presbyterian Church
[1669 W. Maple Road](#), Birmingham, MI

Titulaire of the grand organ at St Eustache Church in Paris, successor to Josph Bonnet and Andre Gillou, Thomas Ospital is also the newly-appointed Organist in Residence at Maison de la Radio (Radio France Concert Hall). He is a young artist who has quickly earned a place amongst the world's finest concert organists. He has won prizes at several international competitions including the Chartres Competition, the Xavier Darasse Competition, and the Saragossa and Angers competitions. Dedicated to the art of improvisation in all of its forms, he typically includes improvisations in his concerts and frequently accompanies silent films as well.





COMING SOON

January, 2020: Epiphany Banquet

Details to be announced

Monday, March 9, 2020 6pm: Scholarship Competition

Details to be announced

Saturday, April 25, 2020: Organ Crawl

Details to be announced

Monday, May 11, 2020 7:00pm: Member and Scholarship Recital

Details to be announced

2019 Meadowbrook Hall Christmas

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.



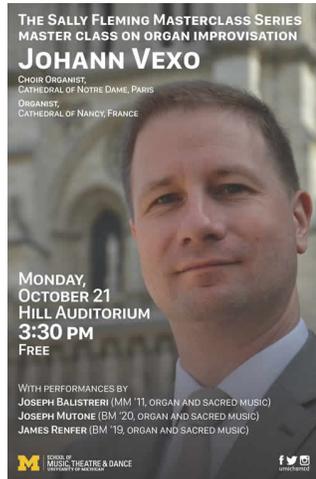
In past years members of the Detroit AGO have generously joined in volunteering to man the console and provide holiday music for the hall's visitors. Around the end of October, interested organists will be contacted to set up schedules. If you have an interest in playing this historic instrument and would like to be added to the contact list, please contact Pete Townsend at ptownsend@comcast.net 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



When you register or pay dues on the AGO National Website, we now have 3 Questions (What programs would you like; What location suggestions; Committees to serve on); and 3 Funds to which you may choose to contribute to (Helen Fairchild Larrison Scholarship Fund; Major Artist Fund; and New Music Fund).

Regional News



Monday, Oct. 21-Hill Auditorium Free Master Class on Organ Improvisation Johann Vexo



- 9:15-10:15: Chapel of Morris Sutton Funeral Home 1924 Aeolian II-22 player residence organ 68 Giles Blvd. E Windsor
- 10:30-11:15: Church of the Ascension 1927 Woodstock III-28 1385 University Ave W Windsor
- 11:55-12:30: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 1971 Gabriel Kney I-13 tracker 834 Raymo Rd Windsor
- (optional) Come join us for lunch at a very nice British pub-style eatery. The international beers on tap and the kitchen are equally impressive. Fear not, the tea and coffee are also excellent. A nice finish to an active morning [.http://thompsonhouse.ca/](http://thompsonhouse.ca/)

Questions? Ron Dossenbach dossen54@gmail.com

Member News & Events (“The List”)



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

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.

Dueling Pianists: Joseph Palazzolo and Anne Roberts

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church

[17150 Maumee](#), Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Jamaican Rhumba, LeRoy Anderson, a jazzy suite and some light favorites. Tickets: [presale \\$20](#) (via PayPal) or by cash or check from the church office during business hours (313) 881-0420, or \$25 at door.

Sunday, October 20, 2019 2:30pm

Third Sunday Series: Music of the Italian Baroque

Ensemble L'Inventione

Old St. Mary's Church

[646 Monroe St](#), Greektown

Sunday, October 20, 2019: 3:00pm

The DSO Brass Quintet (Dahling Memorial Concert)

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

[16 Lakeshore Dr.](#), Grosse Pointe Farms

Tickets \$10 in advance at eventgroove.com; \$15 at the door.

Lift your soul to the heavens with the fabulous Detroit Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet. DSO members Hunter Eberly, trumpet, Scott Strong, horn, David Binder, trombone, and Dennis Nulty, tuba are joined by MSU trumpet professor Justin Emerich. Combining forces with our world-class Klais pipe organ, they will thrill you with music of power and glory. This concert is made possible in part by a generous bequest from the Dahling family.

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Sunday, October 20, 2019 4pm

John McGovern will play works by J.S. Bach, Hindemith, Howells, Lubeck, Milford and Paine in recital at St. Martin de Porres Church, [31555 Hoover Rd.](#), Warren, MI. (2 blocks north of 13 Mile Rd.) 586-264-7515. Free will offering at intermission.

Sunday, October 27, 2019 3 pm

Oktoberfest-Choral Masterpieces from Germany
Christ Church Schola: Christ Episcopal Church
[61 Grosse Pointe Blvd](#) Grosse Pointe Farms

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019: 4:30pm

Harmony in the Hills: Chamber Soloists of Detroit
Pauline Martin and Eliot Heaton
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
[620 Romeo St.](#), Rochester MI

Sunday, November 17, 2019 2:30pm

Third Sunday Series: Big Music in a Grand Space
The Five Lakes Silver Band Christopher Ward, Conductor
Old St. Mary's Church
[646 Monroe St.](#), Greektown

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019: 3:00pm

Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert: Music of the Classical Era
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
[16 Lakeshore Dr.](#), Grosse Pointe Farms

Tickets \$10 in advance at [eventgroove.com](#); \$15 at the door.

Music of the Classical Era (ca. 1730 - 1820) is tuneful and elegant. You will hear an organ concerto by "Papa" Haydn, some of Mozart's most beautiful choral pieces, and Franz Schubert's Mass in G. Schubert composed the piece when he was only 18 years old, yet it is astonishing in its beauty. The voices of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir combine with orchestra to fill your soul with healing peace.

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Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 7 pm

Marilyn Mason Memorial Service

First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor, MI

[608EWilliamSt](#), Ann Arbor