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The Dean's Column

No one could have been prepared for this last week's turn of events. But certainly the health of all our chapters collectively and individually are paramount. This month I would like to share the letter I received from our national office regarding COVID-19 (Caronavirus). Please stay well so that we may continue to be a vibrant and challenging force in our churches and schools. Here is the letter:



March 13, 2019

Dear Mr. Jonte-Crane,

The American Guild of Organists, like many other arts and presenting organizations, is monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and formulating appropriate responses in regard to our programming.

Dean's Column, Continued



We recognize that many AGO members are considered to be in the high risk category, i.e. those aged 60 or older; we are deeply concerned about each member's well-being.

While the mission of the AGO is to foster a thriving community of musicians, group gatherings are being discouraged or banned across the U.S. in an effort to slow the spread of the virus and flatten the curve related to the capacity of our healthcare system to cope with it. Social distancing is being recommended by elected officials at all levels of government.

Decisions regarding cancellation or postponement of local AGO chapter events must be considered in response to the directives and recommendations of local municipalities and in response to the policies set forth by local congregations, synods, dioceses, presbyteries, etc. where AGO chapter events may take place.

Every community is different. Therefore, we ask local chapter leaders to consider what is best for their chapter and community on a case-by-case basis. Above all, AGO members should follow the recommendations and directives of government officials and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

At this time, the AGO has no plans to cancel or postpone national programming including the Gala, National Convention, and POEs scheduled for this summer, however, the AGO National Council continues to monitor the situation and will make appropriate decisions in the best interests and welfare of our members.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bedford".

Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Thomashower".

James E. Thomashower, CAE
Executive Director

George Jonte-Crane, Dean

Chapter News & Events



The March 26 Recital by Thomas Ospital has been canceled. Monsieur Ospital cannot leave France at the present time due to the travel restrictions imposed by the outbreak.

Other, future Chapter Events will remain subject to conditions or restrictions in force at the time. A special issue of The Bombarde will be sent closer to the event date to confirm whether events will be held.

(Chapter News and Events, Continued)

Saturday, April 25, 2020: Organ Crawl: The Organs of Grosse Pointe

We will begin at [Grosse Pointe Memorial Church](#) at 1pm.

- [Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church](#) (1989 Klais, 3m 66rks.) 16 Lake Shore Drive (Jefferson) in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
- [St. Paul's on the Lake](#) (1985 Karl Wilhelm Op. 100: 2m 48rks.) 57 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
- [St. Michael's Episcopal Church](#) (1928 E. M. Skinner op. 705, 3m 26rks.) 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

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



To be held at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, [24110 Cherry Hill St.](#), Dearborn, MI on the 3m 43rk 1959 Austin Organ.. Further Details to be announced

National News



Registration for the [2020 National AGO Convention](#) July 6–10, 2020 in Atlanta, GA is now open.



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.



Please note that all events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to restrictions in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. It is suggested that you call the church shortly before the scheduled event to verify status.

Harmony in the Hills Concert Series

- **Lenten Noon Concerts: Fridays at 12 pm on March 20, 27, and April 2:** these will only be available via live broadcast on Facebook.
- **Good Friday, April 10: 12 pm: Community Tenebrae Service** featuring the newly-commissioned “Requiem” by Daniel Greig with the Rochester Area Choirs and Orchestra

HARMONY IN THE HILLS



Inspirational Concerts

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

620 Romeo St, Rochester, MI 48307

248-651-9361

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[620 Romeo St.](#)

Rochester, MI (248) 651-9361

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Sunday, March 29, 2020: 4:00 pm

Music at Cherry Hills Concert Series:
The Livonia Symphony Woodwind Quintet
24110 Cherry Hill St, Dearborn, MI 48124
(313) 563-4800



The Livonia Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet is comprised of the section leaders of the larger orchestra. The group performs with other area symphonies including Dearborn, Detroit, Lake St. Clair, Southern Great Lakes, and a myriad of small chamber music groups. This concert will mark the third appearance of the Livonia Symphony Woodwind Quintet.

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. 3:00 pm

“Stabat Mater” by Franz Joseph Hadyn
Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra
Christ Episcopal Church
[61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.](#), Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
(313) 885-4841

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Nathan Laube will dedicate the new [Paul Fritts organ](#) in Christ Chapel,
Hillsdale College
[33 E. College St.](#)
Hillsdale, MI

This event is free and open to the public, but ticket reservation is required. Please email boxoffice@hillsdale.edu or call 517-607-2848 to reserve tickets. For now, people can contact Derek Stauff, dstauff@hillsdale.edu with other questions about the event.

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Sunday, April 26, 2020. 9:30 and 11:00 am

“Six Centuries of Alleluia!”

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

[1345 Gratiot Avenue](#), Detroit, MI (313) 567-3100

- **Alleluia** (from *Der Herr is mit mir*, BuxWV 15)- Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
- **Hallelujah, Amen** (from *Judas Maccabeus*) - George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
- **Hallelujah** (*Christ on the Mount of Olives*)- Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
- **Alleluia** - Randall Thompson (1899-1984)
- **Alleluia, Power and Praise** {premier} - Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

Sunday, April 26, 2020. 4:00 pm

Organ Recital by John McGovern

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

[31555 Hoover Rd.](#)

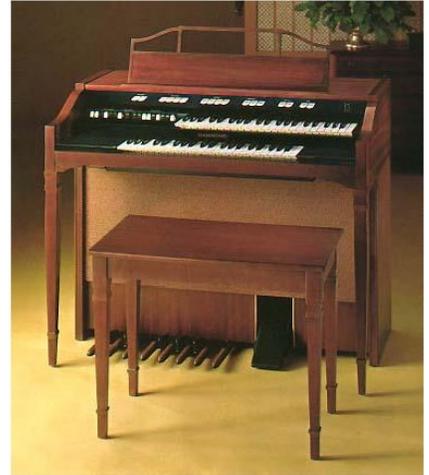
Warren, MI (586) 264-7515

John McGovern will present works by J. S. Bach, Langlais, Pachelbel, Tournemire and Vierne A free-will offering will be taken up at intermission.

For Sale

Hammond Model L-112: This Traditional Hammond Organ Sound organ comes complete with Hammond's famous Tone Bar system, upper and lower manual pre-sets, reverb, percussion, volume soft quality compensation tab for apartment practice as well as vibrato with chorus for special cathedral effects. Includes matching bench (with music storage area). Cabinetry and bench in very good condition. Picture shown is stock photo.

This was our family organ and now we must find a new home for it. It works fine and may need some adjustments. It also comes with a florescent music rack "underlight" that the music rests on against the wood fold-up music support. It also has a new heavy-duty power cord. For questions, email the seller (below). This item is for buyer pick up only. (West side of Toledo, OH) \$ 400 obo



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