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From the Dean,

It's once again time for the restart of our meetings and programs and I hope everyone has read the summer bulletins regarding the last year's successful events. If you are presenting a recital or any program that you would like us to publicize, please submit the information to either myself or Matt Dierking. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed in this newsletter. We have our programs set for this year and while there are a few details to be arranged, we are confident that you will find them enjoyable. The first program is at Rieger's Barn near Waynesville, OH. Check our program schedule for more information. I am personally asking all of our members to bring a guest, perhaps an organist or music director who is not a member. All of us need to encourage potential new members to come and see what we are all about. We have a very active board and offer services to our members looking for a position, helping young people to get started with our Organ Academy, offer scholarships to members, and provide educational programs for organist, choir directors, and anyone who wishes to attend. All of our programs are open for anyone to attend, members, potential members and those who just love good organ music.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Tom Aldridge

2014-2015 Chapter Program

The Dayton Chapter Board has finalized the 2014-2015 program, and what a lineup. We will kickoff the year on September 27th with a carry in dinner at the Rieger's "LaBarn" followed by music on the wonderful Rieger organ. The "La Barn" houses a privately owned 42 rank organ built by Fred Rieger and faithfully maintained by his son Rick Rieger.



The organ is half theater and half classical and was constructed from 16 separate rescue organs. The theme for the evening will be show tunes and marches, so please consider playing as part of the program or during the open console time. Feel free to sing along. Let Sub-Dean, Matt Dierking know if you would like to play. Contact Matt for a Stop/Toy list. We will try to arrange for some practice time before the dinner. Again, thanks to the Rieger's for hosting us. We suggest that (if possible) last names A-G bring main courses; H-N desserts; N-Z salads.

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The next program will be a **Workshop by George Baker D.M.A.b** Dr. Baker is a Lecturer on Organ Improvisation, at Rice University, and will present:

“Organ Improvisation: Where do I start and what do I do now?”

The great French organist André Marchal once said that his pupil Jean Langlais could make a stone improvise. That may be a slight exaggeration. However, I think it is true that any organist who possesses a reasonable foundation of keyboard harmony, along with some imagination, courage, and drive to succeed, can learn to improvise simple yet effective music.

The idea of organ improvisation is to simulate the playing of a written composition as convincingly as possible. Thus, musical examples to study and emulate are as numerous as the entire organ literature—there is no shortage! We don’t need to become another J.S. Bach or Marcel Dupré to make lovely and convincing simple improvisations. I emphasize the word SIMPLE. We start with baby steps, and then we can go on later to walk and run. Following are topics we will explore. Examples will be provided in a handout.

1. Analysis of the theme/s
2. Modality vs. tonality
3. Basic review of counterpoint
4. Modulations
5. Sequences
6. Registrations
7. Harmonization of scales, modes, chorales, plainchant
8. Review of the figured bass
9. North German chorale partita
10. Gregorian paraphrase à la Tournemire
11. Monothematic sonata: Let’s improvise a pastorale!

After the workshop, you will be able to go home and try these techniques. Dr Baker’s hope is that they will become very helpful in your musical lives. You can see Dr. Baker’s biography at his website George Baker’s website: www.drgeorgebaker.com or at our chapter website www.agodayton.org.

The remainder of the 2014-2015 program has something for everyone including an organ crawl, chorale reading, electronic organ demo/test drive, Pedals Pipes and Pizza, a small choir workshop with Basil Fett, Academy student recitals and finally a carillon recital and tour joint with the Cincinnati chapter. Plan to make as many as you can. A complete list is at the end of this issue and on our website www.agodayton.org.

This year and last, we have shared an event with the Cincinnati AGO Chapter. We have been encouraging members from both chapters to attend each other programs, so the Cincinnati program is also included.



**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
NATIONAL CONVENTION, BOSTON
JUNE 23-27, 2014
From Jim Owen**

Our own Jim Owen has been to many regional and national conventions. He has represented the Dayton Chapter as well as the National AGO in a wide variety of offices over the years. Jim took the following photographs so we could see some of the National Convention in Boston . Thanks Jim!



Symphony Hall, Boston
Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., 1949 (2004)
Opening Concert, James David Christie
Boston Landmarks Orchestra



Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston
E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings, 1875
Opening Service of Interfaith Worship



Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston
Skinner Organ Company, 1926; Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., 1961
Scott Dettra
Annual Meeting



St. Paul's Church, Harvard Square, Cambridge
Jesse Woodbury & Co., 1904
Casavant Freres, 1959
Handel & Haydn Society



The Memorial Church at Harvard University, Cambridge
C. B. Fisk, Inc., 2012
Christian Lane



Arlington Street Church, Boston
Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., 1958
Rising Stars



Christ Church, Cambridge
Schoenstein & Co., 2006
Jonathan Ryan



Old South Church, Boston
Skinner Organ Co., 1921
Jazz Worship Service



The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Boston (Mission Church)
Geo. S. Hutchings, 1897
Morning Prayer, Thierry Escaich



St. Cecilia Parish, Boston
Smith & Gilbert, 1999
Chelsea Chen



The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston
Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., 1952
Stephen Tharp



Red Bay, Labrador
Small Iceberg



Quidi Vidi Village, St. John's Newfoundland

2014-2015 Dayton AGO Programs

<p>Saturday September 27th 4:00 pm 2014</p>	<p>AGO Carry-in Dinner, Rieger's Barn: Ready, Set, Marches and Show Tunes! We begin our year with carry-in dinner, and program of fun tunes to play on this theatre-style organ! Come to listen, jump on the bench to play! Wander within the organ as members/friends play "anything (goes?)" Bring music and a covered dish to share. Dinner at 4:00 pm, Organ Music at 5:00 At Rieger's La Barn, 3395 Houston Road, Waynesville, OH Please Contact Matt Dierking (767-1753, matt.dierking@aagodayton.org) if you would like to play.</p> <p>Host: Matt Dierking</p>
<p>Saturday October 4th 10:00 am</p> <p>Sunday 5th 4:00 pm 2014</p>	<p>Dr. George Baker Workshop: "Organ Improvisation: Where do I begin and what do I do now?" The title of the workshop says it all! At 19 Baker went to Paris to study organ and improvisation, keeping up the skill as he pursued medicine. A DVD video workshop on improvisation is his latest production released in 2011. Even if you think this skill is beyond you, come, think 'start!' to learn a couple of pointers and push go! Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton OH</p> <p>Westminster Organ Recital—Dr. George Baker, Guest Artist Dallas native George Baker won the AGO national Competition at 19, creating a sensation 2 years later in his featured recital. In Paris to study organ and improvisation, and to record, he then returned to teach organ. The title "Dr" refers to his medical degree and his specialty dermatology, but he has pursued the two careers in tandem, continuing to perform, improvise, compose and teach. Prizes early, French composer recordings, teachers Langlais and Cochereau-stimulated French organ interest, consultant for organ building - he's now at Rice's Shepherd School of Music.</p> <p>Host: Matt Dierking</p>
<p>Sunday November 9th 3:00 pm 2014</p>	<p>Organ Crawl in Three of Dayton's Many Churches Last year we crawled, time to do it again! Crawling around in organ lofts is fun, looking at unfamiliar church interiors is not a pain in the neck. Wandering with members and ending up at a local restaurant is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Join us!</p> <p>Host: Tom Aldridge</p>
<p>Sunday January 12th 6:00 pm 2015</p>	<p>AGO Music Sale and Chorale Reading Zion Lutheran Church, 5550 Munger Road Dayton, Ohio 45459</p> <p>Oh, joy, we get to sing and peruse! Plenty of music for sale because of several members' contributions. We'll sing new choral selections with a fine small Casavant organ, keyboard or excellent piano accompanying. Light refreshments follow.</p> <p>Host: Jim Owen</p>
<p>Saturday February 7th 10:00 am 2015</p>	<p>Pedal, Pipes and Pizza—An Encore South Park United Methodist Church, 140 Stonemill Rd. Dayton, Ohio</p> <p>Members who teach piano encourage their students to come to this popular event. We rotate kids in classes, give them time to play on the organ and show them the inside of the organ—wow! Priscilla organizes, many young piano students attend; this biennial event ignites their interest.</p> <p>Host: Priscilla Acuff</p>

<p>Sunday March 15th 4:00 pm 2015</p>	<p>Ahlborn-Galanti Electronic Organ Demonstration and Test Drive St Albert the Great RC, 3033 Far Hills Ave, Kettering Light Refreshments after the program</p> <p>Host: Jim Butler</p>
<p>Monday April 20th 7:00 pm 2015</p>	<p>"Working with a Volunteer Church Choir" by Basil Fett Sulphur Grove Church UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424 Basil Fett has been adept for years at whipping a volunteer choir into shape to sing Handel's Messiah! Watch and learn as he shares his tips on getting the music and vocalists to pull together. W(h)et your whistle with punch after.</p> <p>Host: Trudy Faber</p>
<p>Sunday May 3rd 4:00 pm 2015</p>	<p>Dayton Organ Academy Student Recital St Paul Episcopal, 33 West Dixon Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45419 Our Organ Academy students perform at this year-end special event. Our officers and board members for 2015-2016 installation happens as well. We celebrate our recitalists and their year's work at a reception.</p> <p>Host: Rachel Spry Lammi</p>
<p>Sunday June 7th 6:00 pm 2015</p>	<p>Carillon Music with Richard Gegner and Richard Watson Panera Box Lunch at 6:00 P.M., Tower Tours 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Carillon Concert at 7:00 P.M. Mary Emery Memorial Carillon, Mariemont</p> <p>A summer evening of carillon music played by Richard Gegner and Richard Watson. It will be held at the Mary Emery Memorial Carillon, Mariemont. There will be a free Panera box lunch available at 6:00 p.m. Tours of the tower will be available between 6:00 and 7:00. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Reservations will be needed by May 30 for the box lunch.</p> <p>Hosts: Donna Wernz</p>

Cincinnati Chapter Programs 2014 -2015

- Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, 7 p.m.**
Christ Church, Glendale
- Presentation & discussion led by W. James Owen, who has served as National Councillor for Professional Development and legal counsel. He is familiar with the recent reorganization of the AGO and can provide perspective on many issues. "DESSERT TIME" with everyone bringing a dessert will follow; used music has been donated & is available to take.
- Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, 5 p.m.**
Christ Church Cathedral
- Organ Recital by Italian organist, Ugo Sforza, who will play program of music influenced by opera and will also feature the premier of two new works he has composed.
- Friday, October 24, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**
Covenant First Presbyterian
- A Hymn Festival which is part of CCM's Fall Organ and Sacred Music workshop led by James E. Bobb, Assistant Professor of Organ & Church Music at St. Olaf College. He has led workshops and hymn festivals throughout the U.S. (Members are also encouraged to register for the entire Fall Organ and Sacred Music Workshop!)
- Monday, November 17, 2014, 7 p.m.**
North Presbyterian, Northside
- Dr. Roberta Gary, retired Professor of Organ at CCM, will perform *The Art of Fugue*, one of the crowning achievements of J. S. Bach. She has performed this work throughout much of her career and recorded it in 2007. Don't miss this event and bring a Bach-loving friend!
- Monday, February 9, 2015, 7 p.m.**
College Hill Presbyterian, College Hill
- Organ recital by Rodney Barbour who was their deeply respected organist in the 1970's. The organ has been newly restored, revoiced and enlarged to 115 draw knobs, 26 rocker tabs, 23 toe studs, 51 combination pistons, 8 memory levels, and MIDI with 256 voices, all on a new 4-manual console.
- Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7 p.m.**
St. Veronica's Church (near Eastgate)
- Workshop on Electronic Organs and the Latest Digital Advances. Donald Auberger invites us for the latest on electronic organs, digital vs. virtual organ, MIDI, how sampling technology works, audio-end technology advances and related subjects. Hands-on experience will be included.
- Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7 p.m.**
The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, KY
- Members' Recital—Chapter members are invited to perform a piece on the great four manual, 65-rank Aultz-Kersting organ. If you would like to play, contact Paul Welch at 513-232-3942.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Hyde Park
United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.**
- Harpsichord Workshop led by Michael Unger, Assistant Professor of Organ and Harpsichord at CCM will present a workshop on the harpsichord. Some of the organ repertoire was written for keyboard and can be authentically played on either organ or harpsichord. Discover the similarities and differences between these two instruments. Learn about different types of instruments, basic tuning, and upkeep. A question-and-answer period will complete the evening.
- Sunday, June 7, 2015, 6 p.m., Mary M.
Emery Memorial Carillon, Mariemont**
- Enjoy a summer evening of carillon music played by Richard Gegner and Richard Watson. Arrive at 6 p.m. for a free Panera box lunch and beverage in the new shelter area. Reservations are needed for the box lunch by May 30. Tours of the tower are available between 6:00 and 7:00. The program will begin at 7 p.m.



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