

The American Guild of Organists

Louisville, Kentucky Chapter

January 2018 Newsletter

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A Message from the Dean

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year!

I'm sure everyone had wonderful music-making experiences over the holidays, and if you're like me, you're ready for hibernation! Some of us have already taken the first step by gorging on favorite foods over the holidays; *however*, before you retreat into your den and prepare for that deep sleep, it's time to relax and reflect with your colleagues - one more excuse to enjoy beverages and goodies (that new diet can wait another week, right?); besides, we don't get to chill out with each other enough, so our first Chapter event of 2018 is a good opportunity for that. Join us for a post-holiday gathering on Friday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kristen Schussler; she is one of the newest members of our community and our Executive Committee, and it's been a true delight to get to know her (and she has already stepped up to the plate by leading our website project!). The address is [1038 E. Saint Catherine Street, Louisville, KY 40204](#). Beverages will be provided; please bring an appetizer to share.

PROGRAMS: Many, many thanks to Bryan Hoover for taking on the Program Director position. He will be leading a team of folks starting this month, to plan our 2018-2019 program year. As always, we would love to hear your ideas.

PUBLICITY: I would like to appoint a Publicity Director very soon as well; this person will coordinate renewed efforts to raise awareness of our mission and our events among the general public. This is not a one-person show -- I anticipate that we will have a small team to spread the

load with you -- so don't be shy, step right up! Anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible.

How can we serve YOU? Is there some way we can support you, our members, better in the coming year? What would you like to see in our newsletter? As always, I want to hear from you, so please contact me any time. Facebook users, be sure to 'like' and 'follow' the Louisville AGO page, and invite your friends so they can learn about our events!

See you on Friday!

Daniel D. Martin, Dean

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January Jubilee (Hosted by the Lexington Chapter)

Dear Kentucky AGO Deans and Chapter Leaders,

Happy Epiphany! I hope you all successfully survived the Christmas Season—and that you (and your choirs) filled you listeners with joy—and continue to do so!

As you are probably well aware, later this month (**Saturday January 27**) the **Lexington, KY AGO Chapter** will be hosting the **January Jubilee**. If possible we hope some/many of you (and your chapter members) will be able to attend this event. Please send out a note inviting your chapter members to this event.

The Jubilee will be hosted at the grand, beautiful, and historic **Christ Church Cathedral** at [166 Market Street](#) in downtown Lexington.

IF POSSIBLE, I would love for your AGO Chapter to make a **donation** to the Lexington AGO for hosting this event. Perhaps larger chapters in KY could donate \$100 (or more), and smaller chapters could donate \$50 (or more). January Jubilees are kind of expensive to host, and depend on many donations in order to “break even.” The contributions can be made by AGO Chapters and/or individuals. Please consider, and act quickly.

You may send your check to:

2018 AGO January Jubilee

c/o Don Seevers, Registrar

[4433 Lancaster Court](#)

[Lexington, KY 40515](#)

(Make your check payable to “Lexington AGO” and write “Jubilee” on the memo line.)

Schedule

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Keynote Speaker—given by Dr. **Michael Bedford**, our AGO National President

9:00 Workshop #1 Transitioning from Piano to Organ—led by Jonathan Rudy

Workshop #2 Handbells 101 and starting your own ensemble—by Patty Saunders
10:00 Workshop #3 Organ Registration: What to do with all these Stops—by Dr. Paul Barte
Workshop #4 Developing and Leading a Children’s Choir Program—by Katie Rudy
11:00 Choral Reading Session: Music in the Public Domain—by Marion Hurst
12:00 A Catered Lunch and Music Store Browsing (& purchases)
1:00 Workshop #5 Creative Service Playing—by Dr. David Lamb
Workshop #6 Handbells 102 Intermediate Techniques & Using Handbells in worship—
Patty Saunders
2:00 Workshop #7 Accessible Organ Music for Lent & Easter—by me (Karl Bruhn)
Workshop #8 Choral Considerations for Organists—Holly Sutherland
3:00 Closing Organ Recital by Jonathan and Katie Rudy
3:45 Closing Remarks, Evaluations, Final Music Purchases

Questions? Visit them online at: www.agolexington.org or
contact their Director Larry Sharp at: agolarry@att.net (He responds very quickly to questions)
or
contact me, your Great Lakes Regional Councillor.

The December issue of **TAO** has a full page announcement (with photos!) on page 51.
Thanks for hopefully making a donation to help the Lexington Chapter. Any size of donation is appreciated.

Last Year (2017) the Fox Valley AGO Chapter hosted such an event, and had about 104 folks attend—including folks from all five of the states in our Region. The year before (2016) the Southern Indiana Chapter also very successfully hosted this event.

Karl Bruhn
Your Great Lakes Regional Councillor

AGO Calendar of Events

Friday, January 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – Pre-Epiphany Party

- Home of Kristen Schussler
- 1038 E. Saint Catherine Street, Louisville
- Unwind from the Holidays with your fellow organists!
- Beverages provided; bring an appetizer to share
- RSVP via [Facebook](#) or directly with Kristen at kschuss@gmail.com

Saturday, January 27 – January Jubilee!

- Church Cathedral, Lexington KY (Please note this is a change in venue)
- 166 Market Street, Lexington
- One day conference – 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- \$25 fee (includes lunch)

Friday, February 16, *Time TBA*

- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- Zach Klobnak (*Centre College*)

Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. – Marilyn Keiser, Recital

- St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- AGO Dinner at 6:15 (Catered – *Reservations Required*)

Area Events of Interest

Thursday, January 25, 2018 (or Friday January 26) – St. Francis in the Field Episcopal Church

- Louisville Orchestra at St. Francis in the Fields
- Haydn, The Creation

Sunday, January 28, 2018 – Calvary Episcopal Church

- 3:00 p.m. Louisville Three Choirs Festival
- Christ Church Cathedral, Cathedral of the Assumption, and Calvary Church

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – Cambellsville University, Randsell Chapel

- 8:00 p.m. Organ Concert Series
- Wesley Roberts, Professor of Music, Cambellsville University

Friday, February 2, 2018 – Cathedral of the Assumption

- 7:30 p.m. Kelty Organ recital
- Stephan Griffin (Trinity Episcopal Church in Newport, RI)

Sunday, February 4, 2018 – St. Francis in the Field Episcopal Church

- 5:00 p.m. Recital and Choral Evensong
- Joshua Bullock, organ (St. Mary's on the Highlands, Birmingham, Alabama)

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – Cambellsville University, Randsell Chapel

- 12:20 p.m. Annual Noon Organ Recital Series
- James Sperry, Professor Emeritus of Organ, Greensburg Kentucky

Job Openings

For job openings, please refer the to the [AGO Louisville Website](#).

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