



# Lorain County Chapter American Guild of Organists

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## John Ferguson Hymn Festival

November 11, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran, Fairview Park

John Ferguson, Professor Emeritus of Music, St. Olaf College will lead a Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 11, 4 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park. The festival is co-sponsored by Cleveland AGO, Lorain County AGO and Messiah Lutheran Church.



**SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**  
with organ, choirs, brass, readers and more

There will also be a “**Lunch with Ferg**” for AGO members only on Saturday, November 10 at 12:30. Whether you or your choir are participating in the hymn festival or not, you are welcome to come. The cost is \$8. The menu is Cyclones pita wraps, salad, hummus & veggies, cookies, coffee, tea. Email lunch reservations to [David Gooding](mailto:David.Gooding@lcago.org). John Ferguson has dozens of great stories about church and school music. It will be an enjoyable time to lunch together and talk with one of our leading church musicians

On Monday, November 12, from 7-9 p.m., Ferguson will lead a **Hymn Playing Class** at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake. Details are on [page 3](#). This is a wonderful opportunity to sing, listen and learn with one of our great hymn improvisation performers and arrangers.



## From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to add a personal note about our next AGO program, the Hymn Festival with John Ferguson on Nov. 11. I studied with "Ferg" for two years while working on my Master of Sacred Music degree. He is a wonderful improviser, a keen scholar, and a kind human being.

John's passion is hymn playing. He does amazing things with the organ to bring hymns to life. In his hymn festivals (like Paul Manz's), a verse of a hymn is often reserved for the organist, and on the 11th you'll hear John paint pictures of "flowing waters," "loud boiling test tubes," and "hordes of devils" among others. John's hymn festivals always have a heavy choir involvement, and you will hear a choir of over 100 (half in back and half in front) sing four anthems (including a spiritual arranged by André Thomas and a piece by the founder of the St. Olaf Choir, F. Melius Christiansen) as well as numerous verse of hymns.

There will also, of course, be the opportunity to sing hymns with hundreds of enthusiastic colleagues, an experience most of us don't have very often. I hope to see you there!

*Brian*

## Chapter News

### Boar's Head Feaste

Our December LCAGO program will be to attend the Boar's Head Feaste put on by Elyria High School at DeLuca's Place in the Park.

The event is December 7. Seating begins at 6:30pm, and the Feaste starts at 7. The cost is \$30.00 per person, which includes full dinner and dessert.

There are 26 singers in Elizabethan costumes plus Queen Elizabeth, pages, a brass ensemble and harpsichord, cello and recorders. The troupe does dances of the period and there is minstreling at the tables. A concert follows dinner.

Please RSVP to Brian by **November 9** to reserve a spot. Spouses and friends are welcome!

## Oberlin Events

**November 1, 8:00, Finney**

**Garrick Ohlsson, piano**

Since his triumph as winner of the 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition, pianist Garrick Ohlsson has established himself worldwide as a musician of magisterial interpretive and technical prowess. He will play music of Brahms, Liszt (Fantasy on Ad Nos), and Granados. Artist Recital Series. \$42.

**November 2, midnight, Finney**

**Friday Night Organ Pump**

Performances by conservatory organ majors. Free admission. Program to be announced from the stage.

**November 9, 8:00, Finney**

**Sylvie Mallet, Organ**

Pianist and organist Sylvie Mallet completed her musical training at the Conservatoire of Angoulême, where she obtained first prizes in piano and organ. Holder of a virtuosity degree in organ from the Schola Cantorum of Paris, she is currently a professor at the National Conservatoire in Paris and chancel organist at Sainte Clotilde. Music of Guilain, Racquet, Franck, Tournemire, Messiaen, and Langlais. Mme. Mallet will be joined by Mme. **Marie-Louise Langlais** in a final work for organ duo by Jean Langlais.

**November 15, 3:15-5:00, First Methodist Church, 45 S. Professor St.**

**Thomas Spacht, guest lecture**

Prof. Spacht lectures on historic Dutch Hymn Singing and the role of the organ in the Dutch Reformed Church

## Oberlin Events (continued)

**November 20, 8:00, Finney**

**Oberlin College Choir and Treble Ensemble**

Jason Harris, conductor. Free program includes music of Tallis, Palestrina, Bairstow, Part, Hogan, and others.

**November 30, 8:00, Fairchild**

**Collegium Musicum**

Steven Plank, director. This free concert will be repeated on December 1.

## Other Area Events

**November 11, 4:00, Messiah Lutheran, Fairview Park**

**Hymn Festival with John Ferguson**

See [page 1](#) for more details on this spectacular event. Sponsored by LCAGO, AGO Cleveland, and Messiah Lutheran Church.

**November 12, 7:00, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake**

**Hymn Playing Class with John Ferguson**

This free class is sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for all area organists. It is being offered in response to requests that the AGO hold occasional programs using electronic instruments. The organ is a 3-manual Rodgers. Contact [Don Jackson](#) for further information or if you would like to play a hymn in the class.

## Job Openings

**First Lutheran Church**, Strongsville, is seeking an accompanist for its adult choir. Piano skills necessary, organ skills preferred. Responsibilities include a Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning worship autumn through spring. Inquiries with resume, cover letter, and references may be sent to [FirstMusicSearch@gmail.com](mailto:FirstMusicSearch@gmail.com) or First Lutheran Church; Attn: Music Search Team; 19419 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44149.

**First Congregational UCC**, North Ridgeville, is looking for an organist/choir director. Anyone who is interested may email Gayle Hannold ([glhannold@juno.com](mailto:glhannold@juno.com)) with their contact information, or contact the church directly: 36363 Center Ridge Road; North Ridgeville, OH 44039; Phone: 440.327.2921; Fax: 440.327.3647.

The **Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**, Lorain, has an opening for a short-term music director, from now through Christmas. They are especially looking for an organist for one Christmas Eve service. There is a possibility of this turning into a longer-term position. They are looking for someone with skills as an organist, pianist, and choir director. A competitive weekly stipend will depend on experience and willingness to direct choir. Contact Mary Carson at [mcarson1018@att.net](mailto:mcarson1018@att.net) and/or 440-610-0802.

## Pipe Organ Available

A Wicks pipe organ is available in Lorain, Ohio. A 12 rank pipe organ dating from 1961 is available to interested churches. Price is negotiable. Please contact Dave Ritenaur at 258-8479.

## AGO National News

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) announces the appointment of the Rev. Don E. Saliers, PhD as AGO Chaplain for a term of two years, 2012–2014. The chaplain is an honorary national officer appointed to serve the diverse pastoral needs of the AGO National Council and the international membership of the Guild. Dr. Saliers will also contribute an editorial column to THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine.

In speaking of his appointment, Dr. Guenther declared, “Don Saliers is a musician, a scholar, and a theologian. Don understands ‘both sides of the aisle’ and will be a bridge in addressing their common interests and concerns. I am confident that his insights will be invaluable to the readers of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST.”

## AGO Mission Statement

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To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

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