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Chapter News

John Sherer, Organ Concert on May 5

LCAGO will co-sponsor John Sherer in concert at First Lutheran Church in Lorain on May 5 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Sherer is Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Presbyterian Church, downtown Chicago, named by *USA Today* as one of top ten places in America to be “enthralled by heavenly music.”

Next LCAGO Event

Our next program will be a tour of Leek Pipe Organ Company in Oberlin. Our tour will be on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am.

Chapter Directories

Chapter directories are in process, and should reach you soon.

Membership Recruitment

A number of our members did not renew this year, for various reasons. Just like any other organization, we need to all be proactive in encouraging organists and lovers of organ music to join our chapter, as well as current members to remain active in our chapter. Our chapter does not have a separate membership committee—every one of us has responsibility for keeping our chapter healthy and thriving.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year to you all! January is a slow time of year (see the short list of events below). I've been spending this week between Christmas and the new year sorting and filing and generally cleaning up the mess that has been piling up in my office since Thanksgiving. I've also been starting to plan ahead (Holy Week and Easter are early this year) and think about what conferences I might be able to attend this summer. How will you spend your January? Best wishes for a wonderful 2013!

Brian

Area Events

January 6, 6-8pm, Redeemer North Hill UMC, Akron

12th Night Party

"Make the Music Fit." Organ presentation (9 rank Schantz) and Diane Bish videos. Akron AGO event.

January 26, 10-noon, Church of the Covenant, Cleveland

Gallery Organ open house

Organ crawl with the new Richards-Fowkes mean-tone tracker organ at Church of the Covenant. AGO Cleveland program.

Job Opening

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 or First Lutheran Church; Attn: Music Search Team; 19419 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44149.

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 Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

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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