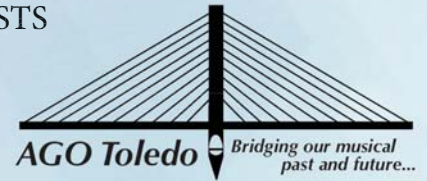


The Prelude



January 2014

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you have brought 2013 to a satisfactory close and are looking forward to new and interesting opportunities in 2014. There are certainly a number of opportunities to be had right here with our Toledo chapter of the AGO—let me explain!

Several of our faithful members have asked to step down from positions of responsibility, and the Executive Committee has begun to search for replacements. The positions we need to fill, and the individuals we need to thank for years of service, are listed here:

Advertising Chair- Anne Doerfler
Auditor- Lyle Hecklinger
Chaplain- Ron Diener
Nominating Chair- Randy Currie
(and, before him, Joan Bradner)

In addition to this list, we are also looking ahead to the spring election of officers, with several spots to fill. My term as Dean will come to an end, as will Marilyn Hazard's two terms as Treasurer. As we do each year, we'll be saying good-bye to some members of the Executive Committee and will be seeking new people to fill those leadership roles.

I've been giving some thought to how I can serve, once I am no longer Dean. The tradition seems to be that former deans serve a 3-year term on the Executive Committee, which I am happy to do. In addition, I have volunteered to take Randy's job as chair of the Nominating process. Forgive me for using my "Dean's Letter" as a bully pulpit, but I need to get this ball rolling!

***If you would like to volunteer
for one of the jobs listed above OR***

***If you would like to have your name on the ballot
for an officer or Executive Committee position OR***

***If you would like to suggest someone
for any of the open tasks/ positions...***

***Please get in touch with me in the next several
weeks. I will appreciate all the help I can get!***

It was good to see so many of you at Nick Quardokus' recital on December 1st. He played a challenging program very, very well! He wrote us a lovely thank-you note, which I'm asking Jack Gerding to reproduce in this issue of the *Prelude*. I want to echo his words with special thanks to Michael Gartz for hosting him at Trinity Episcopal Church and Denise and Mark Mathias for hosting him in their home. He really appreciated the help and encouragement he received from them.

I think we as a chapter (and each of us as individuals) have many opportunities to encourage young people to love church music and to build their organ and keyboard skills. Along with Nick's thank-you note, I'll share emails from Denielle Buenger, former student of Vernon Wolcott, and Terry Brassell, our former Dean. Both of them lift up our work as ambassadors and encouragers... good thoughts to carry forward into the new year!

Blessings as you go forth,

Joan McConnell
Dean of Toledo AGO

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

Looking back over the past several months, here are some

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

From Nicholas Quardokus, recitalist December 1:

Dear Toledo AGO and Dean McConnell,
Thank you so much for your invitation to play a recital in Toledo. It was a true honor for me to perform. In my short visit, I had a fantastic experience. Everyone I came in contact with (especially my hosts) were so hospitable and friendly. Again, so many thanks!

Sincerely yours,
Nicholas Quardokus

From Denielle Buenger, former student of Vernon Wolcott and active in our chapter:

Hi, Joan! I have been meaning to get in touch with you because I have recently (end of August) taken a job up in Ann Arbor at Shar Music. I am loving work... I am very interested in becoming connected with the Ann Arbor chapter, and I am also in search of a church position. I hope all is well in Heidelberg/ Toledo Chapter AGO and I certainly miss everyone! I would love to stay on the email list and maybe I will be free to come down and visit occasionally!

I am truly grateful to everyone in the Toledo chapter for giving me the gift of loving the organ! I wouldn't be looking for a position in Ann Arbor if not for all of the amazing encouragement over the last 10 years of my life!

-Denielle

From Terry Brassell, former Dean of Toledo chapter:

My new career is quite different than what I was doing previously. I work in the metro Toledo area exclusively and the days simply fly by. Unlike the organ business, our customers are buying products repeatedly, and consequently need service/deliveries at all times of the day. The company is somewhat new and growing quickly, and I am committed to helping them expand the business. I do miss the organ industry, my church clients, and organ colleagues, but things change.

All of this leads to my having to leave the AGO and pursue other avenues. I treasure the many great memories that we shared and the wonderful relationships that were formed. My role as organist at Historic St. Patrick's will continue for now, but in a slightly reduced capacity.

You and the rest of the AGO Toledo Chapter are all fantastic ambassadors for the organ. Please continue your efforts and enjoy your time together.

Regards,
Terry Brassell

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NEWSLETTER & E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TOLEDO CHAPTER PROGRAM

2013-2014



JANUARY: HAND BELL READING AND TECHNIQUE SESSION

Sunday, January 12, 3:00-5:00 PM

First Christian Church, 875 Haskins Rd., Bowling Green 43402

Host: Kathy Rupp, Director of Handbell Choirs; Clinicians: Kathy Rupp and Mark Mathias

Come to ring, listen, and learn! We will use several sets of bells, so there is room at the tables for all. Play/ hear music suitable for our choirs and learn new ringing techniques. Supper follows.

FEBRUARY: GUEST ARTIST ANTHONY WILLIAMS

Saturday and Sunday, February 15-16

Saturday, February 15:

10AM-12 noon- Master Class

2-4 PM- Lecture Demonstration on African-American organ music

Lunch together at a nearby restaurant.

Christ Presbyterian, 4225 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo 43623

Host: Mark Mathias, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Sunday, February 16: Guest Artist Recital

Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin 44883

Host: Joan McConnell, Music Coordinator and Organist

Anthony Williams, University Organist and Associate Professor of Music at Fisk University in Nashville, will be in residence with us for three great events, co-sponsored by Heidelberg University and Trinity UCC, Tiffin. All events are free and open to the public. Those interested in playing for the Master Class should contact Joan McConnell.

ALSO in FEBRUARY: PAUL JACOBS AT THE PERISTYLE

Saturday, February 22, 8:00 PM

Peristyle, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo 43604

Grammy award-winning Paul Jacobs, of the Juilliard School of Music, has planned a special evening of recital pieces that are particularly suited to the Skinner organ at the Peristyle.

For group tickets: RSVP to Pam Davis by January 30, 2014. Send checks made payable to the AGO Toledo Chapter to Marilyn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Dr, Sylvania OH 43560. Group tickets are \$30 adults/\$10 students. ***Please see the last page for more information.***

MARCH: SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL "DEAN'S LUNCH"

Friday, March 14, Noon

Granite City Food and Brewery, 2300 Village Dr W #130, Maumee 43537

Host: Joan McConnell, Dean of the Chapter

Join us for a casual lunch on the "almost-Ides" of March.

Cost: the price of your meal. RSVP by March 12 to Joan McConnell, 419-455-4666 or jmconne@heidelberg.edu

ALSO in MARCH: TOLEDO CHAPTER STUDENT/ SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL

Sunday, March 16, 3:00 PM

Monroe St. United Methodist Church, 3613 Monroe St., Toledo 43606

Host: Denise Mathias, Director of Music and Organist; Education Chair: Pam Davis

This is always a big day for our students and a great way for us to support our newest colleagues!



Sacred Music Intensive Summer Course

June 2-6, 2014

Taught by faculty from the Jacobs School of Music Organ and Choral Departments, the course supplies continuing education enrichment to choral conductors, organists and students from other institutions who seek a supportive and stimulating environment in which to sharpen skills and engage new concepts and repertoire.

Attendees will have the option of tailoring their week's course of study from a variety of offerings of interest to organists and choral conductors, including:

- Applied Study in Organ and Choral Conducting
- Classes in Keyboard Skills, Service Playing, Organ Improvisation, the Art of the Choral Warm-up, Voice Building for Choristers, Choral Repertoire for the Church Year

The week will include faculty and participant performances as well as opportunities to socialize and enjoy the splendor of Indiana University and Bloomington in the early summer.

For more information, including a detailed schedule and description of classes, and registration, visit our <http://www.music.indiana.edu/index.shtml>



HANDBELL WORKSHOP

Last **August** we invited **choral directors** to our meeting for a reading session.

This **January** we are inviting **handbell directors and ringers** to our meeting for a handbell techniques and music perusal session.



Sunday, January 12, 2014
3:00-5:00 pm

First Christian Church
875 Haskins Road, Bowling Green, Ohio
[corner of Haskins and Poe Roads]



Come, **organists, handbell directors, handbell ringers and interested listeners** to a **reading session of two pieces**. Ringers and listeners will have copies of the music to follow. This music will be available to purchase. [There are flute and dulcimer parts for one, so a flutist and dulcimer player are welcome to play along on the final run-through.] We will have three sets of handbells so everyone present would be able to participate in the ringing.

Following the ringing there will be a **list of pieces of new music** in the handbell world. Copies of each will be available to **peruse and purchase** on sight or by ordering later.

If attendees would like to **continue the fellowship** we are planning to eat out at the **Old Town Buffet** on the north end of Bowling Green. It's in front of the Woodland Mall on Main St. near the corner of Newton Road [Burger King].

PAUL JACOBS RECITAL

We have a block of tickets reserved for the Paul Jacobs recital at the Toledo Peristyle, February 22 at 8 p.m. If you would like a ticket (or 2 or 3) contact Pam Davis at music@commofchrist.org or 419-472-1003. Prices are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students. Checks should be made payable to AGO Toledo Chapter and sent to Marilyn Hazard, 5827 Woodrow Dr, Sylvania Oh 43560. Please remember that the museum charges \$5 for parking unless you are a museum member.

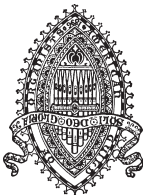
The symphony will have someone for a pre-concert talk, but I couldn't guarantee that it would be Paul. I'll keep you posted on what time to meet and/or get your tickets.

Happy New Year!
-Pam Davis



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