

The Prelude

January 2017

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Happy New Year! I hope the recent holidays provided you with some rest and relaxation and the opportunity to see loved ones or friends. Advent and Christmas are usually busy times for church musicians; I always look forward to the week after Christmas for some "down time" and the opportunity to see family.

Our chapter will start the new year off with a bang with three wonderful organ events on our AGO program. The Rosary Cathedral Concert Series will present organist Dexter Kennedy this Wednesday (January 4) at 7:00 PM. His concert will include works by Duruflé, Reubke, Smyth, Franck and Karg-Elert.

On Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, Paul Jacobs will perform with the Toledo Symphony. On Sunday, January 15, he will perform a solo recital at 2:30 PM in the Peristyle. That program will feature a Bach Trio Sonata, Mendelssohn Sonata, two Brahms Chorale Preludes and Liszt's Fantasy and Fugue on "As Nos, Ad Salutarem Undam".

I hope you have the opportunity to attend one or more of these events. I know I am looking forward to hearing these outstanding artists!

Our Choral Festival in March will be an opportunity for local church choirs and singers to join together and sing some great sacred choral literature. This event is open to both AGO and non-AGO members. More information will be soon forthcoming.

Please note that the date of our annual student recital has been changed to Sunday, March 12.

As we begin a new year, we are often encouraged to make New Year's resolutions. Another possibility is that we seek renewal or to try something new. Make 2017 the time to try something new--a new organ piece, a new choir anthem or some new hymn alternate harmonizations or introductions.

Or, renew yourself by attending a music conference, setting aside a definite time to practice or by focusing on an aspect of your organ playing. This could include anything from practicing scales or using various practicing techniques (e.g. practicing those difficult passages in various rhythms) or exploring new registrations on the instrument you play. (I recently had the opportunity to play on a smaller organ; it forced me to experiment with varying the registration. Although, it was nothing earth-shattering, I figured out that I could vary the sound in one section by playing it an octave higher than written.)

I am reminded of the lyrics to a choir anthem that I was introduced to many years ago. Randy Currie (a member and former dean of our chapter) composed the anthem; Lucia Welch (who I believe was one of his choir members) penned the words. The anthem ("Renew Your People, O Lord") calls us to renewal. The refrain asks God to renew us and our lives with God's word. It finishes with:

Refresh with your Spirit, restore with your Love,

Renew your people, O Lord.

May God refresh, restore and renew you as we begin 2017! God bless!

—Mark Mathias, Dean



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

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

**ORGANIST DEXTER KENNEDY PERFORMS AT ROSARY CATHEDRAL
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 7:00 PM**

The Cathedral Concert Series will present organist Dexter Kennedy on Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 PM. As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interprétation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres, Dexter Kennedy has established an international concert career. He is Instructor of Organ and Harpsichord at the College of Wooster and serves as the Assistant Organist of Christ Church Grosse Pointe (Michigan). His concert will include two monumental works, the *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'ALAIN*, Op. 7 by Maurice Duruflé and the *Sonata on the 94th Psalm* by Julius Reubke as well as works by Litaize, Smyth, Franck, and Karg-Elert.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to support the concert series will be accepted at the door. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral is located at 2535 Collingwood Blvd. Ample parking is available and the cathedral is handicap accessible. For more information contact Rosary Cathedral at 419-244-9575.

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Wed., Jan. 4 7:00pm **Dexter Kennedy, recital** Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

This organ recital is sponsored by the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians as part of their annual conference.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 13/14 8:00pm **Paul Jacobs with TSO** The Peristyle, Toledo

This Toledo Symphony Orchestra performance will feature organ soloist Paul Jacobs. Plans are in the works to attend one of the performances as a group and possibly host Paul at a luncheon. (Note: Paul will also present a recital on Sun., Jan. 15 @ 2:30pm at the Peristyle.)

Sat., Mar. 4 Time TBA **Sacred Choral Music Festival** Monroe Street UM, Toledo

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a mid-afternoon concert. (Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.) A list of anthems and more information will be available this fall.

Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct this festival.

Sun., Mar. 12 3:00pm **Toledo AGO Student Recital** First Presbyterian, Maumee

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students will perform on First Presbyterian's three-manual Bunn-Minnick.

Fri., Apr. 28 Time TBA **Yun Kyong Kim, recital** St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sylvania

An active recitalist, Yun Kyong Kim is known for her vibrant and original programming and as an ambassador of the organ for audiences of all levels of musical sophistication.

May Time TBA **Annual Spring Banquet** Location TBA

The **Student Recital** date has been changed to **March 12**, due to some conflicts that have arisen. Please make a note of this change.

Students, now is the time to start preparing your repertoire! Make a New Year's resolution to practice carefully and faithfully each day!

Many thanks,

Denise Mathias, Education Chair

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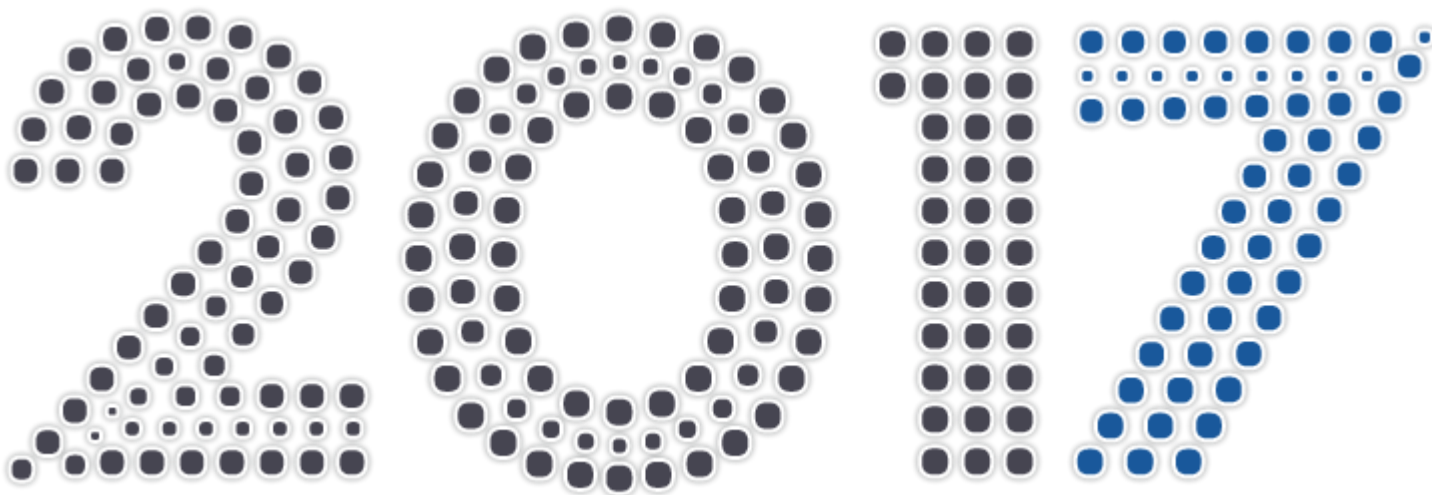
You are cordially invited to my annual “Faculty Artist Recital” on Sunday January 29, 3:00PM at Trinity United Church of Christ, 131 E. Perry St., Tiffin, OH 44883.

I will be playing some of my favorite standards, along with one new offering by Doug McConnell, “Go Tell It on the Mountain” in 10/8 time!

Program:

Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern (chorale fantasia)	Dietrich Buxtehude
Two Schubler chorales	J. S. Bach
Wachet auf	
Ach bleib bei uns	
Preludes on American tunes	Doug McConnell
Simple Gifts, Bradbury, Sojourner and Go Tell It on the Mountain	
Fugue in A-flat minor	Johannes Brahms
Variations on “Wondrous Love”	Samuel Barber
Variations on “O filii”	Alexandre Guilmant

—*Joan McConnell*



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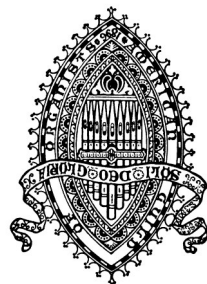
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