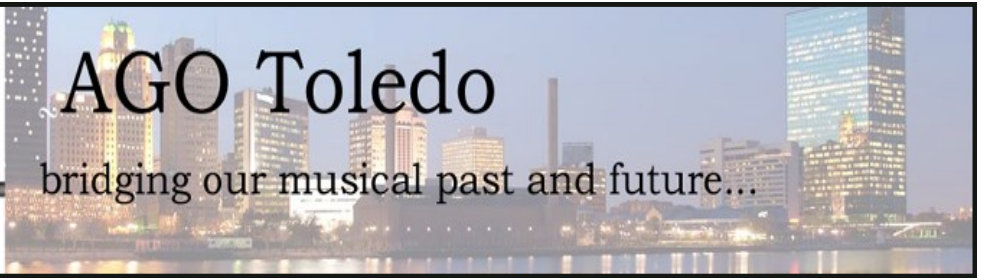


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The Prelude

June 2015

DEAN'S MESSAGE

"June is bustin' out all over.....!" Well, it may not be "bustin'," but at least we're getting into some nicer weather! As I write this, our school children finished classes yesterday and fled out the doors for their summer hiatus. I recently returned from the sunny southern climes of North Carolina after making music for and celebrating my niece's wedding liturgy. It was a great time of family and fun.

We as organists and church musicians know that summer is not really a time to relax too much, as planning must begin for the fall and next season's worship and concert responsibilities. Yes, the publisher's ads are coming in daily for Advent and Christmas! I will be attending the regional convention in Indianapolis in mid-July. I hope I will see some of you there! It looks like it will deliver some wonderful musical experiences, workshops and seminars.

We are excited to welcome a new pipe organ to the Bowling Green community! The Sentinel-Tribune reported last week that Vernon and Nancy Wolcott donated a new von Beckerath organ to St. John's Episcopal Church where Vernon serves as organist. Installation and tonal finishing were pictured as part of the article. I think you can easily find more information on the newspaper's website. Congratulations to the church, and we look forward to seeing and hearing the organ in the future!



The Executive Committee is in the midst of researching and planning next season's programming. We thank those who submitted ideas for programs and we are trying to follow through.....within reason!! (*That organ crawl idea to sunny Florida next January may not be feasible with our budget!*) Our next newsletter will appear in August with a list of 2015-16 programs and our *Fall Kickoff Program!!* Have a great and productive summer!

Neil Kraft, Dean

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Nancy Russell at naron@wcnnet.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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⇒ Nancy Russell has stepped down as Membership Chair, and we welcome Joan McConnell to this position.

⇒ Our newly elected Executive Committee Members are Marilyn Blackney, Melissa Flowers and Craig Whitaker. Welcome!



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AUGUST AT THE PERISTYLE...

As you know, our chapter has been given an opportunity to showcase the Skinner organ in the Peristyle Theater of the Toledo Art Museum. We have been asked to provide performances of organ literature from **2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, August 22**. Our audience will be a “come and go” one, as folks are visiting the museum and may choose to come hear the music we are providing. Visitors to the museum will appreciate our offering, even within this casual setting.

I have had a great response to this; thanks to everyone who contacted me! Here are the organists who have offered to perform:

Mark and Denise Mathias: duets TBA
Pam Davis: Bales, Vierne, and Utterback
Brian Bogdanowitz: theater organ selections
George Blackney: Couperin, Saint-Saens, Thayer, etc.
Joan McConnell: Doug McConnell
John Roberts: Bach, Karg-Elert, Jongen
Kevin McGill:
Paul Monachino:



If I have missed anyone, it is NOT intentional; let me hear from you again, ASAP.

Remember the guidelines:

- Performances will be in 15-25 minute increments
- We want to bring our best recital literature, at whatever level we are performing
- We want to prepare well and play well!
- Practice time on the instrument will be scheduled
- Performers should practice setting pistons quickly, so that our performance time is not spent on this necessary (but not very interesting) activity

If you are listed above and have not yet sent detailed program information (titles, composers, and approximate timings), please do so at your earliest convenience. I would like to have everything by July 1.

Send to Joan McConnell, 210 Coe St., Tiffin, OH 44883
Or email jmcconne@heidelberg.edu

Information about scheduling rehearsal times will be available closer to the event.

Joan McConnell, for the Executive Committee

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

Please note that we will not be publishing a July Newsletter.

Also, I need to receive all articles for the Prelude by the 25th of each month in order for them to be published in the following newsletter. Therefore, articles for the August Prelude must be submitted by July 25. Thank you!

Melissa Flowers, Newsletter Editor

Job Postings...

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST: Position open at **Olivet Lutheran Church**, Sylvania, OH. Responsible for Sunday 9:00am traditional service and church holiday services on an Allen three-manual console, and Wednesday 6:45pm Chapel service on a Clavinova. Adult and children's choirs also rehearse on Wednesday evenings, with service anthems accompanied on grand pianos, occasionally combined with bell choirs. Weddings and funerals (not obligated) compensated in addition to base salary.

If your organ/piano skills can enhance a strongly-devoted music/worship team, please email resume/references to: operations@olivetsylvania.org

(subj: **Organist Search Committee**), or call **419-882-2077**.

SYLVANIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST is searching for a **CHOIR DIRECTOR** for a choir of 25 dedicated singers.

It is a part time position; choir season is September – May/early June.

The Chancel Choir sings one service twice monthly, Christmas/Holy week/Easter services, Wednesday evening rehearsals. (Bell Choir and Praise Band play one Sunday each month).

Sally Mossing coordinates the music program as Director of Music/Organist, and Nathan Haase directs the Bell Choir and Praise Band.

We are looking for a person to join our music ministry who wishes to inspire through a variety of music styles.

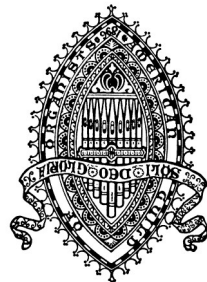
Please send a resume to the church address: 7240 ERIE STREET, SYLVANIA, OH 43560

Church phone: 419-882-0048

Pay your dues!

You should be receiving emails and letters in the mail about renewing your dues. Summer is the perfect time to take care of business!

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