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Dean's Note by Terry Donat

Happy New Year!!!

It is my sincere hope that everyone enjoyed their holiday season with family, friends and some of the great musical traditions that can be found here in Dayton. While 2019 has been a difficult year for Dayton, there has also been a great outpouring of love and positive growth to "Keep Dayton Strong". Some of that strength is demonstrated by the many diverse musical organizations that can be found in our beautiful city.

This last fall, some of the board members and I had a wonderful luncheon with Elizabeth George, Director of Member Engagement & Chapter Development, with AGO national. She shared some of the things that other chapters in our region were doing and we were able to highlight some of our chapter achievements with her. We should be especially proud of our outreach to young organists with our Organ Academy and "Pedals, Pipes and Pizza" programs.

In November, I was also privileged to meet with some of the other Ohio Deans in Columbus with Karl Bruhn, our Regional Councilor. Karl is completing his term and I want to thank him for his service. We were able to share our chapter programming with each other along with getting to know each other better.

I am looking forward to our upcoming 2020 chapter events, especially John Neely's presentation on service playing January 26, 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian. I always love it when we are able to hear from our local members and have them share their ideas and experience with the rest of us.



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**EXTRA! EXTRA!
COMING NEXT ISSUE!**

If you have an announcement for an upcoming program or event, send it to Matt Dierking at matt.dierking@agodayton.org and we will add it to the next Trumpetings, the Dayton Chapter website and Facebook page.

Also, you are more than welcome to write articles to appear in Trumpetings. Send your articles and pictures to Matt and he'll make sure they get in. The articles can be on a wide variety of topics that would be of interest to the chapter.

Please mark your calendars to join us.

Wishing you all a joyous, prosperous and peaceful New Year,
Terry Donat
Dean, Dayton Chapter AGO

Our Next Program is
“Spicing up Service Playing by John Neely”
Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Our next program is the workshop **“Spicing up Service Playing” by John Neely** on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH. Based on his broad experiences, John will cover topics like performing piano accompaniments on the organ, spicing up hymn playing and directing from the console. We will go to dinner at a local restaurant after the program



John’s Bio: The American choral conductor and organist, John Neely, grew up in Western Pennsylvania and has been active in the Presbyterian Church all his life. He holds degrees from Duquesne University, Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

John Neely has taught in the music departments of at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, and at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio. In 1982 he moved to Dayton, Ohio and became Associate Minister for Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Dayton. A superb organist and choral director, under his leadership Westminster Church has an active music program for all ages with five singing choirs and three handbell choirs. Westminster offers musical programs that nourish the entire region.

John Neely is one of the most renowned musicians in the Greater Dayton region. He has been Music Director of the Bach Society of Dayton since its inception in 2002. His engaging personality, abundant musical skills, and ability to nurture musicians of varied ages make him the ideal musical leader of the Bach Society of Dayton.

John has been Dean of the Canton and Dayton Chapters of the American Guild of Organists and was National President of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. He is active in the Dayton and surrounding areas as an organ recitalist, choral clinician, and is Music Director of the Bach Society of Dayton. He got married in 1986 with Ruth. They are parents of two grown sons and four grandchildren, Micah, Zeke, Kennedy, and Miles.

2019-2020 Programs Dayton Chapter of the AGO

Sunday, February 9th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul Bysanthe Jr Recital

**Location: Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church
3939 Stonebridge Rd, Dayton, OH**

The KETSDA sponsored recital by Paul Byssainthe, Jr. of SLIGO Seventh Day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, MD will serve as our February program. Paul is an accomplished organist, conductor, and composer and this should be a wonderful concert. We will go to dinner at a local restaurant after the program. Host Rachel Lammi

March 2020 - March 8th, 2:00 p.m.

Organ Crawl South

Locations: Watch the website/Trumpetings for Schedules, Maps and Transportation Details

Join us for an Organ Crawl focused on American organs circa 1900. The crawl includes a 1908 Barkhoff sanctuary organ and a Brombaugh organ in the assembly room of St. John's UCC in Germantown; (2) an old Kilgen in St. John's Middletown plus a 1901 Austin in a nearby sister parish; and (3) a 1890 Frank Roosevelt Organ at Covenant Presbyterian in Springboro. Bring some music and your organ shoes so you can give these wonderful organs a try. **We'll finish up with dinner at Doubleday's Tavern just two minutes from the last organ!**

Friday, April 17th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Clark Wilson Silent Film Accompaniment at Victoria Theater.

**Location: Victoria Theater
138 N Main St, Dayton, OH**

The Chapter is Sponsoring Clark Wilson, an Ohio native and resident organist at the famed Ohio Theatre in Columbus, to play at the Victoria. This should be a fantastic event. Clark has played extensive silent movie accompaniment, including the Chautauqua Institution in New York, the Packard Foundation's Stanford Theatre, UCLA, and the Fox Theatre for the Atlanta premier of the restored "Metropolis." and plays a silent picture annually on the organ series at L.A.'s new Walt Disney Concert Hall. This event will be open to the public (tickets available), and the chapter will get a tour of the organ prior to the program. **We'll meet for dinner prior to the program.**

Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 at 4pm

Academy Recital & Installation of Chapter Officers

**Location: Kettering Seventh Day Adventist Church
3939 Stonebridge Rd, Dayton, OH**

Help us celebrate the accomplishments of the young organists of the Organ Academy as well as recognize the efforts and dedication of the Academy instructors. The Installations of Chapter Officers will also be held. A reception will follow the program. **Host: Rachel Lammi**

Upcoming Area Events

Sunday, March 22, 2020

4:00 PM

Devine - Bach Society of Dayton

Kettering Adventist Church

3939 Stonebridge Road, Kettering, OH

Lauridsen's *Lux aeterna* and Mozart's *Requiem*, two masterpieces of choral literature, approach the same sacred text from unique perspectives, both shining brightly with eternal light.

Lux Aeterna — Morten Lauridsen

Requiem — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Bach Society Chorus and orchestra — John Neely, music director | R. Alan Kimbrough, accompanist

2nd and 4th Thursdays Afternoon Music on the Dayton Art Institute's 1929 Skinner Organ, 1:00-2:00 pm

The 1929 Skinner organ is restored and ready to go. Matt Dierking is coordinating volunteer organists to play informal programs on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. These are very informal where museum patrons come in and out and are encouraged to talk to the organists. Matt has been playing regularly. Thanks to Terry Fryman, Carolyn Ripp, Mary Ellen Clinard, Terry Donat, Grant Wareham, Rachel Lammi, Alan Kimbrough, Jimmy Leach and Donna Larsen have all played. If you would like to play, contact Matt Dierking:

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Visit the Dayton AGO Music Library at Westminster

The Dayton Chapter has a growing music “library” that is currently housed at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The library is primarily composed of organ literature, but has piano works, choral music and method books as well. The music is arranged by composer for much of the work but also has groups organized by holiday, collections, anthology, wedding music, sheet music and lots of monthly's like the Organ Portfolio. The library is open to everyone. Just stop in and peruse the music. Take what you would like to use and leave a donation. We highly encourage teachers (and students) to use the library. There is a lot of the standard literature for study spanning all levels of difficulty.

To access the library, visit Westminster on a weekday. Enter through the Office door on the east side of the church and let the administrator know you would like to go up and review music in the AGO library. It is on the 3rd Floor in room 301.





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