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Two October Events

The Beauty of the Beast

Bay Presbyterian Church

October 14, 2:30-4:00

In cooperation with Leek Pipe Organ Company and Bay Presbyterian, LCAGO is holding this introduction to the organ for special needs children. It will be an interactive program that allows children to experience the sounds and inner workings of the pipe organ in a welcoming environment. AGO members are welcome to attend, although this event is intended primarily for the children and their families. This type of service event is something the LCAGO has not done recently, and the executive committee is excited for the opportunity!

Matteo Imbruno, Organ Recital

Warner Concert Hall, Oberlin

October 25, 8:00

Mr. Imbruno is the resident organist of the Oude Kerk, Amsterdam (Sweelinck's church) and director of the Pistoia Organ Academy. Active as a concert performer, he has played in the most prestigious festivals and music centres of Europe, Japan, South America and the United States. He will be playing a free recital on the Flentrop in Warner Concert Hall.

LCAGO members will meet before the concert to eat dinner together (restaurant TBD). If you are interested in the meal, please RSVP to Brian by October 18.



From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I have just returned from a conference at Notre Dame University entitled “Reformations and the Organ.” While obviously acknowledging the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Reformation (at a Catholic university!) the focus was on the two splendid instruments on campus built by Paul Fritts, including his largest organ to date, the [four-manual instrument in the basilica](#).

It was an enriching three days, filled with concerts, lectures, and mingling. I confess I was a bit nervous—many of the people there were folks whose recordings I own or whose books and articles I have read. But I was amazed again at how approachable and friendly organists are!

I hope you all had refreshing and relaxing summers, and I look forward to seeing many of you in October.

Best wishes,
Brian

Chapter News

Programs

Besides the two programs listed on the [front page](#), LCAGO will be sponsoring two programs next year. On April 22 Dean Brian Wentzel will play a piano recital on the grand piano in the brand new [First Lutheran Church](#) in Lorain. Then in May we will take an organ crawl through Elyria. Stay tuned, as this date is yet to be determined.

News of Members

LCAGO member Gerwin Hoekstra has finished his studies at Oberlin and has transferred his membership to the European Chapter of the AGO. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

Scholarship Awarded

In 2008, the LCAGO started a scholarship fund in memory of Zachary Gott, a 12-year-old who was killed suddenly by a falling limb from a large tree during a wind storm. Zachary was a former piano student of Janet Campbell-Kuhl. The chapter started the fund by having a concert at St. Peter's Catholic Church where he attended school.

We have been holding these funds for almost a decade, looking for the right recipient. This July the executive committee voted unanimously to award full amount of the scholarship to Joshua Arkangel. In his letter to the committee, Joshua wrote:

My educational goals for the future consist of pursuing my undergraduate degree in Music Composition, with a primary focus in Piano Performance at the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio. During my studies, I will begin taking organ lessons as a secondary focus, along with composition and piano. I am hoping to continue with organ for all 4 years of my undergraduate studies. After I obtain my BM in Music Composition from BW, I would like to move onto get my Master's Degree. If possible, I would like to get my MM in Film Scoring. If the school I am accepted to does not offer this major, I would overall like to continue with composition for my graduate degree.

I would like to continue my studies with piano and organ even into graduate school if possible. This grant would be beneficial to my first year of studies, for it would help with purchasing necessary supplies that I need to be a part of the conservatory. It would help with getting materials such as sheet music, concert dress, writing materials, and perhaps even music-based software.

Joshua has studied piano for 13 years, and has also had lessons in percussion, voice, and French horn. He has played with the BW Senior Youth Orchestra, the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, True North Cultural Arts Orchestra, the Parma Symphony Orchestra, as well as numerous high school and honors bands. In addition, Joshua was the first place winner of the 2015 Bowling Green State University's Young Composer's Competition.

The LCAGO is proud to be furthering the education of such a remarkable student.



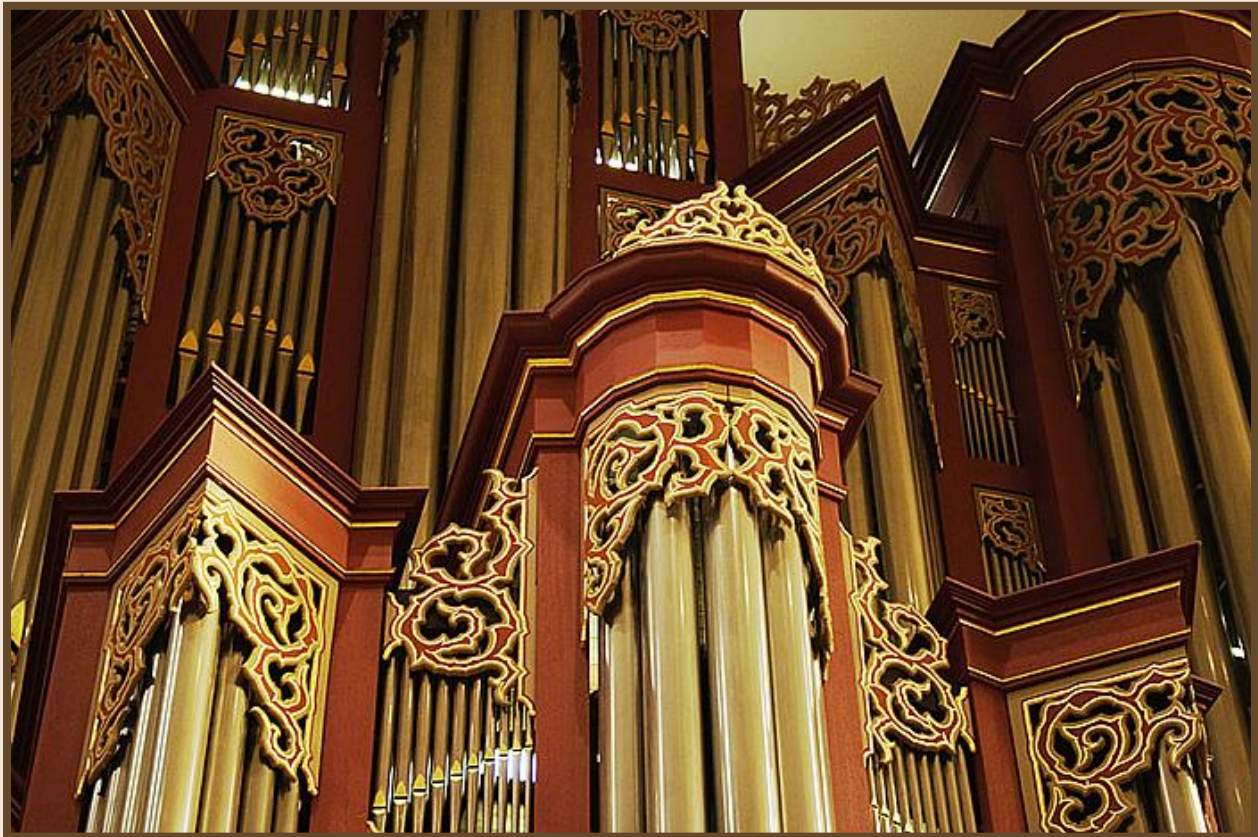
Job Openings

Amherst UMC

Organist position with no choir duties. \$100 per Sunday. Contact Mrs. Ferguson (984-7163) or the church (988-8330).

Church of the Saviour UMC, Cleveland Heights

Director of Music Ministries, part-time. Detailed job description at Human Resources page at www.chsaviour.org. Submit letter of interest with resume/CV to jobs@chsaviour.org or Church of the Saviour, Attn. Director of Music Search Committee, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44118.



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is to foster a thriving community of musicians
who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.**

**The vision of the American Guild of Organists
is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.**

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