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Dr. Kibbie: “Any questions?”

Workshop attendee: “Yes! What was Bach’s favorite Christmas carol? Was it maybe *O Little Town of Bethlehem?* *Bach Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light?* *The Bach-sing Day Carol?* *In the Bach Midwinter?*”

While tallying the results of our AGO favorite Christmas carol poll we wondered whether J.S. also had a fave. Judging from the number of times he used it, *In Dulci Jubilo* might have been a front runner (BWV 729, BWV 729a, BWV 608, BWV 368, and possibly BWV 751).

If anyone would know the answer to this goofy question it would be James Kibbie, who will be in Lexington January 11 and 12 to teach and amaze us with *important* stuff about Bach. Read more about Kibbie [here](#), and more about the upcoming workshop and recital under **UPCOMING AGO EVENTS** below.

As for our own AGOLex favorites, here are the results:

- # 1: A tie: *The Wexford Carol* and *Once in Royal David’s City*
- # 2: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (the Gustav Holst one)
- # 3: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (the Harold Darke one), *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, and *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* all tied for third place.

There were fifteen other beautiful carols that were voted for that didn’t make it to the top. (Sorry.) *Feliz Navidad* did not receive any votes.

- Michael & Nancy

UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT AGO EVENTS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 12:00p: Lunch and Workshop with James Kibbie at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street, Lexington, KY 40507



Dear AGO Colleagues,
I'm looking forward to being with you on January 11. We'll have a "shopping tour" of Bach organ works you might add to your repertoire, and we'll talk about the questions we all have about how to play Bach. In addition, Lisa Hall [Assistant Cathedral Organist] will play two chorale preludes from the Orgelbüchlein for us. I hope to see you there.

- James Kibbie

Reservations are required for the lunch

The workshop will be at 1pm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 4:00p: James Kibbie Recital and Rededication of the Dirksen Portativ Organ at Christ Church Cathedral

Dr. Kibbie's recital will include works by Bach, Handel, Haydn, Distler, and much more! At the center of Kibbie's recital will be the Dirksen portativ organ. The instrument has been delivered to Christ Church Cathedral following a complete and superb restoration by Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, Champaign, Illinois.

<https://rwdirksen.com/life-times/the-dirksen-portative-organ/>



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 3:00p: Owen Tellinghuisen Recital at First Presbyterian Church, 174 N. Mill St., Lexington, KY 40507



Owen won the young organist competition at last year's regional convention and represented the Great Lakes region as its Rising Star at the National AGO Convention in San Francisco this past summer. He is a long-time member of the Grand Rapids chapter AGO.

To whet your appetite for February's event, [click here](#).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 11:30a: Post-Easter Celebratory Lunch (TBA)

Let's get together after Easter and heave a collective sigh of relief (and perhaps swap some scary Easter stories!)

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 7:00p: Andrew Johnson Recital at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 533 East Main St., Lexington, KY 40508

Andrew was a finalist in this past summer's National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). He has already earned his AAGO and ChM certifications, winning the award for the highest marks on the ChM exam.



MORE LOCAL EVENTS

Hungarian Dance featuring music by Dohnányi and Brahms with Amadeus Lex:

Thursday, January 9, 7:00pm - Union Church, Berea

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm - St Mark Catholic Church, Richmond

Saturday, January 11, 7:00pm - St. Raphael Episcopal Church, Lexington, KY

<https://www.amadeuslex.com/home>

Sunday, February 16 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Altissimo String Quartet, Lexington

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30pm - Cincinnati Museum Center, featuring the 1929 E.M. Skinner

Organ in the rotunda:

Jean-Baptiste Robin, with Xavier University Concert Choir

cincymuseum.org

Sunday, March 9, 5:00pm - Lexington Chamber Chorale

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

“The Power of Singing: Poetry and Music”

<http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

Sunday, March 16 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Hayden Ives-Glasgow, organ, Indiana University

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, April 13 - Christ Church Cathedral

4:00pm - Gabriel Faure’s Requiem with the Cathedral Choir, organ and orchestra

Wednesday, April 30, 7:30pm - Cincinnati Museum Center, featuring the 1929 E.M.

Skinner Organ in the rotunda: Bryan Anderson, with Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

Principal Flute, Randolph Bowman

Cincymuseum.org

Friday, May 16 - Christ Church Cathedral

7:30pm - Madrigal Singers Choral Concert, SCAPA, Ryan March, conductor

Sunday, May 18 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Neal Campbell, organ, Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Florida

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, June 8 - Lexington Chamber Chorale

5:00pm, Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate, Lexington

“The Power of Singing: Celebrating Lexington”

<http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

NEWS & MISCELLANY

WELCOME NEW MEMBER MARGARET GUENTHER!



Margaret writes, “I was born and raised in Northern Kentucky. I studied piano and organ at Georgetown College where I received a Bachelor of Music Education degree. I taught music in Valdosta, Georgia for a while and studied organ privately with Ruth Sisson at Valdosta State University. I returned to Kentucky where I studied organ and received a Master of Church Music from Southern Seminary in Louisville. I was organist at Melbourne Heights Baptist Church while in Louisville. I moved to Richmond, Virginia to pursue a career as a Licensed Counselor and Life Coach. I was organist at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Richmond. I also sang in several choirs over the years there and served as a substitute organist. I retired in 2019 from my counseling

practice and moved back to Georgetown, Kentucky in 2022. I am currently job-sharing an organist position with two other organists at Faith Baptist in Georgetown. I’m enjoying being back in the bluegrass state and I’m looking forward to being part of this AGO chapter.”

PIPEDREAMS JANUARY 12 BROADCAST will feature the Loretto Organ and AGOLex member Wesley Roberts . . .

The organ at the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, KY will be featured on Pipedreams’s January 12 broadcast (Program 2501). AGOLex member Wesley Roberts will be playing two pieces from Tom Johnson's *Organ and Silence*. Perhaps you saw Wesley’s article in the November issue of *The American Organist*: “Mathematical Formulas, Sequences, Melodic Cycles, and Self-Replicating Loops” about Johnson’s organ compositions.

The program will be posted on Pipedreams’s website (pipedreams.org) beginning on January 6. It will be broadcast on Western Kentucky University’s Public Radio (wkyufm.org) on January 12th during the second hour (10 p.m. Eastern time). This will be quite a unique broadcast with a considerable amount of silence. Should be interesting!



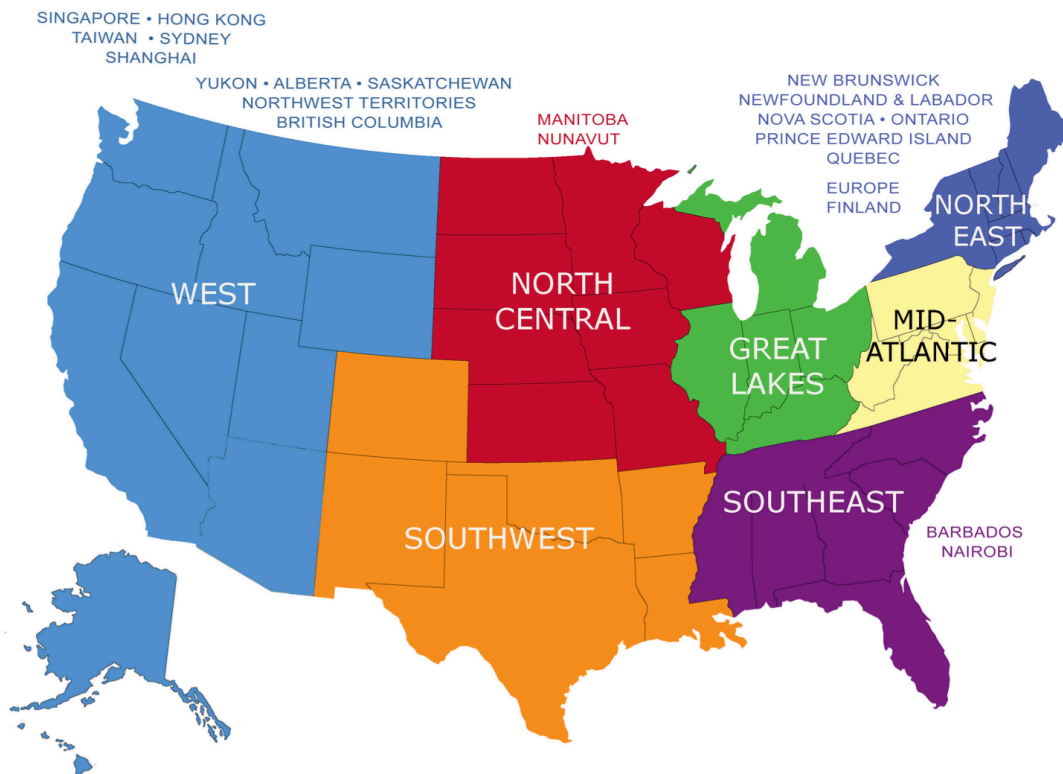
WOMAN COMPOSER SUNDAY WILL BE MARCH 9, 2025

Inaugurated in 2021 by the Society of Women Organists, Woman Composer Sunday is now a collaboration with the Royal College of Organists and the AGO. Organists around the globe will include works by women composers in their services and recital programs on March 9, 2025, the Sunday closest to International Women's Day.

GREAT LAKES / ROCKFORD JANUARY JUBILEE

The Jubilee is a regional event to be hosted by the Rockford Chapter on **Saturday, January 18**, at the historic Court Street UMC in downtown Rockford, IL. In a show of support, our AGO Lexington Executive Committee voted in October to donate \$100 to assist with the Rockford Jubilee expenses. If you are interested in attending, the registration form can be found here: [january jubilee](#). And in case you were wondering, here is how the 250+ AGO chapters are grouped:

AGO REGIONS



TREAT YOURSELF and attend one (or both) 2025 Regional AGO Conventions this coming summer. . .

The West Region's convention is in Phoenix, AZ, June 16-19, and the Southwest Region's is in Fort Worth, TX, June 30-July 3. For more information:

[Regional Conventions](#)

INTERESTED IN AGO MEMBERSHIP? OR (OOPS) FORGOT TO PAY YOUR DUES? Click here: [Join AGO](#) or contact AGO Headquarters at 212-870-2310. The AGO has a new website ([agohq.org/](http://agohq.org)) which is very attractive and more user-friendly than the previous one. When you attempt to sign in to the new site for the first time you will receive instructions on how to create a new login and password.

ADD THOSE COVETED AGO LETTERS AFTER YOUR NAME!

For more information on AGO exams and certification, [click here](#)



ORGANISTS WANTED!

An opportunity to stretch your playing skills!

The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (BG ATOS) is looking for more organists willing to play the organ at the Kentucky Theatre on Friday nights and, next summer, for their Wednesday Classic Movie series. If you are interested please contact Bill Webber at 859.298.8962 or williamwebberiv@gmail.com

For more about the Kentucky: kentuckytheatre.org

[agohq.org/](http://agohq.org) The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ, and its vision is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

JOB OPENINGS

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington:

Organist

One Sunday service with choral rehearsal preceding
Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and other occasional services
Wednesday evening choral rehearsal
Broad range of musical styles within traditional worship
Salary competitive. Four weeks paid vacation.
Send resume to Wayne Gebb, Minister of Music, wwgebb@gmail.com

[posted 8/1/24]

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster:

Our church is searching for a part time **organist/pianist** starting immediately. This position is for Sunday worship and special events. Pay is negotiable. Musicians will have the option of playing a 2 manual pipe organ or a baby grand piano.

Interested parties may contact Donna Powell dmpowell44@roadrunner.com or Kitty Barsotti barsotti@windstream.net

[posted 9/1/24]

Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville:

Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music (Full Time)

[Full description](#)

[posted 10/1/24]

First Baptist Church, Winchester:

Choir Accompanist

The successful candidate must:

- *Rehearse with choir and Director of Music every Wednesday at 5:30 for 60-90 minutes
 - *Be present for short choir rehearsal Sundays at 10:45 to prepare for services that last from 11:00 -12:00. Play piano for three hymns plus choir anthem(s) each week. Play occasional offertory solo or duet with organist.
 - *Meet with Director of Music on regular basis
- (continued)*

- *Devote several hours per week to prepare accompaniments for rehearsals
- *Have experience as accompanist for soloists, choirs, and small instrumental ensembles

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This position requires advanced piano and sight reading skills and preparation of 5-6 anthems for weekly rehearsals. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills and be willing to work collaboratively.

Pay is based on experience and qualifications.

First Baptist, Winchester, is an unaffiliated Baptist church whose members strive for excellence in traditional worship and:

- We believe Jesus is Lord.
- We are diverse, but unified in love.
- We value women in leadership.
- We appreciate our history.
- We look to reach the community.

Email inquiries or résumés to:

fbcinchesterky@hotmail.com, attention Anne Willis, Director of Music

First Baptist Church, 32 E Lexington Ave
Winchester, KY 40391

[posted 1/1/25]

First Presbyterian Church, Winchester: Choral Director/Organist/Pianist

We will consider hiring one person or dividing the position, depending on the applicant pool. We have a nice 1975 2-manual Schlicker organ; 9 ranks.

Please direct inquiries to:

Rev. Wanda Olive

859/744-3722

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[posted 1/1/25]



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Concert & Evensong



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

3:30pm CONCERT

Altissimo String Quartet

Lexington, Kentucky

4:00pm EVENSONG

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Enchanting: there's a dog in it

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Moving: child dies

Heart-rending: dog dies

Thoughtful: mind-numbingly tedious

Haunting: set in the past

Exotic: set abroad

Audacious: set in the future

Award-winning: set in India

Perceptive: set in north London

Epic: editor cowed by author's reputation

From the pen of a master: same old same old

In the tradition of: shamelessly derivative

Spare and taut: under-researched

Richly detailed: over-researched

Disturbing: author bonkers

Stellar: author young and photogenic

Classic: author hanging in there

Vintage: author past it

