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NOVEMBER DAYTON ART INSTITUTE EVENT

The Dayton Chapter of the AGO (DAGO) has had a musical presence at the Dayton Arts Institute for several years now. Chapter member Matt Dierking has been playing short organ "concerts" on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 2-3pm on behalf of our group.

November 17th is your opportunity to play a piece (or two) during this informal organ concert time. The theme is "Thanksgiving" or "Harvest" and either sacred or secular music is fine.

Basically, the auditorium is open to any museum goers as they wander throughout the museum. Most don't even know the museum has an organ and curiously follow the sound of the music to the auditorium where they are surprised to find someone playing live music on the organ!

After a couple of pieces, Matt will usually talk about the organ and ask for any questions, then play several more pieces. Sometimes there are 5-6 people, sometimes more, sometimes less. They wander in and out so it's not a "formal" concert like you might expect. If you play, Matt can do the talking!

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AGO NATIONAL CHANGES THE WAY MEMBERS JOIN

Recently National AGO Headquarters rolled out a new way to join the AGO. This has been in the works for about a year and we hope that it will streamline the way we access the website as well as how local Chapters receive "Chapter Friend" level of membership.

As Chapter Dean, I am still trying to figure it all out, but here's what I understand so far:

The only way to join as a full member is online and any type of payment at the National Level is online. You no longer can join National by filling out a paper form and sending them a check. It's online only.

If you are renewing your membership online, your old password does not work. You have to go through "forgot password" and resubmit your information. This is a one time thing and you can save your new password, etc. as usual. All of your autofills may not survive, so you may have refill these this first time through.

If you want to join or renew as a "Chapter Friend", which is a non-voting member that does not receive the national magazine and other benefits BUT you can be an active part of a local Chapter (100% of your dues goes to your local Chapter), you can send your dues \$50 annually) directly to the Treasurer of the Chapter. Our Treasurer is Yun Kim and she can be contacted at yunkimhughes@hotmail.com.

Again, this is all a learning curve for the National organization and the Officers and Membership Contact person at the local Chapter level. Let us know any questions and we will try and figure it out together. More information will be coming as we learn more about how to navigate this new system.

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NOVEMBER EVENT (CON'T)

Any service music you play in church is perfectly fine, or any secular piece as well. You can play as many as you like. Contact Matt at matt.dierking@gmail.com if you want to play on Nov. 17th. He usually gets to the organ about 1pm and he can help you with registration or any questions. Again, its INFORMAL and a great way to experience a different instrument. PLUS, if you play you get into the museum FREE that afternoon! What a perk! After the concert we will all go out for dinner! Let's make this a great turnout to represent our Chapter at the DAI. See you there!

2024-2025 DAGO EVENTS

February 15, 2025

Time TBD

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
4865 Wilmington Pike
Kettering

May 2025

Date, time and location TBD

Annual Potluck and Year-end Review

June 1, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Organ Academy Concert

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3939 Stonebridge Rd
Dayton, OH 45419

2024-2025 OTHER EVENTS

January 19, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Lima Symphony Orchestra - Organ by Candlelight

St. Augustine Catholic Church
48 N. Hanover St, Minster OH
Tickets Required

For more info visit

www.limasymphony.com/organbycandlelight

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Publication occurs the 1st of each month. Information on upcoming concerts, programs, and articles on organ and choral related topics are welcome.

Please submit these to our temporary editor, Karen Bocko, by the 22nd of the month prior to desired publication.

Please send raw, unformatted text, and jpeg pictures.

Please be sure submit changes to your contact information to guarantee you receive chapter communications.

JOB OPENINGS

Complete details of current openings can be found at the chapter website.

WORSHIP & CONCERT - SUCCESS!

Both the Saturday, Oct. 13, morning workshop and the Sunday, Oct. 14, afternoon concert led by Joshua Stafford were a great success!

On Saturday after refreshments and fellowship, Joshua led a casual yet informative workshop on creative hymn playing followed by a Q&A session.

Afterwards, interested attendees made their way to the DAGO music library to peruse the wealth of literature available for small donations.

Sunday's concert was simply astonishing! Borrowing a quote from Joshua's peers at the Association of Anglican Musicians' national conference, his performance was "technically flawless yet exceptionally nuanced and spontaneous."

Dayton AGO is grateful to Westminster Presbyterian Church and Dr. John Neely for allowing us to benefit from their Memorial Concert Series musician selection!



*Left:
Joshua Stafford sharing hymn
playing tips.*

*Below:
Attendees all smiles after
good food, fellowship and
informative workshop.*



DAI CONCERTS

1st & 3rd Sundays at 2pm

Want to play a DAI concert?

All Dayton AGO Chapter members are encouraged to take turns presenting these concerts. Contact Matt Dierking if you wish to perform one of these 1 hour programs.

Begun in 2010 by Matt Dierking, these concerts serve to generate interest and educate museum patrons on the pipe organ by playing a wide variety of music and showing off the many varied dimensions of the DAI Skinner Organ.

