

OCTOBER 2014

ORGAN CRAWL TIME IS HERE*Saturday 25 October to Hastings/Ionia*

7:45 a.m. Depart from Kalamazoo/Battle Creek
 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in Hastings
 9:15 a.m. Organ visits begin (schedule continues below)

You read about this in our September newsletter and you have received a couple email message updates more recently. Therefore, at this time here are reminders which are important.

1. If you hope to participate in the crawl and have not yet let Al Bolitho know, **please contact him right after you read this paragraph.** Our Hastings hosts need an idea of how many of us will be there for breakfast: 269 969-9772 or albolitho@comcast.net. There is no charge for the bountiful breakfast we will enjoy, but donations are welcome.

2. Also contact Al if you would **like to participate in our carpool effort.** Al is coordinating carpools from both Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. He should be able to tell you if someone has room for you and, if so, what their departure plan is. If you plan to drive on your own, the information you need is below.

3. You may invite non-AGO members to come as your guests. Bring some music if you wish; **you may play the organs.** Remember your cameras too!

7:45 a.m.

Depart from Kalamazoo or Battle Creek for Hastings (47 minutes)

8:30 a.m.

Full breakfast at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (315 W Center St 49058)

9:15–10 a.m.

Time with the Odell organ (1867/1910) at Emmanuel

10:00 a.m.

Drive from Hastings to Ionia (42 minutes)
 All remaining instruments are in Ionia

10:45–11:30 a.m.

Lyon & Healy (1901) at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church (434 High Street 48846)

Brief break and drive to Well Church

12–12:45 p.m.

Hook & Hastings (1892) at Well Church (116 W Main St 48846)

Brief drive to First Christian Church

1–1:45 p.m.

J. W. Steere & Sons (1893) at First Christian Church (130 E Washington St Ionia 48846)

circa 1:45 p.m.

Depart for Kalamazoo or Battle Creek

3:15 p.m.

Estimated arrival time in Kalamazoo or Battle Creek

It's not too late to join this fall adventure! If you do not wish to drive, do contact Al soon and very soon!

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

November – December – January

A Franck Feast

The three chorales of Franck will be performed on the Martin Ott organ at First Congregational Battle Creek on **Sunday, November 16, at 4 p.m.** Our chapter member performers will be Al Bolitho (#1), Carrie Groenewold (#2), and Karl Schrock (#3).

Christmas Program and Party

Our annual chapter Christmas program and afterglow will begin on **Monday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m.** in Saint Luke's Episcopal Kalamazoo. You are urged to bring both some Advent/Christmas music to play on the excellent Dobson organ and a taste treat to share at our afterglow reception in the Musselman home.

Guest Lecturer

An informative presentation on the music of R. Nathaniel Dett will be given by Mary Black on **Monday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Dalton Center Lecture Hall at Western Michigan University. Mary is the Fine Arts Librarian at Michigan State University. Nathaniel Dett was born into a Canadian-African-American family in 1882. We will hear about his work as a composer, pianist, conductor, and educator.

DEANLY PARAGRAPHS

Dr. Mark Wells

Please join me in looking forward to our next two chapter meetings which should be of great interest to our members. This month's "field trip" is well noted on page one of this issue. We have the opportunity to hear some remarkable and historic instruments. I have played the Odell organ in Hastings; it is a rather unique example of the late nineteenth century. I look forward to visiting the Ionia instruments as well. It looks like we will also have a beautiful fall drive day.

Editors Note: *I rather recall that the Odell instrument originally operated on water power and that some of that apparatus has been preserved. Could it be?*

In November we will have the opportunity to hear the Three Chorals of French organist César Franck on a sympathetic instrument – that being the Martin Ott at First Congregational Battle Creek. Franck and his organ music hold an honored position in the repertoire available to organists. His works are also honored for the influence they held on the next generation of composers. The *Chorale in A Minor* is Franck's last work. Do plan to be with us!

ORGANizer CALENDAR

Our 2014-15 calendar grew exponentially since our last issue. All currently submitted events are included here. Please check the events you are familiar with and let Carl Doubleday know if there are any errors.

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Debbie Candy Organ Recital on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Mark Lutheran Battle Creek (114 E Minges Rd 49015). Program on the 23-rank Zimmer & Sons (1977) featuring works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor, Guilmant, Manz, Held, and Wolford. Free.

Trio Globo on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall at Western Michigan University. Presented by the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, the trio is billed as a "totally original voice in contemporary acoustic jazz". Tickets \$12, \$10 (senior), \$5 (student).

PipeSCREAMS! on Sunday, October 26, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Join the St. Thomas Music Ministry and Friends for this family friendly Halloween concert. Costumes encouraged. Free will offering.

The Birth of the Renaissance: Music of the Burgundian Court on Sunday, October 26, at 3 p.m. in the Ladies' Library Association Kalamazoo (333 S Park St 49007). Presented by Early Music Michigan. Ticket information at www.earlymusicmichigan.org.

David Heinze Organ Recital on Sunday, November 2, at 4:30 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Followed at 5 p.m. by **Choral Evensong for All Saints / All Souls** sung by the St. Thomas Choir & Schola Cantorum. Currently a student of Huw Lewis at Hope College, David is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy and organ scholar at Trinity United Methodist Grand Rapids. Free will offering.

Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys on Friday/Saturday, November 7/8 at 7 p.m. in Saint Andrew's Cathedral Grand Rapids (301 Sheldon Blvd SE 49503) with guest conductor Martin Neary. Free will offering.

The SS. Peter and Paul Choral Scholars on Friday, November 14, at 7 p.m. in St Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). Part of the Sacred Music at the Cathedral series, the Choral Scholars from Naperville, IL are conducted by Matthew Sprinkle. The program will include the North American premiere of Thomas Fielding's motet *Anima Christi*. Free will offering.

John Ferguson Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 16, at 7 p.m. in First United Methodist Hillsdale (45 North Manning St 49242). This "Festival of Song" is one of several fall events celebrating the church's 150th year of ministry "in and out of our 1864 building." Guild members have earlier been invited to sing in the festival's choir. You may still contact organist John Ourensma (jwourens55@gmail.com) to see if that is still possible. Free.

A Trombone Christmas on the First Sunday in Advent, November 30, at 3 p.m. in Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo (3919 Portage Rd 49001). The final event of the 2014 Milwood Series will celebrate Western Michigan University's highly regarded Trombone Choir. The festive seasonal program will be conducted by Dr. Steve Wolfenbarger and include Milwood organist Carl Doubleday. Free will offering.

Messiah Sing on Sunday, November 30, at 5 p.m. in First Congregational Kalamazoo (129 S Park St 49007). Presented by the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music and conducted by Michael Palmer. Free will offering.

Christmas in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. in First Presbyterian Kalamazoo (321 South St 49007). The annual concert features the Kalamazoo Ringers, Kalamazoo Brass, and Kalamazoo Male Chorus. Usually a standing-room-only event. Free will offering.

BachFest Christmas on Sunday, December 7, at 4 p.m. in Kalamazoo College's Stetson Chapel. The 45th annual event will feature the Bach Festival Chorus and Orchestra conducted by James Turner with organist Eric Strand and pianist Carl Witt. Tickets via www.kalamazoobachfestival.org or 269 337-7407.

Festival of Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 7, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Sung by the St. Thomas Choir & Schola Cantorum. Free will offering.

Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys Lessons & Carols with guest conductor Andrew Nethsingha. In Saint Paul's Episcopal Muskegon at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 12, as well as in Saint Andrew's Cathedral Grand Rapids on Saturday, December 13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 14, at 3 p.m. and Friday, December 19, at 7 p.m. Free will offering.

Kalamazoo Ringers "Carols of the Bells" on Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. in Grace Harbor – formerly Westwood Church of God Kalamazoo (811 Gorham Ln 49006). Free will offering.

Community Carol Sing on Sunday, December 21, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Free will offering.

Choral Evensong on Sunday, January 4, at 5 p.m. in Saint Thomas Episcopal Battle Creek (16 E Van Buren St 49017). Sung by the St. Thomas Choral Scholars. Free will offering.

St. Olaf Choir on Sunday, February 1, at 4 p.m. in Chenery Auditorium Kalamazoo (714 S Westnedge 49007). Conducted by Anton Armstrong, the legendary choir is being presented by the Kalamazoo Bach Festival Society. Tickets via 269 337-7407 or www.kalamazoobachfestival.org.

Thomas Fielding Organ Recital on Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m. in St Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). Part of the Sacred Music at the Cathedral series, the recital will feature works by Tournemire, Franck, and Willan. Free will offering.

Brandon Ridenour and Useful Chamber on Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. in First Baptist Kalamazoo (315 W Michigan Ave 49007). Presented by the Michigan Festival of Sacred Music. Tickets \$12, \$10 (senior), \$5 (student).

Grand Rapids Choir of Men & Boys Lenten Meditations on Friday/Saturday, March 27/28, at 7 p.m. in Saint Andrew's Cathedral Grand Rapids (301 Sheldon Blvd SE 49503) with Scott Bosscher conducting. Free will offering.

Tournemire's *The Seven Last Words of Christ* on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. in St Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo (542 W Michigan Ave 49007). The program will conclude the 2014-15 Sacred Music at the Cathedral series. Free will offering.

Brahms' *A German Requiem* on Saturday, May 30, at 8 p.m. in Chenery Auditorium Kalamazoo (714 S Westnedge 49007). Presented by the Kalamazoo Bach Festival Society and featuring the Bach Festival Chorus, the Kalamazoo Philharmonia, baritone Anthony Clark Evans, and soprano Rhea Olivaccé. Tickets via www.kalamazoobachfestival.org or 269 337-7407.

YEARBOOK/DIRECTORY UPDATE *A Very Unusual Year*

The new online membership renewal system has not been kind to the Southwest Michigan Chapter. Over twenty former members have not yet renewed. We do hope to produce a 2014-15 directory, but it has been delayed to say the least. Keep the faith!

Kathryn Loew Scholarship Fund

Applications postmarked by November 1 are now being accepted for this quarter. Contact Dr. Mark Wells for further information.

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