

Dayton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

OUR CHAPTER: The Dayton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has supported both organists and organ enthusiasts in the Miami Valley for over 60 years. Our friendly and diverse membership ranges from university organ professors, large church organists and music directors to part-time musicians, students and people who just love the organ and its music.

ACTIVITIES: The Chapter provides a wide variety of programs, educational opportunities and services invaluable for the whole spectrum of our members and the community. The programs include recitals from internationally known organists, workshops, tours, organ “crawls” where organists get a chance to play some of the best organs in the area, and fun activities like “Silent Movie Nights” where members take turns accompanying movie shorts and cartoons.

EDUCATION: The Chapter offers a broad array of educational opportunities. Past workshops and Master Classes included internationally acclaimed organists such as Paul Jacobs from Julliard, Ken Cowan from Rice University and Douglas Cleveland from the University of Washington. Workshops focusing on creative registrations, interludes & variations and choir direction have been presented by composers such as Janet Linker from Capitol University and Gilbert Martin from Lorenz. We provide adult scholarships to new organists or active organists to enhance their skills. Our Organ Academy provides free organ lessons to junior high and high school students who have an interest in the organ. We also encourage and provide AGO certification training and testing to advance organists’ professional standing. We provide scholarships to AGO student members studying organ at college: \$11,000 was awarded over the last three years. Finally,

A **Pedals, Pipes and Pizza** event is held every other year to introduce children to the organ. They have classes on the organ, tour the pipe chambers and get a chance to play the big organ.

SERVICES: Some of our most effective and popular services are for Placement and Substitutes. Through our connections, website and newsletter, we are very successful matching church vacancies with organists as well as helping to find substitutes. The AGO also assists with church/organist relations by providing a variety of resources such as model contracts and professional development resources.

CAMARADERIE AND NETWORKING: One of the most important reasons to join the Dayton AGO is the opportunity to connect and share with other organists, musicians and choir directors. The Dayton Chapter is a very social and friendly group. Each year we plan a varied program itinerary of performance, educational and entertainment programs. The majority include social activities such as parties, receptions or dinners to promote personal connections within the guild. Networking with our membership also provides guidance on a wide variety of subjects based on years of experience in music, education and related organizations.

JOIN US: Consider this your personal invitation to join the Guild. The Dayton chapter includes organ professors, professional church musicians, part-time musicians and those who enjoy listening to organ music. You will connect with great people, learn from the workshops and master classes, and have the opportunity to play many of the most interesting organs in the Miami Valley.



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Contact Us

Feel free to contact us with questions on the Chapter, membership, our programs, recitals, educational opportunities, communications, or placement.

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AGO Membership

There are a variety of AGO membership levels ranging from full voting members to Chapter Friends. Regular, Special and Student Members receive "The American Organist" monthly magazine. All membership levels receive the "Trumpetings" Chapter Newsletter plus email announcements and notifications of upcoming events. Membership costs are:

Regular	\$100
Special (age 65 or over, under 21, or disabled)	\$75
Partner (2nd member at same address, no TAO)	\$75
Full-time Student (with school ID)	\$40
Chapter Friend	\$45

To Join the Dayton Chapter, contact our Membership Chair, **Ellen Bagley** at: **937-426-2172** or by email: ebagley@daytonperformingarts.org. You can also join online through the National AGO website page: www.agohq.org/membership/join-as-a-chapter-member

Churches often provide AGO memberships for their organists, so ask your church to support your membership. The congregation will benefit from what you learn, the access to substitutes and the potential to host AGO events.

2017 - 2018 Programs of the Dayton Chapter of the AGO

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 am – Noon
Secrets of Successful Organ Playing Workshop

by Richard Elliott – Morman Tabernacle
Westminster Presbyterian Church
125 N Wilkinson Street, Dayton

Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm
Organ Recital – Richard Elliott, Guest Artist

Westminster Presbyterian Church,
125 N Wilkinson Street, Dayton,

Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm
"Scary" Halloween Party & Carry-in Dinner

Rieger's Labarn in Waynesville, Ohio
Directions in Newsletter or Contact Matt Dierking:
matt.dierking@agodayton.org

Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm
**The Service Playing Certification Exam
- the First Step!**

Location to be announced in the Trumpetings
or Contact Jerry Taylor, casavant@aol.com

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4:00 pm
Matt Phelps Organ Recital

Westminster Presbyterian Church,
125 N Wilkinson Street, Dayton

Sunday, April 15, 2018 3:00 pm
Organ Crawl North and Dinner

Details and directions will be published in the spring

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm
**Organ Academy Student Recital
and Installation of Officers**

A cookies and punch reception will follow
Shiloh United Church of Christ,
5300 Philadelphia Dr. Dayton