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Remembering Max Miller (1927-2013)

Click [here](#) for the Globe obituary.

Click [here](#) for a piece about Max by Boston University.

a submission:

Ken Grinnell remembers Max Miller:

There must be hundreds of students and colleagues who were touched by the life of this extraordinary man and his wife, Betty, and saddened to learn of his recent passing. They were truly a "dynamic duo!"

I enjoyed three wonderful years as Max's Associate at Marsh Chapel at BU while at the same time studying with him privately, completing my undergrad work at the BU Music School and then graduate work at the School of Theology. He was an amazing teacher, mentor and friend and the organist for our wedding at the Chapel in November of 1976. (NB: I recruited my future wife, Nicole, who was a student at the Music School, for the Chapel Choir.) We remained in contact with the Millers often when they retired to Marlborough, chatted on the phone from time to time and enjoyed St. Patrick's Day dinner together last March.

Max was the reason I and many others became dedicated and enthusiastic supporters of the AGO Certification process. Indeed, without his encouragement and that of others, I would not have gone on to complete my FAGO and ChM in the mid to late '70's and then serve on the AGO National Committee for Professional Certification from 2005-2011. Max was always interested in the work and developments in the

Committee and always asked about Walter Hulse, the Emeritus member of the group, who remained a cherished friend and colleague. Max frequently made trips up to Manchester to serve as an examiner at our exam center here. How fitting that this BAGO "E-mail Blast" included the interview with Michael Olbash, this year's S. Lewis Elmer Award. Anyone associated with the Guild Examination process knows what a great honor that award carries on top of earning a certificate! Max would be elated to know all about it. (I offer my own congratulations to you, Michael.)

Though it has been a few years since Max published his last for *The American Organist*, many people nationwide will remember him fondly from his "Dear Uncle Max" advice column. His information was always well-researched, helpful and delivered with a dash of that impish and inimitable Miller humor!

Max exemplified the Guild motto, *Soli Deo Gloria*, and lived a life filled with love of learning, wonder, surprise, gratitude, musicality and generosity, and always in a seemingly effortless and genuinely jovial manner. Our best to Betty, the three remarkable Miller sons and the extended family. May Max now enjoy God's eternal care and love adorned with music beautiful beyond our knowing.

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Can you share your remembrances? Reply to this e-blast and we'll collect these and publish them in a future issue.

HOSPITALITY & LIVE MUSIC!

Pre-concert festivities: Friday, 1st February, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

With relatively few chapter programs around which to plan a hospitality "event", how about we meet informally at the [Tip Tap Room](#) directly across from Old West Church on Friday, 1st February prior to Peter Krasinski's and Louise Mundinger's (mostly) improvisation concert: CONCERT OF COLORS.

Here's a concert teaser link to prime the pump.

Mundinger and Krasinski: An Introduction
to a "Concert Of Color".

Speaking of pump...

"Beacon Hill's an unsuspecting neighborhood for a hip, unpretentious, wild game, and beer joint, but that's just what Chef Brian Poe has created at the Tip Tap Room—a place to nibble on ostrich and yak with a craft brew in hand."

"Poe's cooking is serious business—especially when it comes to the bold appetizers. Crisp fried goat-cheese balls served with duck-fat-fried prosciutto and grilled asparagus "tips" were balanced by a bright carrot-ginger purée, while rock shrimp wrapped in crunchy kataifi and nori came coated in an addictive sweet-and-sour chili-ginger sauce. A take on potato skins, meanwhile, was even more decadent, with toppings of perfectly fried oysters, thick bacon "tips" (get the picture?), and a creamy beer-cheese sauce."

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m.

Charles Raines, chair
Chapter Hospitality Committee

FOR SALE

1979 Sabathil 1m harpsichord for sale in Lexington. Click [here](#) for more information.

Check out performances on our BAGO calendar page [here](#).

January 27--[Choir of First Church](#), Boston in concert

January 27--Douglas Major in [Beverly Farms](#)

January 29--Jared Johnson at [Harvard](#)

February 1--Krasinski & Mundinger at [Old West](#)

February 1--Ciampa at [Kresge/MIT](#)

February 12--Alistair Reid at [Harvard](#)

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