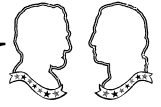




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Our headline this month: The February Choral Festival has been postponed until April 5 – and has morphed into a Choral Workshop for choirs and organists. Due to communication problems, musical scores did not arrive. After a long conversation with Janet McGhee, we decided to cancel the performance and instead focus on learning Russian liturgical music, Easter music of Anton Bruckner and Daniel Pinkham, and her forte, choral tone and vocal production .

Music will be distributed to interested choirs to learn the notes prior to April 5. Repertoire will include Bruckner Easter motets, pieces by Rachmaninoff, Stravinsky, and Tchaikovsky – and the “Christmas Cantata” of Daniel Pinkham, who was a close friend and associate of Ms. McGee.

Please note the time of the workshop on April 5: 10-12:00, and again 1:30-3:30. The place will be announced. We apologize for this postponement, but this will give you time to stimulate the interest of your choirs without the pressure of a public performance. Speaking personally, I must say that the uniform choral sound she achieves is mesmerizing. I first heard her chorale in a program that also presented another choir, and I was blown away by the contrast. Everyone in any choir will learn from her technique.

The location will be arranged and publicized soon. Please announce this event to your choirs!

Have you returned your Survey? Please send this either by mail to me at 68 Mill Road, Latham 12110 or email the online form to Karen Klevanosky at: kklevano@nycap.rr.com

Have you seen the publicity for the **Midwinter Organ Conference** at Baylor? Vincent DeBois, Gail Archer, Joyce Jones, Wiff Rudd, Jeffery Ames, Frederick Grimes, Ross King are on the faculty.

Please make plans to attend our April 26 **Improvisation Workshop**, with Robert McCormick, who was the sensation at last summer’s NYC Regional Convention. This will include our music sale, with lots of new items this year. His recital will be April 25, and both are at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Troy.

Do you know any freshman or sophomore sacred music or organ major in Region II who needs a scholarship? If so, tell them about the **George Markey Organ Scholarship** sponsored by the Metropolitan Chapter (New Jersey) of The American Guild of Organists. They should contact:

Charles Banks, chair, Markey Organ Scholarship
c/o St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090-2124 908.232.8506 ext. 17

Look it up online – for the application, biography, and CD of required pieces.

And finally, in case you didn’t read Fred Swann’s President’s Column, “Strong Words for a New Year,” in the January 2008 TAO, I want to urge you to read it now. I have addressed this issue in this space before, but I would like to focus on being a welcoming and non-discriminating chapter in the next few months. Please bring a friend to the meetings. Please try to find a new member for next year. And remember, we will be celebrating the International Year of the Organ beginning in June. Let’s go all out to bring new members and new organists into AGO.

Finally, if you would like to be on the committee for the International Year of the Organ, please contact me.

Barbara Adler, Dean

PEDALS, PIPES and PIZZA MARCH 1, 2008

On Saturday, March 1, from 9 am to noon, we will hold our second “Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza” at Zion Lutheran Church in Schenectady. It is a morning program which introduces children to the magical world of the pipe organ. It features organ students playing the organ as well as some of our adult chapter members. We demonstrate what the organ can do by listening to interesting repertoire, exploring the many sounds, taking apart some of the gadgets, and putting together pipes. The children also get to explore the console themselves and may bring a selection to play. Of course, we enjoy a pizza party at the end. February is an excellent time to create interest by telling your own students about the program and spreading the word at your church, your civic groups, and through local music teachers. Remember the moment that you first discovered the organ and help our local students to have the same special experience. If every member helps to send at least one child to our “Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza”, Eastern New York AGO will have a bright future indeed

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Program Listing for 2007-2008

March 1, 2008 - Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza. Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady.

April 5, 2008 - Choral Workshop for choirs and organists. The time of the workshop on 10-12:00, and again 1:30-3:30. The place will be announced

April 25 and 25, 2008 - Improvisation Recital and Workshop by Robert McCormick, Music Director at Saint Mary The Virgin in New York City. Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Troy.

May 26, 2008 - Annual meeting and dinner at Pinhead Susan's, followed by special meeting with the Hudson-Mohawk Theatre Organ Society for a celebration of "Goldie" at Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady.

SOPRANO AND TENOR SECTION LEADERS/SOLOIST NEEDED

Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany is currently looking for a Soprano section leader/soloist and Tenor section leader/soloist. Duties would include being available for the Thursday night rehearsal, and Sunday morning service/ rehearsal, as well as special (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, etc..) services. The payrate should start at \$31 per day, but it is negotiable. Interested parties can contact Justan Foster at 518-965-2389 for further information, and to setup an audition.

Congratulations

Nancy Frank Celebrates 35 years at First Presbyterian Church in Albany

On Sunday, March 2, 2008 at 4:00 PM there will be an Organ recital by Nancy Frank at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, Albany, NY in celebration of her 35 years as organist. Assisting on the program will be Peggy Schalit, violinist; and Albert Wood, pianist. Free and open to the public. **Congratulations Nancy!**

In Memorium

With deep regret and sadness, we report the death of Lloyd Cast on January 26, 2008. Lloyd was the Director of Music/Organist Emeritus at Cathedral of All Saints in Albany and had retired to Florida. Our sympathy goes out to Roy Gordon and so many others who loved him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(be sure to confirm starting times and admission prices!)

Friday, February 29, 2008 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Organ recital by Gail Archer. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany. Freewill offering.

Friday, April 18, 2008 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Organ recital by Huw Lewis. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany. Freewill offering.

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Sunday, March 30, 2008 ~ 3:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, will host a concert by the trumpet and organ duet of Ryan Anthony and Gary Beard. Trumpeter Ryan Anthony holds the position of Principal Trumpet of the Dallas Symphony and is most well known for his work as a performer with the legendary Canadian Brass. Gary Beard began his study as a child prodigy and made his professional debut at the age of 11! His teachers included such notables as Thomas H. Webber, Jr. and Pierre Cochereau at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Anthony and Beard's performances have been met with rave reviews around the country. This concert is offered free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Loudonville is looking for a creative and enthusiastic musician who is comfortable with both the traditional music literature and some more contemporary Christian music to serve our congregation as organist and choir director after Jan 1, 2008. The position includes playing for one weekly Sunday morning service (10:30 am Sept-June and 9:00 am Summer). The position also includes directing the choir during the school yr with one rehearsal per week (usually Wed or Thur). The person may also direct the bell choir if desired. In addition there are about 8 midweek services on special occasions during the year. The church has an Allen electronic organ and a Kawai digital piano. Salary will be based on experience and ability.

Emmanuel-Friedens Church has a job opening for a part-time Music Director/Organist position. We are a progressive American Baptist and United Church of Christ congregation located in downtown Schenectady. We are looking for a person with the ability to lead a traditional sanctuary choir with both musical excellence and spiritual inspiration. Experience and familiarity with a liturgical style of worship and a broad range of musical styles is required. The 2-manual Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ was renovated in 1999. We are a Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. Send resume to: Music Committee, Emmanuel-Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12307, 374-4114, ebcfried@nycap.rr.com

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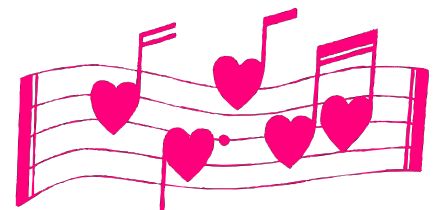
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A small, vibrant suburban **Presbyterian church in Glenville** is seeking an organist to work with the Music Director, playing for worship services and a weekly choir rehearsal September through June. Experience playing hymns and accompanying vocalists is preferred. Ease with traditional and contemporary sacred music is a plus. 2-manual Allen Organ For more information contact Jean Hayes at 399-7482 or the church at 399-8782.

Wanted: Church Music Director. Supervise organist, rehearse and conduct choir, work with Worship Team. Part-time position open immediately, runs September through June; summer duties limited to scheduling organist/accompanists for Sunday worship services. Call 399-8782 or 399-7482 to inquire.

More Positions Available on Page 3.

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