



THE CLARION



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Hello, Everyone,

This year has begun on a sobering note, with the passing of Lloyd Cast, Jr. Many organists were at his funeral at the Cathedral of All Saints, a lovely eucharist service with beautifully-performed music, all chosen by Lloyd. Our chapter will make a donation to the organ restoration fund at the Cathedral in his memory. If you would like to contribute to our gift, please send your check (made out to ENY AGO) in any amount to John Vernieu, or if you wish to donate individually, send a check to the Cathedral with "Organ Restoration Fund" on the memo line. Lloyd was the music director at the Cathedral for 37 years.

Now we turn our attention to the March program, which is March 1st, our second Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza. Charles Jones did a beautiful job with this last year and the kids had a great time. So, even though you are receiving this notice late, please make it your responsibility to invite a teenager to this morning event. In case you don't know, they receive a basic education about the organ, hear some playing, see the pipes as they are played (Zion Lutheran in Schenectady is a terrific place for this event), hear a silent movie accompanied, see a pipe actually being constructed by John Schreiner – and, yes, eat pizza. If you know children who like music, play the piano, and you think they may possibly have interest in spending a Saturday morning with other kids, please encourage them to attend this FREE event. I encourage everyone to come to observe this fun morning. (Remember, this is the future of our profession.)

As you will read below, the April 5 choral workshop with Janet McGhee has been cancelled, as she will be recuperating from surgery. A big choral event will be planned for next year.

If you forgot to return the survey, please send it to Edee Silva (either on line or hard copy) so we tabulate your information.

On page 38 of the January TAO is the form to enroll new members at a reduced rate. If you know people who should be members, this might be the enticement they need, so please encourage them to sign up before March 31. Thank you for your help!

Happy Easter and Happy Passover!

Barbara Adler, Dean

P.S. Have you sent in your donation to the AGO Annual Fund yet? Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Have you remembered AGO in your will? The Endowment?

PEDALS, PIPES and PIZZA MARCH 1, 2008

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza: Saturday March 1, 9:00 am - 12 noon, Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott Terrace, Schenectady. Introducing children to the wonderful world of the pipe organ and organ music. Ensure the future of our guild by sending a young musician that you know. Please call Charles Jones at 347-0660 for information.

APRIL 5 CHORAL WORKSHOP POSTPONED

April 5 Choral Workshop postponed: Our conductor, Janet McGee, has just found out she needs to undergo medical procedures in March, and so will be unable to conduct our Choral Workshop on Saturday, April 5. The ENYAGO board has decided to postpone the workshop to our next program year. Since Janet was requested by many ENYAGO members to conduct the workshop, we are working on exciting plans for a Choir Festival next year to celebrate both the International Year of the Organ and the music of Daniel Pinkham, who was Janet's teacher and close friend.

IMPROVISATION FESTIVAL APRIL 25 & 26

Improvisation Festival: On April 25 and 26 we will welcome Mr. Robert McCormick, Director of Music at the Episcopal Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in New York City. The festival will be held at Saint Paul's Episcopal in Troy on the magnificent Austin organ. On Friday evening, Robert will perform a recital at 7:30 pm, and on Saturday morning from he will lead a workshop from 9:00 am - noon. In the Saturday morning workshop he will be presenting specific techniques especially geared toward beginning and intermediate improvisers. Mr. McCormick received rave reviews from his series of improvisation workshops at the 2007 AGO Regional Convention in New York. Please plan to join us for both events.



Program Listing for 2007-2008

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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. **POSTPONED** 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.

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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,

Christ Church United Methodist, Troy, New York ~ We are seeking a part-time Director of Music (pianist/organist with conducting of voice and bell choirs) for our growing congregation in downtown Troy. The job begins summer 2008 and could be 2 positions or 1 depending on applicants' interest and qualifications. Our worship service employs various traditional, classical, and contemporary elements. Experience in religious or secular context appreciated. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send resume with cover letter and references to: Search Committee, c/o Rev. Nina Nichols Christ Church United Methodist, 35 State Street, Troy NY 12180 Or email:

PastorNina@ChristChurchTroy.org, Or Fax: 518-273-8042. For information, please call 518-272-8392 Tues-Fri, 9am - Noon. On a journey together with Christ - questioning, serving & growing! www.ChristChurchTroy.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, March 2, 2008 - 4:00 PM — 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.

Sunday, March 16, 2008 ~ 3:00 PM ~ Union College Choir Concert, Union College Memorial Chapel. Victor Klimash, Director, Elinore Farnum, Accompanist.

Friday, March 21, 2008, ~ 1:00 PM ~ The Music of Good Friday at St. Paul's, Troy The Choir of St. Paul's will present a program of music for Good Friday. The program will consist of Gregorian Chants & Motets for Good Friday, as well as other anthems and organ selections appropriate to Holy Week. The program will include compositions by Casals, Victoria, Asola, DiLasso, Brahms, Bach and Brian Hoffman. This event will also mark the debut of Brian Hoffman as the new Organist/Choirmaster of St. Paul's. **CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN!!** Organists: Barbara Adler, Brian Hoffman, Director: Brian Hoffman

Friday, March 21, 2008 — 7:30 PM — Good Friday Vespers Service. First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, Albany. *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé with orchestra and organ; *Tenebrae factae sunt* by Francis Poulenc; and *Danse Sacrée* for Harp and Strings by Claude Debussy. The Choir of First Presbyterian Church with Victor Klimash, Director; Benjamin Bauer and Fiona Lewis, Soloists; Nancy Frank, Organist.

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.

Sunday, April 13, 2008 ~ 3:00 PM ~ Thursday Musical Club Concert, First Reformed Church of Scotia, Julie Panke, Director; Elinore Farnum, Accompanist; Heavenly Echoes, Gospel Music

Saturday, April 26, 2008 ~ 7:00 PM – First Reformed Church, Schenectady, NY, *Elijah*, Octavo Singers, George Moross, Director; Schenectady Orchestra

Saturday, June 7, 2008 ~ 6:00 PM ~Craig Williams to play benefit concert at Christ Church, Hudson, N.Y. in recognition of Hudson-Catskill AGO's 50th anniversary. For more information call Jon Greene, 518-943-2914



Whole note: What's due after failing to pay the mortgage for a year.

Accent: An unusual manner of pronunciation, for example: "Y'all sang real good!"

Transsectional: An alto who moves to the soprano section

Relative minor: The child of a music teacher

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Organist/Choir Director position is now open at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 50 William St., Catskill, New York. Carlson 2-manual pipe organ. Salary negotiable, based on experience. For interview, please call Jon Greene music committee chair at 518-943-2914, or the Reverend Diana Freeman at 518-943-4180

First United Presbyterian Church, Troy, NY ~ Seeking a Director of Music, a position that includes serving as Organist (one worship service per week at 10:00 a.m. Sundays and special services and events) and Director of an Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Handbell Choir. The church has a Hutchings & Votey rebuilt by Kerner & Merchant three manual pipe organ; 3 Steinway pianos, 3 octave handbell choir and tone chimes. Please send resume to First United Presbyterian Church, 1915 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 or email to: info@unitedprestroy.org. For more information about the position and church contact www.unitedprestroy.org

Choir Director and Organist at Church of the Covenant United Methodist, in Averill Park, NY ~ Seeking 1 Choir Director and 1 Organist or Pianist for Sundays 9:45 am to Noon. 1 hour choir rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. Choir Director to lead an SATB choir of 20+ people. Organist or Pianist must play a variety of musical styles and be able to accompany the choir and soloists. Two year old Allen Digital Quantum organ with Vista. Job sharing is a possibility if one is unable to commit to a weekly schedule. Send resume and references C/O Lynn Gustafson, Church of the Covenant, Box 306, Averill Park, NY 12018 or email Lynn at pandlgust@aol.com.

More Positions Available on Page 2.

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