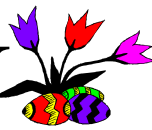




THE CLARION



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

PP&P: Our second Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza was another success, in spite of the snowstorm that prohibited quite a few people from coming. Still, we had 15 students. Scott Trexler and Zion Lutheran Church could not have been nicer, so we thank them sincerely. John Vernieu generously supplied the pizza – such a nice gift to the chapter.

Improvisation Workshop: Although we had planned to hold a used music sale at the improvisation workshop, it looks as though we will go in a new direction. Iteke Prins and Al Fedak are cataloguing the collection, and we will get it up on our website so we can have an ongoing sale. Details will follow. We still invite your donations of music and books.

IYO: As you have been reading in *The American Organist*, **The International Year of the Organ** will be kicked off in June at the AGO National Convention in Minneapolis. In order to start planning for this event, we will hold a planning meeting following the improvisation workshop (we'll go out for lunch and then meet at St. Paul's). If you would like to be part of this year-long venture, we invite you to join us. Because it is a preliminary meeting, the meeting will not be long, but we need to brainstorm for the project.

Slate of Officers: The board has received the slate of officers from Nominating Committee Chairman, David Vredenberg.

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| Board Members: | Nancy Frank, Sharon Stein, and David Vredenberg |

(Two will be elected to the board.)

You have the opportunity to nominate other people for the offices, so if you want to add a name, you may submit a petition signed by at least five (5) Chapter Voting Members in good standing. Please send these to David Vredenberg prior to April 15, when we must submit the ballots to the printer so we can get them to you in time for the election. The voting procedures will be in the May Clarion, and no exceptions will be made to the rules, so please pay close attention! Our annual meeting will be May 26, and you may vote at the meeting if you have not submitted your ballot before then. Thanks very much to David for taking on this duty.

Thanks to George Schiller – who is passing the torch after six years of putting together our Clarion and Directory. We thank him for a job well done and hope he enjoys the extra relaxing hours. We are grateful that Brian Hoffman has volunteered to accept that torch.

Congratulations to Nancy Frank — for 35 years on the bench at First Presbyterian Church. She celebrated by performing a wonderful recital. Way to go, Nancy!

Barbara Adler, Dean

IMPROVISATION FESTIVAL APRIL 25 & 26

April 25 and 26 brings our 2008 ENYAGO Improvisation Festival. Mr. Robert McCormick, Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City and sub-dean of the NYC AGO chapter, will be our recitalist and clinician. Mr. McCormick received outstanding reviews for his improvisation workshops at the Region II convention in New York City last summer. Our festival will take place at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Third and State Streets in Troy. Excellent directions are listed on the church's website, www.stpaulstroy.org. Mr. McCormick will present a full recital on Friday evening, April 25, at 7:30 pm, using the rich tonal resources of St Paul's 1921 Austin organ. On Saturday, April 26, from 9 am to noon, Mr. McCormick will present an improvisation workshop and masterclass offering suggestions for beginning and intermediate improvisers. The festival promises to offer some fresh ideas to invigorate those of us who improvise already, and some immediately practical techniques for those who would like to begin.

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Program Listing for 2007-2008

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, ebcfried@nycap.rr.com

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.

First Reformed in Catskill is seeking Dir. of Music/Organist (part-time) to aide in moving church toward a blended style of worship including both traditional hymns as well as praise songs. Salary based on experience. Contact Rev. Eastland at (518) 943-4405 or firstreformedcatskill@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 ~ 4:15 PM ~ Lecture and Masterclass by **Hugh Allen Wilson**, Union College Professor of Music Emeritus, on the Hindemith 3 Sonatas for Organ at the Yale University School of Music, New Haven, Conn.

Sunday, May 4, 2008 ~ 4:00 PM ~ Concert by St. Paul's Choir, Steven Rosenberry, Director. THE ENGLISH CHORAL TRADITION, Some of the music to be performed will be: Byrd - Sing joyfully, Purcell - Jehova quam multi sunt, Boyce - O where shall wisdom be found, Parry - Hear my words, ye people, Harris - O what their joy, Vaughan Williams - Serenade to Music, Stanford - Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G. Admission \$15, Seniors \$12, students free. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd, Albany. 463-2257 for information.

Sunday, May 4, 2008 ~ 3:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, will host a concert by Carlo Curley. One of the world's foremost concert organists, Carlo Curley has been called the "Pavarotti of the organ" and hailed as one of the great showmen of the classical music world! Among his many claims to fame, is the fact that he was a student of the legendary Virgil Fox, which will be most evident in his performances. The concert is free of charge and all are invited to attend. For more information, call 374-4403.

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

Sunday, June 8, 2008 – 4:00 p.m., Pipe Organ Recital, Benefit for the Christian Camp Scholarship Fund, Elinore Farnum Organist, Guest artist - John Spinelli, First Presbyterian Church, 209 Union Street, Schenectady.

ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day), will bring our Annual Meeting and election, culminating in "An Evening at the Organ" celebration at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady. We will meet in the upstairs banquet room at Proctors for dinner and meeting at 5:00 pm. After dinner, we will be welcomed downstairs by our friends in the American Theatre Organ Society for a special organ show and silent film accompaniment by Juan Cordona, house organist of the Bardavon Theatre in Poughkeepsie and noted theatre organist. We will also be given a tour of the new back-stage areas of Proctors, and the evening will end with open console time, so bring your favorite show tune and give it a whirl on "Goldie". Proctors is ours for the evening, so come enjoy a special ending to your Memorial Day celebrations and a culmination of our 2007 - 2008 season!

THE SPRECKELS ORGAN BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO



If your travels ever take you to the West Coast, specifically South California-San Diego- and you happen to be there on a Sunday, a must see/hear is the Spreckels Organ in Balboa Park. Located in the heart of San Diego's Balboa Park, the organ, built by Austin Organ Co, was deeded to the City on January 1, 1915 preceding the formal opening of the Panama-California Exposition. One of the only outdoor pipe organs, it now contains 4,518 pipes comprising 73 ranks over four manuals and pedal. Free concerts are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Recently visiting in San Diego I had the opportunity to attend the concert, tour the organ and speak with the organist following the concert. It is definitely a *must see* if you are ever in the area. There is no better way, especially in March, to spend a Sunday afternoon than sitting outside under a sunny, clear blue sky in 75 degree weather listening to wonderful organ music and admiring the gorgeous surroundings of Balboa Park.

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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

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."

First Reformed Church of Scotia, NY seeks a Church Organist. First Reformed Church of Scotia is a congregation of over 300 active adult members with an average worship attendance of 230 people. We have a very strong music program with excellent choral and instrumental musical leadership. The congregation worships in a newly renovated, acoustically lively sanctuary housing a three manual, 27 rank pipe organ built in 1988 by the Carey Organ Company. The church's worship is supported by traditional hymnody, music from the world church, anthems ancient and modern sung by adult and children's choirs, bells, brass and youth ensembles. To learn more or to request a position description contact the church's pastor, the Rev. Craig Hoffman, (518) 370-4751, frcshoffman@choiceonemail.com; or Director of Music Ministry Rebecca Shepherd, (518) 393-9862, shep2@nycap.rr.com.

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