



THE CLARION

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

I have just returned from Los Angeles and the AGO Gala honoring Fred Swann. Fred played a fine recital at First Congregational Church, where he had played for three years, and he was honored in style at the elegant reception which followed.

The following day we had the spring Development Committee meeting. I was appointed chair of this committee. I hope you have all sent in your contribution in any amount to the Annual Fund. If not, you may do it now!

Now we think about our chapter's election of officers and the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE READ AND OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING VOTING PROCEDURES.

Last year we made some exceptions, but we will adhere to strict rules, as specified in the chapter handbook for Deans.

If you follow these simple instructions, you may choose to vote either at the annual meeting or by mailed-in ballot. Please mail to Don Ingraham, 278 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110.

Please write your name on the envelope in which you will return your ballot. All envelopes will be opened by the official counters at the Annual Meeting, and no one will see the ballots until all have been opened and put into a pile. This allows people to vote AT the annual meeting, if they forgot to send in their ballots. A list of names on the envelopes will insure that no one can vote twice.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Barbara Adler, Dean

ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008

Our Annual Meeting and End-of-Year banquet will be a special evening at Proctors Theatre on Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day). First, we will enjoy a Memorial Day banquet together with our friends from the Theatre Organ Guild at the newly renovated Backstage Pub, just across the street from the back door of Proctor's stage (corner of Clinton and Smith Streets). The owner is opening just for us that day and will have an "All-American" banquet of burgers, chicken wings, baked beans, three kinds of salad, sausage and peppers, and other traditional goodies. The cost will be \$17 per person. Please bring payment to the banquet and pay Charles Jones or John Vernieu. We will then have our annual meeting with election of next year's officers and a preview of our 2008-2009 season centered on the "International Year of the Organ" and the world-wide "Organ Spectacular" concert on October 19. To finish the evening, we will go directly to Proctors and enjoy a fabulous evening of music on the Wurlitzer pipe organ. Juan Cordona, house organist of the Bardavon Theatre, will present a special evening of theatre organ favorites and old-fashioned cinema organ accompaniment to a silent film. Afterward, we will have a private tour of the theatre and open console time so you can bring your favorite show tune and give "Goldie" a whirl. Please join us for this special day!

A NOTE FROM ITEKE PRINS

Thanks to many of you for your expressions of support during our recent house fire. The reconstruction process has not even started, and when it does it will be a couple of months in reaching its completion. Because all of this is so fresh in my mind, I would like to impress on you a few suggestions:

1. Take pictures of your music library as a whole and any instruments (or other valuables) you may have.
2. make a list of builders, model numbers, etc. of any of these.
3. Itemize a list of all hymn books, and your music, and CD's, records.
4. Make copies of these documents, then store these in other places besides your home.

You never know if a situation like a fire may present itself, we didn't.



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Program Listing for 2007-2008

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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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.

The **First Baptist Church of Ballston Spa, NY** is currently seeking a person to fill a P/T position as Director of Music Ministry. Our active membership at the present time is 100-125 and the church is at a point when we feel we need to re-build our music program with a staff person who has both education/experience. As the church congregation grows and with the right person leading our music ministry, we would be seek to develop other areas within of our music ministry. A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in music is required with proven experience in piano performance (organ, a plus.), accompaniment and choral directing. We have an 3 manual Rodgers (electronic) organ, and Yamaha Grand piano in the sanctuary as well as piano and keyboard in the choir rehearsal area. Our choir averages about 14 each Sunday. As the church congregation grows over time and with the right person leading our music ministry, we would be open to developing other aspects of a church music ministry. Salary will be based on candidates education and experience. A Position Description is available through the church office at office@fbcballstonspa.org. and directing it to my attention. If you have questions and other information about the position contact me at lf110@aol.com. or by phone at 885-6698.

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

Faith United Methodist Church in Schenectady, New York is looking for a part-time Music Director who is comfortable with a variety of music and can play a pipe organ. The position is available July 1, 2008. The church's organ is a Roosevelt 3 manual rebuilt by Leonard Carlson. There is a Kawai grand piano in the Sanctuary, and a new Pearl River grand piano in the Choir Room. Responsibilities would include, but are not limited to: directing a church choir, recruiting choir members of all ages, playing the pipe organ and piano, participating in staff meetings, (preferably) the ability to network with other musicians and performing artists to enrich the Outreach program, and computer proficiency. Other than Sunday mornings, there will be additional services such as Lenten, Christmas Eve, etc. Contact Gail A. White at 518-393-6419 or 518-265-4253 or mail a resume and cover letter to Faith United Methodist Church, 811 Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, NY. 12308.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

Sunday, May 18, 2008 ~ 4:00 p.m Agnes Armstrong and Karen KLevanosky will perform on the organ and flute at St. James Church, 391 Delaware Avenue, Albany, NY. Selections from the works of Gluck, Bach, Honegger, Guilmant and other composers will be presented. A free will offering will be accepted for the ongoing care of the church's organ.

Sunday, June 1, 2008 ~ 3:00 PM. First Presbyterian Church, 362 State Street, Albany, will host a recital by John Anderson, ChM and AAGO, graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and Valparaiso University. His program will include numbers by Kidwell, Sweelinck, Whitlock, Bach, Alain, and Ore. The recital is free and open to the public.

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. The admission of the Craig Williams benefit concert will be a suggested \$20 and \$15 for seniors and students. At the door prices will be \$25 and \$20.

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.

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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, frcschoffman@choiceonemail.com; or Director of Music Ministry Rebecca Shepherd, (518) 393-9862, shep2@nycap.rr.com.

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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