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Hi, Everyone,

Our year is winding toward a close, and what a marvelous year it is been. We hope that our efforts during the International Year of the Organ have made new friends for the organ.

With this issue, which is snail-mailed to everyone, you will find the Membership Form, as well as the Ballot. I urge you to return both ASAP! Ballots are to be mailed to Donald Ingram, at 278 Forts Ferry Road, Latham NY 12110 – and **must be received before May 8**, the day before our Annual Meeting. If you prefer, you may vote in person at the meeting, but you may not vote twice. Therefore, you must be certain to write your last name on the outside of the envelope for control purposes. Any envelope without a name will be discarded and the vote not counted. These are the national guidelines.

The Membership drive brings up another issue that has remained “dormant” for several years. Because some people who are still active professionally as church musicians have joined our chapter as "Friends," I decided to check with James Thomashower, Executive Director of AGO, to ask about this category of Membership. His response was:

In the AGO Bylaws, <http://www.agohq.org/docs/pdf/bylaws.pdf> Article VII – Chapters, Section 3(b) specifically states that Chapter Friends shall not be organists or choral conductors. Here's the full text:

(b) **Chapter Friends.** Chapter Friends shall consist of those individuals who (I) support the purposes of the Guild, (II) are not organists or choral conductors, and (III) have paid the dues and fees set by the Chapter. Chapter Subscribing Members shall require no election to membership and shall have no vote. The privileges of this class of membership shall be (I) participation in Chapter activities and (II) receipt of Chapter publications.

In other chapters I have joined, this specifically excluded people who had church positions, because, certainly, those people **would** wish to receive our excellent journal, **The American Organist** to read articles, increase knowledge, and stay in touch with what other chapters were doing. Please join in the category which is appropriate for your situation.

Charles has exciting announcements about our annual meeting, so please read his description – and we'll hope to see you there.

Barbara Adler, Dean

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUB-DEAN

Our final event of the year will be our Student Scholarship Recital and annual meeting with banquet on Saturday, May 9. The recital is at 11:00 am at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Troy, followed by the meeting and banquet at noon at Lo Porto Restaurant. Come hear our chapter's young organ students perform on the wonderful Austin organ, and enjoy a buffet luncheon. The cost will be \$17 per person. We also have another very special treat - The Organ Historical Society has donated to us their remaining stock of program booklets from the 2006 Convention in Saratoga. So each member attending the meeting will receive a free copy of the beautiful 200-page guide to the historical organs of the Capital District – a wonderful gift! We will also be raffling off a special door prize – a copy of the DVD of our Organ Spectacular program "From Sea to Shining Sea."

Saint Paul's church is located at Third and State Streets in Troy, and Lo Porto Restaurant is one block east at 85 Fourth St. Please join us for a special day on May 9.

Charles Jones, Sub-dean

LAST CHAPTER EVENT FOR THE SEASON

May 9 at 11:00 AM - Student Scholarship Winners Recital, Annual Meeting and Buffet Luncheon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3rd & State St., Troy

Lo Porto Restaurant, 85 Fourth St., Troy

Cost: \$17 per person (paid individually)



OTHER EVENTS

Friday, April 24 at 8:00 PM - Octavo Singers presents Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Mass in D Minor*

First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Avenue, Albany, NY Adults \$15, Seniors (60+) \$12, Students (with ID) \$8

Tickets available at the door

Sunday, April 26 at 3:30 PM - Organ Recital and Choral Evensong featuring Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*

The Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan Street, Albany

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 AM till 12:00 PM - Workshop on Organ Registration and Directing from the Bench

Old Dutch Church in Kingston. Pat Maimone, clinician. Fee: \$20. Further information call: 518-943-2914 or 845-338-2985.

Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 PM - Honegger's KING DAVID with original orchestration

St. Paul's Choir and soloists conducted by Steven Rosenberry. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd, Albany.

463-2257. Admission \$15, seniors \$12, students free.

Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 PM - Octavo Singers presents Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Mass in D Minor*

First Reformed Church, 224 N. Ballston Avenue, Scotia, NY. Adults \$15, Seniors (60+) \$12, Students (with ID) \$8

Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 3:00 PM - Young People's Chorus of New York City

First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady

This concert is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. It is suggested that you arrive early as we are expecting a capacity crowd. For more information call 374-4403.

Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 PM - Bernstein Chichester Psalms, Rutter Requiem

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys performs their annual Spring Benefit Concert.

The Cathedral of All Saints. Admission \$20, seniors/students \$15, children 12 and under \$5. Tickets may be purchased online www.cathedralofallsaints.com or by phone 1-800-838-3006

Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00 PM - Harpsichord Recital by William Carragan

This is a free recital in the "Tuesdays At Noon" Concert Series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 58 Third St., Troy, NY.

Call 273-7351 for more information. Bring your lunch. Donations welcome.

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 PM - Concert by the Saratoga Children's Chorus

Susan Hermance Fedak, director; Renée Hostetler, accompanist. Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church, Fifth Avenue at Henning Rd., Saratoga Springs

Sunday, June 7 at 4:30 PM - Organ Recital by Elinore Farnum

Guest artist - The Sayles School of Arts Singers from Schenectady High School. Offering to be taken for the Christian Camp Scholarships. First Presbyterian Church, 209 Union St. Schenectady

A FREE Gift for Every Chapter Member!

In 2006, the Organ Historical Society published a remarkable 250-page book to mark the OHS's 50th year, which was celebrated at the Society's golden anniversary convention held in this area that very summer. This profusely-illustrated volume, titled **ORGAN ATLAS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT REGION**, combines historical essays, stunning photography, stoplists, archival documents, and much more: it is a gold mine of information about organs and organ building in this region. The book highlights in great detail all the instruments which were featured during that convention, including the organs at Round Lake Auditorium, All Saints Cathedral; Saint Paul's Episcopal, Westminster Presbyterian, and St. James Church (all in Albany), St. John the Evangelist in Schenectady; St. Patrick's in Watervliet; Mechanicville Methodist; Proctor's Theatre; the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall; and many, many more. Even at its regular price of \$25 per copy, the book would be a bargain, and one which should be in the library of every local organist and organ buff. But now you can own one absolutely free of charge! Recalling the wonderful assistance they received from our chapter in bringing the Troy Music Hall organ back to life, the OHS has donated to us a large number of these books, and asked us to distribute a copy to each of our members. We are extremely grateful to the Society for this great generosity! The books will be available for pick-up at our final meeting of the current program year, to be held on May 9 in Troy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Lo Porto Restaurant. Good music, good food, good fellowship, and a now free gift--all good reasons to come to the meeting!



INTERESTED IN A PRACTICE ORGAN?

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany's "Called to Be Church" parish planning process has made available and, over the next calendar year, will continue to make available a number of pipe organs and electronic and digital instruments. The agreed upon protocol calls for successor parishes to be given "first refusal" before other diocesan parishes are given an opportunity to express their interest. There promise to remain instruments for individuals to purchase. If interested, please contact David Vredenburg (463-4401, ext. 19, 664-3995, DvdVred@aol.com)

BUS TRIP, ORGAN RECITAL & DINNER AT WEST POINT

On Sunday, September 13, 2009, area organist Brian Hoffman will perform a recital on the 381 rank Moller organ at the U.S.M.A Cadet Chapel at West Point, NY. A package is available which includes travel by bus from Albany, a recital on the world's largest church organ, and dinner at the Thayer Hotel at West Point for \$65 per person. For reservations and information, please contact Kathy Nolles at 456-1644 during daytime office hours. More information is available at www.brianhoffmanorganist.com