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Letter from the Dean

A Blessed Eastertide to all!

I am penning this note earlier this month because March was *Animato*. March went by so quickly it almost seems like it didn't even happen. All that being said, we were all, no doubt, tremendously busy with our usual practicing, Holy Week rehearsals and liturgies, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Morning preparations. We made it – proof *positiv* that we are a very composed and a highly organ-ized group of individuals.

Needless to say many local churches experienced a good gathering of the faithful. The church where I serve, St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, had record attendance. I want to add that the singing was truly uplifting. Many people who attended liturgy were visiting family in the local area and attended St. Nicholas for the first time. Yes, I even performed Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as a postlude. Although I have to be honest: those who attended church

erupted into applause with greetings to each other that was very warming indeed. The children had a blast participating in the Easter Egg Hunt after the Sunday liturgy was concluded.

It is with a continued heavy heart that we note the passing of two very gifted organists, musicians, colleagues and supporters of our chapter and mission. William Robert "Bob" Brittenham died on Monday, March 17, 2008 and Mary S. Caskey (former chapter treasurer) died Thursday March 20, 2008. Our chapter is blest to have had these two long-standing members in our midst. Bob and Mary served God and the Family of God faithfully and with distinction throughout their careers as church musicians. They will be missed. Our prayers go out to their families, and to their family of friends during this difficult time of separation and grieving.

"Pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed..." After the loss of Mary and Bob, this phrase has had a more personal meaning this year more than in prior years, as we have journeyed through Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Mary and Bob, thank you for many years of Faithful Service to God - Requiescat in Pace.

A very moving funeral liturgy for Bob Brittenham was conducted on Saturday March 22, 2008, 3:00 PM at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie. Many people attended, which is a testament to Bob's overall warmth and the friendly manner in which he interacted with all. His music will live on through his numerous CDs which memorialize his improvisations.

I will be attending the scheduled memorial service for Mary Caskey on Saturday, April 5, 2008, 1:00 PM at Grace Episcopal Church located at 58 North Street, Middletown. I hope to see many of you in attendance. For directions and further information, call the church at 845-343-6101.

In light of Mary's and Bob's ministries here on earth and their contributions and dedication to our chapter, it is only fitting that this year our chapter Members Recital be dedicated to the Honor and Memory of these two exceptional colleagues. Please consider performing in the Members Recital on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 3:00 PM at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 325 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. For more information or to arrange practice time please call our host, Eric Hepp. Eric's number is: 845-790-3381 or email: erhepp@us.ibm.com

Remember too that Brian Hoffman will be giving an all Bach Organ Recital at Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM. A suggested donation of \$10.00 is appreciated. Christ Church is located at 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. For more information regarding this and other events always review our chapter calendar for details. The calendar is filling up with many Swell and Great events. Attend and support as many events as possible.

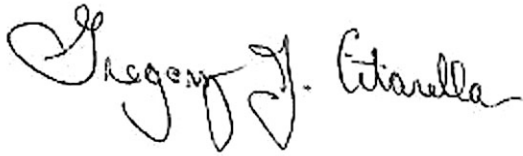
J. S. Bach was prophetic when he penned at the end of each of his compositions what would become our AGO Motto:

Soli Deo Gloria!

To God be the Glory!

God's continued Blessings and Grace to all of you.

In His Joyful and Musical Service I remain....



Gregory J. Citarella+
(SDG)

Obituaries Available Online

The full obituaries for Bob Brittenham and Mary Caskey are currently available on the Poughkeepsie Journal web site. They will also be posted on our chapter web site at www.chvago.org, where they will remain available even after the Poughkeepsie Journal items have been archived. If you would like to receive a printed copy of either of these obituaries, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande.

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Terry Earles		Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
(Kingston & Staatsburg areas)		Alice Cann	845-223-5344
	845-340-1655	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496		845-489-2625
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	<u>Student</u>	
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

Deadline for Next Newsletter

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23rd of each month. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in May, is April 23rd.

Editor's Corner

This newsletter is published by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The editor is:

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Position Openings - Summary

Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, the following list of position openings includes only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at www.chvago.org, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST/PIANIST (Part-Time)
UNION AME CHURCH - WARWICK, NY 3/26/08

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST (Part-Time)
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - CATSKILL, NY 3/14/08

ORGANIST (Part-Time)
LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY 12/4/2007

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY *Renewed 2/7/2008*

ORGANIST (Part-Time)
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - RED HOOK, NY *Resubmitted 11/10/2007*

Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at www.chvago.org.

Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in bold face are chapter members.

- Friday, March 28, 2008 Organ Recital
8:00 PM by Gail Archer on the Paul Fritts organ at Skinner Hall of Music, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Johann Sebastian Bach's Organ Chorale Preludes from the Leipzig Autograph - "The Great Eighteen." Free and open to the public. Info: 845-437-7294
- Sunday, March 30, 2008 Anthony & Beard - Trumpet and Organ Concert
3:00 PM Ryan Anthony, trumpet, and Gary Beard, organ, both of Memphis. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403
- Sunday, March 30, 2008 Tower Music Series - Strawberry Hill Fiddlers
3:30 PM Classically-trained string players from middle and high schools in Dutchess County. Fiddle music from many cultures. The Reformed Church, 80 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. Everyone welcome, with voluntary contributions accepted. Info: 845-452-8110.
- Sunday, March 30, 2008 Three Organists Spectacular
4:00 PM Organ concert featuring Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro, and Thomas Zachacz, will be held in the sanctuary of Huguenot Memorial Church, 901 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, New York 10803. Works of Bach, Franck, Rheinberger, Buxtehude, Gawthrop and others. Info: 914-738-3488.

Sunday, April 6, 2008 7:00 PM	All Bach Organ Recital by Brian Hoffman Brian Hoffman is Director of Music at St. George's Church in Schenectady, NY. Co-sponsored by Christ Church and the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY - Free and open to all (freewill offering gratefully accepted.) Info: 845-452-8220
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Saturday, April 12, 2008 The Carlene Neihart International Organ Competition. Please see the web site organcompetitions.com for the rules, application and more information about the competition.

Saturday, April 12, 2008 8:00 PM Concert by The Swingle Singers
The international a cappella group The Swingle Singers consists of eight young singers who continue a fine singing tradition that was started over forty years ago. Proctors Theatre, 432 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Info and tickets: 518-346-6204. If interested in carpooling, call Greg Citarella at 845-297-7693.

Sunday, April 20, 2008 3:30 PM Tower Music Series - Piano Concert
Scott Marosek - young concert pianist, with recent DMA in piano, has performed in the USA and abroad. Faculty member at college in North Carolina. The Reformed Church, 80 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. Everyone welcome, with voluntary contributions accepted. Info: 845-452-8110.

Sunday, April 20, 2008 4:00 PM Hymn Sing - "Lesser-known Gems of Hymnody"
Sponsored by The Westchester County Chapter, AGO. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Main Chapel, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY. Come join us in singing hymns specially selected by members of the AGO, with examples from ancient through contemporary Christian and other worship traditions, numerous denominations, and countries of origin. Learn about worship music from other traditions as presented by AGO Chapter organists and choir directors. Reception following the meeting. Info: 914-962-2015. Directions: From South, take Taconic to Pinesbridge Rd. (becomes Ryder Rd.) From north, take 9A south to Ryder Rd.

Sunday, April 27, 2008 3:00 PM Organ Recital by Ken Cowan
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Sunday, May 4, 2008 3:00 PM	Members Recital First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Our host is Eric Hepp who will arrange practice times and put together the program. Contact Eric at erhepp@us.ibm.com or 845-790-3381. All members are encouraged to consider playing. The concert is free and open to the public. For directions to the church, call 845-452-6050.
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Sunday, May 4, 2008 3:00 PM Organ Concert by Carlo Curley
First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403

Sunday, May 11, 2008
3:30 PM Tower Music Series - Organ Concert
Lee Dettra, FAGO - concert organist. Mr. Dettra was the 3rd organist-choirmaster of the Cadet Chapel at West Point, where he succeeded **John A. Davis, Jr.** Lee was a member of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the AGO, and also served as organist-choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. The Reformed Church, 80 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY. Everyone welcome, with voluntary contributions accepted. Info: 845-452-8110.

Saturday, May 17 -
Friday, May 30, 2008 Pipedreams 2008 Tour: Historic Organs of Québec
Info: Pipedreams

Sunday, May 18, 2008
3:00 PM Organ Recital by Phillip Brisson
of the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, KY. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352

Saturday, June 7, 2008
6:00 PM Benefit Concert by **Craig S. Williams**
Observing the 50th anniversary of the Hudson-Catskill chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Christ Church, 431 Union Street, Hudson, NY For more information call Jon Greene, 518-943-2914.

Saturday, June 14,
2008
9:00 AM

Trip to "The Cloisters"
Join us for a fun trip to New York City to visit this wonderful medieval museum. If you've never been there you won't want to miss it. And if you have, you'll want to go again. We will car pool (meeting at a place to be determined), so you need to call **Gregory Citarella** at 845-297-7693 and let him know you want to go.

Sunday, July 13, 2008
4:00 PM

Annual CHVAGO Picnic
To be held at the home of **Eric Hepp**, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. More details to be announced.

Monday, July 14 -
Friday, July 18, 2008

53rd Annual Convention of the Organ Historical Society
Seattle, Washington. Info: <http://www.organsociety.org/2008/>

Saturday, September
20, 2008
2 - 4 PM

Workshop with Dr. Victoria Sirota
Dr. Sirota is both a concert organist and Episcopal Priest and was formerly National Chaplain of the AGO. Her topic is "Preaching to the Choir; Claiming the role of Sacred Musician". Her book of the same title is superb. You won't want to miss hearing what she has to say. It would be a good opportunity to invite your clergy to join you. This event will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church, Main Street, Fishkill, NY.

Sunday, October 19,
2008

Organ Spectacular
to mark the high point in the International Year of the Organ. Details to be announced.

<p>Saturday, November ?, 2008 Time and date to be announced</p>	<p>Pipes, Pedals, & Pizza A wonderful event designed to introduce young piano students to the King of Instruments. Location: Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY. More details to follow.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 16, 2008 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ, Trumpet, and Violin Concert Gregory Citarella (Organ), Jim Paradies (Trumpet) and Julie Berman (Violin). St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg, NY. Free Will offering. A reception will follow the recital. Info: Call the church at: 845-297-2010 or call Gregory Citarella for more information at: 845-297-7693</p>
<p>Sunday, November 9, 2008 Time TBD</p>	<p>Inaugural Concert by Diane Bish to celebrate the installation of the new Allen Organ in the new sanctuary at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, NY. Diane Bish is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today. Her television program <i>The Joy of Music</i> is broadcast to over 300 million people around the world each week. Hosted and co-sponsored by Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Church. Watch this space for further information. Admission is free, by ticket. For advance ticket reservations, call the church at 845-227-1710.</p>

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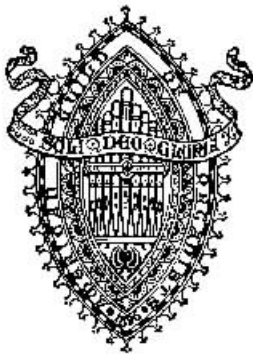
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