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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Last year at this time, I wrote the following:

“Summer is seen by many as a time to ease up on responsibilities, relax and enjoy the beauties of the warmer season. What I observe however is that people are as busy as ever. Perhaps we are not involved in many of the routine tasks we face between September and June, but it does seem we stay very busy.”

If anything, I think those words are even truer this year than last. It is hard to believe that I took on more than a year ago the role and privilege of being dean of the Central Hudson

Valley chapter. These last months have gone very quickly, and the pace rarely lets up. I am sure many of you agree.

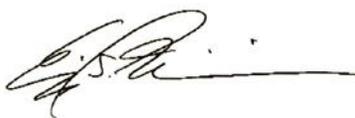
This has been a year of trying some adjustments in the scheduling, working with the talents and passions of fellow musicians and making some mistakes along the way. That said we are in terrific shape going into the next year. Please take a look at the Calendar, and you will see there are many exciting activities in which you can take part. The Organ Crawl in the city of Middletown is going to be a great opportunity to see and hear some very fine historic instruments in the middle of Orange County. Some of the largest pipe organs in the region outside of West Point are right in that area, and visiting one city only scratches the surface. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

The last couple of years in the fall we have enjoyed choral and organ music co-sponsoring a concert with Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and we will keep up that new tradition on October 20th. Please plan on attending – or, better, participating in – that concert. The Calendar has more details. You can see other upcoming events as well.

Eric Hepp hosted a wonderful picnic on July 21st, and it was terrific to meet up with many friends and enjoy good food and company – and take home some choral music as well. Among the many topics of conversation which came up, one subject in particular seems to be at least in the back of people's minds and that is the attainment or advancement of certification in the AGO. I will discuss this further in the coming months, but it was interesting to see how some are thinking seriously about obtaining the Service Playing Certificate – while some who already hold the SPC are contemplating taking the Colleague exam. We mentioned last month in this newsletter that one of our members, Wesley T. Joseph, achieved the CAGO this past spring.

I am proud to say I now have some new letters after my name also, successfully passing the Associate exam this past June. I can say confidently the hard work was well worth it, not only in obtaining a new credential but just in expanding the learning and awareness which comes through such a process. I hope others in our chapter will also consider the benefits of the work involved in achieving AGO certification.

In the meantime, amidst the demands of our schedules, enjoy the beauties of the short season of summer; and I hope to see many of you at one of our activities in the fall.



Craig Williams
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

AGO Receives Sponsorship for Young Artists and POE

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce a new partnership formed with the Jordan Organ Endowment of Columbus (Ga.) State University. The Jordan Endowment's commitment of \$105,000 over ten years (2013–2022) will support the AGO's National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) and Pipe Organ Encounters (POE) for youth in the Southeastern States.

“We at the Jordan Organ Endowment are truly excited by this partnership with the AGO in supporting programs that both bring new people to the organ and that nurture those who are already studying to perfect their artistry at the instrument,” declared Joseph Golden, University Organist and Associate Director of the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University. “The documented impact created by the POE program has captured the attention of the Jordan Organ Endowment; we are so pleased to assist in this most worthy endeavor that brings so many young musicians to a greater understanding and appreciation of the King of Instruments. The long-term relationship that has now begun between the Jordan Organ Endowment and the AGO helps ensure that the POE program and the NYACOP will continue to encourage young organists, both beginners and those more advanced, for many years to come.”

“The AGO is grateful to the Jordan Organ Endowment for its generous support of two of our most cherished educational and competition programs,” added AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Pipe Organ Encounters and NYACOP have an international appeal; each one attracts some of the brightest young keyboard players and most talented organists of their generation.”

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. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

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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.

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Editor's Corner

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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. However, material such as calendar items may be submitted at any time; even if the material may not make it into the printed newsletter, it can be quickly posted on our web site at www.chvago.org.

You may submit newsletter or web site material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given above. Remember, the deadline for the next printed newsletter, to be available the first week in September 2013, is August 23rd.

Position Openings

Editor's Note - Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers. It should not be assumed that applicants who learn of position openings via these listings are endorsed by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 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 or email SUSANEL2@OPTONLINE.NET.

Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, position openings may include 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 - (Part-Time)

ST. AEDAN'S RC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY

[St. Aedan's Church](#), Pearl River, NY is seeking an organist ONLY for Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 7:00 Masses. Total time per week is no more than 2 hours! Pay for the two Masses is \$150. The right candidate for this position can also be considered for our posted position of

Principal Organist. Job responsibilities include: Arriving at the church no more than 15 minutes before Mass; Set up Music per the 'menu'; Play: Four Hymns, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Prayer Response, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God. We have cantors you will work with, so no singing is required. This is a perfect position for someone looking for some extra cash or for a student looking for expand their skills. Organ is an Allen three manual electric that has instrument cards, etc. Send cover letter and resume to: scottthetenor@yahoo.com Do not contact the church directly. 6/1/2013

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST.AEDAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY

St. Aedan's Church, Pearl River, NY (7 minutes from the Palisades Mall) is seeking a Principal Organist for two Sunday Masses (10 AM and Noon) and a Wednesday (possibly moving to Sunday) rehearsal from 7:30-9:00 PM. Extra for Holy Days, Catechetical services, etc. All Weddings, some funerals possible. Pay rate is \$225/week (no rehearsals in January, June, July or August. Average per hour is well over \$40/hour). Organ is three manual Allen with instrument cards and programmer, transposer, etc. Also an upright grand piano. No administrative duties. Contact: Music Director Ellie Diaz-Walters at 845-558-1225, or e-mail scottthetenor@yahoo.com. Position available upon negotiation, contract year January 1-December 31. *Renewed 12/30/2012*

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

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.

Saturday, September 14, 2013 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Organ Crawl City of Middletown and Paramount Theater Organ Crawl. The morning will begin at 10 with a visit to the famous <u>Paramount Theater</u> where everyone will hear an organ demonstration by the theater's organist John Baratta, who will also accompany a short silent movie! The curator will give a brief history of the Wurlitzer theater organ, and organists will have a chance to play the Wurlitzer themselves. At noon, participants are free to walk to one of the many downtown restaurants for lunch. After lunch, the group will walk to nearby <u>Grace Episcopal Church</u> and <u>First Congregational Church</u> to see, hear and play the Austin pipe organs at both churches. History of the churches and organs will also be discussed. The last visit of the day will consist of driving up to <u>North Congregational Church</u> (less than two miles north of downtown) to experience the church's E.M. Skinner pipe organ. The organ is one of very few Skinner organs which retain the same sound and specification as the builder designed, and experiencing the
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sound of the organ in the church's marble interior is not to be missed! A small wine and cheese reception hosted by the church will conclude the day's activities. This Organ Crawl is free and open to the general public, and participants are encouraged to attend all or part of the day's activities as their schedules allow. (Note: Check our Local Organs page for information on two of the organs featured.)

Saturday, October 5
through Thursday,
October 10, 2013

American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) Convention
Winston-Salem, NC. [Click here](#) for information.

Sunday, October 20,
2013
5:00 PM

Celebration of Psalms Concert
A choral and organ concert presented by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Suggested donation: \$15 (students free). Proceeds to be donated to the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Info: 845-452-8220.

Sunday, October 27,
2013
3:00 PM

Organ and Brass Concert
Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). [Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Saturday, November
9, 2013
9:30 AM

Choral Reading Workshop
Anthems for Pentecost and Feast Days. 9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00-11:30 Workshop. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Hosted by Laura Russell, Organist/Choir Director.

Sunday, December 8,
2013
3:00 PM

55th Annual Handel's Messiah
Part I and including selections from Parts II and III. Cadet Choir, combined community choirs and orchestra. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). [Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, January 12,
2014
5:00 PM

Spuds 'n' Sundaes Social
A great time for good food and fellowship! [Trinity Church](#), 1200 Main Street, Fishkill (off Route 9).

Saturday, February 8,
2014

Choral Reading Workshop: World Music
9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00-11:30 Workshop. The Reformed

9:30 AM

Church, 70 Hooker Avenue. Hosted by Janice Grace,
Organist/Choir Director.

Sunday, March 23,
2014
3:00 PM

Annual Members' Recital
Location TBD

Sunday, April 6, 2013
3:30 PM

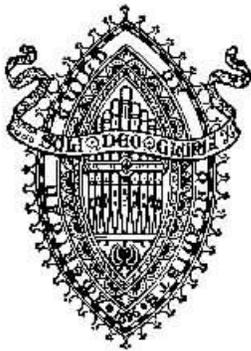
Tower Music Series: Recital by **Craig S. Williams**
Music of Bach, Buxtehude, Dupre', Karg-Elert, Liszt,
Mendelssohn, Messiaen and Widor. [The Reformed Church](#), 70
Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Sunday, April 27, 2014
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Christopher Jennings
[Christopher Jennings](#) loves to promote the role of the organ in
the classical music scene and beyond in order to bring its music
to a variety of audiences. A program of American works
including Clarence Dickinson's "Storm King Symphony" for
Organ. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering
accepted). [Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
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