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Letter from the Dean

Greetings to all the wonderful members of our beloved Central Hudson Valley chapter of AGO! Since this is my very first letter to all of you as your newly elected Dean, I primarily want to use it to acknowledge and thank all of you who have come before me!

First and foremost, we owe an extreme debt of gratitude to Laura Ramsey Russell, DMA, who has so ably led us as Dean for the last 6 years (that's THREE full terms)! Laura was quite emphatic that she did not want to run for another term as Dean (who could possibly blame her?), but we will all still benefit from having her around, especially me as I try to fill her very large shoes (NOT possible)! It was her own suggestion that she wanted to instead work with programs going forward and all the existing members of the Executive Board wholeheartedly agreed with that!

Laura has begun to set up a program committee and we will be soon hearing plans for new programming during the coming year, hopefully starting in October or so with a festive Service of Installation for our new officers. Other possible programs may include a Members'

Recital as well as some of our time-tested favorites like the exceedingly popular Bach to Broadway program, Spuds n' Suds, and beyond!

The other former board member who needs a major mention, however, is Eric Hepp – how could we have made it without him? Eric has served on the board "seemingly forever" but he also was VERY emphatic that he did not want to return to the board any time soon, especially since he was also to retire from his...ahem...."day job" in NYC in July! We look forward to seeing a hopefully "more relaxed" Eric in the months to come! Oh, and those of you who were not able to attend the Spuds n' Sundaes that he hosted at his beautiful home at the beginning of the summer missed a true treat!

So, meanwhile, here I sit in the Dean's chair....ready or not! But I do want to assure you that I do have prior experience in this job, just not since I was Dean of the Detroit AGO chapter from 1992-94. We are so blessed to continue to have such incredibly gifted leadership in this chapter and all of them agreed to continue in their respective roles for the coming 2 years, while we also welcome two new members to join us going forward: John Vanderlee (husband of our chapter Secretary Nancy) as well as Eileen Kerkes, who joined the chapter in the spring of 2021.

I lived in Canton, Ohio before moving to New York State six years ago. Like our chapter here in the Central Hudson Valley, our chapter in Ohio was not large, but we hosted some incredible programs often with larger attendance than those from our much larger neighbor chapters to the north in Cleveland and Akron!

I am deeply humbled to have had you place your trust in me over these next two years. Feel free to call me by my full name, which I enjoy hearing because I just think it sounds musical: Benjamin Thomas Vise! Or, well, just call me "you there, boy" as my mother often did as she went down the names of all 4 boys in my household. I promise to answer to any and all of them!

So everybody fasten your seatbelts and get ready for the "Ride of a Lifetime!" All of us will always be eager to hear from all of YOU with comments or suggestions. Blessings to you all during the month of August as you get some much needed REST before fall programming gets underway along with the schools once more!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BTV' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Benjamin of the House of O.R.G.A.N.

Dean, CHVAGO

Membership News

- Welcome to our newest member, Robert Cole. Robert divides his time between Amenia, NY, and New York City, where he is the history and social sciences department chair at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic school for girls. On weekends he is organist at St. Thomas Church in Amenia. His local contact information is:
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We look forward to meeting Robert at an upcoming chapter event. Once again, welcome!
- Even though our member roster was recently revised, it has now been updated again to reflect several recent changes and corrections. You can always access the file on our private Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHVAGO/>. If you prefer to receive a PDF version via email or USPS, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application 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, unless otherwise approved by the Board. More information about each substitute is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, or if you need to update your information, please contact the editor using the information above.

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Carl J. Geiselhart	845-457-4830	Anthony Rispo	914-979-5181
Susan Guse	845-242-1478	Todd Sisley	518-225-0928
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List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they are accepting new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. More information about each teacher is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

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Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Anthony Rispo	914-979-5181
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Patrick Walker	845-464-9035
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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 2022, is August 23.

Editor's Corner

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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 chvagoboard@gmail.com.

Editor's Note – Because there are so many new position openings this month, we are choosing not to list all of them in their entirety. If you have questions about a position, please contact the prospective employer directly using the information provided in the complete listing online at http://www.chvago.org/CHVAGO_Positions.php. If you need help accessing the online information, please call Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496.

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY - SPRING VALLEY, NY

7/2/2022

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-time)

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - FISHKILL, NY

5/27/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY
3/28/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ST.JOSEPH AND OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL -
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**
3/12/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH – WARWICK, NY
12/21/2021

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - COLD SPRING, NY
8/11/2021

Calendar of Events

If you are interested in having an event posted on this calendar, please contact the web site administrator, [Susan LaGrande](#). Events are selected for inclusion based on their relevance and interest to the members of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The chapter reserves the right to decline or withdraw listings at any time.

- Saturday, August 6, 2022 5:00 PM Breezy Hill Woodwind Quintet
In the Tent at [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Free-will offerings accepted. Info: 845-452-8220
- Sunday, August 14, 2022 5:00 PM Hudson Valley Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble #3
In the Tent at [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Free-will offerings accepted. Info: 845-452-8220
- Sunday, August 21, 2022 4:00 PM Organ Concert by Craig Williams
Craig Williams will present a program on the 1847 Ferris tracker organ at the [Round Lake Auditorium](#), 2 Wesley Avenue, Round Lake, NY. Craig Williams is Organist and Choir Master at USMA, West Point. Featuring music by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Guilmant, Lemmens, and Dubois. Info: 518-899-2800.
- Wednesday, August 24, 2022 7:30 PM Organ Recital by Craig Williams
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Music of Dupré, Faxon, Liszt, Price, Sowande, Thayer, and Williams. [Methuen Memorial Music Hall](#), 192 Broadway, Methuen, MA. Info: Voicemail: 978-685-0693.

Saturday, August 27, 2022 5:00 PM Flute & Piano concert: Carl Gutowski and James Fitzwilliam
In the Tent at [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Free-will offerings accepted. Info:
845-452-8220

Sunday, August 28, 2022 afternoon and early evening PorchFest Neighborhood Concerts
In the neighborhood surrounding [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20
Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Free-will offerings
accepted. Info: 845-452-8220



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