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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

If you haven't heard, Gerre Hancock died on January 21st. He was certainly one of the giants of the organ world. His improvisations were incredible. He will be missed by all of us.

Our Spuds and Sundaes was a terrific success. Many thanks to our "cooks": Susan LaGrande for all the potatoes, Barbara Bayers and Nancy Harle for the toppings and beverages, Celestine Campbell and Craig Williams for the ice cream and Eric Hepp for all the necessary paper goods. A really big thank you to Maris Kristapsons who sorted all the music and offered it to all of us. The sale was a huge success. We added over \$500 to our scholarship

fund! In addition many of us added new music to our libraries at a fraction of the usual cost. It was a win – win for everyone.

You should also be aware of the outcome of our Patriotic Hymn Sing and concert from last November. We had a wonderful crowd and raised about \$3,000 which was donated to local Veterans groups. It was amazing how smoothly everything flowed considering there were 11 different organists involved. Kudos to all of you. (Copies of the CD recorded at the concert may be obtained by calling Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.)

Now it is time to look ahead. Our next chapter event is a choral reading session on March 10th from 2-4 at the Balmville Presbyterian Church in Newburgh. (Directions next month) The theme is Advent and Christmas. Here's how it works. You pick one or two anthems from your library to share. Bring the copies with you for all of us to read through while you conduct. Margaret Small has graciously volunteered to accompany. BUT, we do need to know ahead of time who will be presenting anthems and Margaret would like time to prepare the accompaniment. So – no later than March 1 you need to contact Barbara Bayers at babayers@gmail.com or 845-391-8479 and tell her what you will be bringing. She will compile a list with the title, composer and publisher so if you hear a piece you like you will have all the information you need to order it. Also, please send a hard copy to her (603 Dove Court, New Windsor, NY 12533) or else scan it and send it to her electronically. She will then get the copy to Margaret Small.

The more people who participate the better it will be. We also need people to come and sing so invite your singing friends and choir members to join us so we can hear what these pieces sound like. Please don't wait until the last minute. Contact Barbara soon while your Advent/Christmas music is still fresh in your mind and so she can start organizing this.

The year is off to a “great” start. Let's keep it that way.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

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 March, is February 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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Membership News

- Stu Ballinger has a new e-mail address, effective immediately: wa2bss@hvi.net.
- Janice Grace, one of our newest members, has accepted a position as organist and choir director at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. Playing organ since the age of 10, Janice's organ career began at 13 as assistant organist to Charles F. Boehm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY. As an undergraduate of Westminster Choir College, she studied with Dr. George Markey, Joan Lippincott and Frauke Haussman. Her record company JaguarRecords.com is home for her Electro-Pop-Dance music she composes in her recording studio.

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.

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| Denise Bassen | 845-345-1500 | <u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u> | |
| Joe Bertolozzi | 845-831-0695 | Maris Kristapsons | |
| Robert D. Brown | 845-485-1597 | (no weddings) | 845-635-8837 |
| Nickie Collins | 845-462-2240 | Beverly Simmons | 845-463-1249 |
| Richard C. Ehlenberg | 845-658-9746 | <u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u> | |
| Christopher Fasulo | 646-342-4836 | Alice Cann | 845-223-5344 |
| Larry Hazard | 845-452-0119 | Greg Citarella | 845-297-7693 |
| Susan LaGrande | 845-226-6496 | Eric Hepp | (no weekday funerals) |
| Susan MacNish | 845-635-3814 | | 845-489-2625 |
| Janet Nickerson | 845-561-0763 | Charles Surber (no weddings) | |
| Joanne Reed | 845-361-3474 | | 845-544-2782 |

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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| Gregory Citarella | 845-297-7693 | Janet Nelson Nickerson | 845-561-0763 |
| Peter Hall | 845-343-4995 | Beverly Simmons | 845-463-1249 |
| Larry Hazard | 845-452-0119 | Charles Surber | 845-544-2782 |

Position Openings

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, older 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/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)
THE REFORMED CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY Filled 1/27/2012

ORGANIST (Part-Time)
ST. PATRICK RC CHURCH - HIGHLAND MILLS, NY Filled 12/30/2011

ORGANIST (Part-Time)
ST. AEDAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY Filled 1/30/2012

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY Filled 12/1/2011

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMPTONBURGH - CAMPBELL HALL, NY Filled 12/1/2011

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.

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| Sunday, February 5, 2012 4:00 PM | Benefit Choral Concert Concerts Con Brio presents a Choral Concert in memory of Detective John Falcone who was killed a year ago while saving the life of a young child in Poughkeepsie. The concert is a benefit for Grace Smith House in Poughkeepsie, a non-profit agency which provides services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The concert will take place at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. There is a suggested donation at the door of \$20. Music will include "Requiem" by John Rutter, sung by a 40-voice choir accompanied by flute, oboe, cello, |
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harp, organ, and percussion; "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl, Fauré "Pavane" for flute and harp, and "Meditation" for organ by Maurice Duruflé. A reception will follow the concert. There is a handicapped accessible entrance to the church on Carroll Street. For more information, please reply to Music Director Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.

Sunday,
February 19,
2012
2:00 PM

"Chorister for a Day" Program at St. Thomas Choir School
Visiting boys attend a vocal workshop with music staff, walk to the church with choristers, vest, sit in the stalls with the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys and join in singing hymns at Evensong at 4:00 PM. Please contact Ruth Cobb, 212-247-3311, or rcobb@choirschool.org, for further information or to reserve a place.

Sunday, March
4, 2012
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Sergio Militello
Sergio Militello is the Choirmaster and Principal Organist of the magnificent and great Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Saturday,
March 10, 2012
2:00 PM (Note
Corrected Date)

Choral Reading
Advent/Christmas-themed choral reading at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh. Refreshments to follow. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, March
11, 2012
7:00 PM

I Squared - A Program of Irish and Italian Song
Location: Zoeller Center of Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956. Tenors Jim Russell and Matt Surapine will perform a program of Irish and Italian classical and folk music. This will be a café-style performance, featuring appetizers, hot and cold beverages and delicious baked goods while you enjoy the show. Suggested offering \$10. For more information, contact the Music Office at 914-318-3268 or email us at treasurehousemus@aol.com.

Sunday, March
18, 2012
3:00 PM

FUMC Concert Series - Organ Recital by Christopher Herrick
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. English concert organist Christopher Herrick is an international recitalist and recording artist. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Thursday, March
22, 2012
7:00 PM

A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Sacred Music
Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, the program will include psalms, hymns, and scripture readings, accompanied by our Peragallo pipe organ and instruments. Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue. New City, NY 10956. Suggested offering: \$10. For information contact the music office at 914-318-3268.

Saturday, March
24, 2012

Senior Recital: April Cha, organ
Music of Sweelinck, Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and

- 1:30 PM Hindemith. Skinner Hall of Music and Chapel, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Free. Info: 845-437-7294.
- Friday, March 30, 2012
8:00 PM Organ Recital by Janette Fishell
Vassar College presents The Donald and Kathleen Pearson Memorial Organ Recital, featuring Janette Fishell. A graduate of Indiana University and Northwestern University, Dr. Fishell is a recitalist and teacher of international standing. She has performed in many of the world's greatest concert venues and has been a featured recitalist and lecturer at five national conventions and five regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Dr. Fishell is Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Department at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Her eclectic recital will include works by Bach, Hindemith, and Alain, as well as American composer Calvin Hampton's "Five Dances for Organ." Vassar College Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-437-7294.
- Friday, April 6, 2012
5:00 PM Senior Recital: Susan Randolph, organ
Music of Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Messiaen. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Free. Info: 845-437-5370.
- Sunday, April 15, 2012
2:00 - 4:00 PM Workshop: "T-N-T hymn introductions to ignite interest and enthusiasm in hymn singing"
Workshop leader is Phyllis Warner from Dayton, Ohio. She will demonstrate ideas to introduce different styles of hymns by examining the *Texts and Tunes*. Handouts will be distributed. Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.
- Sunday, April 22, 2012
4:00 PM Field Trip to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, NYC
To hear recital by Craig Williams. Evensong at 4:00 PM; organ recital at 5:15 PM. Watch this space for further information.
- Sunday, May 6, 2012
3:00 PM FUMC Concert Series - Handbell Concert by New England Ringers
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The New England Ringers is a 15-member community handbell ensemble playing the most advanced level of handbell literature. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.
- Sunday, May 6, 2012
3:00 PM Juilliard Trombone Choir
The Juilliard Trombone Choir returns for their fourth year in what has become a new favorite West Point spring event! Director Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu
- Sunday, May 6, Mostly Mozart Concert

2012
7:30 PM Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony
Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and
Orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie.
Info: 845-452-8220

Friday, May 18,
2012 Members' Recital
Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for
further information.

Monday through
Thursday, July
9-19, 2012 from
7:00 - 9:30 PM Rehearsals for BachFest 2012
The BachFest choir will rehearse Monday through Thursday nights from 7
to 9:30pm the week of July 9 and the week of July 16 at Christ Episcopal
Church in Poughkeepsie. Go to www.christchurchpok.org for directions to
the church. Please contact **Laura Russell** at LRussell@hvc.rr.com or call
845-485-1648 if you wish to sing in the choir. Choral experience is
required. Solos will be selected from within the group, if possible.
Attendance at all rehearsals is expected unless a prior arrangement has
been made with the director. Deadline for announcing your intention to
sing with the choir: early May 2012. Choral selections to be announced.

Friday through
Sunday, July 20-
22, 2012 BachFest 2012
FULL BACHFEST SCHEDULE: (also see website for updates
at www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org)

Keyboard Marathon: Friday, 7/20 at 7:30 PM at Cornwall Presbyterian
Church - Contact: Ruthanne Schempf – 845-534-2166

Young Person's Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 2:00 PM at Cornwall
Presbyterian Church - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368

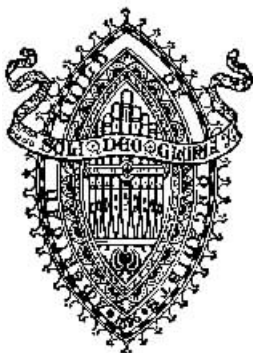
Organ Recital and Choral Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 7:30 PM at Christ
Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie - Contact: Laura Russell – 845-485-
1648

Bach Sunday services: Sunday, 7/22 – various times and places – check
website for details - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368 and Ed
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Sunday, July
29, 2012
3:00 PM Annual Picnic
at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls. Watch
this space for details as the date approaches.



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