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Letter from the Dean

Greetings and Happy New Year to all the members and friends of Central Hudson Valley Chapter AGO! I hope that everyone has had all of their seasonal worship experiences and performances go just “swimmingly” even though that may not sound like the best expression to use in January!

I hope that all of you will use these weeks to begin to restore your energy since I know from my own experience how depleting all of the multiple events of December every year can be utterly exhausting, particularly if you are a person in leadership at whatever level! Even our faithful choir members or ringers put out the maximum at this time of year to provide the glorious music we all enjoy that literally MAKES the season come to life! So whether you are a director or a person sitting in the congregation, be sure to tell them of your appreciation. It can make ALL the difference for them!

Our next chapter event is a favorite of many from years past: the Spuds & Sundays social time and music sharing event which will return in full force on Sunday evening, January 29th at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls. The pandemic put on hold this event until we

were lucky enough to try out a “mini” sized event utilizing Eric Hepp's generous sized garage and driveway, so that has emboldened us to give this very popular and unique event a goodly dose of vitamins to make it one of the best yet! Look for all the details elsewhere in this issue and in the calendar.

Two other events coming up in February and March will be a split set of Member's Recitals at two different locations. This will give our membership a choice depending on where they happen to live, too, one on each side of the river! The first one at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 12 (note REVISED date) will offer the chance to perform music composed by people of color, and you will be amazed at the CHOICES, especially if you have not had a chance to “dabble” in this topic! This will also serve as our Black History month observation and will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Poughkeepsie.

The second recital at the same starting time will be on Saturday, March 25 (also a revised date) but this time we will feature music composed by women! Our chapter leadership has a goal of giving emphasis to more music by typically “underrepresented” composers, and we thank Sub-Dean Laura Russell for her outstanding leadership in pulling these two events together. PLEASE, we cannot pull either of these events off unless we have PEOPLE TO PERFORM IN THEM, so be in touch with Laura for assistance and to register your interest. This should really be a lot of fascinating fun as it always is to discover new music which is not currently on our “standard list.”

And last but not least, I want to thank all the members of our chapter who have been so supportive of me during my second and last cataract surgery on December 6th. This particular operation went like clockwork (unlike the problems I encountered in the first one that put the entire healing process on slow motion for nearly 3 months)! I am now truly stunned at the improvement in my vision overall and within the coming month or two I am confident I should be able to resume driving at night once again. Gadzooks, that means I will actually be able to ATTEND some of our programs!! This has been the very BEST Christmas gift I could possibly have received!

Winter blessings to you all as we begin to also see the days get longer once more! And to that I say a hearty YAY!!



Benjamin T. Vise, MM, Dean
Central Hudson Valley Chapter of AGO

Membership News

- Since AGOHQ adopted rolling enrollment dates a few years ago, some of us tend to lose track of our membership expiration date. In any given month, there are several members whose membership is about to expire. Remember, you must be a member in good standing for your name to be included in the Sub List or Teachers List. In order to maintain your membership and the privileges which it conveys, please pay your dues

promptly. If you have any questions about how to renew your membership, or when your current membership expires, please contact Susan LaGrande at chvagoboard@gmail.com.

- Welcome back to Patrick Walker and Lisa Davey, both of whom have renewed their membership after a brief lapse. It's never too late to send in your dues payment!

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.

Meredith Baker	845-565-3321	Eric Hepp	845-489-2625
Joe Bertolozzi	845-337-1216	Wesley Joseph	845-849-0104
Luca Cantone	703-554-5906	Maris Kristapsons	845-635-0411
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Susan Guse	845-242-1478	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Christopher Wynkoop	845-926-7389

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.

Meredith Baker	914-261-0028	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-294-8138
Gregory Citarella	845-559-4013	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

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 February 2023, is January 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.

MUSIC LEADER - (Part-Time)

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WOODSTOCK, NY

11/28/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY

11/28/2022

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part Time)

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CORNWALL, NY

10/22/2022

VOCAL/BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

COBLESKILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - COBLESKILL, NY

10/22/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - KENT, CT

10/15/2022

CHORAL DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

10/9/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Full-Time)
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - GOSHEN, NY
Filled 12/2022

PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC - (Full-Time)
ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY - DUNWOODIE (YONKERS, NY)
9/17/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY - SPRING VALLEY, NY
Filled 12/16/2022

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

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.

Sunday, January 22, 2023
5:00 PM

Concerts Con Brio presents Chamber Music
[Musicians of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic](#) will present the Hudson Valley String Quartet: The Cara Group (Rachel Handman & Stephen Minor, violins; Elizabeth Handman, viola; Chris Santos, cello), who will play *Strum* by Jesse Montgomery. Additional program details will be added as they become available. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Suggested donation of \$15 at the door. Info: 845-452-8220

Sunday January 29, 2023, 5:00 PM	Spuds & Sundaes Social - Music Sale - Epiphany Reading Session Three events in one! And a great opportunity to bring a guest. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baked potatoes and ice cream, with appropriate toppings for each. A great opportunity for good food and fellowship. If you would like to contribute a topping, please contact Susan LaGrande.• If you have organ- or choral-related sheet music that
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you no longer want, bring it here and let other members browse. Take what you want and leave a donation to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

- Reading session: Bring Epiphany favorites to share with other members. These can be organ solos, hymns, or choral anthems. We will share the music in the church Sanctuary in an informal reading session after our meal. If you want to share hymns or anthems, please bring copies of the music for people to read.

Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappinger Falls, NY 12590. Info: 845-232-8601.

Sunday, February 12,
2023
3:00 PM
NOTE REVISED DATE

Members' Recital, Part One

This year we will divide up our Members' Recital into two concerts, both focused on music written by under-represented composers. In February we will feature music written by people of color. Both programs would primarily feature organ works, but they can also include choral pieces. The choral component will be in the form of a reading and/or an informal choral performance. Knowing that many of us are not necessarily familiar with the wealth of music written by under-represented composers, we will share in advance a listing of works, at all levels of difficulty, to help members make a selection of what they would like to play. Look for an email about this, and for the list to appear on our website as well.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 161 Mansion Street,
Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-232-8601

Saturday, March 25, 2023
3:00 PM
NOTE REVISED DATE

Members' Recital, Part Two

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St. George's Episcopal Church, 105 Grand Street, Newburgh
Info: 845-232-8601



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