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**Central Hudson Valley Chapter**  
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**Newsletter – July 2013**

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*www.chvago.org*

**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues,

We had a terrific Members' Recital at the Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie this past Sunday – June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many thanks to Janice Grace, the church's organist and choir director, the Rev. Bob Geehan, pastor and to Bill Bakker and others who provided technical support. He set up a screen so that the organists were clearly visible to the audience. Also many good photographs were taken which I hope to share later.

Also many thanks to those who participated – Janice Grace with trumpeter James Paradies, Boyd Herforth, Celestine Campbell, Wesley T. Joseph, Patrick Walker, Rob Brown and Craig Williams. The music of Bach, Handel, Lubeck, Duruflé, Widor and others was played at a very high standard - professional concert caliber from each and every one of the players.

Also many thanks to Barbara Bayers who organized the reception after the concert and also managed to distribute registration materials at the same time. Many people who had paid their annual dues received their membership cards, and others were encouraged to join the AGO.

The audience was generous in their appreciation of the players as well as in their giving to the scholarship fund. We raised almost \$300 for the fund.

Now we look forward to some other activities planned for the Central Hudson Valley chapter. On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM, we will be having our Annual Picnic at Eric Hepp's house (24 LorMar Court in Wappingers Falls) – this is always a nice and relaxing event with good food, beverages and friends – a great way to introduce yourself to fellow members of the chapter. Then on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will take part in the Middletown Organ Crawl beginning at 10:00AM in the famous Paramount Theater where we will hear the “mighty” Wurlitzer organ and even see a short movie accompanied by theater organist John Baratta. In addition, we will visit other local churches that day. Please also mark your calendars for the Celebration of Psalms at Christ Church Poughkeepsie on Sunday, October 20 at 5:00 PM and a Choral Reading also at Christ Church on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in the coming months.

As we prepare for the activities of our churches, schools and other work in the year ahead, hopefully we can take some time to appreciate the simple joys and silent moments of the summer season. Enjoy the blessings!



Craig Williams  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

### **Congratulations to Wesley T. Joseph, CAGO**

We want to congratulate a member of our chapter, Wesley T. Joseph, for successfully obtaining the Colleague of the American Guild of Organists certificate this year. Wesley is Organist and Choir Director of Hopewell Reformed Church and recently performed on this year's Annual Members' Recital. We commend him for this achievement. Many thanks to Laura Russell, Organist and Director of Music at Christ Episcopal Church Poughkeepsie for making the church available and preparing the sanctuary for the administration of the exam and also to her husband, Paul Frazer, who recorded the exam for submission. Paul proved himself indispensable to the success of the exam when he located and replaced a dead fuse powering the organ blower five minutes before Wesley's arrival!

## New Additions to the “Local Organs” Web Page

Thanks to Joseph Bertolozzi for the time and effort he devoted to the Beacon Centennial Pipes Project, which concluded on June 25. The six pipe organs featured in that Tour were, in order:

- St. Joachim's Church, 51 Leonard Street, organ by J.H. & C.S. Odell & Co., 1885/1926.
- First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty Street, organ by Aeolian-Skinner Organ Co., 1945.
- St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, organ by Peragallo Pipe Organ Company, 1989.
- St. Luke's Church, 850 Wolcott Avenue, organ by J.H. and C. S. Odell & Co., 1960.
- St. Andrew's Church, 17 South Avenue, organ by George Jardine & Son, ca. 1860.
- The Reformed Church, 1113 Wolcott Avenue, organ by Geo. H. Ryder, 1895.

Photographs, descriptions, and stop lists of these organs are now available on our “Local Organs” page on our web site. In addition, several other historic organs of Beacon which were not included on the tour are also listed:

- Ursuline Novitiate (now the Carmelite Monastery), 89 Hiddenbrooke Drive, Beacon, NY . organ by M.P. Moller & Co., 1959, Op. 9438
- Craig House, Rte 9D, Beacon, NY, organ by Johnson & Co, 1873
- St. Lawrence Friary, 180 Sargent Ave, Beacon, NY, organ by Peregallo Pipe Organ Company, c. 1990.
- Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Square, Beacon, NY, organ by George Jardine & Son, 1892.
- Tabernacle of Christ Church (formerly First Methodist Church), 483 Main Street, Beacon, NY, organ by F. J. N. Tallman, 1889.

Please take advantage of this wonderful resource and get to know some of the rich history of the pipe organ in the Central Hudson Valley.

## 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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Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Maris Kristapsons	845-635-8837
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Donald Filkins	845-831-6315	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Michael D. Golzmane	845-240-8212	Charles Surber	845-544-2782
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Patrick Walker	845-473-4208

## 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.

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

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 August 2013, is July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

Monday, June 24 through  
Saturday, June 29, 2013

"The Hills Are Alive" - Organ Historical Society's 58th Annual National Convention  
Headquartered in Burlington, VT and visiting historic instruments in Vermont and New Hampshire. Info:  
<http://www.organsociety.org/2013/index.html>.

Sunday, June 30 through  
Wednesday, July 3, 2013

"Appear and Inspire" - Regions I and II AGO Convention in Hartford, CT  
The conference theme "Appear and Inspire" is taken from W.H. Auden's poem, "Anthem for St. Cecilia's Day" and springs from a desire to make the convention as inspirational as possible. The result is a four-day convention full of incredible recitals and concerts, more than 21 workshops, a marvelous exhibit hall and plenty of time for rest, relaxation and renewing friendships with colleagues. All of the workshop locations are within a short, walkable distance to the conference hotel, [The Ramada Plaza Downtown Hartford](#), and with a \$99/night conference rate, this will be one of the most affordable AGO conventions in many years. [Click here](#) to register online.

Sunday, July 21, 2013  
3:00 PM

Annual Chapter Picnic  
Join us for a relaxing afternoon of good food and conversation! Our host is **Eric Hepp**, 24 Lormar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Call 845-790-3381 for directions. Watch this space for further details regarding menu and other arrangements.

Tuesday, July 30, 2013  
7:00 PM

Organ Recital by **Craig S. Williams**  
**Craig S. Williams**, Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY, will give a recital at [The Riverside Church](#), 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY. Info: 212-870-6700

Saturday, October 5 through  
Thursday, October 10, 2013

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

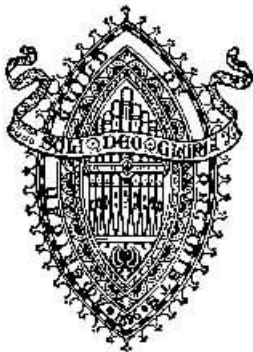
Sunday, October 20, 2013  
5:00 PM

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: \$10 (students free). Proceeds to be donated to the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Info: 845-452-8220.

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