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**Central Hudson Valley Chapter**  
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**American Guild of  
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**Newsletter – June 2007**

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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to “ordinary time,” the post-Easter/Pentecost season, when things have finally calmed down and we think about the opportunities for personal reflection and growth available during the summer months. I hope you will take advantage of the regional convention and/or a workshop that will be useful to you. BUT FIRST, please call Greg and sign up to play in our members' recital on June 17. If you are unable to play, do come and support those who do, and of course, bring a friend or two. Or more. The music enthusiasts in your congregation typically love events like this.

As you realize, this is my last dean's letter and you may look forward to the indomitable wit of Greg Citarella in the coming months. Please step up and congratulate him and offer your support as you are able.

If I may, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few parting words. In the summer of 1973, when I had completed my master's degree in music education, I began studying with Don Pearson. The next fall, while I was practicing for a program at First Presbyterian, Virginia Hopkins handed me a membership application for the Guild. At that time, I honestly thought you had to pass an exam or prove some kind of competence for membership, so it was a relief to learn that all you needed to do was sign up.

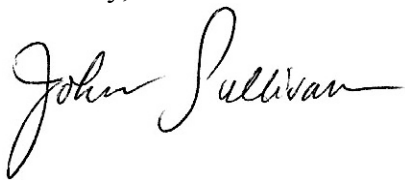
Through the years, I had the opportunity to serve as treasurer, education coordinator, and board member at large. I took and passed (not on the first try) the AAGO and FAGO exams, and learned an incredible amount about music, the organ and myself in the process of preparing for these tests. I attended conventions, workshops, classes, and helped to organize some of them too. During some of the darkest hours of my life, when I couldn't get to anything at all, I kept getting calls—mostly from Alice Cann – to say we're thinking about you and hope you can be at the next event. And when I did come back after my wife's death, Bob Zeliff's first words were: *Your friends in the Guild are here for you.* All in all, it's been quite a trip.

I know that I have been incredibly blessed in ways that I sometimes don't even recognize. So when the opportunity to give back came in the form of this office and in the convention planning, it was a simple matter to say yes. And I can honestly say that having taken advantage of this opportunity has given me an incredible sense of usefulness and joy.

In closing, I have to say thank you to a wonderful board that was so inspiring to work with, and to all of you for your contributions to our communal growth. I encourage you to consider serving in whatever capacity you can, for the benefit of others and for the satisfaction that such service will bring to you.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

John Sullivan, FAGO

### **Correction**

The ballot included with last month's newsletter contained an error in the biographical sketch for Nancy Harle. It should read as follows:

**Nancy Harle** – Nancy holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Manhattanville College in New York and a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching from Auburn University in Alabama. She has studied and performed extensively as a pianist, organist, and singer. For 25 years she has taught music and directed choruses in public and parochial schools, as well as in her private studio. She is currently Organist/Cantor at both Laydentown United Methodist Church and Viola United Methodist Church.

## **Membership News**

Boyd Herforth has a new e-mail address: [nancy.herforth@verizon.net](mailto:nancy.herforth@verizon.net).

## **Free Organ Recitals to Promote New Bach CD Release**

Organist Brian Hoffman of the Eastern New York Chapter is in the process of organizing a concert tour for Fall 2007 - Spring 2008 in promotion of his newest CD release "J.S. Bach: Preludes and Fugues". The concert repertoire for this year's tour will be the 24 Preludes and Fugues of J.S. Bach and each recital will feature different selections from that list. Every recital is offered free of charge to churches and AGO guilds which, in turn, may charge an admission/donation fee for their own fundraising purposes.

Brian Hoffman is a church and concert organist from New York's Capital District. He began studying the piano and organ at age 4 and became a church organist at age 11. In his career, he has performed over 100 recitals throughout the Northeast United States, mainly focusing on the masterworks of Cesar Franck and other French Literature. He was the Organist and, eventually Choirmaster at St. Georges Episcopal Church in Schenectady, NY for 12 years where he accompanied and directed the St. Cecilia Choir, a semi-pro ensemble specializing in sacred music from the Medieval Period through the great English Cathedral music of the 20th Century. A composer as well, he has written 5 Masses (Rite 1) and numerous sacred choral anthems as well as much organ music. Previous to the current Bach recording, he has recorded the masterworks of Cesar Franck

If you are interested in scheduling a free recital, please contact Mr. Hoffman at [goodra@capital.net](mailto:goodra@capital.net) or 518.797.3346.

## **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. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in July, is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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.

Joe Bertolozzi (Sat, late Sunday)	845-831-0695	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Susan LaGrande (Sat, early Sunday)	845-226-6496	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Jill Marshall (Friday, Saturday)	845-227-6990	Robert J. Clooney	845-344-2277
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	<u>Students</u>	
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	David Parries (Sunday only)	845-297-6870
		Jeffrey Parries	845-297-6870/845-702-4746
		Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011

## 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.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824

## Position Openings

*Editor's Note – 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.*

### ORGANIST (Part-Time)

#### **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

Christ Church is an open, inclusive and growing congregation in the city of Poughkeepsie. We seek an organist starting in July, 2007. The music ministry consists of two professionals – the organist and the choir director. Requirements for the organist position include: - excellent skills as an organist, playing traditional hymns, prelude and postlude - ability to accompany complex choral anthems - Familiarity with a strongly liturgical tradition and flexibility to adapt to a particular liturgical style - willingness to work under the direction of the choir director. The organist will play for one service on Sundays and for holiday services, Thursday night choir rehearsals, and for a few choral concerts each year. Gress-Miles pipe organ installed in 1966. 3 manuals, 53 ranks. Details at:

<http://www.christchurchpok.org/organhist.html>.

Annual Salary: \$10,000 - \$13,000. Weeks of Paid Continuing Education: Negotiable. Weeks of Paid Vacation: 4. Benefits: Negotiable.

Christ Church has a long history of excellent, traditional music that complements and enriches our liturgy. Additional income will come from weddings and funerals. Compensation is guaranteed in a complete letter of agreement that protects employee and employer.

Please send in strictest confidence your resume and 5 different bulletins from your current church position to Dr. Laura Russell, c/o Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-485-1648 E-mail: lrussell@hvc.rr.com 5/1/07

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - ALBANY, NY**

One Sunday service 10:30 AM, plus special services for Christmas, Lent, Easter and Thanksgiving. Choir rehearsals one evening per week (September thru May). Allen electronic organ and piano available in sanctuary. Salary commensurate with experience and ability. Paid vacation and sick leave. Send resume to Earl McIntosh, Organist Search Committee, Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203 Phone - 518-456-1530; Fax - 518-456-3526; Email - church@christlutheran.cc 4/26/2007

ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

**HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH - HIGHLAND, NY**

10 AM Sunday service, preceded by rehearsal with small choir. No organ; keyboard and piano. Traditional and contemporary hymn playing essential. Salary negotiable. Highland Methodist Church, 57 Vineyard Avenue, Highland, NY 12528 845-691-2284. Contact: Barbara Vache, 845-691-7300 4/3/2007

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WEST CAMP, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM. ELCA Synod. No choir, except for a small group on Christmas and Easter. \$75.00 per service. Two paid Sundays vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Familiarity with Lutheran service settings 2 and 5 a plus. Beautiful well-maintained two-manual Rowland pipe organ (not electronic) - 8 ranks with standard AGO pedal board. Resettable pistons which control tab stops installed in an acoustically live environment. Historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church of West Camp, NY (between Saugerties & Catskill on Rte. 9W). Please reply to: Elizabeth Biggart, PO Box 152, West Camp, NY 12490 - Lizdp2@aol.com - phone: 845-246-9281 2/28/2007

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**SAUGERTIES REFORMED CHURCH - SAUGERTIES, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM plus choir rehearsal at a time convenient to the director and the choir members. Two extra church services (e.g. Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve) plus two extra community services (Council of Churches) are required each year. Includes two weeks paid vacation plus up to two paid Sundays off due to sickness. Roosevelt Organ Opus 530 (1892) with 3-manual console (2 installed, 1 prepared in console but not installed). Technical information and picture may be found at [www.saugertiesreformed.com](http://www.saugertiesreformed.com). Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications (in consultation with AGO salary guidelines. Contact Rev. Richard Rockwood 845-246-2867 or email saugertiesreformed@gmail.com. 2/12/07

ORGANIST OR ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Permanent Part-time Staff)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**

Our Sunday service is at 10:00 AM (9-11:15 AM), with a separate choir rehearsal during the week. The organ is a three-manual Moller (circa 1955) with about 30 ranks. It is regularly maintained. The choir of 15 singers is experienced and comfortable singing a wide range of music and has an extensive music library. Familiarity with worship in the Reformed tradition is a plus. Salary is negotiable. There is extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Please respond with an inquiry to Jeanette Peterson at [jlpete@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jlpete@hvc.rr.com) or phone the church office between 9:00 and 2:30 M-F and ask to speak to the Pastor. *Updated 4/24/2007*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part Time)

**MEADOW HILL REFORMED CHURCH - TOWN OF NEWBURGH, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM. Adult Choir practices on Wednesday evenings Sept-June but maybe negotiable. Additional seasonal services. Church has two-manual Allen electronic organ and a Korg electronic piano. Salary negotiable. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Mixture of contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns. Send cover letter and resume with education, experience, and references to Meadow Hill Reformed Church, 211 Fletcher Drive North, Newburgh, NY, 12550 Phone 845-564-2279 – Fax 845-564-2258—E-Mail Rev. Tom Hendricks *renewed 5/10/2007*

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**THIELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - THIELLS, NY**

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, additional services seasonally. Choir (adult volunteer, 8-9 members) practices on Wednesday evening. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Rodgers 2-manual electronic organ; upright piano. Salary negotiable according to experience. Contact: Ann Dacre, 65 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980 Phone 845-942-1481 - Cell 845-323-5475 - Fax 845-942-4292 - Thiells United Methodist Church, 102 Rosman Road, Thiells, NY 10984 *Renewed 3/30/2007*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY**

Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly. Rehearsals: 2 weekly. Other instrumentalists available for festive occasions. Other music staff: volunteer director of handbell choir (youth and adult), volunteer piano accompanist, Saturday worship service musician (contemporary service). Allen Digital Organ, acoustic and electronic pianos. Salary: \$16,000+, commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. Extra compensation for weddings and funerals. Requirements: BA in Music or equivalent; 3 years church experience (Lutheran preferred) in playing piano and organ, accompanying congregational singing, as well as in directing voice choirs. Contact Dan Madrid, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21 Still Road, Monroe, NY 10950, 845-782-5600, fax 845-782-3703 or e-mail [church@stpaulmonroe.org](mailto:church@stpaulmonroe.org) *Renewed 3/30/2007*

## 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](http://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.*

<p>Sunday, June 17, 2007 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Members' Recital Grace Episcopal Church, Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY. Beckerath tracker organ. Practice times: In a general way, the church is happy to make the following hours free for concert participants to practice: <i>Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 10:30-1:00 PM; Saturdays: 3:00-4:30 PM.</i> To schedule a practice, please contact Greg Citarella at <a href="mailto:citarg@us.ibm.com">citarg@us.ibm.com</a> or 845-297-7693. Then a day or two before the session please confirm the booking with Maria, the secretary at Grace Church (845-677-3064), during office hours, as the church sometimes arranges special activities at the last moment..</p>
<p>Thursday, June 21, 2007 12:15 - 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series Jean Hattersley, Organist. Old Dutch Church, Wall &amp; Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Thursday, June 28, 2007 12:15 - 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series Steven Rosenberry, Organist. Old Dutch Church, Wall &amp; Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Sunday, July 1 - Thursday, July 5, 2007</p>	<p>AGO Region II Convention, New York City If you are planning to attend the convention, and would like to share a hotel room, please contact one of the members of the board listed on our Chapter Info web page.</p>
<p>Thursday, July 5, 2007 12:15 - 12:45 PM</p>	<p>Uptown Organ Recital Series <b>Darren Motise</b>, Organist Old Dutch Church, Wall &amp; Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 12 through Sunday, July 17, 2007</p>	<p>Organ Historical Society National Convention Indianapolis, Indiana. Organs by 6 (!) Indiana builders and 17 American builders. Featured recitalists: Ken Cowan, Robert Hobby, Marilyn Keiser, Thomas Murray, Carol Williams, Chris Young - and more than 20 others! Hotel: Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel &amp; Suites Info &amp; registration:</p>

[www.organsociety.org/2007/](http://www.organsociety.org/2007/)



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**Boyd Herforth**, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, July 19, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
Dale Ziegenfelder, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, July 26, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
**Tom Sheehan**, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Saturday, July 28, 2007 5:00 PM	Annual Chapter Picnic Bring a dish to share, a chair to sit on, and perhaps a guest. Location: 12 Montrose Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY. For directions call 845-226-6496.
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Thursday, August 2, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
Russel Oliver, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 9, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
**Eric Hepp**, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 16, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
**Craig Williams**, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Thursday, August 23, 2007 Uptown Organ Recital Series  
Terry Earles, Organist  
12:15 - 12:45 PM Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Sunday, August 26, 2007 Organ Recital by **Craig S. Williams**  
3:00 PM The Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow, 430 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Two-manual, 16-stop Fritz Noack Organ. Works of Bach, Brahms, Buxtehude, Distler, Drischner, deGrigny and van Noordt. Also featuring a hymn improvisation by Mr. Williams. For details, please call the church at 914-631-1123 or Craig Williams at 845-938-7352.

Thursday,  
 August 30, 2007  
 2:15 - 12:45 PM

Uptown Organ Recital Series  
 Reverend Kenneth Walsh, Organist  
 Old Dutch Church, Wall & Main Streets, Kingston, NY. Free. Info: 845-338-6759

Sunday, September 23, 2007 5:00 PM	Choral Evensong Presented at and in collaboration with Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Organ Recital by Craig S. Williams to begin at 4:30 PM prior to the beginning of Choral Evensong. Dr. Laura Russell will conduct the combined choirs of Christ Church and the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Reception to follow the conclusion of Choral Evensong. More information will follow and be posted in this space and in Dean's Letters.
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Sunday, October 14, 2007 -  
 Wednesday,  
 October 17, 2007

34th Annual Convention, American Institute of Organbuilders  
 Philadelphia, PA. Venues at Longwood Gardens, Wanamaker's, and more.  
 For information, visit the web site at <http://convention.pipeorgan.org/>

Saturday, October 20, 2007 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Improvisation Workshop Conducted by Donald Filkins. "Pattern Development and the Communication of Ideas in Melodic Improvisation." Location: First Presbyterian Church, 2568 South Avenue (Route 9D), Wappingers Falls, NY. Coffee and doughnuts will be available from 9:30 AM, and refreshments will follow the workshop. Info: 845-831-6315
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Sunday, October 21, 2007  
 3:30 PM

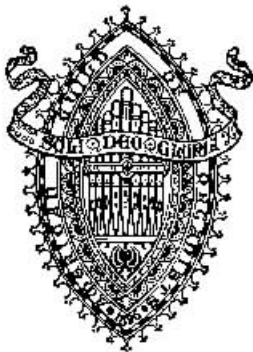
**Jack Davis** and Friends in Concert  
 Tower Music Series at The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. James Paradies and other brass instrumentalists. Music to include pieces by Dupre, Vidor, and Gigout. Voluntary offering.

Saturday,  
 December 2,  
 2007  
 1:45 PM  
 Rehearsal  
 4:00 PM  
 Performance

Messiah at West Point  
 Bring your score and join the throng at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Rehearsal begins at 1:45 PM, performance begins at 4:00 PM.  
 Info: 845-938-7352



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