

Central Hudson Valley Chapter, American Guild of Organists Membership Renewal Notice 2009-2010

It is now time to renew your membership for the 2009-2010 year. Your dues (except for Chapter Friend membership category) includes a one-year subscription to **The American Organist** magazine (*TAO*). Membership in any category supports the programs run by the national organization and by our local chapter. To continue receiving the benefits of membership and your TAO subscription, please send in your dues today! Please remember that a delay in renewing can mean an interruption of your subscription to TAO, because of a three-month offset in the publishing schedule. (The last issue of TAO for 2008-2009 members is November 2009.)

Make checks payable to: **Central Hudson Valley Chapter, AGO**. Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and are tax-deductible. Mail your dues payment with this form, **before June 30, 2009**, to:

Central Hudson Valley Chapter, AGO
Eric R. Hepp, Treasurer
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Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

If you want a membership card mailed to you, please include a SASE with your payment.

Membership Category (check one)	Amount	Code of Ethics
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Voting Member	\$92 \$ _____	<p>Approved by National Council 4/23/01 Preamble: The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Guild. Members shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.</p> <p>RULE 1. Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the <i>Discipline</i>.</p> <p>RULE 2. Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.</p> <p>RULE 3. In cases pending under the <i>Procedures</i> or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved. Interim services may be provided for a period of 90 days.</p> <p>RULE 4. Before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service, members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician. In cases where this engagement has been requested by a third party, it is appropriate for the third party to offer the incumbent his/her customary fee. It is the responsibility of members to inform the third party of this rule.</p> <p>RULE 5. Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matters of a personal or confidential nature.</p> <p>RULE 6. Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Voting Member (over 65, under 21, or disabled)	\$67 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Voting Member (full-time, with valid school ID)	\$37 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner Voting Member (2 nd member at same address) (only one TAO per household)	\$67 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual Voting Member (primary chapter: _____)	\$36 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Dual Member (primary chapter: _____)	\$15 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Friend (non-voting, no TAO) (Note: <i>Organists and choral conductors are not eligible to be Chapter Friends.</i>)	\$25 \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Contribution Guardian Angel - \$200 or more Angel - \$100 – 199 Guarantor - \$50 - \$99 Patron - \$25 - \$49	\$ _____	
(Print name as it should appear on Patron List)		
Total Amount Enclosed:	\$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if sight impaired, to receive TAO in audio format.		

I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics:

Updated Tue, May 1, 2001

Signature

Date

Directory Information

To keep our membership directory current, we need the following information from every member every year. Please completely fill in all applicable information in the form below, even if it is the same as last year.

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Position/Venue: _____

Clergy Name _____

Would you like to invite him/her to join the AGO? Yes No
Position/Venue: _____

Clergy Name _____

Substitutes

IMPORTANT: If you are currently on our substitute list, or if you would like to be listed, you must fill out the section to the right:

Teachers

Are you currently teaching organ students?

[] YES [] NO

If you are currently teaching, how many students do you have? _____

What level of proficiency do you prefer to teach?

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____

Advanced _____ Child _____ Adult _____

Would you like your name listed on a list of available teachers? [] YES [] NO

If yes, please attach a brief (50-100 words) statement of your qualifications for inclusion on the Sub List on our chapter web site.

Substitute Listing Information

In order to provide the best and most efficient service to those seeking substitute organists, we need more detailed information from our Subs. If you wish to begin or continue being listed on our Sub List, you must complete the following:

AGO certificates & degrees: _____

Experience: _____

Type(s) of service you prefer to play:

- Non-Liturgical _____
 Liturgical Protestant _____
 Roman Catholic _____

Weddings? Yes No

Funerals? Yes No

Work with choirs? Yes No

Areas of Central Hudson Valley preferred: _____

Dates & Times available:

Sunday: _____

Other: _____

Minimum acceptable fees:

Single Service: \$ _____

Single Service plus choir \$ _____

Two or more identical services \$ _____

Wedding \$ _____

Funeral \$ _____

NOTE: Don't forget to notify the web site administrator if you become unavailable to substitute for any reason. Contact:

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Don't Delay! Mail Today!



Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Newsletter – June 2009

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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleges and Friends:

June is a time for graduations, weddings, gatherings with family and friends at barbecues and vacations. June is also the time of year when we as organists wind down our schedules to a “*Soto Voce*” murmur. Life is grand! Each of us works hard to bring people closer to God through the great music of the church. Each of us takes the time and care to practice our hymns and anthems. Let’s not forget our prelude and postlude music either. Maybe some of us are even preparing a recital or two. Some of us are swell, great, accomplished and otherwise. We still work hard at all levels of talent and gifts which God has bestowed on us.

Most importantly it is a great time during June to sit back and relax. Enjoy the fruits of our labors throughout the past year. Maybe we even contemplate what next September will bring as we again go back to our bench and set the tone for worship.

Over the years many worships styles have come and gone. I remember growing up as a youngster in the church and seeing guitars begin to populate the altar and the organ fall into disrepair. My heart sank. I felt wounded and abandoned. I felt threatened as a youngster thinking that perhaps my days were over as a church musician before they even had begun. One thing I have learned in my 53 years of living is that nothing stays the same forever. Things do come around full circle if you hang around long enough. I am seeing that circle more these days. After all, God only gives you what you can handle.

I am convinced that we as church organists will be serving God and his people for many centuries hence. We will be educating more of our students in the “*cantus firmus*” of hymnody along with the wonderful art of organ performance. Our trade is only threatened if we allow ourselves to sit back and be complacent. We need to constantly hone our craft and keep our sights high. Supporting your chapter is not enough. We need to be support each other as the foundation of a tradition that will continue to nurture our young and continually test and develop our own skills.

Corporate America has been asking its employees to keep improving their skills for many years. They require employees to stay on top of cutting edge technology by improving skills through continued education. This is nothing new for church musicians. Since before the time of Bach church musicians have been sharpening their skills, raising the bar and pushing our knowledge of organ building, choral conducting / singing, pedagogy, registration and memorization to greater heights.

There is no doubt in my mind that our tradition and craft is well positioned going forward.

As your dean I can tell you that your AGO Chapter Board members have been diligent in bringing to you the very best in events, programs, workshops, professionalism and support. They will continue to do so as long as we hold our motto high for all to see and realize that we are a craft and a tradition of what we believe in we live. You may remember in one of my earlier letters I used the phrase “*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi* (Latin loosely translatable as *the law of prayer is the law of belief*).

I have every belief that 100 years hence there will be even more different styles of worship. Though, when all is said and done, the American Guild of Organists and our Chapter will remain steadfast to its mission statement:

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During my tenure as your dean you have supported me through many wonderful achievements. You were there when we had to bid farewell to colleagues who went home to our Father. You were there for me and you helped me to be strong.

I look fondly on our journey together. I always thank God for his guiding hand over our musical ministries which each of us brings to those churches we serve. Thank you all for kind words and encouragement.

I will continue to be on the chapter board in an “ex officio” capacity (non-voting board member). Basically, I will be advisory, pitching in wherever I can.

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer. I look forward to a little quiet time in Scotland where I will be visiting friends.

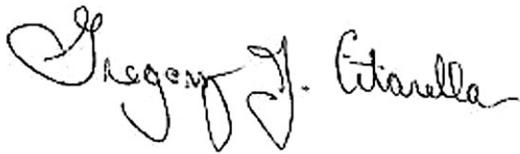
Thank you, God, for allowing me the pleasure of serving this chapter as dean.

I know we can count on each other to keep our motto brightly shining for all to see and know that we are what we believe:

“Soli Deo Gloria”

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!” (Psalm 150: 6)

In His and Your Happy Service I remain....



Gregory J. Citarella+
(SDG)

Reminder

Don't forget the Choral Reading coming up on Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 PM. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Main Street in Poughkeepsie. Publishers represented will be Concordia, Augsburg, GIA, and MorningStar. Laura Russell will direct and Darren Motise will provide accompaniment. Bring your choir!

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. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, fax 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 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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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.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-544-2782
Maris Kristapsons		<u>Student</u>	
(no weddings)	845-635-8837	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		

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
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-544-2782
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

Position Openings - Summary

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, the following list of position openings includes 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 - (Part-Time)

CHRIST CHURCH ON QUAKER HILL - PAWLING, NY 4/28/2009

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - BEACON, NY Filled 6-2009

ACCOMPANIST - Part-Time

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY Filled 6-2009

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY Updated 4-2-2009

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY 5/12/2008

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY Renewed 5/28/2008

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.

Saturday, June 6, 2009 **Wanamaker Organ Day**
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Featuring Peter Richard Conte, Mormon Tabernacle Organist
Richard Elliott, Rudy Lucente, Walt Strony (Pops).
Grand Closing Concert with the Friends of the Wanamaker Organ
Festival Chorus and Brass and Tympani Ensemble
This concert is free and open to the public. Info: Wanamaker Organ
web site.

Sunday, June 7, 2009 **Three Organists Spectacular**
4:00 PM An organ concert featuring Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro, and
Thomas Zachacz. Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelhamdale
Avenue, Pelham, New York 10801. Works of Alain, Bach, Franck,
Mendelssohn, Ibert, Pierne, Boellman and others. Suggested
offering \$10. Info: 914-738-3488.

Sunday, June 14, 2009 4:00 PM	Choral Reading Workshop Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. We will have a packet of anthems for each participant containing pieces from Concordia, Augsburg, GIA and Morning Star. Dr. Laura Russell will lead us in singing through them with the hope that you will find some of interest to use with your choir. We will be accompanied by Darren Motise . Come get some ideas for your next choir season. Info: 845-242-7276 or 845- 485-1648.
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Saturday, June 20,
2009
7:30 PM "A Slice of the Big Apple"
presented by The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, under
the direction of artistic director and conductor Kathleen Beckmann.
The program features world-class harmonica virtuoso, Jia-Yi He;
organist, John Baratta, and baritone, Robert Weintraub,
narrator/soloist. It will include Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*;

excerpts from Dvorak's *New World Symphony*; Bernstein's *West Side Story* Medley, Kander's *New York, New York*; Rossini's *Overture to The Barber of Seville*; and highlights from Schwartz's *Wicked*. Rhinebeck High School, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, NY. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors. They may be purchased two weeks in advance at Molloy's Pharmacy (4170 Route 9) in Hyde Park or at the door starting at 6:45 PM the day of the performance. Info: 845-229-4021, ext. 1238.

Sunday, June 21, 2009
3:00 PM

Concert by Two Conveners
Two of our A.G.O. District Conveners, Katie Boardman (Central NY) and Roberta Rowland-Raybold (Western NY) are teaming up for one terrific musical program at the Old Palatine Church, Rt. 5, just East of St. Johnsville, NY for a special concert which will feature lots of wonderful early music. Composers will include des Prez, Palestrina, Victoria, Loeillet, Callahan, Bertheir, Bach and Pachelbel. Pipe organ patterned after the early Tannenberg organs. This is a free concert (offering to be taken, of course). Info: 720-290-3883 or 607-547-9300

Wednesday, July 1
through Friday, July 3,
2009

2009 Regional Convention for Region I (New England) and Region II (New York & New Jersey)
Registration \$345 on or after March 1. Senior registrants and spouses/partners of all registrants receive a \$50 discount. Please see the convention website where you can register online with PayPal: www.agoboston2009.com.
Accommodations: Back Bay Hilton at \$189 per night? To reserve your room, follow the link on the convention website or call 1-800-HILTONS. The local hotel number is: 617-236-1100.

Saturday, July 4, 2009
7:30 PM

Recital of Patriotic and American Organ Music
St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Clinton and Hazen Streets, Cornwall NY. Jonathan B. Hall, FAGO, organist. Works by Locklair, Sowerby, Hampton, Strayhorn, Dickinson, others. Free. Info: 845-534-5475.

Sunday, July 5 through
Friday, July 10, 2009

Organ Historical Society 2009 Cleveland Convention
Info: <http://www.organsociety.org/>

Sunday, July 19, 2009 3:00 PM	Annual Chapter Picnic We will gather at the home of Eric Hepp at 24 Lor-Mar Court in Wappingers Falls for our annual chapter picnic. Beautiful surroundings, good food, great fellowship. More details to be announced soon. Plan to come and join the fun.
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Friday, August 28 at
7:00 PM through
Sunday August 30 at

Church Music Lover's Retreat
Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, NY. Directed by Michael Sweeney, a member of the retreat team and accomplished choral director.

10:00 AM Cost is \$160, which includes music, accommodations and meals. Reservation and \$25 deposit required. Info: 845-384-8000.

Friday, August 28, 2009
7:30 PM Bach Organ Recital by Gail Archer
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Specific recital program details to follow. Part of 2009 Hudson Valley BachFest. For more information go to www.christchurchpok.org or www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org or call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.

Saturday, August 29, 2009
time TBA Bach's "Passion according to St. Matthew" with choir and orchestra
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Laura Ramsey Russell, conductor; **Craig Williams**, organist. For more information go to www.christchurchpok.org or www.hudsonvalleysocietyformusic.org or call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.

Sunday, September 13, 2009
3:00 PM Organ Recital by Brian Hoffman
Organist and Music Director, St. George's, Schenectady, NY
(Class of 1964 Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

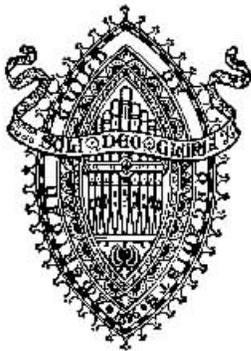
Saturday, September 19, 2009 2:00 to 4:00 PM	Choral Technique for the Church Choir Director presented by Christine Howlett, Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College. Location: Skinner Hall, Vassar College, Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY.
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Sunday, October 18, 2009 3:00 PM NOTE NEW TIME!	Hymn Festival Presented by Rick Erickson. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Let's get not only our choirs but our congregations to participate. A hymn festival works best when there are LOTS of people in the congregation singing! Info: Call Beverly Simmons at 845-463-1249.
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Sunday, November 15, 2009
3:00 PM Organ Recital by Craig Cramer
Organist, University of Notre Dame (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series). Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu



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