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Letter from the Dean

Feast of the Transfiguration, 2006

Where does the time go? In reading the February newsletter of last year, I realize that we were up to our ears in the convention – which is now history. (Incidentally, if you are going to Chicago, you had best register for that one soon! Let me know if you are looking for a traveling companion or a roommate, and I'll try to match people up. No promises.) And in that letter, which came just before the beginning of Lent, I reminded myself that the success of what we do is less dependent on our efforts than it is on God's grace; we are his instruments. "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Having said that, and realizing that this is a time for introspection, self-searching and changing things that need changing, I want to share a couple of thoughts on Lenten music. First, *meditative* does not equal *nondescript*. Consider the little gems in the Orgelbuchlein that you might use (O

Mensch, Wenn wir, Alle menschen). Treated with care, they are anything but routine. The same could be said of the Brahms preludes. If the originals are in your hymnal, do you indicate that in the listing in your bulletin? Good idea. Or can your choir sing the chorale before you play the setting? The same can be said for contemporary settings. Letting the congregation know what we're up to is always a good idea. The other thing you may wish to consider is a practice we have instituted at Christ Church recently: the meditative postlude. Instead of searching for something that will both fit the season and cover conversation, we indicate in the bulletin that following the dismissal, the postlude will be selected to provide a time for quiet mediation for those so inclined. People have generally enjoyed it, and those who need to leave do so quietly. (I should add, in fairness to my congregation, that they have a long standing tradition of remaining seated for the postlude. In Lent, we ask that they not applaud.)

In closing let me encourage you to take advantage of the many fine opportunities available for concerts and special programs. Thanks to Grant Chapman for his presentation on Saturday. Our next Guild event will be Craig Williams speaking on continuing education issues, April 2. Members' recital to follow in May. Think about what you might want to play. Details of time and place to follow.

A fruitful lenten season to 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,".

Membership News

As you know, AGO headquarters has designated the theme for this year to be "Each One Reach One." To help this effort, for the remainder of this month, new members are being offered big discounts in membership fees. That makes the month of March a perfect time to recruit some of your friends who have not yet joined our chapter. The reduced fees are:

Regular: \$50 (*reduced from \$84*)

Special: \$40 (*reduced from \$60*)

Student: \$20 (*reduced from \$32*)

Partner: \$30 (*reduced from \$60*)

Dual members and chapter friends: no reduction in fees.

The discounted membership includes nine months of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST magazine. Please keep in mind that this discounted membership will expire on June 30, 2006, at which time membership renewal for the 2006-2007 season will be due.

This offer is good only through March 31, 2006, so start recruiting today!

Deadline for Next Month's 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, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the April newsletter is March 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 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	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Darren Motise	845-223-3949
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
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298	Carol Weber	845-255-8293

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	845-831-0695	Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641
Judie Brown - also Jewish svcs (Fri. night or Sat. Bar/bat mizvah)	845-888-5318	Darren J. Motise	845-223-3949
Raymond C. Corey	845-229-5438	Pat Maimone	845-446-2395
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Eric R. Hepp	845-489-2625/845-790-3381	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Jennifer Geibel	845-658-3218 / 973-769-1462
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
		Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
		Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293

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/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - EAST GREENBUSH, NY

Weekend services: Saturday 4 PM; Sunday 8:30, 10 & 11:30 PM. Choir rehearsal: Thursday at 6:30 PM. Additional services (holy days, etc.): one Mass at holy day, according to the Catholic liturgical calendar, also Triduum, First Eucharist and a Mass of Remembrance in November. Wedding and funerals extra: funerals -\$75, marriages -\$100. Adult choir, 10-14 voices, helps to lead assembly in song one Mass a weekend from Sept thru early June; also teens/middle school students with instruments, on occasion (growing). Organ: details forthcoming. Flute and strings from time to time. Coordinate with pastor and Prayer & Worship Committee. Applicant should have flexible, collaborative, attitude which speaks of invitation and participation. Salary in the low/mid \$20K range. Contact information: 518-477-7925/phone, 518-477-7926/fax, holyspirit@nycap.rr.com. Send cover letter & resume to: Search Committee, Church of the Holy Spirit, 667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061 2/24/2006

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CATSKILL, NY

Sunday service at 10 AM. Weekly choir rehearsal (choir currently in formation). Carlson 2-manual pipe organ. Salary negotiable, based on experience. For interview, please call Jon Greene, music committee chair, at 518-943-2914, or the Reverend Diana Freeman at 518-943-4180 or by e-mail at stlukescatsill@mhcable.com. 1/6/2006

INTERIM ORGANIST (Part-time)

LYALL MEMORIAL FEDERATED CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY

Protestant community church in Millbrook, NY. One Sunday service at 10:30 AM, and Monday choir rehearsals. Organ 1927 Moeller (3/17), refurbished in 1990. Pluses would be ability to play piano accompaniment, or conduct bells. Right of first refusal for weddings, etc. Salary and term negotiable. Choir director will conduct an audition. Lyall Memorial Federated Church, 30 Maple Avenue, Millbrook, NY. Please call Muriel Verdibello, Personnel Committee Chair, at 845-677-5279. 12/12/2005

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEW CITY, NY Filled 2/2/2006

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

COMMUNITY (REFORMED) CHURCH, HIGH FALLS, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM (10:00 AM in summer) plus Sunday rehearsal for senior choir. Allen 2-manual electronic organ, Yamaha spinet piano, occasional bell choir. Congregation prefers old-time gospel music and hymns. Salary: negotiable. Weddings and funerals: extra compensation, first right of refusal. Students are welcome to apply. For more information, please contact Kathy Walbert, Worship chair at 845-331-4761 (w) or 845-687-7680 (h); email: kwalbert@qdlinsurance.com or Rev. Dr. Nancy A. McClure-Long at 845-687-4349 (h) or email: divinemizn@aol.com *Renewed 2/1/2006*

INTERIM ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
CATSKILL REFORMED CHURCH, CATSKILL, NY

Sunday Morning Service 11AM to approximately 12 Noon, Senior Choir rehearsal, Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Position would include planning and direction of only the Senior Choir (approximately 10-12 adult singers), as well as coordination of 3 bell choirs and one children's choir, which are directed by other staff.

The main instrument is a well-maintained Moeller 2-manual pipe organ. There is also a 6-foot Steinway grand and choral risers in the front of the church for anthems that require piano accompaniment.

Paid vacation and sick days. Interim position could become permanent. Salary: \$8,600/year. Extra compensation for weddings (\$150) and funerals (\$75).

Contact: Pastor Vicky Eastland, P.O. Box 419 (310 Main Street) Catskill, NY 12414 Church
Phone: 518-943-4405

Office Fax: 518-943-0540 10/17/2005

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.

Sunday, March 5, 2006 Recital by High School Organists - St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue Organ
5:15 PM Recital Series
Students of the organ program at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan will be featured as part of the prestigious organ recital series at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, One West 53rd Street, New York, NY.
The concert is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Improvisation Master Class
March 8, 2006 by Sophie-Veronique Cauchefer-Choplin
7:00 PM St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue at 53rd Street, NYC - Hosts: John Scott,
Jeremy S. Bruns, and Christian Lane.
Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin was named titular of the Grand Orgue of Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle in Paris in 1983. In 1985, she added the position of co-titular of the Grand Orgue of Saint Sulpice Paris. In 1990, she became the first woman to win the second prize in improvisation at the Chartres International Organ Improvisation Competition.
Free to NYC Chapter members; \$20 non-members

Friday, March Organ Prelude
10, 2006 preceding movie "Young Frankenstein"
7:00 PM Movie shown at 7:30 PM Bardavon 1869 Opera House, 35 Market Street,
Poughkeepsie NY Admission: \$5

Info: Box office: 845-473-2072

- Friday, March 10, 2006
7:30 PM
- Hudson Valley Society for Music Potluck Concert Series:
"Those Fiery Italians!"
Concerts are held at Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (click here for directions). Suggested donation is \$7.00.
Info: Dr. Ruthanne Schempf at schempfr@newpaltz.edu or Emily Faxon at emilyfaxon@aol.com
- Sunday, March 12, 2006
3:00 PM
- Viva Verdi! - Benefit Performance
featuring Verdi's *Requiem* performed by Italian virtuosos Francesco Attesti on the piano forte and Matteo Galli on the Wurlitzer organ at the Bardavon. Concert proceeds will benefit Pure Water for the World and Rotary Club community service organizations in the Hudson Valley. Concert only, \$60.00, gala three course dinner with artists, additional \$50.00. Tickets are on sale at the Bardavon box office or through Ticketmaster. "For people who love piano or organ."
Note: John Baratta will play a "Prelude of Opera Favorites" 30 minutes before the show.
- Sunday, March 12, 2006
4:30 PM
- Concert Reading of REQUIEM (1995) by Torres-Santos
The Westchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is celebrating its 55th year with a Concert Reading of REQUIEM (1995) by Raymond Torres-Santos. Also on the program will be a newly-commissioned set of organ variations by Alfred Fedak which will be played by member Thomas Zachacz. The Requiem will be sung by members of the Westchester chapter and their friends, and accompanied by a chamber orchestra.
Dr. Torres-Santos will conduct the work.
Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, 6 Greenacres Ave., Scarsdale, NY
This event is open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses.
Info: 914-683-0130 or or by email treasurehousemus@aol.com
- Thursday, March 16, 2006
8:00 PM (pre-concert lecture at 7:00 PM)
- Saint Luke in the Fields Concert Series 2006
The Choir of the Church of Saint Luke in the Fields, under the direction of David Shuler
"The Birth of the Oratorio" - Giocomo Carissimi Balthazar - Jonas - Jepthe - Marc-Antoine Charpentier: *Filius prodigus* ('The Prodigal Son') St. Luke's Choir with ensemble of period instruments
Church of Saint Luke in the Fields, 487 Hudson Street, NYC
Subscriptions: \$70; Single tickets: \$30, \$20 students/seniors
Info: 212-414-9419 or music@stlukeinthefields.org
- Tuesday, March 21, 2006
7:30 PM
- J. S. Bach's 321st Birthday Celebration
Celebrate Bach's birthday with concert and dessert at St. Mary's Episcopal Church-in-the-Highlands, One Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. The church's phone number is 845-265-2539

Pat Maimone is organizing a concert of organ music, Bach arias with instrumentalists including Joel Evans, and surprises.

- Tuesday, March 21, 2006
7:30 PM
- NYC Chapter AGO presents
Improvisation and Recital by McNeil Robinson
based on The Stations of the Cross
St. Mary the Virgin, 145 West 46th Street, NYC.
Hosts: Robert McDermitt and Robert McCormick.
McNeil Robinson returns to the acoustic splendor of St. Mary the Virgin, where he was organist and choir director for two decades. His program will consist of improvisations based on the Stations of the Cross.
Free to NYC Chapter members - \$20 non-members.
- Sunday, March 26, 2006
3:00 PM
- Concert at the Cadet Chapel
Kenneth Dake, organist, Marble Collegiate Church, New York, NY
(Class of 1964 Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact Craig Williams, 845-938-7352
- Sunday, March 26, 2006
3:00 PM
- Concert by Paul Jacobs
First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Paul Jacobs is chairman of the organ department at Juilliard School of Music.
Free. Info: 518-374-4403

Sunday, April 2, 2006 2:00 PM	Seminar on "Continuing Education for Organists" Presented by chapter member Craig Williams , Organist and Director of Music at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Mr. Williams is also adjunct professor of organ at Nyack College and serves on the faculty of the conservatory division of Westminster Choir College. Tentative location: Union Presbyterian Church, Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY.
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Friday, April 7, 2006
8:00 PM

Brahms *Requiem*
Ein Deutsches Requiem, Op. 45 (German Requiem)
Hudson Valley Philharmonic with the Bardavon Opera Chorus. Music Director/Conductor: Randall Craig Fleischer.
Several chapter members will be singing with the chorus.
Quimby Theater, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY-Ulster, Stone Ridge, NY.
Info/tickets: 845-687-7127

Saturday, April 8, 2006
8:00 PM

Brahms *Requiem*
Ein Deutsches Requiem, Op. 45 (German Requiem)
Hudson Valley Philharmonic with the Bardavon Opera Chorus. Music Director/Conductor: Randall Craig Fleischer.
Several chapter members will be singing with the chorus.
Bardavon 1869 Opera House, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.
Info/tickets: 845-473-2072

- Friday, April 21, 2006
7:30 PM
Hudson Valley Society for Music Potluck Concert Series:
"Spring Fling"
Concerts are held at Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Suggested donation is \$7.00.
Info: Dr. Ruthanne Schempf at schempf@newpaltz.edu or Emily Faxon at emilyfaxon@aol.com
- Sunday, April 23, 2006
2:00 PM
150th Anniversary Concert
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 327 Mill Street Poughkeepsie, NY 845-452-6050.
Featuring new music by **Joseph Bertolozzi**
If you are interested in joining the festival choir for this event, please contact Joe
- Thursday, April 27, 2006
8:00 PM (pre-concert lecture at 7:00 PM)
Saint Luke in the Fields Concert Series 2006
The Choir of the Church of Saint Luke in the Fields, under the direction of David Shuler
"Monteverdi: *1610 Vespers*" - St. Luke's Choir with ensemble of period instruments
Church of Saint Luke in the Fields, 487 Hudson Street, NYC
Subscriptions: \$70; Single tickets: \$30, \$20 students/seniors
Info: 212-414-9419 or music@stlukeinthefields.org
- Saturday, April 29, 2006
8:00 PM
Camerata Chorale and Ulster Choral Society present "Judas Maccabaeus" by G. F. Handel
Lee Pritchard, Conductor
Jack Davis, Organist
St. James Methodist Church, 35 Pearl Street, Kingston, NY Info: 845-255-3243/845-257-2706
- Sunday, April 30, 2006
3:00 PM
Camerata Chorale and Ulster Choral Society present "Judas Maccabaeus" by G. F. Handel
Lee Pritchard, Conductor
Jack Davis, Organist
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY
Info: 845-255-3243/845-257-2706
- Sunday, May 7, 2006
3:00 PM
Concert at the Cadet Chapel
Paul Jacobs, Organ Chair, the Juilliard School
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact Craig Williams, 845-938-7352
- Sunday, May 7, 2006
3:00 PM
Concert/Hymn Festival by Michael Burkhardt
First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Free.
Info: 518-374-4403

Friday, May 19, 2006
 7:30 PM

Hudson Valley Society for Music Potluck Concert Series:
 "Americana"
 Concerts are held at Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street,
 Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Suggested donation is \$7.00.
 Info: Dr. Ruthanne Schempf at schempfr@newpaltz.edu or Emily Faxon at
emilyfaxon@aol.com

Sunday, May 21, 2006 3:30 PM (NOTE DATE CHANGE)	Annual Members' Recital Members of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will play a variety of short pieces at The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. To set up practice time, contact Jack Davis at 845-831-1761
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Sunday, June 25 through Friday, June 30, 2006

The Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of the Organ Historical Society
 Saratoga Springs, NY
 Info: www.organsociety.org/2006/

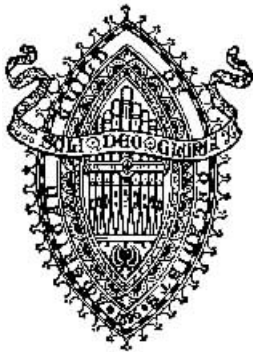
Friday, July 2 through Tuesday, July 6, 2006

2006 ChicAGO Convention
 Visit the web site at <http://www.agohq.org/2006/welcome.html>

Sunday, July 16, 2006 Time to be determined	Annual Chapter Picnic Tentative location: Freedom Park in Lagrangeville (beautiful shady picnic grove with sandy beach) Watch for more details in the coming months!
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