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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

As the snow was falling the last week of February I was remembering the previous week when we had several days of glorious spring-like weather. It was really just a tease, but a very welcome one. Was the ground hog correct this year? Would we really have an early spring?

Did you know that a church festival was a time for a similar prediction? Those of you familiar with medieval liturgy may remember February 2nd was known as Candlemas. This was a festival to celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple where he was greeted by Anna and Simeon. Simeon talks about Jesus being the “light to enlighten the nations” so this

festival has been associated with the use of candles since at least the 11th century. In England there was a saying:

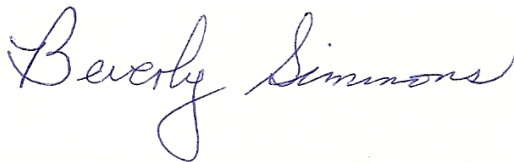
*If Candlemas day be sunny and bright,
Winter again will show its might.*

So early or late we know spring will come. If you are looking for a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon while it is still winter, please come to the West Point Cadet Chapel on March 6 at 3 PM for a recital given by Meredith Baker (who is the organist at the Catholic Chapel on base.) Following the recital there will be a reception at the Catholic Chapel down the hill. Those who are attending the reception are asked, if possible, to bring either some cheese and crackers or perhaps some cookies to contribute to the festivities. Meredith's Mom will be setting up before the recital so you can drop things off before 2:30 or, since it will still be cool in your car, you can just bring them when you come. (If you can't bring something, come anyway!) [Board members: remember that we have a meeting after the reception.]

I hope you have all heard about the great honor that Paul Jacobs received. He was awarded a Grammy - the first organ soloist ever to receive one! It was for his recording of Messiaen: Livre du Saint-Sacrement (Naxos, 2010) made at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City. Many of us have heard him play either at St. John's Lutheran in Poughkeepsie or other local venues so we know he really deserves it.

Our March meeting is the Meredith Baker recital and we have nothing scheduled in April since most of us will be very busy with Holy Week and Easter. But don't forget to be planning for the May Members Recital on the 22nd. It will be here before you know it so start practicing!

Since both the Candlemas saying and the ground hog agree, let's hope for an early spring.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

The record label Delos just released a promotional video in their new "Delos Presents" series on artists & composers, featuring our own member Joseph Bertolozzi. While the video is primarily about "Bridge Music," there are segments on Joe's choral and organ music as well, with pictures of him during his touring days playing at Wanamaker's, St. Peter's Basilica, etc. AND some shots of him leading local choirs. The video may be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkFjJxes2dw>.

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
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		

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>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Barbara Bayers	203-260-4295	Maris Kristapsons	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	845-489-2625
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496		
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-544-2782
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		
Anne Ressler	845-446-8035		

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 April, is March 23rd.

Editor's Corner

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Position Openings

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, older 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, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

INTERIM ORGANIST

ST. AEDAN'S RC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY

St. Aedan's is seeking an interim organist for March and April. The specifics of the position are as follows:

- 1) Playing at the 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30 AM Masses on Sunday
- 2) Playing at the Wednesday evening adult choir rehearsal from 7:30-9:00PM
- 3) Playing for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil on April 21-23
- 4) Playing for two confirmation services April 30.

No need for weddings, funerals or other liturgies at this time.

St. Aedan's has a three manual Allen Electronic which in the right hands and feet can sound like a pipe organ. I do not know the number of ranks, but it is a fine instrument installed around 8 years ago. There are also MIDI instrument cards for that kind of use if desired.

Salary is experience based, negotiated through the pastor and Interim DMM. St. Aedan's doesn't conform with AGO guidelines. Extra compensation for the Triduum and for the confirmation services.

[St. Aedan's](#) is located at 23 Reld Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965. The church is a typical suburban Roman Catholic parish with smaller than expected participation (1,000 families, but only 10 in adult and 10 in youth choir). Most of the people are friendly and the Interim DDM is well liked and respected by all.

We will be listening to candidates next week (Feb 22-25). Please contact us for a time to play, and have available a solo piece, several hymns and service music you are familiar with.

Please e-mail elliescottsydney@yahoo.com or call Scott (spouse of the Interim DMM) at 845-558-1225. 2-20-2011

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
THE REFORMED CHURCH OF POUGHKEEPSIE - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
11-1-2010

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)
**ALL SAINTS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS) -
LAGRANGEVILLE, NY**
8-2-2010

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Part-Time)
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE -
WASHINGTONVILLE, NY**
6/29/2010

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY
6-24-2010

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - BREWSTER, NY *Filled - notice received*
12/27/10

MUSICIAN/ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY
Withdrawn 1/17/2011

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - STAATSBURG, NY
3-15-2010

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 6, 2010 3:00 PM	Organ Recital by Meredith Baker Ms. Baker is Director of Music at the Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA. Cadet Chapel , USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Reception follows at the Catholic Chapel. Info: contact Craig Williams at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu
Sunday, March 13, 2011 7:00 PM	Concert by <i>I Squared</i> Presented by The Music Ministries of Saint Augustine Church. <i>ISquared</i> is a concert event featuring two brilliant tenors, Jim Russell and Matthew Surapine, that combines the music of Italy with the music of Ireland. Saint Augustine Church , 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY. This will be a café-style performance, featuring appetizers, hot and cold beverages and delicious baked goods while you enjoy the show. Suggested offering \$10. For more information, contact the Music Office at 914-318-3268 or email us at treasurehousemus@aol.com .
Saturday, March 19, 2011 7:30 PM .P.	Mostly Mozart Concert – Choir and Orchestra Mozart Requiem, Masonic Funeral Music, Serenade in C minor for Wind Octet, newly commissioned Wind Octet by Jonathan Russell. Christ Episcopal Church , Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Suggested donation \$15 at the door. Info: Laura Russell 845-485-1648 or LRussell@hvc.rr.com
Sunday, March 27, 2011 3:00 PM	The Donald and Kathleen Pearson Memorial Organ Recital by William Porter, Organist William Porter , professor of harpsichord and organ at Eastman School of Music, is widely known as a performer and teacher in the United States and Europe, and is a leader among organists working toward recovery of a historical approach to musical performance. Professor Porter's program, "A Reconstruction of Felix Mendelssohn's Bach Concert of 1840 in Leipzig" will be presented on the Fritts organ. Skinner Hall of Music , Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-437-7319.
Sunday, April 3, 2010 3:00 PM	Organ Recital by Jung-A Lee Dr. Lee is organist at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA and is associated with Vanguard University and the University of California Irvine. She is a former organ scholar of Harvard University

[Cadet Chapel](#), USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Friday, May 6,
2011
7:30 PM

Organ Recital by Craig S. Williams
Craig Williams is Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), Academy and Barclay Streets, Poughkeepsie. Part of an ongoing series of musical events dedicating the new console of the Gress-Miles pipe organ (III/55). Program will include works by Bach, Dupré, Guilmant, Karg-Elert, Marilyn Rinehart and Vierne. Info: 845-452-8220.

Sunday, May 8,
2010
3:00 PM

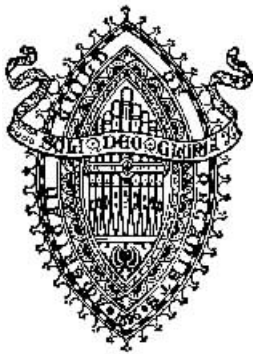
Juilliard Trombone Choir Concert
Joseph Alessi, director. Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. This concert will feature a new commissioned composition for organ and trombone choir. [Cadet Chapel](#), USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, May
22, 2011
3:00 PM

Annual Members' Recital
Start planning your performance piece now! [Zion Episcopal Church](#), 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details to be announced.



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