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**Newsletter – March 2012**

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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues,

Now that we are beginning the season of Lent most of us are already focused on Easter and the plans we have for the big day. I know I am rehearsing our Easter anthem and transposing music for brass. But we need to be careful that we don't let Lent disappear for ourselves in all our outward preparations for what comes next.

I would urge you to set aside at least a few minutes each day to meditate on the reason we have a season called Lent. One help in doing this can be to read over very slowly the text of some of our Lenten hymns. Most hymns in our Hymnbooks are full of very sound theology and worthy not only of singing but of our meditation as texts. That is true of most anthems as

well. As an example I would like to share with you an anthem text that I will be doing with my choir in a few weeks. The music is by Carl Schalk and the text was written by the contemporary poet Jaroslav Vajda.

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?  
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,  
To whom we give the years we live: let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Count ev'ry heartbeat, ev'ry breath, trace ev'ry step from birth to death,  
Track ev'ry second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,  
The rising sun, and ev'ry one; let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Preserve us from all other gods, all damned deceitful, loveless frauds;  
Compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One, eternal true  
Creator of all life and love: You are that One, our God, our Lord!

A love no other god has shown, Your Son upon a cross makes known.  
How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,  
If not with whole heart, mind, and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

Have a blessed Lent (and remember our Anthem Reading Workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup>!)



Beverly Simmons, SPC  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

## **Book Shelf**

We have received information from Stu Ballinger about a new book (published September 2011) about organbuilder Robert S. Rowland (1898-1995), many of whose instruments are here in the Hudson Valley. The book is available from Amazon.com if anyone would like to obtain a copy.

Title: Only his organs remain: the life of New York State pipe organ builder Robert S. Rowland

Author: Richard Triumpho

Published 2011 by Sunnyside Press in Saint Johnsville, N.Y.

## **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 April, is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Editor's Corner**

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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.

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.

Denise Bassen	845-345-1500	<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Maris Kristapsons	
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	(no weddings)	845-635-8837
Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814		845-489-2625
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		845-544-2782

### **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

## **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](http://www.chvago.org), or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.***

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

### **HYDE PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - HYDE PARK, NY**

Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, is looking for a part-time organist and choir director to play for one Sunday liturgy a week at 11:00 AM and approximately 5 mid-week evening services during the year and to lead our choir. The choir consists of 15 volunteers who practice Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. 2-manual Allen electronic organ, 1980 vintage, with a computer card reader. The Pastor would like to work collaboratively with the organist/choir director. The hymns are chosen by the pastor well in advance from the UMC Hymnal, as well as from The Faith We Sing. The organist would choose the prelude, postlude, and anthem each week. Our liturgical style is traditional Methodist. The stipend is negotiable, paid twice monthly. Funerals and weddings would be extra. The parish pays Workers' Comp and the employer's share of FICA and Medicare taxes. The organist would have free access to the church during the week for practice and/or lessons. References required. Those interested should contact the Pastor, Rev. Eileen Freeman, at 845-229-2114 extension 11 or [rev\\_freeman@verizon.net](mailto:rev_freeman@verizon.net). 2/18/2012

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

### **RHINEBECK REFORMED CHURCH - RHINEBECK, NY**

The Rhinebeck Reformed Church, a 278-year-old congregation affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, is looking for an organist and/or choir director to collaborate in the leading of worship and to provide musical leadership to approximately 10 adult singers, whose musical background and gifts vary.

The ideal candidate must have proficiency in both organ and piano, and should possess experience in leading vocalists. Also, the ideal candidate should have excellent interpersonal, leadership and communication skills across intergenerational lines and musical genres, given that we have a demographically diverse congregation and a blended service.

The organ is a fine historic 2-manual, 10-rank tracker instrument built by Frank Roosevelt in 1894; it is original to the building and has been well maintained. The key action is pneumatic.

Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 PM, and there is a brief rehearsal prior to worship on Sundays. Other responsibilities will include working with the junior choir and playing, as needed, on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Christmas Eve services.

Salary is \$12,000 - \$13,000 and predicated on scope of experience, skill sets and responsibilities assumed. Please submit resume and three professional references to the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, 6368 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 or by e-mail at rhinebeckreformed@frontiernet.net. 2/18/2012

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL'S AND TRINITY PARISH (EPISCOPAL) - TIVOLI, NY** Filled 2/27/2012

## 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

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.*

Saturday, March 10,  
2012  
2:00 PM (Note Corrected  
Date)

Choral Reading  
Advent/Christmas-themed choral reading at Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh. Refreshments to follow. Here's how it works. Barbara Bayers will compile a list with the title, composer and publisher so if you hear a piece you like you will have all the information you need to order it. Margaret Small will accompany the singing. The more people who participate the better it will be, so invite your singing friends and choir members to join us. Info: contact Barbara Bayers at babayers@gmail.com or 845-391-8479.

Sunday, March 11, 2012  
7:00 PM

I Squared - A Program of Irish and Italian Song  
Location: Zoeller Center of Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956. Tenors Jim Russell and Matt Surapine will perform a program of Irish and Italian classical and folk music. 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.

Friday, March 16, 2012  
7:30 PM

Movie: Little Shop of Horrors  
Pre-show Wurlitzer Organ Music provided by New York Theatre Organ Society (NYTOS). Bardavon 1869 Opera House, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie. Tickets \$5. Info: 845-473-2072.

Sunday, March 18, 2012  
3:00PM

Organ Concert by Christopher Herrick  
Mr. Herrick is one of Europe's most acclaimed organists and

former organist of Westminster Abbey. Eclectic program including Buxtehude, Villa-Lobos, Lemare, Nield, Farrington, Mozart, Lanquetuit, Buck, and Guilmant. Presented by/at]First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady. Free. Info: 518-374-4403.

Thursday, March 22, 2012  
7:00 PM

A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Sacred Music  
Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, the program will include psalms, hymns, and scripture readings, accompanied by our Peragallo pipe organ and instruments. Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue. New City, NY 10956. Suggested offering: \$10. For information contact the music office at 914-318-3268.

Saturday, March 24, 2012  
1:30 PM

Senior Recital: April Cha, organ  
Music of Sweelinck, Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and Hindemith. Skinner Hall of Music and Chapel, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Free. Info: 845-437-7294.

Friday, March 30, 2012  
8:00 PM

Organ Recital by Janette Fishell  
Vassar College presents The Donald and Kathleen Pearson Memorial Organ Recital, featuring Janette Fishell. A graduate of Indiana University and Northwestern University, Dr. Fishell is a recitalist and teacher of international standing. She has performed in many of the world's greatest concert venues and has been a featured recitalist and lecturer at five national conventions and five regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Dr. Fishell is Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Department at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Her eclectic recital will include works by Bach, Hindemith, and Alain, as well as American composer Calvin Hampton's "Five Dances for Organ." Vassar College Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-437-7294.

Friday, April 6, 2012  
5:00 PM

Senior Recital: Susan Randolph, organ  
Music of Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Messiaen. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. Free. Info: 845-437-5370.

Sunday, April 15, 2012  
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Workshop: "T-N-T hymn introductions to ignite interest and enthusiasm in hymn singing"  
Workshop leader is Phyllis Warner from Dayton, Ohio. She will demonstrate ideas to introduce different styles of hymns by examining the *Texts and Tunes*. Handouts will be distributed. Location: St. John's Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.

Sunday, April 15, 2012  
3:30 PM

Tower Music Series presents The Strawberry Hill Fiddlers  
The Strawberry Hill Fiddlers will give a concert at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Free-will offering

(suggested donation \$10). Info:towerseries@hvc.rr.com, or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

Sunday, April 22, 2012  
4:00 PM

Field Trip to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, NYC  
To hear recital by Craig Williams. Evensong at 4:00 PM; organ recital at 5:15 PM. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
3:00 PM

FUMC Concert Series - Handbell Concert by New England Ringers  
Presented by the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. The New England Ringers is a 15-member community handbell ensemble playing the most advanced level of handbell literature. Free admission. Info: 518-374-4403.

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
3:00 PM

Juilliard Trombone Choir  
The Juilliard Trombone Choir returns for their fourth year in what has become a new favorite West Point spring event! Director Joseph Alessi is the Principal Trombonist of the NY Philharmonic. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, May 6, 2012  
7:30 PM

Mostly Mozart Concert  
Flute & Harp Concerto; Haydn or Mozart Symphony  
Ave verum corpus; Solemn Vespers - Performed by Choir and Orchestra. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Info: 845-452-8220

Friday, May 18, 2012

Members' Recital  
Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Watch this space for further information.

Sunday, May 20, 2012  
3:30 PM

Organ Concert by Thomas Sheehan  
Former CHVAGO member Thomas Sheehan will give an organ concert at theReformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Free-will offering (suggested donation \$10). Info: e-mail us at: towerseries@hvc.rr.com, or check out the Tower Series web site, or call The Reformed Church at 845-452-8110.

Monday through  
Thursday, July 9-19, 2012  
from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Rehearsals for BachFest 2012  
The BachFest choir will rehearse Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30pm the week of July 9 and the week of July 16 at Christ Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. Go to www.christchurchpok.org for directions to the church. Please contact **Laura Russell** at LRussell@hvc.rr.com or call 845-485-1648 if you wish to sing in the choir. Choral experience is required. Solos will be selected from within the group, if possible.

Attendance at all rehearsals is expected unless a prior arrangement has been made with the director. Deadline for announcing your intention to sing with the choir: early May 2012. Choral selections to be announced.

Friday through Sunday,  
July 20-22, 2012

BachFest 2012

FULL BACHFEST SCHEDULE

Keyboard Marathon: Friday, 7/20 at 7:30 PM at Cornwall

Presbyterian Church - Contact: Ruthanne Schempf – 845-534-2166

Young Person's Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 2:00 PM at Cornwall

Presbyterian Church - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368

Organ Recital and Choral Concert: Saturday, 7/21 at 7:30 PM at

Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie - Contact: Laura Russell – 845-485-1648

Bach Sunday services: Sunday, 7/22 – various times and places –

check website for details - Contact: Emily Faxon – 845-534-8368 and Ed Lundergan

Sunday, July 29, 2012  
3:00 PM

Annual Picnic

at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls.

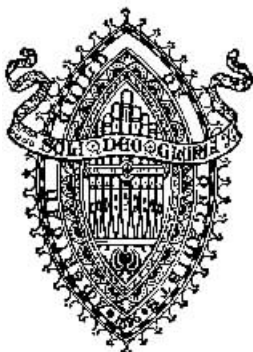
Watch this space for details as the date approaches.



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