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# Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## Newsletter – March 2013

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### Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday after the service at Cadet Chapel, one of my choir members and his fiancé walked up to me kind of excited about something. It turns out she was holding a ladybug in her hands which was walking around. I rarely get excited at seeing ladybugs in the Cadet Chapel – we have cleaned out thousands of their shells from the organ console on a regular basis! But they were excited because the ladybug was alive and to them it showed the first signs of spring!

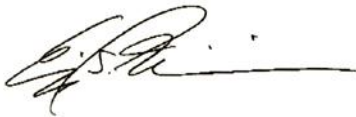
It was an exciting weekend all around. The graduating Class of 2013 just celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> Night meaning that they are just under 100 days from that great day in the football stadium where they will be given their degrees, recite the oath while they are commissioned as

Second Lieutenants in the United States Army and then throw their hats up into the air.  
Spring indeed!

Earlier in the morning I was thrilled to welcome three new sopranos and altos into the Cadet Choir. This never happens in late February!

I also have been encouraged by the last two meetings of our chapter – first the Lent and Easter Choral Reading we had at the Reform Church Poughkeepsie in January and then more recently the Spuds ‘n’ Sundaes social at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Wappingers Falls. At both events we were privileged to introduce ourselves to new members of our chapter. One normally does not expect to see new participants at January and February meetings so this was very positive to see! Also our membership rolls show that more new people and some members who have not been with us for a while are joining or re-enlisting their membership. This renewal affirming what we do year-round is a great development.

I hope you will be encouraged as I have been while we move through Lent toward Passover and Easter. Spring is around the corner. That does not necessarily mean moving toward a set goal or being overwhelmed by certain seasons. Rather this shows us time and time again that the continued movement through the seasons is a year-round journey through which we can always find reaffirming and purpose. Please continue to check our Calendar for events in our community and meetings with the Central Hudson Valley AGO. Our chapter continues to be a place where you will meet friends, find the support of colleagues and grow your own skills and perspective through the gifts of others. On to spring!



Craig Williams  
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

## Membership News

- As of March 1, 2013, renewed member Jimrae K. Lenser will have a new address, as follows:  
Jimrae K. Lenser  
Northwood Village  
424 Carpenter Avenue #5  
Newburgh, New York 12550  
Phone: 845-802-4284 / E-mail: [jimrael@yahoo.com](mailto:jimrael@yahoo.com)
- We are very happy to welcome several new members, including Sarah Bell, Michael Golzmane, Wesley Joseph, Johanna C. Kvamme, and Judie Marsden. Several other former members have renewed as well, and we are glad to have them join us again.
- A new membership directory with complete contact information for everyone is being prepared. Details of the distribution are still being worked out, but rest assured that your information will not be made public without your consent. The list will be made available as soon as possible, hopefully in next month's newsletter.

## Updates to the Sub List

In order for us to bring our Sub List up to date, we request the following information from any member who wishes to be included on the list. This information will be included in an expanded Sub List page on our web site and should make it easier for prospective employers to connect with the right person.

*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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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	845-226-1564	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
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Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496
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Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
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Nickie Collins	845-462-2240	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
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Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
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Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Eric Hepp	(no weekday funerals)
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Larry Hazard	845-452-0119		845-489-2625
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Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763
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<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Charles Surber (no weddings)	
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Maris Kristapsons			845-544-2782
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(no weddings)	845-635-8837		
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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.

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

## 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. 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 March 2013, is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Position Openings

*Editor's Note - Hiring institutions are encouraged to check references from applicants' previous employers. It should not be assumed that applicants who learn of position openings via these listings are endorsed by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 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 or email [SUSANEL2@OPTONLINE.NET](mailto:SUSANEL2@OPTONLINE.NET).*

***Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, 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.***

TENOR SECTION LEADER - (Part-Time)

### **ST. MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO EPISCOPAL CHURCH - TUXEDO PARK, NY**

St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo Episcopal Church has an immediate opening for a Tenor Section Leader in The Adult Choir, which rehearses every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM and sings for the 10:00 AM Service which follows. Additional Services during the Year include Ash

Wednesday, a Lenten Ecumenical Service, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, and Christmas Eve. Payment for each service, which is preceded by a rehearsal, is \$95.00. St. Mary's has an outstanding facility, featuring two Steinway Pianos, a magnificent 35-rank 1974 Austin Organ, and a fine choral music library and choir room. Typically, the Adult Choir sings a variety of choral music, from Traditional to Contemporary. Contact: Jimrae K. Lenser, Director of Music and Organist, St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 637 (10 Fox Hill Road), Tuxedo Park, NY 10987; email: jimrael@yahoo.com or phone: 845-802-4284 (text messages are accepted). 1/1/2013

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

**ST.AEDAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY**

St. Aedan's Church, Pearl River, NY (7 minutes from the Palisades Mall) is seeking a Principal Organist for two Sunday Masses (10 AM and Noon) and a Wednesday (possibly moving to Sunday) rehearsal from 7:30-9:00 PM. Extra for Holy Days, Catechetical services, etc. All Weddings, some funerals possible. Pay rate is \$225/week (no rehearsals in January, June, July or August. Average per hour is well over \$40/hour). Organ is three manual Allen with instrument cards and programmer, transposer, etc. Also an upright grand piano. No administrative duties. Contact: Music Director Ellie Diaz-Walters at 845-558-1225, or e-mail [scottthetenor@yahoo.com](mailto:scottthetenor@yahoo.com). Position available upon negotiation, contract year January 1-December 31. *Renewed 12/30/2012*

## 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

**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.*

Friday, March 8, 2013  
7:30 PM

Movie Night at the Bardavon: "Annie Hall"  
Pre-show Wurlitzer Organ music provided by New York Theatre Organ Society (NYTOS) beginning one-half hour prior to the film. Bardavon Opera House, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Admission: \$6. Info: (Box Office) 845-473-2072.

Friday, March 8, 2013  
7:30 PM

Concerts Con Brio presents: Sqwonk Bass Clarinet Duo – “Deep resonances to raucous wails”  
Hudson Valley native Jonathan Russell teams up with Jeff Anderle from San Francisco to present a concert of recently composed works for two bass clarinets, highlighting the amazing sonorities and expressive range of the instrument.  
The San Francisco-based Sqwonk bass clarinet duo is a dynamic and adventurous ensemble that “pushes the envelope of what bass clarinet music can be” (Clarinet Magazine). Sqwonk is devoted to exploring the full expressive range of the bass clarinet, from deep resonances to raucous wails.

While grounded in the classical tradition, Sqwonk's music draws on a wide range of influences, from Klezmer to heavy metal to blues to minimalism to free improvisation, creating a repertoire that is strikingly contemporary, yet broadly accessible to a wide audience. Sqwonk has created an entirely new repertoire of bass clarinet duos from scratch, and has released two CDs featuring newly commissioned works by some of America's most exciting up-and-coming composers. Go to [www.Sqwonk.com](http://www.Sqwonk.com) for more info about the group. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Visit the web site at [www.christchurchpok.org](http://www.christchurchpok.org) for directions. Suggested donation: \$12 at the door; students free with ID.

Saturday, March 9, 2013  
7:00 PM

Vocal Concert by I Squared

The Music Ministries of Saint Augustine Church will present a concert by I Squared in the 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. Info: contact the Music Office at 914-318-3268 or email us at [treasurehousemus@aol.com](mailto:treasurehousemus@aol.com).

Friday, March 15, 2013  
7:30 PM

A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Sacred Music

Join us this evening for a beautiful service of sacred music, prayer and Reflection for the Lenten season. Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, the program will include psalms, hymns, and scripture readings. Saint Augustine's pastor Father Bill Cosgrove offers thoughts and reflections on the holy season of Lent. Be sure to make this inspiring evening a part of your Lenten preparations. Saint Augustine Church, 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956. Suggested offering: \$10. Info: 914-318-3268.

Saturday, March 16,  
2012  
8:00 PM

Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "Cliburn Gold"

Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor. Beethoven: *Fidelio Overture, Op. 72c*, Mozart: *Piano Concerto, No. 23, K. 488, A major* with 13th Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medalist Haochen Zhang - Piano, Prokofiev: *Symphony No. 5, Op. 100*. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.

Sunday, March 17, 2013  
3:00 PM

Organ Concert by Aaron David Miller

Aaron David Miller is a renowned concert organist and composer who has won numerous international awards. He is also widely known for his improvisations. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Info: 518-374-4403.

- Sunday, March 17, 2013 3:30 PM Tower Music Series: Hope College Chapel Choir  
The Hope College Chapel Choir, founded in 1938, has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad, including a recent tour of South Africa. You may have seen the choir on PBS at Christmastime, featured in the annual Christmas Vespers broadcast. The choir has received numerous invitations to sign at choral conferences and prestigious churches around the country. The 45-voice ensemble, comprising student musicians from a wide variety of academic disciplines, is dedicated to the performance of the finest sacred and secular choral music. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10).
- Sunday, March 24, 2013 3:00 PM Concert of Lenten Music  
Presented by the Senior Choir of the First Reformed Church in Fishkill. Some Selections from "Messiah" by G.F. Handel as well as music by Mendelssohn, Dubois, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Joseph Martin will be sung. Fishkill Reformed Church, 1153 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. Info: call **Connie Lacey** at 845-897-5962.
- Sunday, March 24, 2013 7:30 PM Palm Sunday Evening Concert  
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Fauré Requiem for choir and orchestra. Free and open to all. Info: 845-452-8220.
- Friday, April 5, 2013 7:30 PM Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring Marilyn Keiser  
Dr. Keiser will perform a solo recital featuring works by Alec Wyton, Herbert Howells, Margaret Sandresky, Josef Rheinberger, and Louis Vierne at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City. The Gala Benefit Reception will follow in the Cathedral's St. James Chapel. Tickets for the Recital and Gala Benefit Reception are \$100 (\$75 tax deductible) and can be purchased online or by calling 212-870-2311 , ext. 4308. Gala ticket holders will be offered preferred seating in the Great Quire with a view of the performer. The names of those who purchase their tickets by March 15 will be printed in the commemorative program book. Tickets for the recital only (\$25) can be purchased at the Cathedral immediately prior to the recital; general seating will be provided in the Crossing and Nave.
- Saturday, April 6, 2013 8:00 PM Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "A Little Harp Music"  
Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor. Selections by Marquez, Revueltas, Pierne, Rodrigo, Bizet, and DeFalla, with guest artist Fran Duffy - Harp. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.
- Sunday, April 7, 2013 Organ Concert by James F. Mellichamp

- 3:00 PM Vice-President and Professor of Piedmont College (GA) and International Touring Artist. Open to the public and free of charge (free-will offering accepted). Cadet Chapel, US Military Academy, West Point, NY. Info: contact **Craig Williams** at 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)
- Sunday, April 14, 2013 3:30 PM Tower Music Series: Alfred Fedak, Organist  
Organist and composer Alfred Fedak is a graduate of Hope College, and has furthered his studies at Westminster Choir College, Eastman School of Music, and internationally in Vienna and Cambridge. A well-known composer of church music, Mr. Fedak has over 200 choral and organ works in print, and more than 100 of his hymn tunes appear in hymnals worldwide. He is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists who has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Russia. Mr. Fedak is currently Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Albany) and Chapel Organist at the Emma Willard School (Troy). The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10)
- Friday, April 19, 2013 7:30 PM Movie Night at the Bardavon: "The Magnificent Seven"  
Pre-show Wurlitzer Organ music provided by New York Theatre Organ Society (NYTOS) beginning one-half hour prior to the film. Bardavon Opera House, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Admission: \$6. Info: (Box Office) 845-473-2072.
- Saturday, May 4, 2013 8:00 PM Hudson Valley Philharmonic presents "American Premiere"  
Randall Craig Fleischer, Music Director/Conductor. Debussy: *Prelude a "L'Après-midi d'un faune"* (*Afternoon of a faun*), Dorman: *Cello Concerto* with Inbal Segev - Cello, Copland: *Symphony No. 3*. Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Box Office 845-473-2072. The audience is invited to a pre-concert talk with the conductor and musicians one hour prior to each performance.
- Sunday, May 5, 2013 3:00 PM Choral Concert by the Young People's Chorus of New York City  
Founded in 1988 by Artistic Director and 2011 MacArthur Fellowship recipient Francisco J. Nunez, the Young People's Chorus has become one of the most celebrated and influential youth choruses in the world. First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Info: 518-374-4403.
- Sunday, May 5, 2013 3:30 PM Tower Music Series: Anthony Rispo, Organist  
Musical virtuoso Anthony Rispo has served as organist in several New York City area churches, most recently as guest Assistant Organist at St. James' Episcopal Church on Madison Avenue. As "Rising Young Artist," he performed the opening concert for the International year of the Organ at the Church of The Heavenly Rest on Fifth Avenue. Mr. Rispo has also performed at West



Point's Cadet Chapel as part of their on-going recital series. In addition to performing existing organ works, Mr. Rispo enjoys improvising and composing, as well as other musical styles. His current musical mission is to capture these alternate styles and incorporate them with the use of classical organ technique. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Admission: Free Will Offering (Suggested Donation \$10).

Friday, May 31, 2013  
7:30 PM

An Evening of Sacred Music with the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir

Presented by the Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson Valley in partnership with Astor Services for Children and Families, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, and Catholic Charities Community Services - Dutchess County. More than four dozen men and women's voices along with flute, organ, violins, guitar, string bass, Celtic harp, cello and Bodhran (Irish drum). Eclectic program of selections from around the world. Location: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY. Info: 845-227-1710

Monday, June 24  
through Saturday, June  
29, 2013

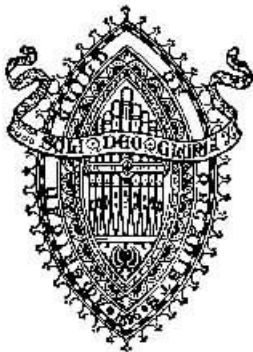
"The Hills Are Alive" - Organ Historical Society's 58th Annual National Convention  
Headquartered in Burlington, VT and visiting historic instruments in Vermont and New Hampshire. Info:  
<http://www.organsociety.org/2013/index.html>.

Sunday, June 30 through  
Wednesday, July 3, 2013

"Appear and Inspire" - Regions I and II AGO Convention in Hartford, CT  
The conference theme "Appear and Inspire" is taken from W.H. Auden's poem, "Anthem for St. Cecilia's Day" and springs from a desire to make the convention as inspirational as possible. The result is a four-day convention full of incredible recitals and concerts, more than 21 workshops, a marvelous exhibit hall and plenty of time for rest, relaxation and renewing friendships with colleagues. All of the workshop locations are within a short, walkable distance to the conference hotel, The Ramada Plaza Downtown Hartford, and with a \$99/night conference rate, this will be one of the most affordable AGO conventions in many years.



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