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Letter from the Dean

March greetings to all members and friends of our beloved Central Hudson chapter of AGO!

We had a totally AMAZING February Members' Recital at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie, with eight of our members performing a wonderful variety of VERY diverse works by composers of color! I was also blown away by the very large multi-racial turnout of well over 100 people (we ran out of programs!) who represented both a wide geographic area as well as a wide range of AGES! What was not to love????!

I regret that coming off of such a HIGH last month our Sub-Dean and Programming Chair Laura Russell has made a critical decision that it is necessary to cancel (or postpone) our 2nd such event featuring women composers, simply because we only had too few people volunteer to play! So for those of you who were planning to join us on March 25th at St. George's Episcopal Church in Newburgh....well, please SAVE THAT THOUGHT! Since this was to also be only two weeks before Easter, well, I guess you could also say "*what were we thinking?*"

So I will instead try to share “an encouraging word” to all of our members and friends who are obviously engaged well into the Lenten season (or whatever denominational observances are on YOUR plate to lead during these coming weeks, including the Orthodox Easter which will follow one week later from the Christian one! Regardless of affiliation it is a stressful time for all of us “who make music in the church or synagogue” and I will simply say “please be careful to take due care of YOURSELVES as we together travel this thorny route!”

Blessings and peace to ALL of you and may we all have a chance to enjoy this incredible springlike weather (gadzoos, the spring equinox is coming up FAST as well as the TIME CHANGE this coming Sunday the 12th)! I will NOT second guess Mother Nature in ANY form though, knowing that the month of March can often be FULL of surprises here in the northeast!

“Oh, God, be merciful to me!!!”



Benjamin T. Vise, MM, Dean
Central Hudson Valley Chapter of AGO

List of Organ Substitutes

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application 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, unless otherwise approved by the Board. More information about each substitute is provided on our web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, or if you need to update your information, please contact the editor using the information above.

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List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated on their membership application that they are accepting new organ students. Please note that only CHVAGO members in good standing are eligible to be included in this list. More information about each teacher is provided on our

web site at www.chvago.org. If you would like your name listed, please contact the editor using the information above.

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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 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 2023, is March 23.

Editor's Corner

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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 chvagoboard@gmail.com.

Editor's Note – Because there are so many new position openings this month, we are choosing not to list all of them in their entirety. If you have questions about a position, please contact the prospective employer directly using the information provided in the complete listing online at http://www.chvago.org/CHVAGO_Positions.php. If you need help accessing the online information, please call Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496.

MUSIC LEADER - (Part-Time)

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WOODSTOCK, NY

11/28/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - NEWBURGH, NY

11/28/2022

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part Time)
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - CORNWALL, NY
10/22/2022

VOCAL/BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR, MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
COBLESKILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - COBLESKILL, NY
10/22/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - KENT, CT
10/15/2022

CHORAL DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
10/9/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Full-Time)
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - GOSHEN, NY
Filled 12/2022

PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC - (Full-Time)
ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY - DUNWOODIE (YONKERS, NY)
9/17/2022

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY - SPRING VALLEY, NY
Filled 12/16/2022

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR (Part-time)
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH - FISHKILL, NY
5/27/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MIDDLETOWN, NY
3/28/2022

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST - Part-Time
**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ST.JOSEPH AND OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL -
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY**
3/12/2022

Calendar of Events

If you are interested in having an event posted on this calendar, please contact the web site administrator, [Susan LaGrande](#). Events are selected for inclusion based on their relevance and interest to the members of the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The chapter reserves the right to decline or withdraw listings at any time.

Sunday, March 12, 2023
3:00 PM

Concert by Baroque Ensemble REBEL

Newburgh Chamber Music will present the baroque ensemble REBEL on March 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM at [St. George's Church](#), 105 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY. The concert, "Treasures of the High Baroque and Rococo," will feature works by Telemann, J.S. Bach, and other composers of the 17th and 18th centuries. It will be dedicated to founder and violinist Karen Marie Marmer, who passed away in 2020.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, and \$5 for students. They are available at the door (cash or check only) or online at [newburghchambermusic.org](#). Proof of vaccination is not required, and masks are optional. Meet the performers at a cider and champagne reception after the concert. For more information, visit [newburghchambermusic.org](#).

Saturday, March 25,
2023
POSTPONED

Members' Recital, Part Two

Watch this space for updated information.

Monday, July 3 - Thursday,
2023

Westchester 2023 - AGO Regional Convention

Westchester2023 is the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention of the AGO. Please join us in July in Westchester County, NY, home to world-class instruments, stunning edifices, and exquisite dining and shopping - all within the beauty of the lower Hudson River Valley. Opening Worship is at Rye Presbyterian Church with the New Choral Society, John T. King, conductor; Janet Yieh and Dina Foster-Osbourne, organists. Closing Concert will also be at Rye Presbyterian Church with the Modus Operandi Orchestra, Justin Bischof, conductor and David Enlow, organist. Solo Recitalists: Peter Richard Conte, Nathan Avakian, Anne Laver, Janet Yieh, Craig Williams, Renee Anne Louprette, Jennifer Pascual, Amanda Mole, and Caroline Robinson. Conference Headquarters: [Sonesta White Plains](#), 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601. Early registration deadline: April 15, 2023. [Click here](#) for more information.



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