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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Passover is finished and Holy Week and Easter are behind us. Take a deep breath and realize that there is now light at the end of the tunnel! For most of us the approaching summer means a slightly lighter work load at church – at least once the choir “season” is over.

So now you can really concentrate on the Members Recital. It is coming up very shortly – on May 22 at 3 p.m. at Zion Episcopal Church. I am still waiting for YOU to contact me about the piece you are going to play. I must have that information at least a week prior to the recital. Several reminders:

- ❖ During the week you can get in the church from Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to noon and 1 PM to 4:30 PM. Go to the house on the church property and you'll find the parish administrator, Chris, who can let you in.
- ❖ Any other time you must contact Gregory Citarella (845-297-7693) and he can meet you there with the keys. You must be out of the building well before the alarm is set at 10 PM.
- ❖ If you aren't going to play yourself, please plan on coming to support your colleagues. Bring friends!
- ❖ If you do plan to come and can contribute finger food to our reception, please contact Barbara Bayers (babayers@gmail.com or (845) 391-8479) and let her know what you can bring.
- ❖ Remember that you need not play a complicated fugue of Bach to participate. All members are invited to play a piece. Choose one that you play well regardless of the level of difficulty.

Craig Williams has also planned a very worthwhile program for our June meeting. On June 12th we will meet at St. John's Lutheran in Poughkeepsie for a workshop from Jonathan Hall, FAGO. Craig has this to say about the workshop: "The emphasis of the workshop will be "Effective Repertoire for Playing Preludes and Postludes throughout the Liturgical Calendar – Accessible on a Part-Time Practice Schedule." There is not one member of our chapter, myself included, who does not need a primer on that timely subject. Hall seems to have made a point of developing a library of "real" music (from historical composers, not just the Morningstar crowd, etc.) that does not require as much practice as standard recital repertoire. I agree completely that we all need help with this. So put this on your calendar as well.

Finally, please keep Helen Schimpf in your prayers. She suffered a slight stroke a few weeks ago. That's all I know.

When we get a day with sunshine, take a few minutes to enjoy and smell the flowers.

See you on May 22nd.



Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

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)	
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496		845-489-2625
Susan MacNish	845-635-3814	Charles Surber (no weddings)	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		845-544-2782
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474		
Anne Ressler	845-446-8035		

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		

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 June, is May 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.

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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.

- 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

- Friday, May 13, 2011
7:30 PM Organ Recital by the Friese Brothers from Germany
Thomas and Christian Friese are visiting relatives in Blessed Kateri Parish in Lagrangeville and will be guest performers at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 15. Thomas Friese is director of music and organist at St. Canisius' church in Munich. Christian Friese is Organist at the Münster of Diessen, Bavaria. Recital is free and open to the public. Blessed Kateri R.C. Church, 1925 Route 82, Lagrangeville, NY. Info: 845-227-1710
- Saturday, May 14, 2011
3:00 PM Organ Recital with 5 Organists Celebrating St. James' Bi-Centennial
Among the organists: **Gregory Citarella** and George Bozeman, builder of the St. James tracker organ (Opus 47). St. James Church (Episcopal), 4526 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY. Reception to follow. Donations appreciated. Info: 845-229-2820
- Sunday, May 15, 2011
4:00 PM Recital and Gala Benefit Reception honoring organist Thomas Murray
Yale University in New Haven, CT. The recital will take place at Woolsey Hall and will feature Thomas Murray giving a solo performance on Yale's world-renowned Newberry Memorial Organ. His program will include Franck's Symphony in D Minor, trans. Calvin Hampton. Craig Whitney, New York Times assistant managing editor (retired) and author of *All the Stops: The Glorious Pipe Organ and Its American Masters*, will serve as emcee. The recital is free and open to the public. The gala benefit reception (tickets required) will follow in the Yale President's Room. All proceeds will benefit the AGO Endowment Fund in Thomas Murray's honor. Gala Reception Tickets are \$100 (\$75 tax deductible) and may be purchased online at www.agohq.org or by calling 212-870-2311, ext. 4308.

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. Zion's Organ is 100 years old this year! Austin (Opus 321) with 3 manuals and 36 ranks. Your free-will donation will benefit The Margaret Pecoraro Memorial Scholarship Fund to assist and encourage young organists. Reception to follow. Info: 845-463-1249.
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- Sunday, May 22, 2011
7:00 PM Rockland Vicariate Spring Choir Festival
Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, 128 Parrott Road, West Nyack, NY.
Individual parish choirs and ensembles from the Vicariate of Rockland County will perform, and will also join forces for several of the choral pieces. The program will include choral works of various composers, assembly hymns and songs, all accompanied by full brass, tympani, and the magnificent 3-manual Rodgers organ at Saint Francis Church. Music ministry members may register with your parish director of music, or contact one of the event coordinators (contact info below). The suggested

free-will offering is \$10. Everyone is cordially welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of music ministries. Info: Contact Kyle Mange at 917-685-4945, KyleMange@hotmail.com, or Joe Nigro at 914-318-3268, treasurehousemus@aol.com.

- Friday, June 3, 2011
7:30 PM
- Dedicatory Organ Concert by Scott Dettra
Dedication of the Sanctuary Console, Kegg Organ, Op. 42, three manuals, 31 ranks installed in 2009. Organist: Scott Dettra, Principal Organist and Associate Director of Music at The Washington National Cathedral. St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, 88 East Saddle River Road, Saddle River, NJ. Free Will Offering. Info: Contact Rich D'Amore at rajd@optonline.net.
- Sunday, June 5, 2011
4:00 PM
- Dutchess County Interfaith Council Music Festival
New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1860 Rt. 376, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. This well-loved event is DCIC's biggest fund raiser all year. Rehearsals have been scheduled through out the month of May leading up to the Festival. All singers are welcome to attend. For rehearsal info, please visit the web site at http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org/music_festival.html.

Sunday, June 12, 2011
4:00 PM

Workshop for Part-Time Organists
"Effective Repertoire for Playing Preludes and Postludes throughout the Liturgical Calendar Accessible on a Part-Time Practice Schedule"
Presented by Jonathan Hall. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info:845-452-1550

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Wanamaker Organ Day 2011
at Macy's, Philadelphia, PA. Info: <http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/>

Monday June 27 through
Saturday, July 2, 2011

Organ Historical Society National Convention 2011
Washington, DC. Info and Registration:
<http://www.organsociety.org/2011/welcome.html>

Wednesday, June 29 through
Tuesday, July 5, 2011

American Theatre Organ Society National Convention 2011
Providence, RI. "Chapter One - A New England Theatre Organ Odyssey."
Info and Registration:
http://2011.emcatos.com/2011_ATOS_National_Convention/

Sunday, July 17, 2011
3:00 PM

Annual Chapter Picnic
to be held at the home of Eric Hepp, 24 Lor-Mar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY. Further details forthcoming.

Sunday,
September 11,
2011
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Craig Williams
The Liszt/Wagner Legacy: Celebrating 100 Years of the Cadet Chapel
Organ. **Craig Williams** is organist and choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel,
West Point. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point. Free. Info: contact **Craig
Williams** at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday,
November 13,
2011
4:00 PM

Concert of Patriotic Organ and Choral Music – to honor our Veterans
Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The
concert will include patriotic music played by Craig Williams on the
newly refurbished Gress-Miles pipe organ; Favorite Hymns of American
Presidents; and Patriotic Choral Music sung by a regional massed choir
directed by **Laura Ramsey Russell**. To sign up to participate in the
choir, please email Laura at LRussell@hvc.rr.com. Freewill donations
accepted at the door.

Sunday,
November 20,
2011
3:00 PM

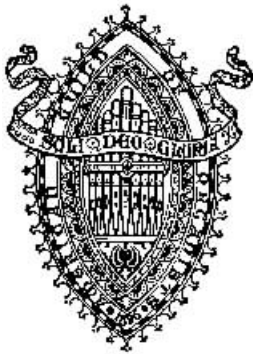
Organ Recital by Felix Hell
Felix Hell, now 26 years old, has for years been acclaimed as a recitalist
worldwide. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: contact
Craig Williams at 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday,
December 11,
2011
3:30 PM

Tower Music Series presents Dr. John Weaver
Dr. John Weaver has been renowned throughout the organ world as a
recitalist for many years. Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue,
Poughkeepsie, NY. (Handicapped accessible.) \$10 suggested donation.
Info: 845-452-8110.



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