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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings to all members and friends of this wonderful chapter of AGO which draws from an incredibly widespread geographic area surrounding our beloved Hudson River! We are excited that in only a few more days we will have the opportunity to gather for the very first meeting of our new 2022-2023 season.

This coming Sunday, October 2nd, we will gather in the beautiful sanctuary of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie, located at 325 Mill Street, at 3:00 PM for an opening liturgy of celebration and gratitude for a new year as well as an order for the installation of our new crew of officers and board members (all elected by YOU back in June of this year). Following this we will take a moment to honor our host for the day Eric Hepp as our newest recipient of the chapter's League of Distinguished Service award.

The program will then transition into a more “nuts and bolts” choral and organ reading session led by various members of our chapter.

We hope that this will provide all who attend a few inspiring “starter ideas” for their own worship planning as we move through the challenges in each of our individual situations. The program will then conclude with a time for refreshments and fellowship as provided by the members and staff of First Lutheran Church.

I personally am also excited to report that, at the bidding of our chapter officers, I have been able to appoint a new Chaplain for CHVAGO, a position that has been vacant for more years than anybody currently serving can remember! This position will follow the guidelines as observed by the national AGO to serve in a non-elected capacity. And to that end, please join me on Sunday in welcoming Rev. Kelly-Ray Meritt, a long time clergyman serving The Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod. He will join us Sunday after leading Divine Worship at a church on Long Island, so I told him it would be just fine if he needed to enhance his apparel by adding any additional stains necessary to match whatever he brings along from Long Island! Given that he currently still calls The Bronx his home we will be well served by a definite “man on the move!”

I very much look forward to seeing ALL of you on Sunday afternoon!



Benjamin T. Vise, MM
Dean, CHVAGO

League of Distinguished Service

CHVAGO has a long history of presenting awards to members who have shown exceptional dedication to our chapter. Beginning in 2017, these awards took the form of induction into the League of Distinguished Service. As mentioned in the Dean’s Letter, we are pleased and proud that this year’s award goes to Eric Hepp. The award certificate reads: “This certificate of appreciation is presented to Eric Hepp by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in recognition of your life-long contribution and dedication to promoting excellence in the performance of Organ and Choral Music. The American Guild of Organists is indebted to your stewardship of professionalism, service, and ethics.”

Here is a list of some of the people who have been honored in the past:

Precursors to League of Distinguished Service:

2007 - Jack Davis, John Sullivan, Kay Pearson, Mary Caskey, Ray Corey, Erna Loerch

2008 - Alice Cann, Anita Drake

2009 - Pat Maimone

League of Distinguished Service:

2017 - Connie Lacey, Stu Ballinger, Lois Hoger

2019 - Charles Faverio, Nancy Brown, Richard Ehlenberg, Janet Nickerson, Margaret Small

2020 - Glenn May, Craig Williams, Elaine Simpson

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande.

Membership News

- Nancy Demilio and her husband Kevin Scott have moved! Although Nancy still maintains her chapter membership, she is now technically within the area served by the Eastern NY Chapter. Her new address is 217B Deer Run Road, Hudson Falls, NY 12839. Her email address and cell phone number remain the same. Good luck, Nancy and Kevin!
- Renée Anne Louprette started a “six-month Romanian Fulbright adventure in August.” She has been posting wonderful pictures on her Facebook page of her travels through Transylvania, where she has been visiting pipe organs and historic buildings. Safe travels, Renée!
- We are saddened to report that Craig Williams’s mother Vina died on September 27. Craig posted this on his Facebook page:
My mother Vina passed away earlier this morning. She had neuropathy for the last 12 or so years which gradually limited her mobility to the point where she was no longer able to walk or eat in the last few weeks. After being in the hospital two weeks ago, she rallied a bit - and was able to go home and receive hospice care. She seemed to improve, and I enjoyed phone conversations with her and my stepfather Tom almost every day. This past weekend, she took a turn for the worse; and we are all in a bit of shock how quickly she left us. Fortunately, Tom was by her side until the end, and other members of my family visited her over the weekend. I was planning to travel to CA to visit with her tomorrow (Wednesday), and I am still going - though for a different purpose now.

With the onset of the COVID pandemic, I was not able to visit with her because of distance and quarantine issues. One of the ways I continued to "connect" with her was posting YouTube videos, sharing the music she inspired in me and loved so much! As I now say good-bye to my No. 1 "YouTube fan," I post one last video for a while - out of order in my Orgelbüchlein collection, but these partings and transitions are always out of order. I recorded this last night, just a few hours before she departed. The text of this chorale "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" is a prayer containing these words:

*Then this our comfort is alone,
That we may meet before Thy throne,
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee...*

I thank everyone for their continued prayers and support. My mother and all of us have been blessed being surrounded by loved ones and friends!

Here is a link to the video that he mentioned in his tribute: https://youtu.be/XNB0_y-Cdzw

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.

Meredith Baker	845-565-3321	Maris Kristapsons	845-635-0411
Joe Bertolozzi	845-337-1216	Sistine Lezon	914-456-0533
Luca Cantone	703-554-5906	Janet Nickerson	845-294-8138
Greg Citarella	845-559-4013	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-687-6013	Edward Palange	914-213-3460
James Fitzwilliam	845-849-3606	Joanne Reed	845-361-3474
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Margaret Ritzau	860-779-3751
Carl J. Geiselhart	845-457-4830	Anthony Rispo	914-979-5181
Susan Guse	845-242-1478	Nancy Vanderlee	845-266-3858
Larry Hazard	845-452-0119	Benjamin Vise	330-327-0895
Eric Hepp	845-489-2625	John Ward	917-657-4614
Boyd Herforth	845-687-6233	Christopher Wynkoop	845-926-7389
Wesley Joseph	845-849-0104		

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.

Meredith Baker	914-261-0028	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-294-8138
Gregory Citarella	845-559-4013	Michael Oosterhout	301-910-5307
Justan Foster	518-965-2389	Anthony Rispo	914-979-5181
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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 November 2022, is October 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.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - (Full-Time)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - GOSHEN, NY

9/26/2022

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

7/2/2022

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

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH – WARWICK, NY

12/21/2021

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, October 2, 2022 3:00 PM	CHVAGO Chapter Meeting - Installation of Officers and Choral Reading Please join us for the Installation of CHVAGO board members and Chaplain, which will be followed by a participatory reading session of choral and organ music led by several CHVAGO members. There will also be refreshments, and an opportunity to see old friends and to meet new colleagues. First Evangelical Lutheran Church , 325 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. For venue questions - parking and/or accessibility issues, please contact Eric Hepp at 845-488-2625.
Sunday, October 2, 2022 3:00 PM	Organ Dedication Concert at St. Philip's Craig Williams will present a concert to celebrate the dedicate the new 3-manual, 15-rank Schoenstein pipe organ . Click here to view a flyer. Free admission. Reception to follow. St. Philip's in the Highlands , 1101 Route 9D, Garrison, NY. Info: 845-424-3571.
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:00 AM	Visit the Bardavon NYTOS Wurlitzer Pipe Organ! The Bard Lifetime Learning program is doing visits to pipe organs in the area, conducted by Dale Ziegenfelder. The Bardavon NYTOS Wurlitzer pipe organ will be featured on the above date. Some historical facts will be presented by John Vanderlee, as well as chamber tours and a short demo by Carl Hackert. Bardavon , 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Even if you are not part of the CCE program but would like to attend; please email John Vanderlee, curator, at jovanderlee@vassar.edu .
Friday, October 14, 2022 7:30 PM	Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment Theatre Organist Dave Kopp will accompany the silent masterpiece "The Phantom of the Opera" on the Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ . Lafayette Theater , 97 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, New York 10901. Tickets: \$10. Info: 845-547-2120.
Sunday, October 16, 2022 5:00 PM	Concerts Con Brio presents Chamber Music - Concert #1 Musicians of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic will present the first of three chamber music concerts. Christ Episcopal Church , 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Donations accepted. Info: 845-452-8220

- Sunday, October 23, 2022
2:00 PM Chamber Music Concert
[The Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians](#) consists of Norman Dee (Flute), Ann Chukurian (Oboe), Leigh Myers (Clarinet), Terry Watson (Horn), and Donald Venezia (Bassoon). [Zion Episcopal Church](#), 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Tickets at the door: \$10, \$5 seniors, children under 12 Free. Reception follows. Info: 845-559-4013.
- Sunday, October 23, 2022
3:00 PM Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment
Theatre Organist [Peter Krasinski](#) will accompany the silent film "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" on the [NYTOS Allen T321QSP. The Stissing Center](#), 2950 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567. Tickets \$10. Info: 518-771-3340
- Saturday, October 29, 2022
7:30 PM Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment
Theatre Organist [Peter Krasinski](#) will accompany the silent film "Metropolis" on the [1928 2/10 Wurlitzer Pipe organ. The Bardavon](#), 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free admission. Info: 845-473-2072.
- Saturday, November 12, 2022
7:30 PM Concerts Con Brio presents Chamber Music - Concert #2
[Musicians of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic](#) will present the second of three chamber music concerts. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Donations accepted. Info: 845-452-8220
- Saturday, November 19, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Organfest!
Keynote address, breakout sessions, and concert with Dr. Peter Latona! Presented by the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of New York. Chapter member **Fr. George Hafemann** will lead one of the breakout sessions. [Click here](#) for a printable flyer. [St. Joseph's Seminary](#), 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY. Tickets: \$45 (full day with lunch) /\$25 (student full day - includes lunch)/ \$20 (2:15 PM concert only).
Register: organfest.eventbrite.com
- Saturday, November 19, 2022
Time 2:00 PM Concerts Con Brio presents the Cappella Festiva Autumn Concert
[Cappella Festiva](#) vocal ensembles, the Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir, Treble Choir and Cor Capriccio Children's Choir. They will perform works by Tallis, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Jenkins, Gilbert & Sullivan (Suben, arr.), and Judith Weir. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free admission; open to the public. Info: 845-452-8220.
- Sunday, January 22, 2023
5:00 PM Concerts Con Brio presents Chamber Music - Concert #3
[Musicians of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic](#) will present the third of three chamber music concerts. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Donations accepted. Info: 845-452-8220



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