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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe that the summer is just about over. I'm sure most of you are getting ready for that first choir rehearsal of the season. At the very least it will soon be the Sunday when your church begins Sunday School and suddenly the pews will have more worshippers than in the summer. It always feels good, at least to me, to be beginning all over again. I have grand plans for the choir and for the organ pieces I will surely find time to learn THIS year.

To help us all get started we have a fantastic program on September 19th from 2-4 PM at Vassar College on Choral Technique with Christine Howlett. If you are not the choir director at your church why not invite him or her to come with you as your guest (there is no charge for the workshop - your dues at work). I have been singing with Christine in Cappella Festiva for several years and I can vouch that she really knows her stuff. I have been learning a lot about vocal production, pronunciation, etc. just in our rehearsals. Christine's official title at Vassar is Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities. She conducts the Vassar

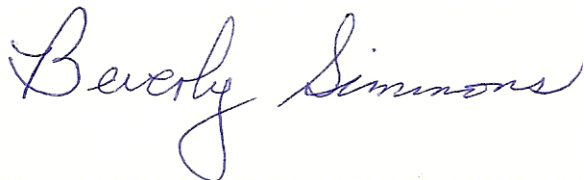
College Choir and the Women's Choir and also teaches music theory and voice. She has a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Toronto, a Masters in Early Music Voice Performance from Indiana University. She also earned her Doctoral Degree at Indiana in Choral Conducting. She has many solo performances to her credit. If you heard the BachFest performance of the St. Matthew Passion in August then you heard her do several of the soprano solos.

I believe the workshop will be held in Tekla Hall which is on the top floor of the building connected to Skinner Hall. (If you turn on to Raymond Ave. from 376 Skinner Hall is the first stone building on your right. It contains the concert hall with the Paul Fritts organ.) I will try to post a note on the door of Skinner and also the door to the right where we should enter. There is an elevator to the top floor for those who can't walk up all those stairs! Please plan on attending. You'll be very glad you did.

It is not too early to begin talking to your choirs and congregations about attending the Hymn Festival at West Point on October 18th at 3 p.m. I'm often amazed at the number of people who tell me they have never been to West Point. This is a perfect opportunity. We need LOTS of people to make this a really joyful occasion. At a hymn festival we are all participants and the enjoyment of it will be in proportion to how many people we have singing the hymns! So that means all of us, our friends, choirs and congregations. It's a big chapel to fill and the more the merrier. So put it on your calendar and on your parish calendar. Make announcements, talk it up and plan to attend.

So let's all take a deep breath, say a few prayers and get ready for another good year of serving God in his churches and synagogues. To God be all the Glory!

Beverly Simmons, Dean

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beverly Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Simmons, SPC
Dean

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. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, fax or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in October, is September 23rd.

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>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs)	845-888-5318
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763		845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-544-2782
Maris Kristapsons		<u>Student</u>	
(no weddings)	845-635-8837	Gregory S. Quaglieni	845-786-0011
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		

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
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298		

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Position Openings - Summary

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, the following list of position openings includes 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.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH – HURLEY, ULSTER COUNTY, NY
8/10/2009

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)
ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY
Updated 4-2-2009

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time
ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY
5/12/2008

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY
Renewed 5/28/2008

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.

Sunday, September 13, 2009 3:00 PM Organ Recital by Brian Hoffman
[Organist and Music Director](#), St. George's, Schenectady, NY
(Class of 1964 Recital Series) The program will include pieces by Bach, Dupre, Franck, Hoffman, Langlais, Tournemire and Mulet. The recital is free of charge and open to the public. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Saturday, September 19, 2009 2:00 to 4:00 PM	Choral Technique for the Church Choir Director presented by Christine Howlett , Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College. Location: Skinner Hall, Vassar College, Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY.
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Sunday, September 20, 2009 3:30 PM Summer's End Concert
Donald Filkins, organist; Douglas Coates, pianist/baritone; Carol Osgood, pianist. [First Presbyterian Church](#), 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY. Free will offering. Reception to follow. Info: 845-831-5322.

Sunday, September 27, 2009 2:30 PM Organ Concert by Robert Fertitta
Works by Couperin, Bach, Saint-Saens, Vierne and arrangements of works by Gershwin and Rogers. [Robert Fertitta](#) is an organist, performer,

lecturer, workshop presenter, adjudicator of competitions, and music reviewer for the American Organist Magazine. He is also the founder, photographer, and curator of the "Gallery of Stained Glass Art." Location: [Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church](#), 1925 Rte 82, Lagrangeville, NY. The new 3-manual, 80-stop Allen organ at Blessed Kateri Church represents state-of-the-art digital technology in the sampling of true pipe organ sounds. Suggested donation: \$10.00. Reception to Follow. Info: call Bev at 845-462-0516 or Anthony at 845-489-6174.

Sunday, September 27, 2009
4:00 PM Organ Recital by Mark Laubach
Canon Mark Laubach is Organist and Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, the Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of Bethlehem, PA, and is well-known as a teacher, performer, and recording artist. Location: Historic [St. Peter's Lutheran Church](#), 31 West Main Street, Port Jervis, NY. Free will offering to benefit the restoration fund for the 100-year-old Morey pipe organ. Reception follows. Info: 570-430-1755.

<p>Sunday, October 18, 2009 3:00 PM NOTE NEW TIME!</p>	<p>Hymn Festival Presented by <u>Rick Erickson</u>. <u>Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY.</u> Let's get not only our choirs but our congregations to participate. A hymn festival works best when there are LOTS of people in the congregation singing! Info: Call Beverly Simmons at 845-463-1249.</p>
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Saturday, October 24, 2009
7:30 PM Orchestra Concert
The [Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra](#) presents our fall concert featuring Babette Hierholzer, piano, performing Mozart *Piano Concerto No. 23 K. 488, in A Major*. Rhinebeck High School Auditorium, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck, NY. Tickets: Adults \$15, Seniors \$10, Students \$5. Season tickets are available. Info: 845-635-0877.

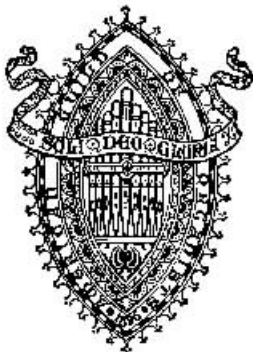
Sunday, October 25, 2009
3:30 PM Tower Music Series Presents Gail Archer in Concert
[The Reformed Church](#), 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Details to follow.

Sunday, November 15, 2009
3:00 PM Organ Recital by Craig Cramer
Organist, University of Notre Dame (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series). Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, November 15, 2009
3:00 PM Organ, Trumpet, Voice and Violin Recital
Voice: Paulette Sibert; Violin: Julie Berman; Trumpet: Jim Paradies; Organ: **Gregory Citarella**. All are Welcome! Refreshments following. [St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson Church - Episcopal](#), 37 Point Street, New Hamburg, NY 12590. Info: 845-297-2010 or 845-297-7693



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