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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

I am very excited about two chapter events coming up very soon. On Saturday, September 14, we will be participating in a day-long Organ Crawl in Middletown, NY. We are going to start with a visit to the famous Paramount Theatre downtown which has been spectacularly restored to its historic appearance within and houses a wonderful Wurlitzer theatre organ well maintained by the New York Theatre Organ Society. This visit will include a brief history of the theatre and its organ which will then be demonstrated by John Baratta in a brief recital and accompaniment of a short movie! The console will then be made available for anyone to play. Then we will have lunch taking advantage of the many restaurants downtown and then walk to nearby First Congregational Church which was founded in 1785 and houses one of the largest pipe organs in the Hudson Valley. Then we will walk to Grace Episcopal

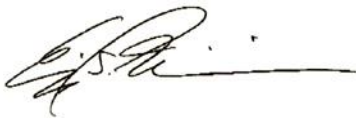
Church and see, hear and play the historic Austin pipe organ there. These two churches have the tallest landmark steeples in town! For those who are unable to walk the approximately half a mile circle from the Paramount to the restaurants, churches and back to the theatre, there is ample parking available next to the churches. Finally we will drive two miles to the north to North Congregational Church which sits on a hill with a wonderful view of the surrounding area. There we will have the opportunity to hear and play the 20-rank E.M. Skinner organ in the church's resonant acoustic. This is a very rare Skinner organ which has not been modified. The day will end with a small wine and cheese reception at the church.

This event will be open to the public and will be a very good opportunity to bring family and friends. The Paramount visit will be two hours from 10-12, lunch will be one hour and the visit to each of the churches will be one hour so please plan to spend the day – or feel free to come and go as your schedule allows.

Middletown is very accessible from the Interstate 84. You take the interstate west from the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge 25 miles to Exit 3W, take that road (Dolson Ave.) 2 miles into town, left turn at Fulton and then right turn at South Street – and the theatre is right there on the left with parking lot across the street on the right.

I am also looking forward to the Concert of Psalms at Christ Episcopal Church Poughkeepsie on Sunday, October 20 at 5 pm. This will involve combined choirs led by Laura Russell in great anthems by Parry, Bairstow and Franck. This concert continues what has become an annual tradition of remembrance by our chapter the last three years. Please consider participating as a chorister or having your church choir participate – you may contact Laura Russell, sub-dean, whose contact information is on the officer roster.

Please look at our Calendar for more information about these and other events. We look forward to seeing and meeting you.



Craig Williams
Dean, Central Hudson Valley AGO

Membership News

Stu Ballinger has informed us that he has a new address as of September 3, 2013. His new contact information is:

Stuart Ballinger
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
e-mail (unchanged): wa2bss@hvi.net
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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.

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Donald Filkins	845-831-6315	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Michael D. Golzmane	845-240-8212	Patrick Walker	845-473-4208
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List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. 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.

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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 October 2013, is September 23rd.

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.

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, or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.

MUSIC DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH - NEW CITY, NY

12-year old church seating 600, multi-ethnic - Filipino, Indian, Caucasian. Four weekend services: Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon. Choir rehearsal Thursday at 7:00 PM. Position requires knowledge of Catholic liturgy, proficiency in organ and piano, and vocal and directing skills. Responsibilities: plan, assist, provide music for weekend, Holy Days, funerals, weddings and seasonal liturgies: recruit, rehearse, and schedule choir, cantors, instrumental musicians. Peragallo pipe and digital organ installed 2001, 2 manuals, about 25 ranks, excellent condition. Half-time approximately 20 hours. Extra compensation for weddings (\$150.00) and funerals (\$125.00). [St. Augustine Church](#), 140 Maple Avenue, New City, NY 10956 - 845-634-3641. Email/mail letter of interest, resume, salary requirements and letters of reference to frbill@optonline.net. Position available immediately. 8/29/13

MUSIC MINISTER/ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Part-Time)

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH - SUSSEX, NJ

Rural 800-family Sussex parish well known for its good liturgy and congregational singing. Will be responsible to play four weekend Masses (Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM) and direct one choir with one 60-minute weeknight rehearsal. Christmas, Holy Week and other possible special events. Weddings extra (\$200), funerals optional (\$150). Experience required in service playing and choir directing. Membership in and/or familiarity with NPM & AGO workshops would be most helpful. The instrument is a 2-Manual Rodgers Digital Organ Model 835 installed in 1999 with a MIDI attachment and three ranks of speaking pipes, a principal, a flute & a trompette en chamade installed by Peragallo Organ Company in 2002. There is also an electronic piano. Salary: \$25,000. Position available end of September. If interested, please contact Carol at [St. Monica RC Church](#), 973-875-4521 or fax: 973-875-7538 or mail/e-mail resume to 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461 or stmonica@nac.net. 8/15/2013

ORGANIST - (Part-Time)

ST. ADEDAN'S RC CHURCH - PEARL RIVER, NY

Withdrawn 8/27/2013

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.

Saturday, September 14, 2013 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Organ Crawl City of Middletown and Paramount Theater Organ Crawl. The morning will begin at 10 with a visit to the famous Paramount Theater where everyone will hear an organ demonstration by the theater's organist John Baratta, who will also accompany a short silent movie! The curator will give a brief history of the Wurlitzer theater organ, and organists will have a chance to play the Wurlitzer themselves. At noon, participants are free to walk to one of the many downtown restaurants for lunch. After lunch, the group will walk to nearby First Congregational Church and Grace Episcopal Church to see, hear and play the Austin pipe organs at both churches. History of the churches and organs will also be discussed. The last visit of the day will consist of driving up to North Congregational Church (less than two miles north of downtown) to experience the church's E.M. Skinner pipe organ. The organ is one of very few Skinner organs which retain the same sound and specification as the builder designed, and experiencing the sound of the organ in the church's marble interior is not to be missed! A small wine and cheese reception hosted by the church will conclude the day's activities. This Organ Crawl is free and open to the general public, and participants are encouraged to attend all or part of the day's activities as their schedules allow. (Note: Check our Local Organs page on our web site for information on two of the organs featured.)
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Sunday, September 15, 2013 2:30 PM	Classical and Spiritual Concert Paulette Sibert - Soprano and Celestine Campbell - Piano. Church of the Holy Cross, 30 Pine Grove Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401. Info: 845-331-6796.
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Saturday, September 28, 2013 3:30 PM	Organ and Cello Concert The Smithfield Presbyterian Church in Amenia, New York, once again presents New York Philharmonic organist, Kent Tritle, and principal New York City cellist, Arthur Fiacco, for an afternoon of classical music to benefit the Oratorio Society of New York. Kent Tritle is an acclaimed choirmaster and organist, as well as Music Director at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan. Arthur Fiacco is a principal cellist for many well-regarded regional orchestras/ensembles. Mr. Fiacco will perform Antonio Vivaldi's <i>Cello Sonata in E Minor</i> and
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the "Sarabande" from *Suite No. 2 in D Minor* by J. S. Bach. Mr. Tritle will perform works by Bach, Brahms and Daniel Pinkham's *A Prophecy*. Tickets are \$20 at the door. The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, NY. Info: 347-330-0973 or email: s.webb@mindspring.com

Saturday, October 5 through Thursday, October 10, 2013 American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) Convention Winston-Salem, NC. Visit the web site at <http://www.pipeorgan.org/> for information.

Sunday, October 20, 2013
5:00 PM Celebration of Psalms Concert
A choral and organ concert presented by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Anthems, hymns, readings, and organ selections all based on the Psalms. Singers: to participate (and we hope you will!) please contact Laura Ramsey Russell before September 29 to obtain music (provided free) and rehearsal times. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Suggested donation: \$15 (students free). Proceeds to be donated to the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Info: 845-452-8220.

Sunday, October 27, 2013
3:00 PM Organ and Brass Concert
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

Saturday, November 2, 2013
7:00 PM **Janice Grace** and Friends: ReFormed Organ Classics: Rocked & Danced with Jazz Interludes
Janice Grace is organist and choir director at the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church. Poughkeepsie Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Info: 917-882-9343. Suggested \$10 Free-will donation.

Saturday, November 9, 2013
9:30 AM Choral Reading Workshop
Anthems for Pentecost and Feast Days. 9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00-11:30 Workshop. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Hosted by **Laura Russell**, Organist/Choir Director.

Sunday, December 8, 2013
3:00 PM 55th Annual Handel's Messiah
Part I and including selections from Parts II and III. Cadet Choir, combined community choirs and orchestra. 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

Sunday, January 12, 2014
5:00 PM Spuds 'n' Sundaes Social
A great time for good food and fellowship! Trinity Church, 1200 Main Street, Fishkill (off Route 9).

Saturday, February 8, 2014 9:30 AM
Choral Reading Workshop: World Music
9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00-11:30 Workshop. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue. Hosted by **Janice Grace**, Organist/Choir Director.

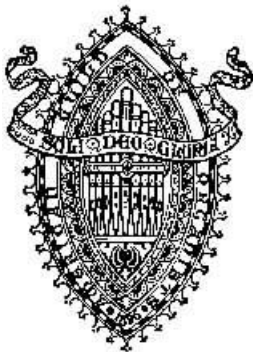
Sunday, March 23, 2014 3:00 PM
Annual Members' Recital
Location TBD

Sunday, April 6, 2013 3:30 PM
Tower Music Series: Recital by **Craig S. Williams**
Music of Bach, Buxtehude, Dupre', Karg-Elert, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Messiaen and Widor. The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Sunday, April 27, 2014 3:00 PM
Organ Recital by Christopher Jennings
Christopher Jennings loves to promote the role of the organ in the classical music scene and beyond in order to bring its music to a variety of audiences. A program of American works including Clarence Dickinson's "Storm King Symphony" for Organ. 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



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