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Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

September 20, 2008 we had a wonderful workshop discussion by Dr. Victoria Sirota. She engaged 20 or so chapter members with discussion and talks about her life experiences and book “Preaching to the Choir: Claiming the role of Sacred Musician”. I have a copy of this book. It is an excellent resource and one which I hope will become a staple of every church musician’s library. If you don’t have a copy I strongly urge that you get one. Very good reading. Thank you Beverly Simmons for arranging this wonderful workshop!

This month I have been busy in my regular day job with a corporate audit. So the month of September has slipped through my fingers rather quickly. I know this is a few days late, but to our temple musicians: **L'Shanah Tovah – Happy New Year!**

I attended an organ recital on Friday, September 26, in New York City's East Village at Middle Collegiate Church where I heard Cameron Carpenter. He is artist-in-residence at Middle Collegiate. He played on the Marshall & Ogletree Opus #4 instrument which he designed. It was nothing short of amazing. Cameron is quite a talent. Watching him perform the Chopin/Carpenter Revolutionary Etude Op.10-12 was breathtaking. Cameron transcribed the runs in the left hand of the original and put them in the feet! Go to YOUTUBE.com and catch him at work. Amazing!

Congratulations go out to a former chapter member of ours, Jeffrey Alban. He called me the other afternoon to tell me that he played his Doctoral Recital in Miami, Florida, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He is now Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban. Jeff and his wife Kay will be moving from Miami to Virginia where a church job and teaching position are waiting for him. Congratulations to Dr. Alban, his wife Kay and all family and friends who have supported him over the years. Continued Blessings and Success!

Our chapter member Nancy Scott-Demilio and her husband Kevin, have moved to Yonkers! Due to this move Nancy has stepped down from her position as AGO Board Secretary. Sadly I have accepted her decision. However, I totally understand the drive from Yonkers north to our AGO Board meetings is long; and these days with gas prices – expensive! So a BIG THANK YOU to Nancy for all her hard work as our chapter secretary. Best Wishes and Good luck to Nancy and Kevin in their new home and Nancy's new job.

Consequently, it is with great excitement that I welcome to the chapter board, replacing Nancy as our new Chapter Secretary, Laura Russell. Laura brings a wealth of musical experience, vocal leadership and a great sense of excitement. We welcome Laura to our board.

A gentle reminder: I notice that there are a number of members who must have forgotten to send their dues in. Please ensure that you get your dues in as quickly as possible. Eric Hepp our treasurer's address is 24 Lormar Court, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. You don't want to miss any issues of "The American Organist" magazine. Nor do you want to miss out on the camaraderie and friendship of your colleagues. We need to support each other. Through our dues and the hard work of our chapter sub-dean, Beverly Simmons, we are able to bring many events and workshops. We don't want you to miss out because you let your dues slip.

Please mark your calendars for the Ray Corey Memorial Concert which will be held on October 12, 2008 at 2:00 PM in Kingston, NY, at St. James Methodist Church on the corner of Pearl and Fair Streets. There is ample parking. I will be there and look forward to see many of you. This will be a wonderful celebration of the life and work of one of our colleagues, friend and teacher Ray Corey. Please check our calendar for further details.

On Sunday, October 19, 2008, there will be an Organ Spectacular to mark the high point in the International Year of the Organ. This will take the form of a Concert at The Reformed Church (located at 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY), by Gregory D'Agostino, holder of a DMA in organ from the Juilliard School. He is a recording artist who has concertized internationally, and has performed at National AGO Conventions and at major venues in the US. Please join our chapter as we celebrate this momentous occasion. This is a co-sponsored

event between our chapter and the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church Tower Music Series. I look forward to seeing you there.

There are so many beautiful events this time of year. There is so much color to absorb both through our ears with music and through our eyes in the form of autumn colors. So much has changed and developed on our political and economic fronts. I pray that going forward you become a steward of change, but also “the keeper of the flame” as it were.

The flame that I speak of is the flame of consistency in your musical offerings (tradition) that you give to your community of faith. Our flame burns brightly in the ever changing light of turmoil that our country and the world face daily. Let there be a prayer in every heart and hope that touches every soul. There are many uncertain days ahead of us. We are there for each other. We are a part of the circle of life, the enduring circle that helps bind us together. Keep your hymn-playing strong and resolute. Let people know that while the world is changing at an ever increasing speed they can depend on your skills and ability. Help people raise their voices to God in the highest possible form. Let your congregation know that you are there to help support a tradition that runs deep in every heart. You are the conduit which brings people closer to that flame - Soli Deo Gloria!

Autumn has come! Homecoming is upon us! Stewardship campaigns are underway! Do what you can to be the steward of this great tradition of music making.

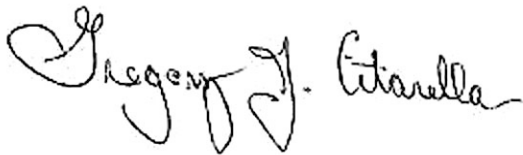
“We plow the fields and scatter the good seed” - “We gather together to ask the Lord’s Blessing.”

No more need be said! Our hearts beat to the same tune. Pass it forward...

Thank you all for your hard work and support of our chapter and craft.

God’s Blessings and Grace to all.

In His and Your Service I remain....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory J. Citarella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory J. Citarella+
(SDG)

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.

Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs) 845-888-5318
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(Kingston & Staatsburg areas)		Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
	845-340-1655	Larry Hazard 845-452-0119
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals) 845-489-2625
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Charles Surber (no weddings) 845-255-8293
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Jeffrey Parries 845-297-6870/845-702-4746
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	<u>Student</u>
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Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	

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, 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 November, is October 23rd.

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	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298	Charles Surber	845-223-4824

Editor's Corner

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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.

ACCOMPANIST – (Part-Time)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 9/12/2008

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEW CITY, NY 6/6/2008

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY 5/29/2008

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY Filled

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time

ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY 5/12/2008

ORGANIST/PIANIST (Part-Time)

UNION AME CHURCH - WARWICK, NY 3/26/08

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.

Saturday, October 4, 2008

9:00 AM

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Trip to "The Cloisters"

Join us for a fun trip to New York City to visit this wonderful medieval museum. If you've never been there you won't want to miss it. And if you have, you'll want to go again. We will car pool (meeting at a place to be determined), so you need to call **Gregory Citarella** at 845-297-7693 and let him know you want to go.

Sunday, October 5, 2008
2:00 PM

Organ Recital by Kevin Donnelly
First Presbyterian Church, 100 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Works by Cesar Franck, Jehan Alain, Max Reger, Francois Couperin and Henri Mulet. Mr. Donnelly will also exhibit his improvisational skills on themes suggested by audience members. The organ is a Moller, Opus 8769 (1955).

Kevin Donnelly, organist at First Presbyterian Church, started his organ study with **Gregory Citarella**. He then attended Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin with a Trustee Scholarship and studied under Wolfgang Rubsam and Dr. Susan Klotzbach. He also studied composition with Dr. Joanne Metcalf. While at Lawrence, Kevin received the Miriam C. Duncan Award in Organ Performance. He also was afforded a unique opportunity to study improvisation with Prof. Rubsam, a course of study not offered at many U.S. schools. Kevin has a great interest in the French school of music and their great tradition of improvisation. Free. Info: 845-471-1214.

Sunday, October 5, 2008
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Carol Williams, San Diego Civic Organist
Internationally Acclaimed Performing and Recording Artist
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series). Cadet Chapel, USMA,
West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu

Sunday, October 12, 2008
2:00 PM

Memorial Concert to Celebrate the Life and Work of Ray C. Corey
St. James Methodist Church at the corner of Fair and Pearl
Streets in Kingston, NY 12401. Parking is available.
Performers: IBM Chorus, Soloists to include Cheryl Hoffman (Ray's Daughter)
and Loren Hoffman (Ray's Granddaughter) and the following guest organists: Jean
Hattersley (Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY); Jane Bier (Upper Red Hook
Reformed Church, Red Hook, NY); Lonnie Kulick (Hurley Reformed Church,
Hurley, NY); **Rob Brown** (Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY). Rev. David M.
Jolly will officiate. Free Will Donation will go to the "Ray Corey Organ
Scholarship Fund." Info: 845-331-3030

The significance for having the memorial at St. James is that Ray Corey and his
father-in-law Ralph W. Harrison
actually rebuilt the organ that is currently at the church. Ray was organist and
choir director at St. James from 1955 - 1961. The dedication recital was played
by E. Power Biggs.

Sunday, October 12, 2008
3:00 PM

The Fourth Donald M. Pearson Memorial Organ Recital
with guest organist Diane Meredith Belcher, faculty at University of Pennsylvania
and co-organist/choirmaster at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Ms.
Belcher's program will include works of Bach, Schumann, Franck, and Messiaen.
Vassar College Chapel, 124 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Free and open
to the public. Info: 845-437-7294.

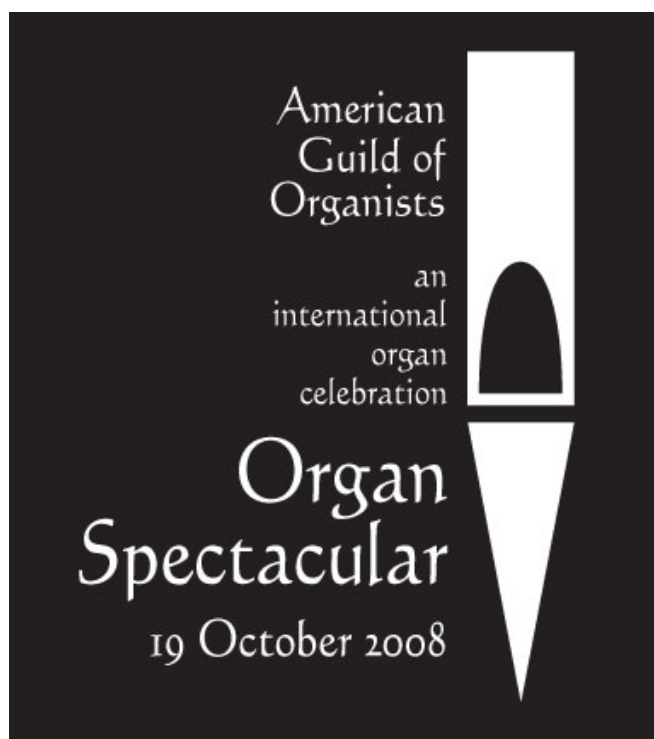
Sunday, October 12, 2008
4:00 PM

"The songs of Max Reger - Little-known out-of-print gems and masterpieces"
Concert of Max Reger songs sung by Sarah Levine Simon, Peter Ludwig,
Christine Howlett, Shirley Perkins, Barbara Hardgrave, and James Ruff. Concerts
Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street,
Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street
entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.

<p>Sunday, October 19, 2008 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Organ Spectacular to mark the high point in the International Year of the Organ Concert by Gregory D'Agostino, holder of a DMA in organ from the Juilliard School. He is a recording artist who has concertized internationally, and has performed at National AGO Conventions and at major venues in the US. Location: <u>The Reformed Church</u>, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: 845-452-8110.</p>
<p>Friday, October 24, 2008 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Vocal Concert of English and American Art Songs and Folk Songs Performed by Paul Frazer, baritone and Laura Russell, piano. Music by Barber, Copland, Britten and Vaughan Williams. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at <u>Christ Church</u>, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 2, 2008 Time 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ Recital by Scott Dettra In honor of Dr. John A. Davis, Jr., USMA Organist/Choirmaster 1955-85. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Saturday, November 8, 2008 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Pipes, Pedals, & Pizza A wonderful event designed to introduce young piano students to the King of Instruments. Location: Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Road, Newburgh, NY. To reserve a place for your child or student, or for more information, call Dr. Margaret Small, 845-562-0954.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 9, 2008 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Choral Evensong Service Region-wide Choir. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at <u>Christ Church</u>, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.</p>
<p>Sunday, November 9, 2008 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Inaugural Concert by Diane Bish to celebrate the installation of the new 3-manual, 80-stop Allen Organ in the new 1000-seat sanctuary at Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, NY. <u>Diane Bish</u> is the most visible and influential classical organist performing today. Her television program <i>The Joy of Music</i> is broadcast to over 300 million people around the world each week. Co-sponsors: CHVAGO, <u>Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church</u>, and <u>Allen Organ Company</u>. Admission is free, by advance reservation; reserve your seat by calling the church at 845-227-1710 or visiting the web site at www.blessedkateriparish.com. (Note: Parking is limited; carpooling is highly recommended.)</p>
<p>Friday, November 14, 2008 7:30 PM</p>	<p>"American Songbook: An evening of 20th Century American Art Song" Songs by Barber, Ives, Bernstein, Libby Larsen, and John Musto. Shana Andrawis, soprano. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at <u>Christ Church</u>, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.</p>

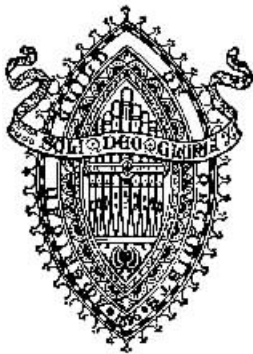
- Saturday, November 15, 2008
7:00 PM
Bach, Beethoven and Broadway!
Donald Filkins, Organist. First Presbyterian Church, Wappingers Falls, NY. Free will offering. Info: 845-297-2800.
- Sunday, November 16, 2008
3:00 PM
Organ, Trumpet, and Violin Concert
Gregory Citarella (Organ), Jim Paradies (Trumpet) and Julie Berman (Violin). St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson, 37 Point Street, New Hamburg, NY. Free Will offering. A reception will follow the recital. Info: Call the church at: 845-297-2010 or call **Gregory Citarella** for more information at: 845-297-7693
- Saturday, November 22, 2008
8:00 PM
Kairos A Consort of Singers
joined by the SUNY-New Paltz Concert Choir, College-Community Chorale and Chamber Singers in concert featuring *The Ecstasies Above* by British composer Tarik O'Regan. The work is scored for chamber chorus and string quartet and is based on the Edgar Allen Poe poem *Israfel*. The concert will also feature Bach's motet *Fürchte dich nicht* and Beethoven's *Elegischer Gesang*, Op. 118. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation: \$12. Info: call Laura Russell at 845-485-1648.
- Sunday, December 7, 2008
3:00 PM
50th Annual Handel's *Messiah* Performance
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu
- Sunday, December 21, 2008
4:30 PM
Advent Lessons & Carols Service
Organ prelude at 4:30; service at 5:00 PM. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.
- Wednesday, December 24, 2008
10:30 PM
Christmas Eve Choir Concert
Benjamin Britten "Ceremony of Carols" with Choir and Harp. 11:00 PM - Festival Communion Service with Christmas Hymns and Readings. Concerts Con Brio - Fall 2008 Concert Series at Christ Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Freewill offering. Info: call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.
- Sunday, January 18, 2009
5:00 PM
"Spuds & Sundaes" Social
Trinity Episcopal Church, 1200 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. We provide baked potatoes and ice cream, along with various appropriate toppings for each, and beverages. You bring any unused/duplicate/unwanted sheet music for a "musical bake sale; proceeds from the sale will be donated to the chapter's scholarship fund. Bring a guest! Info: 845-463-1249.
- Sunday, January 25, 2009
4:00 PM
"Pipes, Reeds & Horns" - Rhinebeck Chamber Music Society presents the Renaissance City Winds
Wind Quintet plus Organ, at the Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY. Music by Ibert, Hertel, Paine, Debussy, Frescobaldi, Sowerby, and Whipple. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$5 students. Info/tickets: 845-876-2870.

<p>Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM</p>	<p>"Gospel Music and the Worship Experience" presented by Celestine Campbell. Location: <u>Bethel Missionary Baptist Church</u>, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.</p>
<p>Saturday, March 21, 2009 Time and location to be announced</p>	<p>Historic Organs of Dutchess County Presented by Susan LaGrande and Connie Lacey. Watch this space for further information.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 29, 2009 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ Recital by Meredith Baker Director of Music, Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Sunday, April 19, 2009 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ Recital by Eric Plutz Organist, Princeton University Chapel (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series) Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Sunday, May 10, 2009 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Organ Recital by Johan Hermans Organist, St. Quintinus Cathedral, Hasselt, Belgium (Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series) Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or craig.williams@usma.edu</p>
<p>Sunday, May 17, 2009 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Annual Members' Recital <u>Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church</u>, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-452-2933</p>





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