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Letter from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

As I write this, fall has officially arrived but we are having summer-like weather! One never knows quite what to expect in the Hudson Valley at this time of year.

We do know, however, that our churches are back in full swing after a bit of a lull this summer. And for temple organists this is the busiest time of year with the High Holy Days.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our first program of the season due to everyone’s busy schedule. When I asked for responses of who could come it seems there would have been three of us there! For all of us who work with choirs, even just some of the time, we can benefit from what Christine Howlett has to say. So this important topic will be rescheduled after the first of the year. We’ll give you plenty of advance notice so you can put it on your calendar.

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Now to our very exciting October program: the Hymn Festival on October 18th at 3 p.m. This is an example of your dues at work (plus some of what we brought in when we hosted the Regional Convention). We really need everyone to participate AND to bring along anyone who enjoys singing hymns. This is not just for the AGO or even just for choir members. This is for EVERYONE who ever sings a hymn in church. So please spread the word! If you are receiving this on the web you will find a printable flyer on our website. Go to calendar, find Oct. 18th and click where it says. Let’s get these posters up in our churches.

So what do you say if someone asks (as I did recently), what is a hymn festival? Eric gave me a wonderful definition when he said it is a celebration of worship through the creative playing and singing of familiar hymns, usually grouped around a theme. We will be led by Rick Erickson from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Rick will be leading and teaching a number of older and newer hymns focusing on the wonderful seasons of fall - focuses on Education, Reformation, All Saints, Harvest and the onset of Advent. Singers of all experience levels and ages are encouraged to attend - we would love to see the sanctuary filled with organists, choir directors, and members of your congregations. He has led many such hymn festivals around the country and at musical conventions. Let people know that the organ at West Point, with 23,511 pipes, is the largest pipe organ in the world in a church setting.

Since West Point is a military base be sure to tell those who are coming that they will need to have a photo ID with them and allow extra time to get through the security check to get on base. (Yes, even if you aren’t the driver you need photo ID!) Also, since parking is limited and often at a distance, it would be smart to car pool when possible. (There is no charge for this event as with all programs at the Cadet Chapel.)

So let’s all come together on October 18th at 3 p.m. at the Cadet Chapel. With Rick’s skillful and colorful accompaniments, our voices joined with many others from the Hudson Valley, and the power and beauty of the West Point organ in the magnificent setting of the Cadet Chapel will surely make for a memorable afternoon.

See you there!

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 November, is October 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.

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- Beverly Simmons 845-463-1249
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  - Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs) 845-888-5318
  - Alice Cann 845-223-5344
  - Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
  - Larry Hazard 845-452-0119
  - Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals) 845-489-2625
  - Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
  - Charles Surber (no weddings) 845-544-2782
  - Gregory S. Quaglieni 845-786-0011

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
- Donald Filkins 845-518-2991
- Peter Hall 845-343-4995
- Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298
- Janet Nelson Nickerson 845-561-0763
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- Charles Surber 845-544-2782
- Student

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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)
HOPEWELL REFORMED CHURCH - HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY
9/5/2009

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.

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<td>Saturday, October 24, 2009</td>
<td>Organ Recital by Kevin Donnelly Kevin is a young organist native to Dutchess County. Regina Coeli RC Church, Route 9 at Harvey Street, Hyde Park, NY. Suggested Donation is $10. Proceeds to help support Regina Coeli’s 7th &amp; 8th Grade trip to the Youth Congress this Fall as well as the Hyde Park Food Pantry. Info: 845-229-2134.</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 25, 2009</td>
<td>Tower Music Series Presents Gail Archer in Concert The Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Details to follow.</td>
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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

February 11–13, 2010 "We the People" - American Choral Directors Association, Eastern Division Conference
The American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) is extending its discounted ACDA member registration rate to AGO members attending the winter conference in Philadelphia. Of particular interest to AGO members is the first-ever United in Praise Festival Chorus, which will draw its members from select church and synagogue choirs in the ACDA Eastern Division states. This 200-voice choir will be presented in worship at the United in Praise Interfaith Worship Service on Friday, February 12, at 5:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. After a day of rehearsals with Craig Courtney, noted American composer of sacred music and editor for Beckenhorst Press, the chorus will be ready for a major role in the service. AGO members are invited to recommend this opportunity to their choirs. The postmark deadline for application is October 1, 2009. For further information, please e-mail Ken Steele, Chairman, Music in Worship Repertoire and Standards, ACDA Eastern Division, at krsteele45@comcast.net with "Festival Chorus" in the subject line.