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Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends,

Greetings for the new season. It doesn't seem possible that summer is actually drawing to a close and the fall and winter lie ahead like a blank page. As I consider what needs doing immediately I also find that I don't want to lose sight of my long term goals. And for me, this is the time of year that works best for listing a few – very few – specific things that I hope to accomplish between now and June. Perhaps you have some of your own: taking a Guild exam, reviving an old but challenging piece, preparing something for the member's recital, learning a new work that is particularly demanding, exploring the compositions of a writer you've never performed before, making plans to attend the national convention next July. Whatever it is, I trust that you will find professional activities that will keep your music vital and interesting, both for you and your congregation. And by all means, let a board member know if there is a workshop we ought to sponsor to fill a particular need.

Specifically, we have some very interesting activities scheduled ourselves this year. Please consult the calendar for a full listing. The three dates to mark on your calendar right away are these:

- Sunday, September 25 – organ crawl in Cold Spring, to be followed by dinner at a local restaurant. We will need a reservation for this event, although there is no cost except for the dinner. We will also try to car pool.
- Friday, October 28 – a workshop on Baltic organ music at St. John’s Lutheran, presented by Iveta Apkalna, a renowned organist from Latvia who will be giving a recital on Saturday, October 29.
- Saturday, November 5 – our annual Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, to be held this year at two locations: Union Presbyterian in Balmville, and Christ Episcopal in Poughkeepsie. Please call Sue LaGrande or Janet Nickerson if you are interested in helping out.

Finally, our somewhat overworked board, who are still reeling from the convention, would like to consider a new format for running the chapter. Each person will be assuming a specific area, e.g. publicity, education, etc., and will ask for folks from the membership to volunteer to serve. Please consider saying yes when a board member calls you. Each of these sub committees would be meeting a total of three to four times yearly, so the burden should not be great. The results could be very exciting, for we would not only reduce the board’s workload, but we’d be getting a whole lot more exciting ideas for our various endeavors. If you just can’t do it, you just can’t do it, but every little bit helps. Even making a half dozen phone calls before an event is a huge contribution.

Have a great year and I look forward to seeing as many as can be there on the 25th..

Sincerely,



Directions to Organ Crawl in Cold Spring, NY

1. To Our Lady of Loretto: From Rte I-84, take Rte 9D south to the village of Cold Spring. Watch for the traffic light at the intersection of Rte. 9D and Main Street (Rte 301). Turn right, toward the river. Continue for four blocks, and then turn right on Fair Street. The church parking lot is on the right side of the street.
2. To St. Mary’s in the Highlands: From Our Lady of Loretto, turn left from the parking lot onto Fair Street. Turn left onto Main Street. At the traffic light, turn right onto Rte 9D. Immediately turn into parking lot at St. Mary’s. (We will probably leave our cars at St. Mary’s and walk to the restaurant and back, no more than 4 blocks.)

Membership News

- Eric Hepp has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board resulting from Al Reese’s departure. (As immediate past dean, Al was a board member *ex officio*.) Eric’s organizational skills were so valuable during the convention that we are very pleased to have him on the board.

- We are pleased to welcome several more new members. We're glad to have you with us, and we hope you will all become active members!

Joyce B. Auchincloss

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Organist, Lyall Memorial Federated Church, Millbrook

Joyce is a former chapter member who has recently returned to the area. She actually rejoined the chapter in May, but through an oversight her contact information has not been announced until now. Her husband Gordon is also known to many of us as an organbuilder. Please give them an especially warm welcome when you see them!

Raymond C. Corey

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845-229-5438

Recently (September 1) retired from Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, NY

Ray is another former member who is rejoining our chapter after a considerable absence.

We're glad you're back!

Carol Weber, BS, MS (Juilliard)

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Organist/Choir Director/Music Director, Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, NJ 07666

Carol and her husband Hans attended the AGO Regions II & III Convention in June and many of us had a chance to meet them there. Welcome, Carol!

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Justine studies organ with Susan Guse and is assistant organist at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie.

- Now that Al Reese has retired from the Army, he and Lois have moved to Norfolk, VA. As of August 15, their new contact information is:

Mr. & Mrs. Alan D. Reese

3707 Riverside Drive

Norfolk VA 23502

757-233-2007

aloreese@cox.net

We miss you guys! Let's keep in touch!

- Jimrae Lenser has accepted a position as Choir Director/Accompanist for the Student Chapel Choir at Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Latvian Organist to Give Workshop, Concert in October



On Saturday, October 29, Iveta Apkalna will play a recital at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie. The previous evening, Friday, October 28, she will present a workshop for CHVAGO members and guests, at which she will provide some background on the history of organ music, organs, and organists in the Baltic states (Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia), with an emphasis on Latvia, and she will play some representative selections.

Hailing from the Eastern European nation of Latvia, 29-year-old Iveta Apkalna is already counted among the top concert organists in Europe, and her career has been marked by numerous accomplishments and honors.

At the age of 16 she was the official organist during Pope John Paul II's 1993 visit to Latvia, and accompanied the Pope's mass in Aglona. Graduating with distinction from the Latvian Academy of Music in both organ and piano, she then won third prize at

the 1997 Lahti International Organ Competition in Finland, first prize at the 1998 North London Piano School Competition in England, and third prize in 1999 at the International Ciurlionis Organ Competition in Lithuania.

Iveta won a full scholarship at the London Guildhall School for Music and Drama where she obtained the Music Performance Diploma with Distinction in 2000. She then went on to win the Bach Ancillary Prize at the Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival and Competition in Canada in 2002, and first prize at the 3rd International Tariverdiev Organ Competition in Kaliningrad, Russia, in 2003.

In May 2003 she obtained a soloist degree at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik and Darstellende Kunst in Stuttgart, Germany, and the following year she was the recipient of the annual Grand Latvian Music Award. Iveta has been invited to perform at several international organ festivals and has given recitals throughout Europe.

She has recorded three commercial CDs, the most recent one featuring the world premiere recording of Jean Guillou's breathtaking transcription of Prokofiev's famous "Toccata." In July 2005 this release earned her one of the most prestigious prizes for classical music in Europe, the German-based "ECHO-Klassik," in the category "Instrumentalist of the Year," the first time this category has ever been won by an organist. The award ceremony will be broadcast live on German television on October 16th.

This is Iveta's first visit to the United States. Prior to her recital at St. John's in Poughkeepsie, she will also be a featured performer in Long Island at the triennial Latvian-American Organists' Guild convention, and will be performing at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Joyce B. Auchincloss	203-754-2840	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Darren Motise	845-223-3949
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Merellyn Gallagher	845-677-9896	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Charles Surber	845-223-4824
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298	Carol Weber	845-255-8293

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.

Elena Belyayeva	845-452-2069	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>	
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695
Eric R. Hepp	845-489-2625 / 845-790-3381	Judie Brown	845-888-5318
Lois Hoger	845-229-7404	Alice Cann	845-223-5344
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	Greg Citarella	845-297-7693
Jeff Parries	845-297-6870	Jennifer Geibel	845-658-3218/973-769-1462
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Larry Hazard	845-452-0119
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298/973-783-8798
Jimrae K. Lenser	845-427-5884/914-388-6641	Erna Loerch	845-226-8094
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	Charles Surber (no weddings)	845-255-8293
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249		

Editor's Corner

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Convention Materials Available

We still have a limited number of convention program books and tote bags (complete with official water bottle) available for purchase. Prices are:

- \$15 for program book alone
- \$10 for tote bag alone
- \$20 for package: tote bag plus program book (as well as other materials provided to convention attendees)

If you are interested, please contact Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496 or SUSANEL2@HOTMAIL.COM.

Position Openings

Editor's Note – 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.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

SAUGERTIES REFORMED CHURCH - SAUGERTIES, NY

One Sunday service at 10:30 AM plus choir rehearsal on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM. Two extra church services (e.g. Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve) plus two extra community services (Council of Churches) are required each year. Includes two weeks paid vacation plus up to two paid Sundays off due to sickness. Roosevelt Organ Opus 530 (1892) with 3-manual console (2 installed, 1 prepared in console but not installed). Technical information and pictures may be found at www.saugertiesreformed.com. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications (in consultation with AGO salary guidelines). Church is located at 173 Main Street, Saugerties, NY 12477 (Exit 20 of NYS Thruway). Contact Rev. Richard Rockwood telephone 845-246-2867 or email saugertiesreformed@gmail.com. 8/23/05

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH - PAWLING, NY

One Sunday morning service at 10:00 AM, choir rehearsal Sundays at 9:00 AM. Additional services at Christmas and during Holy Week. We are looking for a talented person to play our 1938 Ernest M. Skinner organ, who also has the ability to lead and inspire our small volunteer choir. Knowledge of Episcopal liturgy is desirable but not essential. Salary: \$10,400 per year, weddings and funerals additional. To apply for this position or for further information, please contact The Rev. Lesley McCloghrie at 845-855-5276, or e-mail lesley@warwick.net 7/28/2005

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - MILLBROOK, NY

Two services on Sunday morning at 9 and 10:30 AM, one weeknight choir rehearsal. Seeking a skilled organist to play our Beckerath tracker organ (1969). As important as being musically talented is the ability to lead and inspire a small volunteer choir. The person applying for this position should be prayerful and familiar with both traditional Episcopal liturgy and with more contemporary church music. Salary: \$16,000 per year. Weddings and funerals additional. To apply or inquire further, contact Father Doug Fisher at 845-677-3064 or email revdougfisher@msn.com 7/20/2005

DIRECTOR/ACCOMPANIST – Part-Time

STUDENT CHAPEL CHOIR, MARIST COLLEGE – POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

Filled 8/30/2005

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF MUSIC - Part-Time

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONROE, NY

Starting July 1, 2005. Two Sunday services, plus 15-20 traditional seasonal services per year. Adult choir sings weekly, children's choir sings monthly, youth choir pending. Rehearsals: 2-3 weekly. Other instrumentalists available for festive occasions. Other music staff: volunteer director of handbell choir (youth and adult), volunteer piano accompanist, Saturday worship service musician (contemporary service). Allen Digital Organ, acoustic and electronic pianos. Salary: \$16,000+, commensurate with experience. Paid vacation. Extra compensation for

weddings and funerals. Requirements: BA in Music or equivalent; 3 years church experience (Lutheran preferred) in playing piano and organ, accompanying congregational singing, as well as in directing voice choirs. Contact: Gordon or Patricia Baker, c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21 Still Road, Monroe, NY 10950, 845-782-5600, fax 845-782-3703 or e-mail church@stpaulmonroe.org 5/7/2005

ORGANIST (Part-Time)

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BEACON - BEACON, NY

Filled 8/30/2005

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST – BEACON

Filled 8/26/2005

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. 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.

September 11-14, 2005

American Guild of Organists National Pedagogy Conference
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall; DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
The Pedagogy conference will be part of the year-long events to celebrate the new Fritts Organ, 2-35, 2004
The conference will focus on works of Dieterich Buxtehude in anticipation of the Buxtehude year in 2007.
The conference will begin Sunday evening with the opening recital at 7 PM; the program will be repeated at 8:30 PM. The conference will end at 1:00 PM on Wednesday.
Registration fee includes all meeting materials, performances, master classes and refreshments. Registration fees are: \$195.00 for Full Registration, \$80 for Students; there is no charge if you are a Notre Dame Student or Faculty member. After August 1 the registration fees will increase to \$225.00 for Full Registration and \$95 for Students.

Info: 574-631-6691 or ccramer@nd.edu

Sunday, September 18,
2005
3:00 PM

Concert of Classical Favorites
featuring Carol Osgood, Organist; **Donald Filkins**, Pianist;
Gabriel Tevan, Violinist
[First Presbyterian Church](#), 50 Liberty Street, Beacon
Free admission. Info: 845-831-1833

Sunday, September 25,
2005
3:00 PM

Organ Crawl in Cold Spring, NY
We will start at Our Lady of Loretto on Fair Street at 3:00 PM, then go to the Episcopal Church of St Mary-in-the-Highlands at 1 Chestnut Street about. 4:30 PM. We will end with dinner at a local restaurant at 6:00 PM. Specifications for the organs at both churches are available from our web site at www.chvago.org; click on Organs. There is no charge for this event (except for dinner), but reservations are necessary. To reserve your place, please call Pat Maimone at 845-446-2395 or e-mail her at patmai@juno.com. RSVP date: Wednesday, September 21.

Sunday, October 2, 2005
3:00 PM

Donald M. Pearson Organ Recital Series
[David Higgs](#), Chair of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music
[Vassar College Chapel](#), Poughkeepsie, NY.
No admission charge. Info: 845-437-7294

Sunday, October 16, 2005
4:00 PM

Art Songs - Soprano and Piano
[Amelia Seyssel](#), soprano, with *Maria Rivera White*, piano, present a program of art songs including Songs of the Auvergne by Canteloube. [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-452-8220. Free will offering to support the Christ Church Music Program.

Friday, October 28, 2005
7:30 PM

Workshop on Baltic organ music, presented by Iveta Apkalna, a renowned organist from Latvia who will be giving a recital the following day. (See photo and biography elsewhere in this newsletter.) Location: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. Reservations are necessary for this event. There is no charge for chapter members; non-members will be asked to pay a nominal fee. For information and reservations, please call Maris Kristapsons at 845-635-8837 or e-mail him at mariskr@yahoo.com.

Saturday, October 29, 2005
7:30 PM

Recital by renowned Latvian Organist [Iveta Apkalna](#), winner of Europe's prestigious ECHO-Klassik award for Instrumentalist of the Year (2005), will present a recital at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Boulevard, Poughkeepsie (fully handicapped-accessible). The recital is open to the public, with a freewill offering. A reception will follow. Info: 845-452-1550.

Saturday, November 5,
2005
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pipes, Pedals, & Pizza. Once again we will offer this wonderful hands-on workshop for young keyboard students in two locations simultaneously, at Union Presbyterian in Balmville (Newburgh) and Christ Episcopal in Poughkeepsie. If you would like more information, if you have a student who may be interested in attending the workshop, or if you would like to help out, please call Susan LaGrande at 845-226-6496 or Janet Nickerson at 845-561-0763. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are recommended.

Sunday, November 13,
2005
3:00 PM

Concert in the Cadet Chapel
[Thomas Schmidt](#), organist/cantor at [St. Peter's](#) Lutheran Church, Citicorp Center, New York, NY.
(Recital given in memory of CH James Ford)
[Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
[Click here](#) for information about the awesome organ.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact [Craig Williams](#), 845-938-7352

Sunday, December 4, 2005
3:00 PM

Concert at the Cadet Chapel
Handel's *Messiah*
[Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
[Click here](#) for information about the awesome organ.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact [Craig Williams](#), 845-938-7352

Sunday, March 26, 2006
3:00 PM

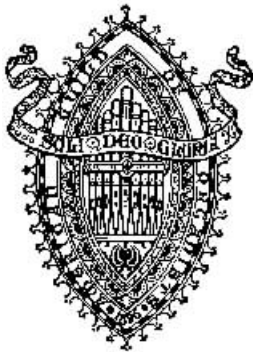
Concert at the Cadet Chapel
[Kenneth Dake](#), organist, [Marble Collegiate Church](#), New York, NY
(Class of 1964 Recital Series)
[Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
[Click here](#) for information about the awesome organ.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact [Craig Williams](#), 845-938-7352

Sunday, May 7, 2006
3:00 PM

Concert at the Cadet Chapel
[Paul Jacobs](#), Organ Chair, the Juilliard School
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)
[Cadet Chapel](#), US Military Academy, West Point, NY.
[Click here](#) for information about the awesome organ.
Open to the public and free of charge. Info: Contact [Craig Williams](#), 845-938-7352



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