

Portland Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Information about positions available
is now on page 5 of the Vox Humana
to allow for greater detail to be included in these listings.*

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Vox Deadline

June 1 for the Summer, 2011 issue

Please submit news via email to Nancy Wines-DeWan, newsletter editor:

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May 2011

FROM THE DEAN....

Dear Friends

This past Sunday was our choir concert, a program of cantatas and organ solos by Buxtehude. When I went back to church for choir last night, I realized that it had never occurred to me to have the concert recorded—and at some point earlier in the season that suggestion had been offered. It rarely occurs to me to save ‘stuff.’ I almost never take a camera on vacation, and don’t ask me what I brought home from Alaska, much less where I put it. Perhaps this odd trait comes of being involved in a temporal art form. Music is in the moment. When the moment is past, it is a memory, and apparently the romantic in me would rather remember the moment through a personal filter.

And so, as I write this last dean’s message, I recall the last two years, if not accurately, at least with great gratitude for the opportunity to have served an outstanding group of dedicated professionals. [Actually we do have very good records—I just don’t know where

they are]. I think of the projects we have undertaken, the joys we have shared, the accomplishments we can point to, and the future to which we look forward. I am not so lacking a sense of history that I don’t realize several very significant things. For one, we are here because of those who went before us; those who had the courage, the wisdom and the vision to explore new avenues. We are here because we can rely on each other, for support, encouragement and affirmation. We don’t have to do this alone. And finally we are here, because we know there is a future, because the past and present have taught us that we can carry on the work of inspiring, educating and empowering God’s people in our own unique calling. In closing, let me simply say it has been an honor to serve as your dean. I truly feel that I have been helped more than I have helped. If you have been active in any form of service to your fellows, you know what I mean. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely, John

Newsletter Deadline June 1, 2011 for our Summer Vox Humana

Please send photos, articles, news
of upcoming events to

Nancy Wines-DeWan
newd3@maine.rr.com

Coming Soon!

Our next newsletter will feature a listing of summer concerts and events. If you would like your event listed (and it is not already included in the current issue), please email information, and a photo if available to:

Nancy Wines-DeWan
newd3@maine.rr.com

AGO Portland

Annual Meeting and Recital

May 22, 2011

4:00 PM

Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Maine

PORTLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Our Next Chapter Meeting:

Annual Meeting Members Recital May 22nd, 2011 at 4:00 PM



The Portland Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting and Members Recital on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Portland, hosted by Kathleen Scott. The recital will begin at 4:00 p.m. with performances by Patricia Hussey, Nancy Landsman, Shirley Curry, and Grace Lewis-McLaren. Selections will include music by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and Alain.

IBC is located at 156 High St., Portland.

Following the recital, the annual business meeting of the chapter will take place with the election of officers, budget considerations, and a presentation of programs for the coming year.

To conclude the evening, we hope members will join together at a local restaurant for dinner and conversation.

Please plan to attend this year-end event and support our AGO chapter's programming. We look forward to seeing you!

Ed Larson
Sub-Dean

From our Members....

Recently, I have completed recording the entire Vienne 2nd Symphony for YouTube. For anyone who is interested here are the links.

Allegro <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brTeKpfwKAs>
Choral <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRRGAg589s0>
Scherzo <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAKfXvakXog>
Cantabile <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWP8xVrU5A>
Final <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZiGffwhB0>

For best results set the video to at least 480p (under the video on the right) and attach high quality headphones to your computer.

I hope that you enjoy it.

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Portland AGO Chapter Programs

May 22
Members recital
4:00 PM
Immanuel Baptist Church,
Portland

Picnic
June/July
Date, location TBA

REGIONAL NEWS



FOKO Centennial Celebration

April 25, 2011

Dear Music Director,
A big celebration will occur starting this summer! The mighty Kotzschmar pipe organ located in Portland's Merrill Auditorium celebrates its centennial and the events start soon.

The centennial season starts on Sunday September 25, 2011 with a hymn sing at 3:00 PM reminiscent of the hymn sings which occurred on Sunday afternoons a hundred years ago. At this event we will feature audience singing, organ music and a massed choir. This is where you come in: please tell your choir members and other music friends about this exciting event and mark your calendars now. We would like a head count before summer vacation and we request that you respond to John Sullivan, AGO-Dean.

The commitment for singers includes a rehearsal on Saturday, September 24 at 10:00 AM followed by the hymn sing on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00 PM, both in the Merrill Auditorium.

We expect to feature a choral composition for massed choir only and our hope is to have a couple hundred singers on the stage at the Merrill.

We realize that September 25 is near the start of the school year, however, given the auspicious nature of the celebration, we hope for a very good showing.

Thank you.

Ray Cornils, Municipal Organist
John Sullivan, Dean Portland Chapter,
American Guild of Organists

NATIONAL AGO NEWS

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS

The AGO is proud to announce six PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs) and one POE (Advanced) for students aged 13–18; one POE (Technical) for students aged 16–23; and one POE+ program for adult students in 2011. Generous funding from the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America (APOBA) and the American Institute of Organbuilders (AIO) will support the summer programs, which will be held from coast to coast. Complete contact information for each Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in The American Organist magazine and online at www.agohq.org.

The summer schedule follows:

POE for ages 13–18

June 5–10 Waco, Tex.

June 12–17 Birmingham, Ala.

June 12–17 Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 19–24 Wilmington, Del.

June 26–July 1 Ann Arbor, Mich.

July 10–14 Portland, Ore.

POE (Advanced) for ages 13–18

July 17–22 Boston, Mass.

POE (Technical) for ages 16–23

July 17–22 Boston, Mass.

POE+ for Adults

June 6–11 Rockford, Ill.

“The AGO and APOBA have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship since 1975,” declared AGO Executive Director James Thomashower. “Likewise, the AIO has been active in supporting the Guild’s educational programs, beginning with their partnership in Pulling Out All the Stops, a video produced jointly by the AGO, AIO, APOBA, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theater Organ Society in 1996. Collectively, APOBA and the AIO have contributed more than \$350,000

in support of the AGO’s educational programs over the past 15 years. For their ongoing, committed generosity in supporting the Guild’s mission to ‘promote the organ,’ we are extremely grateful.”



AGO Regional Convention

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PORTLAND AGO MEMBERS:

On February 14, 2011, an AGO Member filed a formal complaint against the Unitarian Universalist Church of Portsmouth, aka "South Church," for wrongful termination of employment. The Guild is investigating the matter according to the AGO's Procedures for Dealing with Complaints about Termination. No determination has been made at this time. Although Guild Members may provide substitute or interim service, no Member may seek or accept regular or permanent employment with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Portsmouth while these Procedures are pending. See the AGO's Web Site for the current status of this case.

Organist/Choir Director, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick, is accepting applications for organist and/or choir director. Candidates should have a strong musical background and be familiar with Anglican musical tradition. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 195, Brunswick, ME 04011, Attn: Leslie Brancart. E-mail submissions should be sent to stpauls@stpaulsmaine.org. "Attn. Choir Search Committee" should appear on the subject line.



Music Director/Organist, Brookside Congregational Church, Manchester, NH 03304: Salary: \$21,000 - 24,000, 1933 Austin, 3 manuals, 50

ranks. Contact: Elaine Giguere: 23 Clearview Drive, Bow, NH 03304, 603-224-5507 or e-mail: egiguere@comcast.net



Interim Organist and Guest Organists : St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Waterville, Maine, is conducting a search for a new organist/accompanist. While this search is in progress, we are seeking an organist, or several guest organists, who will provide music for a single weekly Sunday service beginning immediately. The instrument is a newly renovated Stuart tracker organ. Preludes, voluntaries, and hymn accompaniment will be required. A short Sunday rehearsal prior to the service with the choir will also be expected. We welcome inquiries. Contact us at stmarkswaterville@gmail.com

United Church of Christ, Bath, Maine.

VIBRANT, INNOVATIVE faith community is seeking a part time pianist/choir director for weekly rehearsals and Sunday mornings. Pipe organ available for occasional use. Music includes contemporary, pop, gospel, to classical. Send resume and references to: United Church of Christ, Personnel Ministry, 150 Congress Ave., Bath, Maine 04530

First Parish UU Church, Kennebunk, Maine

PT MUSIC DIRECTOR An Energetic, hungry-for-experience music major

looking for Sept-June opportunity directing eager 25-30 voice a capella choir. Keyboard/organ experience. (1900 Hook & Hastings organ newly restored). Provide music and accompaniment all Sundays, rehearse and direct choir on designated Sundays and Christmas Eve. Rehearses choir most Thursday evenings. Reports to the minister. Works cooperatively with Music and Worship Committees.



First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport
Interim Music Director/ Organist/ Pianist to begin March 1st, 2011.
Worship is Sunday at 9 AM and Choir meets Wednesday at 7 PM
For more information please call Rev. Derek White at 207 967-3897 or pastorderek@hotmail.com

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about positions
listed above,
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COMING SOON

The Pine Tree Academy

Bell Ringers, under the direction of Doris Krueger, will be performing the following concerts:



Friday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Church
279 Congress Street
Portland

Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd
2614 Main Street
Rangeley

Sunday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
267 Falmouth Road
Falmouth

Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church
84 Main Street
Topsham

Sunday, June 5, 2:30 p.m.

First Parish Congregational Church
40 Main Street
Freeport

Friday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Church
333 Maine Street
Brunswick

This group of 11 students in grades 8 – 12, play 5 octaves of English handbells (61 bells) and 5 octaves of choir chimes (61 chimes). In years past the group has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, and Iceland, as well as many countries in South America and Europe. Venues have included the Maine State Capitol and Governor's

Mansion, the steps of the U.S. Capitol, the rotunda of the U.S. Senate, Radio City Music Hall, television, radio, concert halls, cathedrals, churches, schools (elementary through university), music/youth camps, and hospitals. Two full-length recordings have been produced and the Bell Ringers were featured on the NBC affiliate WCSH (channel 6) TV's "Christmas in Maine" album. Doris Krueger, conductor, started, what is thought to be the first handbell choirs in Argentina. The Pine Tree Academy Bell Ringers will be touring Western Europe this summer.

The Church on the Cape in Cape Porpoise, Maine is once again planning a three day musical conference to be held on August 12, 13, 14, 2011.

For additional information, email:
MarkThallander@aol.com

Wednesday, June 13, 3 p.m.

Gordon Chapel, Old South Church, Boston
Joel Speerstra: "J.S. Bach & the Pedal Clavichord"
A lecture recital featuring the 6 trio sonatas
Free. More info: 781-891-0814

Wednesday, June 13, 4 p.m.

Gordon Chapel, Old South Church, Boston
Christa Rakich & David Schulenberg: "The Clavichord as Ensemble Instrument"
A lecture recital featuring duets of C.P.E. & W.F. Bach
Free. More info: 781-891-0814

Friday, May 20 at 7:30 PM

Ray Cornils, organ
Bowdoin Chapel, Brunswick

Mr. Cornils, Portland's Municipal Organist, will kick off a full year of keyboard events at Bowdoin College. Open to the public; admission free of charge.

The organ is a three-manual, 41-stop Austin (1927), donated to the College by Cyrus H. K. Curtis.

Friends of the Kotschmar Organ

present the Summer Series 2011

All concerts are held at Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland, Maine

Tickets are available through Port Tix, 207-842-0800, <http://tickets.porttix.com>.

Concerts begin at 7:30 pm with a pre-concert talk with the artist at 6:30 pm.



July 12, 2011, Felix Hell

July 19, 2011 Stephen Tharp

August 2, 2011 Sophie-Véronique Cauchepierre-Choplin

August 9, 2011 James Jones, Organ & Anita Cirba, trumpet

August 16, 2011, Dave Wickerham

August 23, 2011, Chelsea Chen

August 30, 2011, Ray Cornils with Kotschmar Festival Brass

