

Portland Chapter of the  
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# THE VOX HUMANA

The newsletter of the Portland, Maine Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists

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# June 2014

**The Program Committee is working on the following chapter meetings. Please mark your calendars!!**

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**Lobster Bake**  
 August 2014  
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**Annual Convocation**  
St. Bartholomew's, Yarmouth  
September 29, 2014  
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**Planning Festivals Great and Small**  
Blue Point Congregational,  
Scarborough  
October 18, 2014  
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**FOKO Hymn Sing Festival**  
Merrill Auditorium  
November 15-16, 2014

**Potluck Social**  
Ann Hartzler's home,  
Bowdoinham  
January 9, 2015

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**Mini Convention with  
Merrimack Chapter  
February TBD  
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**Organ Crawl/Joint meeting with  
Bangor  
March TBD  
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**Compose An Anthem or Hymn**  
State Street Church  
April 18, 2014  
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**Members Recital and Annual Meeting**  
Phippsburg Congregational  
May 3, 2015

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**Chapter News**  
**SUMMER KEYBOARD**  
**CONCERTS**

**Majestic Music Making in Maine**  
**Kathleen Haley, Pianist**  
**Glenda Winkle-Morrow, Pianist**  
**Mark Thallander, Organist**

Sunday, August 17 (9:45am)  
Court Street Baptist Church  
129 Court Street  
Auburn  
(207) 784-6661  
[www.ctstbaptistchurch.org](http://www.ctstbaptistchurch.org)

Sunday, August 17 (6pm)  
Court Street Baptist Church  
129 Court Street  
Auburn  
(207) 784-6661  
[www.ctstbaptistchurch.org](http://www.ctstbaptistchurch.org)

Monday, August 18 (7pm)  
All Souls Chapel  
37 Preservation Way  
Poland Spring  
(207) 998-4142  
[www.polandspringps.org](http://www.polandspringps.org)

Wednesday, August 20 (12noon)  
Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
122 Ash Street  
Lewiston  
(207) 777-1200  
[www.saintpeterandpaul.us](http://www.saintpeterandpaul.us)

Wednesday, August 20 (7pm)  
Thomaston Baptist Church  
212 Main Street  
Thomaston  
(207) 354-6706

Thursday, August 21 (7pm)  
First Congregational Church  
8 Church Street  
Searsport  
(207) 548-0327  
[searsportcongregationalchurch.org](http://searsportcongregationalchurch.org)

Sunday, August 24 (9:45am)

Court Street Baptist Church  
129 Court Street  
Auburn  
(207) 784-6661  
[www.ctstbaptistchurch.org](http://www.ctstbaptistchurch.org)

Sunday, August 24 (7pm)  
Nativity Lutheran Church  
179 Old Country Road  
Rockport  
(207) 549-4665  
[www.nativitylutheran.net](http://www.nativitylutheran.net)

**Below is the letter!! that**

is being sent out for the Hymn Festival coming up in November! Come one, come all!!

We are very excited about the Community Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 16 at Merrill Auditorium. This joint effort of the Portland AGO and the Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ will help celebrate the triumphant return of the Kotzschmar Organ.

Nothing can compare to the boisterous singing of hymns in festive arrangement by a large group of musicians. We are delighted that you and your choir members are planning to participate.

We anticipate 250 singers joining us in this most festive event. Many of the arrangements will include the Salvation Army New York Staff Band in addition to the organ. Several hymns will have a verse of choir alone, and several hymns will be grouped together in medleys. In order to have a very wide variety of hymns, we will not sing all verses of all hymns.

We will be using five arrangements that will require

singers to have printed copies, four of which will be the responsibility of participants to obtain:

\*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, arr. Mack Wilberg Hinshaw, HMC-1424

\*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Mack Wilberg Oxford OU.9780193860605

\*Let All Things Now Living, arr. Katherine K. Davis (SATB version) E.C. Schirmer EC.1770

\*In the Midst of New Dimensions arr. Jeremy Bankson Morningstar Music MN.60-6500

\*Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Salvation Army NYSB arrangement—copies provided

It would be most efficient to place one bulk order, and we can be reasonably sure of at least a 20% discount. Please complete the form below and return it with payment by July 1, so that copies can be ordered and delivered in a timely fashion, and that the discount can be applied.

NOTE: We also understand that not everyone will be able to purchase copies, so as we did in 2011, if you have more copies than singers, please bring the extras along—well marked with your church's name, of course—so that we can share. We did manage this way last time.

Schedule: Rehearsal—Saturday, Nov. 15, 10:00 AM—Noon

We will also provide an earlier rehearsal for those interested, probably on a Saturday morning; date and location TBA

■ Performance—Sunday, Nov. 16, 3:00 PM; Call, 1:00 PM

Finally, please spread the word. Invite other choirs, members of your congregation who don't ordinarily sing in choir, but might enjoy this, and anyone else who comes to mind. All are welcome to participate. Place ads in your church bulletins, newsletters and on web sites. Posters will also be available.

Many, many thanks

FOKO Hymn Festival Committee

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PORTLAND AGO MEMBERS:

Notice Informing Guild Membership  
of Resolution of Case -

On October 6, 2013, the American  
Guild of Organists declared resolved  
the case of wrongful termination  
brought against South Church Unitar-  
ian Universalists, Portsmouth, NH.  
Guild Members may now accept  
employment at this Institution.

### Job Opening for Music Director

Islands Community Church (ICC)  
of Bailey Island has an opening for  
a Music Director. This part time role  
requires a candidate with the ability to  
play both organ and piano, and to di-  
rect the church choir on Sunday morn-  
ings. Choir practice is held at 8:30 AM  
and church services are at 9:30 each  
Sunday. Compensation will be com-  
mensurate with the successful candi-  
date's qualifications. ICC is a non-  
denominational church welcoming  
people of all faiths. Please submit a  
resume to [capthays@myfairpoint.net](mailto:capthays@myfairpoint.net).

### Organist/Choir Director

Part-time position(s) open at his-  
toric South Congregational UCC,  
Kennebunkport, Maine  
Noack 2004 installed pipe organ  
Supportive choir/church commu-  
nity.

Accepting resumes to: PO Box  
414, Kennebunkport, ME 04046  
Attn: P. Berger -Or- [information@  
southchurchucc.org](mailto:information@southchurchucc.org)  
Email to: [information@south-  
churchucc.org](mailto:information@southchurchucc.org)>

Compensation in keeping with  
AGO Portland area guidelines.

Website: [www.southchurchucc.org](http://www.southchurchucc.org)

### ARE YOU GOING TO CONVENTION??

*Help is needed . If you can  
spare some time to help Elsa  
Geskus with some easy tasks  
involving the workshops,  
please contact her at  
207.571.9859  
207.518.3617 (cell)  
[elsa.geskus@live.kutztown.  
edu](mailto:elsa.geskus@live.kutztown.edu)*

**THANKS !!**



### The AGO Portland Chapter recommends the following fees for Substitute Organists:

**One service** (Organist or Organist/Choir  
Director) \$150.00 - \$300.00

**A second service** essentially the same as  
the first service 50% of first service fee

**Rehearsal** (1 ½ hours maximum) \$60.00  
- \$100.00

**Additional rehearsals** with soloists, choir  
or instrumentalists \$30.00 - \$100.00/hour,  
depending on the difficulty of music

**Mileage**- 55 cents/mile if visits to church  
for practice, rehearsal, service exceed 25  
miles/round trip.

*For information  
about positions  
contact*

**John Sullivan**

282-0271 [jtcsul@earthlink.net](mailto:jtcsul@earthlink.net).

**Tom Mueller** interviewed in  
May on NPR, and is one of the  
finalists in the Schoenstein Hymn  
Competition -- to be held on  
Sunday, June 22, 2014 at Christ  
Church in Cambridge, MA. See  
link:

[http://www.hymnplayingcompe-  
tition.org/](http://www.hymnplayingcompetition.org/).

They are asking people to spread  
the word to get as many attend-  
ees as possible—the audience  
serves as the congregation for the  
singing, so the more the merrier!

The NPR Morning Edition show  
link is at [www.wxnews.org](http://www.wxnews.org).  
(Search: Tom Mueller May 5,  
2014). Tom was interviewed re-  
garding the Performance Style of  
Organ-Playing in Haydn's sacred  
music. The interview is about ten  
minutes long, and features some  
performance clips, an organ,  
and some excerpts from some of  
Tom's own recent compositions.

Have a great summer, everyone!

