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# THE VOX HUMANA

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

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## December 2012

## Portland Chapter Programs 2012/2013

**Saturday, September 15,** 10AM First Baptist Church, Portland Convocation – Gerre Hancock Tribute

Friday, October 26

Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA John Scott, Organist St. Thomas Church, NYC Reservations required.

Saturday, November 17, 10AM

Home of Randall Mullin, Old Orchard Beach Workshop Presentation on Hauptwerk Organ

#### TBA, January

AGO/Fireside Programs by members. An Outreach Program

Saturday, February 2, 10AM

Choral Repertoire/
Anthem Reading Workshop
Presenters:
Richard Webster/Douglas Major

Sunday, March 10, 3PM.

Pine Tree Chapter/American Theater
Organ Society
Visitation/Demonstration of the Theater
Organ (Stewart Shuster)

**Sunday, May 5,** 4PM First Parish Church, Saco, ME Members Recital and Annual Meeting

#### FROM THE DEAN..

As I write the message for this issue of The Vox, I am also preparing to attend the AGO Region I Leadership Retreat in Framingham, MA. This retreat, under the direction of Regional Councillor Cheryl Duerr and Executive Director James Thomashower, will focus on building a sustainable future for our Guild and local Chapters.

Change is inevitable. Technology is taking us in new directions. We need to closely examine what we are doing better than anyone else and work on doing it even better.

This is where your insight and input is so important! This is YOUR organization. We are elected to serve YOU. What do YOU expect from National Headquarters? What do YOU expect from the Portland Chapter? Does it meet any of YOUR needs? If not, how could it? And, what can YOU do to help make this a relevant, supportive, and vibrant organization for years to come? Yes, this IS about YOU!

The Portland Chapter wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyful, Peaceful New Year

Perhaps you are familiar with the following, but it is worth repeating:

"This is a little story about four people named Everbody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about it because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did when Anybody could have done.

Best regards, Ed Larson, Dean

> Newsletter Deadline January 15, 2013 for our February issue of the Vox Humana

Please send photos, articles, news of upcoming events to

Nancy Wines-DeWan newd3@maine.rr.com

## **CHAPTER NEWS**



Twenty-four members of the Portland Chapter were graciously greeted by Randy Mullin at his Old Orchard Beach condo on Saturday, November 17th, for a presentation on Hauptwerk. If you missed this session and have no idea what Hauptwerk is about, then go to Randy's website and you can read all about it, plus see pictures of his installation and hear many examples of fabulous organs around the world.

The morning began with a very interesting power-point presentation detailing the materials available and various paths possible in setting up an organ, from a basic set-up to one of more complexity. Randy also

included information regarding the cost of these set-ups and how one would be able to gradually develop a more complex installation.

The possibilities are fantastic! The sampled pipe sounds also include the acoustic of the building and blower/stop action noises. For those of you old enough to remember one of television's early programs: "YOU ARE THERE!"

The group then assembled in the bedroom where Randy demonstrated his four-manual instrument and took us on an audio tour of some of the famous instruments he has downloaded through Hauptwerk.

THANK YOU, Randy, for inviting us to your home and for introducing us to the fabulous world of HAUPTWERK! What a wonderful morning!

## **Pipe Organ Encounter** (**POE**)

Did you know that the Portland Maine Chapter AGO is presenting a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) next June? It is the only POE scheduled in Regions 1 and 2 for 2013. Wow!

The Portland Chapter of the AGO is spon-

soring a POE for the week of Sunday, June 23, 2013. It is an organ immersion summer camp for youngsters 13-18. These students should have intermediate piano or organ skills. They will receive individual and group instruction in the basic rudiments of pipe organ technique and service playing. The POE will provide a unique opportunity for participants to meet and interact with their peers.

This is one of the major undertakings of our small but active AGO chapter. The last time we presented a regional event was over ten years ago. So, we need your help.

John Sullivan is coordinating the POE and has secured housing MECA and venues around the Portland area for lessons and workshops. We will need a Facilities Coordinator and a Publicity Coordinator. Also, two or three more faculty are needed. Each teacher will be responsible for teaching two students at the POE.

If you or someone you know are interested in one of these opportunities or you would like to help, please contact John Sullivan at 207-282-0271 or jtcsul@earthlink.net.

## CLASSIFIED:

For interested music historians: eight volumes and one pamphlet of choral pieces. These books were orignally used by the choir at the Deering Memorial United Methodist Church in South Paris, Maine. If interested, please contact Charles Longley at clongley@gmail.com

#### Organ Music and Books for Sale:

Craig Cramer, from the University of Notre Dame has a large collection of used organ music and books for sale. For more information, contact: Craig Cramer, DMA Professor of Organ University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, Indiana USA 574-631-7836

#### Surplus Organ/Piano Music:

M. E. Nordstrom has a stack of used organ and piano music for donation of \$1. or whatever you wish to Classical Arts of New England for each handful you'd like, now dba with P. Nordstrom as www.performingartsne.org Call my daughter, Phyllis, at 781-733-5175, for appointment to look at the music.

1902 Tabor Pump Organ for sale. Contact: Antoinette Maas, Isle La Motte, Vt.; 802 928 3480

### **MEMBER NEWS**

**From Randy Mullin:** For those who may be interested, I have just completed my New Year's resolution: recording the entire Widor 6th Symphony for High Definition YouTube.

Allegro http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9L50cI6ALEw
Adagio http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xuLPMnAc30
Intermezzo http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcFW5tQxILQ
Cantabile http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJbzBMu6Wtk
Finale http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh1IOtB Ots

This year, I have also recorded two Jazz

inspired works by the London based composer, Paul Ayres:

Exite Fideles (Postlude/Voluntary for Christmas) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3149lMJdysk

Toccata on "All you need is love" http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-n 22eAr3Eg

These were all recorded in my home using the Hauptwerk Virtual Pipe Organ software.

At the encouragement of my son, I have started a new blog on which I am going to be publishing my thoughts (and prejudices) on anything having to do with the organ world: music, organs, organbuilding, composing, composers, problems - you name it. On occasion I will include an article which I have written for the Diapason magazine; an organ journal which I write for regularly. I hope that you will enjoy it and feel free to respond when the spirit moves. Keep it clean and non-political and I'll be happy. The address is: http://organthoughtsandcomments.wordpress.com/

Another organist with a blog which expresses his opinions on organ-related subjects is **Jay Zoller.** Both Randy and Jay invited comment and discussion and fully acknowledge that what they have written is their own opinions.

**Congratulations** to Amy Prossner on her appointment as organist/choir director of West Scarborough Church, UMC.

Congratulations to Harold Stover: Harold Stover's preludes on How Firm a Foundation and Wondrous Love for oboe or other C instrument have been published by Augsubrg-Fortress Press in Organ Plus Anthology, a new collection of music for solo instrument and organ.

**Sympathies:** Zo King, a long time active member of the Portland AGO Chapter died on October 19 2012. She was the organist at First Parish for 16 years

A memorial service was held at First Parish Church UCC in Brunswick on Saturday, November 3rd.

Although Zo has not been able to be active in the chapter for many years, there are many members who knew Zo. Memorial donations may be sent to Appalachian Community VNA Hospice, 30 Herrold Ave., Athens, OH 45701, the Music Ministry of First Parish Church, 9 Cleaveland St., Brunswick, ME 04011, or the Zona King Scholarship for the Arts, Waynflete School, 360 Spring St., Portland, ME 04102.



Work in progress: After a 2+ year rest in her barn in New Gloucester, Nancy Wines-DeWan welcomes her 11 rank 1903 Felgemaker into its new home.

We welcome news from all members. Please send announements, photos and descriptions to:

Nancy Wines-DeWan Newsletter Editor newd3@maine.rr.com

## Kotzschmar Scholarship

It is time once again for The Kotzschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship Fund to begin accepting applications from gifted young musicians in our community. The Kotzschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship gives these talented individuals the opportunity to compete with their peers to earn money toward their future musical endeavors. For more information: Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ, 50 Monument Square, 2nd Floor, Portland, Maine 04101 www.foko.org | 207.553-4363

#### Students wanted: At the

moment I am recruiting students for our Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame. We are extremely excited about what is going on here. The degree combines music (two organ recitals, organ literature, music history) and liturgy courses. There are details of the program on the website: http://www.nd.edu/~msm/

There are eight organ students in the MSM program—four in each class. The program is extremely competitive (we had sixteen applications last year for four slots), and the level of playing is extremely high. The assistantships pay full tuition for two years plus a stipend of \$12,500 per year for two years. Typically a student on an assistantship works in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus.

All students in our MSM program are supported with tuition grants. If you know of any prospective undergraduate students or others who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, I would appreciate hearing from you. If you have any names to suggest, I am happy to contact them.

Our new Fritts organ and organ hall are stunning. We have an eclectic-style tracker organ in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart that is also used for teaching, practice, and performance. You can see the Fritts at http://music.nd.edu/about/facilities/o-malley-organ-reyes-organ-and-choral-hall/

If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying, I am happy to hear from you. Or, give the prospective student my email address and/or phone number.

Craig Cramer, DMA
Professor of Organ
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Notre Dame, Indiana USA
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# Music and Worship Planning

Peter Stickney D.S.M.

Long range planning for the church year is crucial for most of our programs, especially when preparing high quality music literature for our congregations. Whether you are responsible for multiple services with a large choir of 40 singers, or one service at a tiny but mighty church with a choir of 8 singers, best results are achieved with careful planning. Many of us are responsible for choosing all or some of the hymns used in each service. In addition, many of us follow the lectionary for the church year, and do our best to honor the sermon theme of the day. This musician plans the entire year in advance in regards to anthems, opening hymns and postludes. Although the wonderful pastor that I have worked with for the last 8 years was a bit shocked at the long range planning that works for me, he has nonetheless acquiesced to the task and is able to plan for about 6 months of sermon titles.

For over 30 years I have used the "Desk Calendar and Plan Book" distributed by the United Church of Christ. They are only \$16 and can be ordered online. This is a fine resource that encompasses a cycle of 18 months, July into the following year of December. I have been grateful for the lectionary readings put on the calendar, the liturgical seasons being indicated, and the resources for the United Church of Christ listed in the back. Especially helpful in the UCC publication are important non-liturgical Sundays that can be observed with a theme, such as American Indian Sunday, Laity Sunday, Ecumenical Sunday, and others.

I have finally discovered a wonderful tool that covers a multitude of concerns for all of us involved with music ministry, and I am enjoying it in tandem with the aforementioned resource. I am inviting you all to look at a publication called "Prepare! An Ecumenical Music and Wor-

ship Planner", by David Bone and Mary Scifres. It is published by Abington Press and available through Cokesbury Music. The church year represented is September through August. I cannot say enough about this wonderful tool.

First of all, the lectionary readings for each Sunday are printed out so I am not using my lectionary book, online resource or foraging through the Bible and attempting to organize all the stories, text and themes in my mind. I like having everything on one page, as I am able to make an informed choice for suitable music literature to encapsulate the essence of the liturgy with an ease and flow that was not present before. Having the scripture ready and available has saved me lots of time, energy and more than a smidgen of frustration.

Second, each week has a plethora of hymn suggestions, both ancient and contemporary. The creators have infused a great amount of energy in regards to hymn resources by including several hymnbooks and contemporary hymn resources for each week. Alas and alack, the hymnbook used in both churches that I am currently serving, "Hymns of Truth and Light" published by First Congregation Church of Houston, Texas is not listed, however many of the hymns suggested are in HTL.

Third, each specific week, with date, place in the liturgy and color is listed in BIG print at the top of each page. Somehow I find this part of the organization amazingly comforting that I did not make a giant boo-boo and put the incorrect date with an anthem or opening hymn, or chosen the incorrect scripture for the sung psalm. Been there-got the Tee Shirt--Now I shall err no more!

Although this musician generally does not use every single anthem or solo suggestion, they are well selected and many music programs will certainly benefit from the information. Let's face it; we all have

unique ministries with different musical tastes, abilities, traditions and resources. Further, we all have different situations in choosing the music for our liturgies. At this point of my ministry that there is a wonderful trust by my colleagues that the Spirit will inhabit the music prepared for worship. Naturally, I always give the Pastor and Worship and Arts committee the musical selections to peek at. All music selections are subject to change as the Sprit moves. That being said, I believe the Spirit moves in beautiful unction, and if we are tuned in, there will generally be peace in decisions for music selection, and the music rendered will be infused with divine energy.

I need to mention one tiny gem that I have enjoyed. It is the last column on the right hand side of each page called Other Suggestions. This is a handy dandy little box with suggestions for many visuals related to the scriptures such as a dove or flames for the Holy Spirit. There is a wealth of ideas to foster color, powerful symbols that can be added to worship and/ or the children's tactile experience. This musician has embraced the flower and altar committee and the director of Christian education on more than one occasion with the purpose of inspiring creativity in the sanctuary. After all, worship is a team effort, and we musicians are usually good at playing in the sandbox and having fun! Further, there are additional suggestions for service music, prayers, alternative lessons to the lectionary scriptures and useful meaningful guidance within the context of the liturgy.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that even when using the UCC "Desk Calendar and Plan Book" and "Prepare! An Ecumenical Music and Worship Planner", this musician relies on the most powerful tool, prayer. It's free and it works. Use liberally in your planning, together with the two resources mentioned, and you have a tried and true recipe for success. By the way, frequent practice helps too.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth, Maine-Music Director/Organist, Seeking an energetic, flexible and resourceful Music Director/Organist to lead our established music program. The Music Director will involve the members of St. Bartholomew's in music, and expose the congregation to a wide variety of music expressions and be thoroughly knowledgeable about Episcopal worship form. FMI: www.stbartsyarmouth.org.

**Organist** wanted for two Sunday services, on a permanent basis, one at the Congregational Church in West Newfield at 8:30am for Choir rehearsal w/small choir and the 9am service. The Organ is a Conn Electric 1970.

The other Service is at Limerick Congregational Church for the 11am service, (no choir) the organ here is a two manual Faucher pipe organ w/21 stops. Please contact: Janet Flyzik (207)793-8660 or

Charlene Staples (207)793-8834

Pianist/Organist- Wayne Community Church, Wayne, ME. One Sunday service, no choir. Odell pipe organ, 1 manual, 8 ranks. FMI: 685 -3505.

Organist and Director of Music, interim position at Woodfords Congregational Church UCC, Portland, ME; to play all services and conduct and/or supervise all choirs. Three manual Wicks pipe organ in Sanctuary, two manual Rogers electronic organ in Chapel. Salary information and detailed job description upon request. Starting date: 1-15-13. FMI contact Sharon Stephenson (sstephenson@woodford-schurch.org; 207-774-8243).

Choir Director/Organist- A vibrant, growing, multi-generational congregation seeks a creative choir director/organist to reinvigorate our music ministry. We are searching for a person who will collaboratively design the musical content for worship and expand the choral program.

Submit resumés and/or make inquiries to: revjmg@comcast.net or The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Gallagher, First Congregational Church of Kittery, UCC, 23 Pepperrell Road, Kittery Point, Maine, 03905 207-439-0650

Organist/Choir Director- The Old First Church in Bennington, Vermont, The church has a 1965 Wicks pipe organ and a piano. This part-time position offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.FMI, contact Nancy Andrews at (802) 447-1223 or office@oldfirst.comcastbiz.net. There is the potential for a coordinating

position as pianist (winter heating season) and organist (non-heating season) at First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont, www.fbcbennington.org. While each church conducts its own personnel search, it has often been the case in the past that one candidate is able to fill both positions.

Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church in Topsham, Maine. Part-time organist (2 or 3 Sundays a month) Send resume to: Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church, PO Box 211, Topsham, ME 04086, or email to either church@mcpcmaine.net (subject line ATTN: Personnel Committee) or recook@maine.rr.com

The Oratorio Chorale, an auditioned group of approximately 40 singers in Mid-Coast Maine seeks a conductor to provide direction, artistic vision, inspiration adnd leadership. The group performs music ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century, sometimes accompanied by orchestra. This part-time position will begin in the summer of 2014. Aspplications accepted until January 15, 2013. Visit www.oratorio-choraleorg/search for more information.

The Church on the Cape, UMC in Cape Porpoise, Maine, seeks an organist/choir director to lead our active music ministry- http://www.churchonthecape.org. The sanctuary features a Rodgers Trillium digital organ with two ranks of pipes. Contact William Lord, Chair of the Organist Search Committee, at The Church on the Cape, 3 Langsford Road, PO Box7663, Cape Porpoise, Maine 04014 or via email: webmaster@churchonthecape.org

For more information about any of these positions contact
John Sullivan
282-0271
jtcsul@earthlink.net

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 \$60.00 - \$100.00

(1 ½ hours maximum)

**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.

### Substitute Organists

The organists listed are members of the Portland Chapter of the AGO and have indicated a desire to do substitute work. We have provided their contact information, but we encourage you to speak to them directly regarding the suitability of their qualifications for your particular need.

Clarissa Brown voxceleste@juno.com 725 7826 home 552 4364 work

Despina Chatis Clark 603-743-6660

Bob Cordier available April - December cell: 205-0445. Mary M. Cowan mmcowan@gwi.net 207-892-6313

Janet O. Davis jand428@comcast.net 207-729-4395

Peter Dickson 207-865-3950

Katelyn Emerson (summer) katelyn.emerson@gmail.com

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Jim Swist jimswist@gmail.com 781-799-0286

## **COMING SOON**



### Christmas with Cornils, A Kotzschmar Christmas 2 DATES 2 LOCATIONS

Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 pm
Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, Lewiston
Ray Cornils
Parish Ringers
Festival Brass
Androscoggin Chorale,
John Corrie, director
Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

student rate with valid ID, ages 12 and

under free

**Tuesday, December 18,** 7:30 pm Cathedral of St. Luke, Portland Ray Cornils, Parish Ringers, Festival Brass, Renaissance Voices, *Harold Stover, director* 

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, student rate with valid ID, ages 12 and under free

TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM or call the FOKO office at 207.553.4363.

#### Friday, December 7th

One of Maine's finest early music ensembles, The St Mary Schola under the direction of Bruce Fithian, will offer Monteverdi's stunning Magnificat, complete with double choir, soloists, strings, recorder and organ, as the cornerstone of it's December concerts. Surrounding this rarely heard masterpiece will be equally moving works by the greatest composers of the early Baroque era, including Gabrielli's joyful 8 part 'Jubilate Deo' and Heinrich Schütz's profound motets . Interspersed throughout the evening will be readings from the King James Bible, and poetry from masters of all ages

read by Saint Mary's new rector, the Reverend Nathan Ferrell.

If you want to experience the mystery of medieval song, the glory of baroque music, and hear some of Maine's best singers and players celebrate this season, please join us at one of the following concerts:

> December 7 (FRIDAY) South Congregational Church, Kennebunkport (7:30 PM)

December 11 (TUESDAY) Cathedral Church of Saint Luke, Portland (7:30 PM)

Decembert 16 (SUNDAY) Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Falmouth (4:00 PM).

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and a family cap of \$40.00

Saturday, December 8th at 2 p.m.
South Congregational Church
Augusta
Jay Zoller, Organist
and the Downeast Brass Ouintet

#### Saturday, December 8th

Seaglass Chorale

Music for a Winter's Night

An evening of seasonal favorite's including a carol sing along and choruses from The Messiah

Time: 7pm

South Congregational Church,

Temple Street

Kennebunkport

Tickets: \$12 prior to the date. \$15 at the door. Seniors are \$12



#### Christmas with Renaissance Voices Harold Stover, Director

Music by Palestrina, Praetorius, Weelkes, Michael Head, and others.

<sup>3</sup>Christmas doesn¹t get any better than this.<sup>2</sup> Portland Press-Herald

**Saturday, December 15,** 8:00 PM; **Sunday, December 16,** 2:00 PM Both concerts at St. Luke¹s Cathedral, 143 State Street, Portland

Tickets \$12 online at www.reniassancevoices.net
<a href="http://www.reniassancevoices.net">http://www.reniassancevoices.net</a>
through December 14
\$12 at Starbird Music and Longfellow
Books in Portland, and The Book Review in Falmouth (cash or check only at retail outlets)
\$15 at the door of both concerts, \$5 students with ID

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