

Portland Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

For more information, contact John Sullivan at 282-0271, jtcsul@earthlink.net

Vox Deadline

February 15 for the March, 2011 issue

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THE VOX HUMANA

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FEBRUARY 2011

FROM THE DEAN....

Dear Friends

As many of you know, I've recently begun working at St. George's Episcopal Church in York Harbor, and of course, this was my first Christmas there. This congregation has a practice that was totally new to me, an ecumenical service, offered on the third Thursday in December, and called "Blue Christmas." The concept is simply that for many people Christmas is a difficult time, particularly for those who have lost loved ones in the prior year. The service is primarily meant to be for them, the recently bereaved. Of course, attendance is open to anyone who wishes to be there for whatever reason, and conversations that evening made it clear that the gathering was a great comfort to the assembly.

During the course of the service, I found myself looking backwards in time, something that I do not ordinarily do. (I'm much more likely to push into the future—at times too hard). One of the things that struck me was how many of my teachers have passed on, as well as older relatives, friends, pastors and colleagues. And it also occurred to me that I didn't just happen onto this earth, into my faith, into this profession. At this time of year, when

inclined to a bit of nostalgia, it seems to me that I ought to be adding a great deal of gratitude as well. I'm usually quick to acknowledge that music is God's gift, but sometimes I'm slow to remember how many caring and loving people have nourished that gift along the way. I certainly didn't do all this by myself.

So in this spirit of gratitude for the past, I thank you for all you offer to the world of music, to the Church and to the Guild, and I encourage you to take become involved in passing along what has been so graciously given, to nourish those around you and those who will one day take our places. The opportunities abound.

Please give a careful look through this newsletter at our upcoming events, and plan to be part of whatever you can. And please do let me or Nancy know of things that you are doing in your own parishes so that your fellows can support you.

A peaceful and joyous 2011 to you all.

Sincerely

John

**Newsletter
Deadline
February 15, 2011
for our JANUARY**

Vox Humana

**Please send photos, articles, news
of upcoming events to**

**Nancy Wines-DeWan
newd3@maine.rr.com**

Coming Soon!

A Combined Chapter Event
hosted by the
Bangor and Portland AGO Chapters
sponsored by Region I

Featuring:
National AGO Executive Director,
James Thomashower

Tom Mueller in Concert
Waterville, ME

***AGO Portland
Chapter Meeting on
February 19, 2011
10:30 AM***

***Founders Hymnal Workshop
St. David's Episcopal Church, Kennebunk***

PORTLAND CHAPTER NEWS

Our Next Chapter Meeting:

FOUNDERS HYMNAL WORKSHOP

John Sullivan, FAGO, Presenter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10:30 AM

Coffee and Welcome at 10:00AM

St. David's Episcopal Church

Kennebunk

The Founders' Hymnal is a compilation of works by the founders of the AGO, mostly hymns but also some service music, which was compiled by Rollin Smith. Join us as we explore these antique gems and share thoughts on them and the composers

Directions to St. David's

Take exit 25 on the Maine Turnpike. Follow signs for Rt 35, Kennebunk, which will lead to Route 1.

Go south on Route 1 for 1.5 miles.

Arrive at 138 York St. The church is not visible from the road. Look for the sign on the east side of Rt. 1 (i.e. left if you are traveling south). There is ample parking. [The last intersection is Industrial Dr. If you reach Harriseeket Rd, you've gone too far]

If you are traveling north on Rt. 1, the church is about a mile north of the intersection where Rt. 9 veers off to Kennebunkport.

St David's Episcopal Church
138 York St Kennebunk, ME 04043
(207) 985-3073
Dean's cell phone: 202-282-0271

Saturday, March 5, 2011

A combined Chapter event
Bangor and Portland
Sponsored by Region I

Address by
Executive Director, James Thomashower
Remarks by Lary Grossman, Regional
Coordinator
9:30Am
Anthem sharing
Lunch
Music swap
Recital by Tom Mueller
Pleasant Street Methodist Church
61 Pleasant Street

Waterville, ME

You really don't want to miss THIS!

Directions to Pleasant St. Methodist:

I 95 to exit 130. Go east on Main St. toward Waterville business district. Take right on Pleasant St., first right after RR tracks. Cross Center St. intersection. Church is #61.

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A SPECIAL CONCERT EVENT

Sponsored by the Portland AGO

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Friday, March 18, 2011

7:30 P.M.

St. Luke's Cathedral, State Street,
Portland, ME

Portland AGO Chapter Programs

February 19

Founders Hymnal workshop

John Sullivan

10:30AM

St. David's Episcopal Church,
Kennebunk

March 18

Recital - Aaron David Miller

7:30 PM

St. Luke's Cathedral,
Portland

April 4

Organs of Northern Germany

Stephen Roberts

7:00 PM

First Congregational Church
South Portland

May 22

Members recital

4:00 PM

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Portland

Picnic

June/July

Date, location TBA

REGIONAL NEWS

Organ Students!

I am recruiting students for our Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame. 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/>

All students in our MSM program are supported with tuition grants.

Craig Cramer, DMA

Professor of Organ

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana USA

574-631-7836

<http://www.nd.edu/~music/faculty/cramer.html>



Commodore Organ to

Donate: (recipient to remove.) It has 56 notes in the manual and 25 in the pedal, so it would be

useful for practicing much of the classical literature. Contact: Maria Douglass (douglass_maria@yahoo.com).

Baldwin organ to donate:

2 full keyboards and pedals.

For more information, call Andrea Merrill at 522-0026.

Organ Music: Paraclete Press has offered me a special price on their entire organ music catalogue of 33% off the list price. There are 82 volumes, and the special price is \$520 plus shipping. These volumes are of course brand new. If you are interested, please write me an email and I will forward the list to you.

Craig Cramer

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COMING SOON

Sunday, February 20, 2011,

2PM: Kids, Kartoons & Kotzschmar, featuring Rob Richards, house organist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood. Concertgoers can enjoy the pops concert, tours of the Kotzschmar Organ, and comedy shorts (silent film cartoons).. It's the perfect opportunity to learn about the KO's famous toy box.

Tickets available through PortTix: General Admission \$17. Free 12 and under but must have ticket. \$2 discount for 65+, students and AGO members. Group discounts for 20 or more.

Monday, February 21, 7:30 PM

Blue Lobster Troupe, Lucid Stage
29 Baxter Blvd, Portland. A community chorus directed by AGO member Tom Kovacevic, who is also organist at St. David's, Kennebunk. The February concert will feature a wide variety of music.

February 26, 27, 2011

Longfellow Chorus concert: The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church: , 425 Congress St., Portland.
More details at The Longfellow Chorus or email director@longfellowchorus.com or call 207-232-8920

Friday, March 18, 2011:

Aaron David Miller in concert, 7:30 PM, at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland.



Kotzschmar Organ, Merrill Auditorium:

March 22, 2011, 2:00 PM
Bach Birthday Bash

March 22, 2011, 7:30 PM
Bach Birthday Bash

April 16, 2011, 7:30 PM
Cameron Carpenter

May 15, 2011, 3:00 PM
Phil Kline's 'John the Revelator'

May 17, 2011, 10:30 AM
Meet the King of Instruments

**Tickets are available now though
PortTix for all concerts.**

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organist/Pianist: The North Parish UCC, Sanford, part-time position playing organ/piano for weekly Sunday service, special seasonal services and as-needed (with additional compensation) for private and special events. Faucher pipe organ. FMI: Contact church office. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to:

North Parish UCC, 893 Main St., Sanford, ME. 04073 or e-mail to northparish@zwi.net

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



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.

St. Martins in the Field is open during July, August and over Labor Day Weekend which works out to 9 -10 Sundays. We have organ music at the 11:00 services which are of Holy

Communion on the first Sunday of each month and Morning Prayer on the other Sundays. There are occasional weddings and Memorial Services. We have an electrified reed organ made by the Estey Organ Company in Brattleboro, Vermont. It has been well looked after and the felts and leathers are new. The organist would receive \$150 per Sunday. If you are interested in the position would you kindly contact Lucie Dean (Senior Warden) via e-mail at: deanlucie@gmail.com.



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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