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The Clarion

*To promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles,
to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music,
and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration,
education, and certification of Guild members.*

Dean's Corner



Edee Silva, CAGO, is Dean of the Eastern New York Chapter of the AGO. She is also organist and choir director at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph in Rensselaer.

As we enter October, we should all be off to a good start for the new season. Autumn colors warm the earth, and that can be a reminder to use the “colors” of the organ to warm the congregations, and to use the dynamics of the choir to comfort and inspire. As you probably know, singing is good for the health. Numerous studies have pointed to the benefits of singing— it is an aerobic activity that increases oxygenation in the blood stream and exercises major muscle groups in the upper body. It reduces stress levels through the action of the endocrine system. Singing in a group provides an increased sense of community. It has long been known that music can sooth the soul, but now there is physical evidence that even listening to music that you like provides physical benefits to the heart. That means when you sing or play an instrument for your service, both you and the congregation can benefit physically, as well as spiritually. Be encouraged that what you are doing is making a difference in many peoples' lives.

We welcome Donna Tallman to the Board, in the position of Recording Secretary. Donna is also a member of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) - Hudson Mohawk chapter and has been a long-time avid fan of the King of Instruments.

Please RSVP to Andrew Krystopolski, andrewkrystopolski@yahoo.com if you plan to attend the “Oktoberfest Strictly Social” dinner October 11 at 6 pm. This will be a joint event with ATOS and should be great fun. Bring a potential new chapter member!

Registration begins this month for Boston 2014. What a privilege to have a national convention within driving distance! Please consider registering for this event. <http://www.agoboston2014.org/>



Chapter Events

OKTOBERFEST, Friday, October 11, 6:00
 The home of Andrew Krystopolski & Kevin Grace
 located at St. George's House
 30 N. Ferry Street, The Stockade, Schenectady
 Directions at St. George's website:
<http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.org/visit.html>
 Plenty of safe parking available in the Green Street Lot.

This strictly social event is open to all members and friends of the ENYAGO & HMTOS Chapters. Bring a potential member with you. Come hungry as seasonal food will be provided. Beer Tasting: If you choose, please bring a craft brew, micro brew beer or a unique beer to share. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Instruments on hand- Piano, small Hammond organ, Estey Church Organ, Accordions (2), Concertina.

Please RSVP to Andrew andrewkrystopolski@yahoo.com before October 10.

Organ Crawl, November 9.

Join us to visit three outstanding organs, at Harvard University (Skinner and Fisk) and Holy Cross College (Taylor and Boody). We will leave by carpool from Albany at 7am, have two hours with the organs in Harvard's Memorial Church, lunch in Cambridge, an afternoon stop at Holy Cross in Worcester, and be back in Albany by 6pm. Call John Schreiner at 518 377-6507 or write johneschreiner@aol.com to RSVP by Tuesday, November 5. Meeting location and restaurant information will be determined by November's Clarion announcement.

Harvard Skinner: www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu/organ_project/opus793.html

Harvard Fisk: http://cbfisk.com/instruments/opus_139

Holy Cross Taylor and Boody: www.taylorandboody.com/opus_pages/opus_09/specification.html

January 24, 7:30 pm

Organ concert with Renée Anne Louprette at Westminster Presbyterian Church (262 State St.)

January 25, 10 am to 12:30 pm

Organ masterclass with Renée Anne Louprette at Westminster Presbyterian Church (262 State St.)

Repertoire: Works of Franck and Vierne

Active participants welcome; if you are interested in playing, contact Todd Sisley, tsisley@gmail.com or 518-225-0928

Music sale preceding masterclass.

NEW: April 24, 2014 A Visit to Hildene. See details below.

May 3, 10 am to 2 pm

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls (400 Glen St.)

Hosted by Bryan Kirk, music director and Andrew Krystopolski

Chapter Events, continued

May 17, 11 am

Spring Scholarship Student/Teacher Recital & Annual Meeting

Scott Trexler, Jonathan Denham (student)

Farrell Goehring, Tyler Morrill (student)

St. John's and St. Josephs, Rensselaer (50 Herrick St.)

Lunch/Annual Meeting at Taste in Albany

Hosted by Edee Silva, organist

A VISIT TO HILDENE

Your program committee is working with the staff of HILDENE (Robert Todd Lincoln's home in Manchester, VT) to organize a very special event Saturday, April 26, 2014.

There will be a tour of the mansion and grounds. The 1907 Aeolian Residence Pipe Organ will be played, both by live performers and by historical performances which have been preserved on rolls.

There will be a lecture by an expert on "The Pipe Organs of the Rich and Famous." This person may well be the most knowledgeable authority on this subject (we'll tell you who it is in due time). We will also have a catered luncheon at Hildene. We anticipate that the total cost of the admission to the mansion and the catered luncheon will be between \$30 and \$35. (The regular price for just the tour is \$20). Persons who are not Guild members will be welcome to join us. However their cost will be somewhat more, since they will not receive the subsidy which the chapter will pay for regular members and friends.

Manchester isn't very far away, so we will arrange to have car pooling. We must limit the number of people who can attend the event to 30, we will ask that reservations and payment for the same be made in advance, on a "first come" basis. Look for complete details in the November Clarion.

NEW! The Chapter's beautiful new website is up at a new address: enyago.org

Other Events in the Region

"FIRST FRIDAYS AT FIRST PRES" Friday night, October 4, at 7 pm
Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, 209 Union Street (in "The Stockade")
Fall season celebrates the 60th anniversary of the installation of the church's 4-manual Casavant organ.
Admission is free. An offering will be received.
Come hear Joey Fala playing works by Mathias, Shearing, Bach, Callahan, Franck, Reger, Alain, and Duruflé.
Future "First Friday at First Pres" organ concerts
Nov. 1 - Elinore Farnum and guest organists
Dec. 6 - "Gloria" (Christmas music festival)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 603 State Street, Schenectady begins its 35th Concert Series season on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 3:00 pm with a concert by Harmonic Brass of Munich.
A favorite of FUMC concert series patrons, Harmonic Brass of Munich returns to Schenectady for the eighth time to bring its own blend of virtuoso performance and entertainment that has captivated audiences around the world. The group is well known because of its detailed choreography, artistic brilliance and subtle humor, through which it tries to remind its audiences of the power of music to overcome barriers. Hailed as the "Canadian Brass of Europe," they never fail to provide an evening of fun and musical enjoyment for their audiences.
The concert is free and all are welcome to attend. For more information call the church office at 374-4403.
Website: www.harmonicbrass.de

CRAIG WILLIAMS IN CONCERT, October 6 at 5 pm.
Church of the Annunciation
109 West Street
Ilion, NY

Full Program: <http://www.allenorganny.com/#!craig-williams-concert/coju>

Craig, organist and choir master at the Cadet Chapel at West Point, is an acclaimed organist. He is very entertaining and usually plays everything from memory!

Troy Children's Chorus Dinner/Theatre Package Fundraiser, November 8 at 5:30 pm.
Cohoes Music Hall and Van Schaick Country Club
Board a shuttle at 5:30 pm, and enjoy a buffet dinner and cash bar at Van Schaick Country Club.
Ride the shuttle back to the hall (while everyone else is scrambling for parking) and enjoy a thrilling 8:00 pm production of Annie! All for only \$45. R.S.V.P. to Darlene at dreischu@nycap.rr.com. **RSVP Deadline: Oct. 25.**

The Very Scariest Organ Music, October 26 at 6 pm.
First United Presbyterian Church, Troy (1915 Fifth Ave.)
Andrew Krystopolski, organist and choirmaster at St. George's Episcopal Church in Schenectady, will present this 30-minute concert. Free with donations accepted.
www.unitedprestroy.org

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Glory to God Hymn Festival, October 27, 4 pm.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany (262 State St.).

To celebrate the advent of the new Presbyterian Hymnal, First United Presbyterian Church of Troy will join with Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, for a hymn festival featuring the hymns in this new volume. Al Fedak, a member of the hymnal committee, will preside.

NANCY FRANK IN ALBANY FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT

In celebration of having served for 40 years as organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, and in celebration of the church's 250th anniversary, Nancy Frank will present an organ concert on Friday evening, Nov 1 at 6:00 pm as part of the First Friday concert series of events in Albany. Also appearing on the program will be Michael Lister, Deborah Rocco, and Peggy Schalit. The program will include works by Bach, Locklair, Fauré, Boëllmann, Copland, and Weber. Art work by local artists will be on display in the gallery from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. where refreshments will be served.

info@firstpresalbany.org

Louis Vierne's Solemn Mass, Saturday, November 2 at noon (as part of All Soul's Mass at St. George's in Schenectady);
Sunday, November 10 at 3 pm (in a concert performance at First United Presybterian in Troy)

The choirs of First United Presbyterian Church in Troy and St. George's Episcopal Church in Schenectady will be uniting to present this thrilling work of the late Romantic period. Andrew Krystopolski, conducting; Maury A. Castro, organ. Also featuring Joey Fala, organ scholar at First United, playing Vierne's Adagio and Finale from Symphony No. 3. Free with donations accepted.

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Sunday, November 17 - 3:00 PM

St. Joseph's Church

State & Lafayette Streets

Schenectady

Organ Concert by Don Ingram in honor of the Feast of St. Cecilia.

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