

American Guild of Organists - Harrisburg Chapter



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From the Dean

This past month I attended two outstanding musical events that I would like to share with you. Last weekend, Pierce Getz performed in a stellar recital featuring the organ works of Bach. Interspersed with the Bach pieces were readings from the books of Albert Schweitzer. I arrived a minute late and was directed to sit in the choir loft (the event was standing room). As I entered the choir loft, I found it to be full. My only alternative was to sit right in front of the organ. I could literally feel the instrument breathe as the air poured out of the mouth of the pipe behind me. As I listened to the philosophical words of Albert Schweitzer and listened to the great chorales of Bach, I felt awed and inspired. Indeed I felt the majesty and mysticism of God's presence.

I was not the only member of the audience to be moved. At our AGO meeting following the performance, we had several members of the community join us for our program. They had been at the concert and were so inspired by the works of Bach that they wanted to see and hear more about Bach's organs. Our community is indebted to Pierce Getz for his leadership in music. On behalf of the entire guild membership, I would like to offer Pierce our thanks. Thanks for sharing your musical talents at the concerts and sharing with us your musical expertise at our meeting. Your labors of love are appreciated.

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“ORGANIST’S GUILD TO SPONSOR HYMN FESTIVAL”

On Sunday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m., noted organist and music director, Mark Laubach, will lead a Hymn Festival in the sanctuary of Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey. The public is cordially invited to attend this event. There is no fee for admission.

Hymns, new and old, will be featured with congregational participation, organ improvisation, verses interspersed with variations on the hymn tune by great composers, and readings which highlight the meaning of the hymn texts. Laubach led a Hymn Festival this past June in conjunction with the “Pipe Organ Encounter” at Lebanon Valley College, an organ-learning experience for 31 teen-age keyboard players, and was one of their organ teachers.

Mark Laubach has been Minister of Music at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, since 1986. He holds a bachelor’s degree in church music from Westminster Choir College where he studied organ with George Markey and Donald McDonald, and harpsichord with Mark Brombaugh. His master’s degree is from the Eastman School of Music where his organ and harpsichord teachers were David Craighead and Arthur Haas. He has recorded two CDs on the Pro Organo label. He also teaches organ at Marywood University in Scranton, performs frequently in the US, and has given concerts at several cathedrals in Great Britain. He is active in the Association of Anglican Musicians, the American Guild of Organists, and Royal School of Church Music in America.



Used Music Sale

We are off to a good start. Several members turned in their "Slightly Used Music" at the October event. Please start looking through your volumes of music now so that we have time to sort and price it before January 26th. Last date of collection will be January 9th, 2002. We are asking for music associated with the organ. No choral music, please.

Graciously donated to this sale is music from the library collection of Arnold S. Bowman. Arnold was a former Dean of the Harrisburg Chapter from 1945 through 1948. He passed away in January 2001. Won't it be fun to look through this collection?

The sale will be held during the AGO program on Saturday, January 26th, 2002. This will be a full day of workshops and the music sale will be set up all day for your shopping pleasure. Location of the event is First UCC church, Carlisle.

Drop off for music will be at any of the monthly AGO events and between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Faith United Church of Christ, Drexel Hills Blvd, New Cumberland. Arrangements can be made for someone to pick up your music. Please call Kathy Myers at 774-4465.

Chapter Birthday List

Please email, mail, or call me with your Birth Date. We are starting a new article in The Bombarde for chapter monthly birthday greetings. Don't be a sour note, respond today. Only 11 have responded to date.

Thanks, Jeffrey

Mary Wrightstone Honored for 50+ Years at the Organ

A Service of Celebration was held on Sunday, September 30, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Mechanicsburg, for over 50 years of loving and dedicated service to the congregation by Mary Wrightstone, organist. The Celebration involved adult choirs from St. John's UCC in Chambersburg, and First UCC in Carlisle, as well as the Chancel and Chorister Choirs from St. Paul's. A fund set up to honor Mary enabled the church to commission a musical composition by Carl Nygard, Jr., from the Reading area. The choirs performed his setting of the Isaac Watts hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," with brass quintet, tympani and organ. Mr. Nygard was present at the Celebration. A reception was held following the event at which Mary was presented with mementos from the congregation. The Chapter congratulates Mary as we salute her most amazing contribution of time and talent!

Networking Lunch

Networking lunch #13 - but who's counting? Come one, come all. We will meet at the Bridges Cafe in the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill bypass on Wednesday, November 14 at 11:30 a.m. Phone Doris Savage at 697-4042 by Mon., Nov. 12 (or email).

HAGO Car Pools



There is no excuse now! For those interested in carpooling to chapter events, please contact Shawn Gingrich at 533-9668. We will try to get some groups together from varied locations. Join us!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Cash in Bank as of 9/15/2001 | \$3,522.61 |
| Total Receipts (+) | \$1,508.00 |
| Less Total Disbursements (-) | \$1,103.15 |
| Cash in Bank as of 10/15/2001 | \$3,927.46 |
| Cassel Scholarship Fund plus Investments | \$14,538.05 |

Area Events

Sunday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church presents
Festal Evensong and Organ Recital by Douglas Major,
Organist of Washington National Cathedral
6th & Chestnut Streets, Lebanon, PA 272-8251.

Sunday, November 11th at 3:00 p.m.

Shelley Moorman-Stahlman presents
Piano Recital. Works included on the program will be
"Italian Concerto" by Bach, "Intermezzo, op. 117 by
Brahms, "Sonata I" by Prokofieff, and
"Le Tombeau de Couperin" by Ravel.
Lebanon Valley College, Lutz Recital Hall.

Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church presents
ImagiMIME (David Geyer, mime artist)
101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA
737-0488. A free will offering will be received.

Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church, The
Deborah Vowler Posner Concert Series presents
The Philadelphia Piano Trio. Featuring
Deborah Reeder, cellist; Elizabeth Keller, pianist; and
Barbara Jones, violinist. Formed in 1971, the Philadel-
phia Trio has developed a reputation for consistently
lyrical and sensitive performances. They have presented
concerts throughout the United States and Europe, in-
cluding frequent appearances for the BBC in London
and broadcasts on Spanish National Radio & TV. "...one
of the finest piano trios in the business..." (Philadelphia
Inquirer) Third and Market Streets, New Cumberland,
PA 774-2005.

Tuesday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Thrush and Dorcinda Knauth presents, *Junior*
Organ Recital. Lebanon Valley College, Miller Chapel.

Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Hershey presents
Gwendolyn Lentz, Mezzo Soprano,
in concert. The program will include
familiar Christmas music to delight and
inspire. The concert is free and open to
the public. 64 West Chocolate
Avenue, Hershey, PA 533-9668.



Sunday, December 9th at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church *Choirs*
present music for Advent & Christmas. CHPC Brass
Choir - David Getz, Director and CHPC's Carol, West-
minster, Kirk & Sanctuary Choirs - David Binkley, Or-
ganist/Choirmaster, John O'Donnell, Guest Organist.
101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 737-0488.

Substitute List 2002?

This is the current Substitute List for the Harrisburg Chapter
of the American Guild of Organist.

If you no longer want to be on this list, please call Tim Koch
at (717)737-9921 Ext. 229, or e-mail him at
timothy.koch@trinitycamphill.org., or use the fax #730-9297.

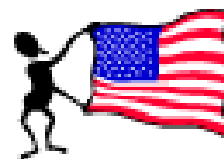
Thank you. The following is a listing from 2001:

James Acri
Karen Appel
Robert Bell
Colin Bender (Corkey)
Barbara Carpenter
Jeffrey Cogan
Nancy Dell
Susan Eltringham
Carolyn Evens
Josephine Freund
Joyce Gerstenlauer
Donald Golden
Gerald Hoover
Samuel McVey
Jane Miller
Phyllis Mooney
Purnell Payne
Doris Savage
Joyce Shoemaker
Shelly Moorman-Stahlman
Cathy Steppy
Doris Studer
Thomas Werner
David Whitmoyer

**The 2002 Current Listing of Substitutes available will be
published in the December Newsletter. Contact Timothy
Koch immediately with any changes please.**

Membership Directory Update

The Harrisburg Chapter membership direc-
tory has been updated for 2001-2002. To
save costs associated with mailing this, we
will have the Directory available for pickup
at the November 4th AGO program at Derry
Presbyterian Church, Hershey. Any cor-
rections should be reported to Kathy Myers
at 774-4465 or e-mail her at
kmyersx1@localnet.com.



**Organist/Director Of Music
Middletown Presbyterian
Church (215 Members)
Union and Water Streets,
Middletown, PA 17057
Contact: Diane Rowe,
Secretary at 717-944-4322**

Responsibilities include: one 10:30AM Sunday service; three choirs - Adult Choir (15-20), Bell Choir (11) and Children's Choir (6-15). Rogers 3 manual 950 Classic Organ. Salary -\$9,000 - \$12,000. 4 weeks paid Vacation. 3 days sick leave.

Advertise in the Bombarde

Churches wishing to advertise positions available in The Bombarde should contact Tim Koch. An application must be submitted with payment of \$10.00 for inclusion to run a want ad

Past Dean— In Memory

Recently Katharine Ross Copenhaver passed away. Katharine was a church organist for 50 years and was a long time member of our chapter. Katharine served as our Dean from 1959 to 1960. She was 91 years old. Rest in Peace.

From the Dean

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This coming month we will be fortunate to hear Mark Laubach lead a hymn festival. This past summer Mark served as the organist for a hymn festival prepared for the Pipe Organ Encounter. I can tell you that you are in for a treat. After the hymn festival, I had the opportunity to visit with the youth about the event. I heard such remarks as "Wow, that was amazing. I had no idea what a hymn festival was. I just thought we were going to get together and have a hymn sing. I was wrong. This was awesome."

Most of the members in our chapter have had the opportunity to experience a hymn festival before. We know what a truly amazing experience we will have. However, members of our community may not have had experienced a hymn festival. Many will have the same preconceptions that our youth had at the POE. It is OUR responsibility as AGO members to encourage others to attend this event. Yes, our guild is doing advertising in local papers and in bulletins. However, that is not all that we can do. I challenge every AGO member to invite 20 people to attend this event. Tell the choir members in your church about the event. Don't just write it on the board or put it in the announcement sheet. Tell them about the event. Explain what a hymn festival is and tell them about an experience that you have had. Wouldn't it be awesome if the members of our congregation came back to us after the event and said "I never realized that singing hymns could be so much fun. Thanks for sponsoring the event." This was exactly the response that one of our POE students gave!

Chapter Current Events

On Tuesday, Oct 9 our chapter was treated to a program of slides and audio examples of organs in Germany from the Bach era. Pierce Getz lead this presentation for the 30 people who attended. We extend our sincerest thanks to Dr. Getz for his efforts to bring us this program and to Rick Zentmeyer of the program committee for providing refreshments and overseeing the details of the event.

Our next event will be a Hymn Festival with organist Mark Laubach, to be held Sunday, November 4, 2001 at Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey. Laubach will present a program of hymns through the church year. Along with the singing of the hymns, he will play organ settings by composers from ancient to modern. Laubach is Minister of Music at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre, PA and teaches at Marywood College in Scranton, PA.. Considered one of the finest organists of his generation, Laubach has made several recordings and has concertized throughout the US and abroad. This event is free and open to the public. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and families. Directions to Derry Church, Hershey: From Harrisburg take 322 east to Hershey, proceeding straight onto 422 east. Go through town, pass the Chocolate factory on the left, go to the next road on the left, Mansion Road and turn left. Go to the first stop sign and Derry church will be on your left. Entrance to the parking lot is to the left. From Lebanon go west on 422. After Palmyra you will pass the Gingerbread Man Restaurant. At the next light, bear right onto Derry Road. Go about 2 miles until you reach the church on the left. From the south and north follow route 743 to Hershey. When you are adjacent to Hershey Park, turn at the 4-way stop onto Derry Road. Go until you reach the church on the right. **If you are interested in carpooling to the Nov 4 Hymn Festival, three members have volunteered to drive.** From Camp Hill contact Carolyn Evens 737-6027, from New Cumberland contact Kathy Myers 774-4465, and from Mechanicsburg contact Doris Savage 697-4042.

Harrisburg AGO Programs 2001-2002

September 10, 2001
7:30 p.m.
Member / Student Recital - The Forum
Harrisburg

October 9, 2001
Changed to 7:00 p.m. Be in garage by 6:50 p.m..
Organs of Bach's Time in Sight and Sound by
Dr. Pierce Getz
Market Square Presbyterian Church
Harrisburg

November 4, 2001
7:30 p.m.
Hymn Festival by Mark Laubach
Derry Presbyterian Church
Hershey

December 31, 2001
7:30 p.m.
**Wassail Party and
Impromptu Concert**
Faith Presbyterian Church
Harrisburg

January 26, 2002
Workshop Sessions and Used Music Sale -
First United Church of Christ
Carlisle
Sessions offered: Hymnody, Organ Repair and Maintenance, Choral Repertoire and Techniques, Practical Organ Repertoire for Service Playing.

February 19, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Organ and Piano Technique, Similarities and Differences by Shelly Moorman-Stahlman and Dennis Sweigart
Lebanon Valley College
Annville

March 16, 2002
10:00 a.m.

Meet the Allen Renaissance R450 with Allen Representatives
Zion Lutheran Church
Enola

April 20, 2002
Meet in the parking lot of the Camp Hill Bon Ton
at 7:45 a.m.
Organ crawl to the Hanover and Gettysburg Area

May 14, 2002
Time TBA
End of the year social



Artist Search

BACHorgan.com is currently seeking to help organists and other musicians who have recorded their own CDs but are having difficulty marketing them on the Internet. Some artists can't afford their own website, or find the process of setting one up too complicated. Other artists are losing online sales because even though they have a website they can't afford the high cost of accepting credit card payments. BACHorgan.com founder Dan Long hopes to help local artists achieve national recognition for their work while bypassing the "high admission price" to Internet e-commerce. For information, please email dan.long@bachorgan.com <<mailto:dan.long@bachorgan.com>> or view details online at <http://www.BACHorgan.com/ArtistInfo.html>



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The submission deadline for each edition of the Bombarde is the fifteenth of the month. Whenever possible, submit your items in electronic format with minimal text formatting. Thanks for your interest!

Deadline for the December newsletter is November 15.

Please send all submissions to:

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