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American Guild of Organists — Harrisburg Chapter



Our mission is 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.

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March Program "Lau on Lau"

The next Chapter Program will feature our own Robert Lau presenting a session on his organ compositions entitled "Lau on Lau." We will meet at First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, on Saturday, March 14, 2015. We'll gather at 8:30 with some breakfast goodies with the session 9:00-12:00.

Robert Lau holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Arts Theory from the Eastman School of Music and a Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology from The Catholic University of America. He has done additional graduate work at Teachers' College of Columbia University, Westminster Choir College and with the late Robert Shaw at the Carnegie Hall Workshops in New York City.

Dr. Lau is Professor Emeritus of Music at Lebanon Valley College where he taught for 22 years, chairing the music department for eleven years. He has been awarded a *Creative Achievement Award* and an *Alumni Citation* from the college. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Music at Penn State Harrisburg for 20 years.

From the Dean

In this season of Lent I am reminded of an article I read on the richness of Lenten music. Many composers throughout many centuries have created a large amount of music for Lent. Unfortunately for many 21st-century worshippers, the penitential richness of this music has prevented its inclusion due to the frequent rejection of the "suffering Savior" and the "wretched sinner that I am" themes. Our horizontal approach to worship design and the frequent narcissistic "mecentered" song texts and thematic threads have lead us down a different road.

Revisit and include the masters whose works stand the text of time: Palestrina, Tallis, Byrd, Purcell, Bach, and many, many more. One of the huge works, "The Messiah," which is an Easter Oratorio by Handel (yes Easter, not Christmas), now mostly gets sung for Nativity celebrations. Use "The Hallelujah Chorus" as a resurrection celebration as it was intended.

I am happy to report that Ralph Kneeream has been appointed to the board as chair of Professional Development. There has been a good bit of work from the national committee on this front so stay tuned for more information.

Blessings to you all as you serve!

Pax vobiscum, Shawn Gingrich

Theatre Harrisburg has awarded him its Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts in the Capital Region.

Robert Lau has more than 400 choral and keyboard works published by the leading music publishing companies in the United States. He has been commissioned to write choral and keyboard works for a variety of churches, individuals and institutions. For his work in published choral and keyboard music he has been awarded 15 Special Awards by ASCAP. He is a frequent guest organist in churches in the Harrisburg area.

Dr. Lau presents workshops and clinics on a variety of topics for churches and organizations throughout the United States. He is a member of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), and the American Choral Directors Association. He is the former Music Director of the Harrisburg Choral Society and Former Artistic Director of Jubilate! Choral Ensemble of Gettysburg.

Membership Corner

Member News

Welcome to a new member: Brenda Leach who spends her time between Carlisle and New York and currently is teaching at Lebanon Valley College for Shelly Moorman-Stahlman who is on sabbatical.

Cliff Evens, husband of former Harrisburg Chapter AGO member Carolyn Evens, died on February 11.

Rosemary Ricci's brother Philip passed away on January 25.

We extend our collective sympathies to both the Evens and Ricci families.

Lunch Bunch

Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at 11:30 a.m. in the Bridges Café at the Radisson in Camp Hill. Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than Monday, March 9th if you plan to attend. Phone (717) 697-4042 or email dorisagohbg@comcast.net.

Correspondence

Dear Dr. Gingrich,

Thank you for your chapter's contribution to the AGO. Your chapter's generous gift of \$500.00 to the Annual Fund (Chapters) was recorded on 1/12/2015. Our donor list will be published in the December 2015 issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST Magazine.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. Your generous contribution helps to support this mission through educational programs, outreach, and member services that otherwise could never be supported by membership dues alone.

Please extend our thanks to the members of your chapter executive board for this gift. Thank you again for your support of the AGO!

Sincerely yours,
F. Anthony Thurman, DMA
Director of Development and Communications
American Guild of Organists

Slate of Nominations

Dean: Shawn Gingrich
Secretary: Karen Appel
Treasurer: Richard Zentmeyer
At-Large Board Nominees (class of 2015-2018):
Deborah Dillane
Robert Lau
Christopher Prestia

Any additional nominations must be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) Chapter Voting Members and be received thirty (30) days after this slate is announced to the membership. With the release of this newsletter on February 25, 2015, the due date of petitions is March 25, 2015. Send petitions to the Secretary:

Karen Appel 465 Countryside Lane Harrisburg, PA 17112

Upcoming Chapter Programs

Saturday, March 14, 2015, Gathering at 8:30, Session 9:00-12:00 "Lau on Lau," Dr. Robert Lau showcases his organ music. First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, Shawn Gingrich, host.

Friday, April 17, 2015, 7:30pm Organ Recital by Mark Laubach. Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 N. Third St., Harrisburg, Ellen Hunt, host.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 6:00pm gathering, 7:00pm dinner — Annual Chapter Business Meeting and Dinner, including installation of officers. The location of this event has been changed due to the closing of our previously announced banquet location. We will hold this event on the same date at the Colonial Country Club, 4901 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg.

Save the Dates

On Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill will host a recital by Alan Morrison, Chair of the Organ Department at The Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. A freewill offering will be received at this concert.

Central Presbyterian in Chambersburg is planning a dedicatory organ recital by National AGO President, John Walker, on Sunday afternoon, September 27 at 3:00 PM Please reserve this date on your calendars. This event will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the original installation of the Casavant Pipe Organ as well as dedicating the nine new digital ranks of pipes given in memory of John Wingert, late husband of our District Convenor Helen Wingert. This event also will mark 60 years since John Walker took his first organ lesson in Chambersburg.

Archivist Report

for the 1953/1954 Season

The following is from a letter sent to the members of the Chapter from the Dean, Robert S. Clippinger.

"A series of CHOIR LOFT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE MEETINGS is planned for the season. These are for the purpose of getting to know each other better and for the purpose of exchanging ideas and experiences. We shall also learn to know the various churches and organists of the area. We shall meet on a Saturday evening each month at five-thirty at an eating place near the church to which we shall adjourn, where the organist and host will play the next day's pieces and explain the service. The first one is planned for October—exact date to be announced later at which time we plan to meet at the Linden Tree Tea Room, and then adjourn to the Cathedral Church of St. Stephen, where Mr. Gordon Breary will be our host. The meetings are to be over by eight, and no one shall exert more than his usual weekend preparation for them. In that way the standard shall not become too high, also we'd be nervous when performing. The primary purpose is fellowship!"

Programs for the Season

September: Social Hour and Preview of Thanksgiving and Christmas Music/Zion Lutheran

October: Our Hymnody/Fourth Reformed

November: Public Recital Dr. Robert Baker/Place to be announced

December: Christmas Musicale and Social Hour/home of

Dr. Harry D. Rhein

January: Organ Registration for Anthems and Vocal Solos/ Augsburg Lutheran

February: Organ With Other Instruments/Westminster Presbyterian

March: Study of Guild Examinations/Derry Street E.U.B.

April: An exchange meeting with another chapter/no record of this happening!

May: Junior Choir Festival/Grace Methodist

June: Annual Banquet/Dutch Pantry in Lemoyne @ \$1.95 per plate including tip!

Officers elected for the next season:

Dean, Robert S. Clippinger; Sub-Dean, Mrs. Iola Pretz; Secretary, Purnell Paine; Registrar, Irene Bressler; Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Wood.

> Ken Walker Archivist

Music Scholarship Opportunities Offered

The Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is pleased to invite piano students from 13 to 18 years of age to apply for the Yocum Pipe Organ Encounter Scholarships to be offered during the summer of 2015. The Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) is a four to five-day event held in various parts of the country for young pianists who wish to explore the organ. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 15, 2015.

Also at this time the application for the Shenk Scholarship for summer organ lessons offered by several members of the Harrisburg Chapter, for youth in grades 6-12 is available. The Shenk Scholarship provides the equivalent of ten 30-minute organ lessons, membership in the Guild, as well as an opportunity to play in a chapter program. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 30, 2015. More details and application forms are available on the Chapter website (Education—Scholarships) or by contacting Shawn Gingrich, at (717) 877-8554, or by e-mail at dean@harrisburgago.org.

2015 Pipe Organ Encounters

June 14 – 19, 2015 Wichita Chapter, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas

July 5-10, 2015 Northwest Indiana Chapter, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

July 12 – July 17, 2015, Columbus, Georgia Chapter, Columbus State University/River Center for the Performing Arts Columbus, Georgia

July 26-31, 2015, Brooklyn Chapter, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York

2015 Pipe Organ Encounter (Advanced)

June 14-19, 2015, Southern Plains Chapter, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

2015 Pipe Organ Encounter (Technical)

June 14-19, 2015, Southern Plains Chapter / American Organ Institute Shop, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Fine Arts at First



A Benefit Concert for Safe Harbour sponsored by Fine Arts at First will be presented by organist Karen Electra Christianson on Sunday, March 22 at 3 P.M. at First Lutheran Church, 21 South Bedford Street, Carlisle. Karen is a 19-year-old sophomore at Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts where she

is President of the Harvard Organ Society. She is coached by Alan Morrison, chair of the organ department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Karen has composed three choral works for youth choirs that have been performed in the United States and abroad. She maintains an active international recital schedule. In 2013 she became the youngest soloist ever to give an organ recital at Westminster Abbey. Highlights of her 2014 solo recitals were performances at Trinity Church on Copley Square, Boston, MA; Adolphus Busch Hall, Harvard University; St. Thomas Church in New York City; the Cunerakerk in Rhenen, Netherlands; and the Salzburger Dom, Salzburg, Austria. Karen made her organ performance debut at age 7 on Christmas Eve, 2002 at historic Christ Church in Philadelphia. At age 10 she performed on the Aeolian-Skinner organ at First Lutheran Church as part of a Young Peoples Concert for Fine Arts at First. The artist series is pleased to welcome Karen Christianson's return to First Lutheran. Admission to the concert is free. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the work of Carlisle's Safe Harbour, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide shelter for the homeless. Additional funding for the concert will be provided by Thrivent Financial. For more information, contact the church, 717-249-3310, visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org, or go to http://home.comcast.net/~karen.christianson.

Treasurer's Report		
Cash in Checking as of 1/1/2015	\$	2,938.13
Disbursements (—)	\$	2,274.58
Receipts (+)	\$	1,307.22
Cash in Checking as of 1/31/2015	\$	1,970.77
Investments:		
Cassel CD	\$	5,049.69
Clapper/Frysinger Savings	\$	6,544.21
General CD	\$	5,040.10
Reserve Savings*	\$	23,281.11
Shenk Savings	\$	3,003.65
Throne Savings	\$	8,276.10
Total assets as of 1/31/2015	\$	53,165.63

*includes: 723.78 (Stahle Award) + 10.00 (Cassel Award) + 2211.28 (Yocum Scholarship)



MUSIC FROM THE CATHEDRALS

Trinity Concert Choir St. Paul's Brass Chamber orchestra of strings and percussion John Eaken, concertmaster

Timothy Koch, conductor Brian Rotz, organist

Parry: I Was Glad

Mendelssohn: Hear My Prayer

Franck: Psalm 150

Gabrieli: Come, Let Us Sing Bortniansky: Cherubim Song

...and other works by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart and more.

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 4PM Free Admission

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Area Events Listing

Wednesday, March 4, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Brian Rotz as a part of the Wednesday Noonday Organ Recitals featuring members of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM light lunch served at the church, 12:15 – 12:45 PM Organ Recital. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org.

Friday, March 6, 2015—7:30 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents The Cornerstone University Chorale, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dr. Kent Walters, conductor. The concert is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, March 8, 2015—3:00 PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church, 31 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland, presents Paul Jacobs, organist, "one of the major musicians of our time", as part of the Trunk Memorial Organ Series. Concert is free and handicapped-accessible. Donations willingly accepted. Reception to follow. For more information, go to www.twinspires.org

Tuesday, March 10, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Valerie L. Hughes in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Saturday, March 14, 2015-7:00 PM

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St., Harrisburg will hold a Cabaret in the newly renovated Seraphim Choir Room. Wine and dinner will be included. The singer will sing about four kinds of love: love of neighbor, love of nature, romantic love, and love that God has for us. Tickets at www.musicbytheriver.org.

Sunday, March 15, 2015—4:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents Music from the Cathedrals featuring Trinity's Concert Choir and the St. Paul's Brass.

Sunday, March 22, 2015—3:00 PM

Wilson College, Thompson Chapel, 1015 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, Van Looy Organ Series presents organist Richard Elliot in recital. A native of Baltimore, and former student at Peabody Conservatory and the Catholic University of America, Dr. Elliot earned an undergraduate degree from the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and masters and doctoral degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. He now serves as principal organist of the Morman Tabernacle Choir. Tickets are \$8, under 10 free. Visit www.wilson.edu/events or call 717-262-2003.

Saturday, March 28, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents the Penn Glee Club. A free-will offering will be received.

Sunday, March 29, 2015—4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church, 29 South Bedford Street, Carlisle presents Aaron Sunstein in an organ recital and multimedia presentation: "By the Waters of Babylon: Text and Music in Two Chorale Fantasias for Lent." Music of Bach, Reincken, and Reger.

Wednesday, April I, 2015—12:15 PM

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill presents organist Helen Anthony as a part of the Wednesday Noonday Organ Recitals featuring members of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM light lunch served at the church, 12:15 – 12:45 PM Organ Recital. A free-will offering will be received. (717) 737-0488 www.thechpc.org.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Dr. Karl E. Moyer in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Friday, April 17, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg and Harrisburg Chapter AGO present organist Mark Laubach in recital. A free-will offering will be received.

Saturday, April 25, 2015—7:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents the Harrisburg Singers in a concert entitled "Pops to Broadway."

Sunday, April 26, 2015—4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert.

Friday, May 8, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents Choral Evensong with the Chamber Singers, also featuring Jonathan and Beverly Hudson performing "Abraham and Isaac." A free-will offering will be received.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015—3:00 PM

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz presents organist Victor L. Fields in Tuesday Tunes for the Organ.

Friday, May 15, 2015-7:00 PM

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N Front Street, Harrisburg presents, Evensong under the direction of T. Herbert Dimmock and Robert Lau. Choristers are welcome to participate. Rehearsals on Mondays, May 4 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. If you are considering joining us or have any questions, please contact either Herb Dimmock at (717) 439-5766 (Herb@ststep.org) or Robert Lau at (717) 737-7038 (robertagohbg@hotmail.com).

Sunday, May 17, 2015—3:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey presents organist Joan Lippincott in recital to celebrate the completion of Létourneau Opus 121. A newly commissioned work by Dr. Robert Lau will be premiered. The concert is free and open to everyone. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, May 29, 2015—7:30 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg presents a joint concert with Market Square Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering will be received.

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Grand Rapids Group to Hershey

The Cornerstone University Chorale of Grand Rapids Michigan will stop at First UMC, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey during their annual tour. The free concert will be presented on Friday, March 6 at 7:30pm.

The Cornerstone University Chorale is a select choral ensemble of 34 singers who perform a variety of choral literature from Renaissance to contemporary genres including gospel and spirituals. The Chorale focuses on the expression of beauty in choral artistry, combining musicianship and servant hearts for the glory of God and the consequent joy of both singer and audience. The concert will also feature the 8-voice a cappella ensemble, Credo.

Positions Available

Organist / Choir Director: Penbrook United Church of Christ is looking for an organist/choir director. This is a part time position and would include preparation, and involvement in the Sunday worship, choir practice, and occasional special services, (i.e. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve). The Director of Music may be asked to accompany for weddings and funerals, as available, with additional compensation provided. The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community, gathering to worship God, and we welcome all in their journey on the spiritual path. Interested persons should send their completed resume including references to Penbrook United Church Of Christ at 56 Banks St. Harrisburg, Pa 17103 or email to penbrookucc@clear.net.

Organist: First United Presbyterian Church located in Newville Pennsylvania (35 miles southwest of Harrisburg) is looking for an Organist to provide leadership to our music ministry as a part time Music Director. The ideal candidate will be a musician who has great sensitivity to the role music plays in setting the tone for and enhancing the worship of the congregation. Primary responsibilities include playing the organ and piano for our two Sunday morning worship services and directing our choir. The congregation possesses a custom voiced Q345 58 Stop / 232 voice, three manual console, Renaissance Quantum digital organ by Allen. The congregation's 3 pianos include an Everett upright, a Story and Clark upright, and a Kimball spinet. Our extensive music library includes over 1,000 titles. Please send resumes or direct inquires to 1stup@pa.net.

Director of Music: St. John Lutheran Church LCMS, a church which loves to sing and worship is looking for a Director of Music who will help them to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." This part-time position will be responsible for developing the music program. St. John currently has a traditional 8:30 service with organ music and choir and a contemporary 11:00 service with a praise team. We are looking for someone whose gifts could possibly cross over to both styles of worship. St John will also consider hiring an organist to play solely at our traditional 8:30 service as an option. Compensation will be according to experience and responsibilities. If interested contact St. John's at: stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net Address is 2580 Mt. Rose Ave, York PA 17402. The church's phone number is 717-840-0382.

Traditional Music Opening: Zion Lutheran Church is looking to fill the position of *Organist*. The position would be part-time. Compensation will be based on performances and rehearsals performed each week. Zion's organ is an American Classic Organ built by Aeolian-Skinner and Zion has two Choirs. Qualified candidates would possess knowledge of Lutheran liturgy. The responsibilities would include but are not limited to:

Be available for rehearsals with the adult choirs and soloists

Play hymns and liturgy at all Traditional services and select and play prelude, offering and postlude

Assist Traditional Music Director in overseeing the care and maintenance of organ and piano

For more details go to http://www.zionyork.org/staff-contact-page/zion-employment-opportunities/. If you have strong skills in the above and are looking to join a dedicated staff and exciting congregation submit your resume to the attention of Denise Moyer, Parish Administrator, through either of the following methods:

Mail: Zion Lutheran Church, 2215 Brandywine Lane, York, PA 17404 E-Mail: dmoyer@zionyork.org Zion Lutheran Church is an equal employment opportunity employer.

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The deadline for each edition of *The Bombarde* is the fifteenth of the month unless otherwise noted. Whenever possible, please submit your items in electronic format.



Deadline for inclusion in the April 2015 newsletter is March 15, 2015.

Please send **all** submissions to: Shawn Gingrich 1102 Ballyshannon Drive Elizabethtown PA 17022

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