### May 2018

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# The Clarion

# American Guild of Organists — Harrisburg Chapter



From the Dean

Happy Spring! We have two events this month, the Annual Meeting with Banquet on Friday, May 4 and the recital with Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis on Saturday, May 19. The details are below.

For the May 4 annual meeting, please come to the meeting portion even if you did not make a dinner reservation. The meeting will begin around 8:00pm. Consider inviting a friend to join you for the May 19 recital. I hope to see you soon!

Pax vobiscum, Shawn Gingrich

#### **Upcoming Programs**

## End of the Year Banquet and Annual Meeting with Installation of Board Members

Friday, May 4 at the Fox-Eichelberger VFW Post 7415, 109 Third Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070. The social hour will begin at 6 PM, followed by the dinner and business meeting at 7 PM.

Reservations for dinner were due April 26 but we invite all chapter members to come for the meeting portion of the evening at 8:00pm.

# Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis in Recital Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 pm



Wanamaker Grand Court Organist, Principal Organist at Longwood Gardens, and Choirmaster and Organist of Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia, Peter Richard Conte is an internationally respected artist, praised by critics and audiences alike for his stunning technical facility matched with breathtaking musicianship, made known both through live performances as well as his many recordings. He will be joined by flugelhornist and organist Andrew Ennis for an exciting and engaging program, featuring such interesting transcriptions as Respighi's Pines of Rome a n d Rimsky-

Korsakov's Scheherazade, among others.

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg. Free parking is available in the South Street Garage. Brett Terry, host.

This recital is made possible in part by the Francis Bishop Endowment of Harrisburg Chapter AGO and is a co-presentation of the Harrisburg Chapter AGO and Music at Pine Street.

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

#### **Lunch Bunch**

Please plan to attend our next luncheon on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Drive, Lemoyne (in front of the Radisson). Please email or phone Doris Savage no later than the preceding Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Email dorisagohbg@comcast.net or telephone (717) 697-4042.

Invite a friend to join us!

#### **Membership News**

Welcome back to our chapter Andy Hoke, Minister of Music at First Lutheran Church, Carlisle. His email address is <a href="mailto:musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org">musician@firstlutherancarlisle.org</a> and his direct office number is (717) 462-6140.

#### **National Convention**

At the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City you will see and hear incredible performances by world-class organists and choirs, hear new



music by some of the world's best modern composers, be able to check out dozens of workshops and seminars, and enjoy creative worship services in some of the most beautiful and historic organ venues in the country. The members of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of The American Guild of Organists look forward to sharing the grandeur of the city's organs and performance venues with you from July 2-6, 2018. We hope to see you there!

For registration information visit the convention website: <a href="https://www.agokc2018.com">www.agokc2018.com</a> or see the information in a recent edition of The American Organist.

The National Convention of the American Guild of Organists is held biennially in even-numbered years and reflects the diverse aspects of the Guild and its official work across the country. Held as a function of the national organization in partnership with a selected chapter, it represents a coalition between the national leadership and the host chapter's leadership. This joint venture combines the talents and creative strengths of each, and represents the larger vision of the whole membership and its needs.

# Register now for the 2018 Organ Historical Society Convention!

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Organ Historical Society

will take place in Rochester, NY from July 29–August 3, 2018. The week-long conference will feature nearly 40 pipe organs, with an impressive array of 35 performing artists in daytime and evening recitals. Performers include Ken Cowan, David Higgs, Richard Hills, Nathan Laube, Anne Laver, Alan Morrison, and Bradley Hunter Welch, to name a few.



Convention registration includes participation in all events, transportation to all events, and lunch/dinner provided on most days.

For details on the Convention, hotel, registration, and an interactive schedule splease visit the convention website: <a href="http://www.organsociety.org/2018">http://www.organsociety.org/2018</a>.

#### **Area Events Listing**

Sunday, May 6, 2018—3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill presents Harrisburg Choral Society and Orchestra, Jason Vodicka, conductor; contact Harrisburg Choral Society for ticket prices.

Sunday, May 6, 2018—3:00 PM

Brethren Village Retirement Community, Wolfe Auditorium, 3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz presents the Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The concert is free—an offering will be received.

Sunday, May 6, 2018—7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, on the Square, Carlisle, PA presents organist Daniel Dorty in concert. Mr. Dorty will showcase the newly rebuilt organ with great organ works such as Suite Gothique, Opus 25 by Leon Boëllmann and the Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 by Charles-Marie Widor. A reception follows.

Monday, May 7, 2018—8:00 PM

Messiah College presents the College Handbell Choir with Hershey Handbell Ensemble in concert. The venue is Parmer Hall in the High Center for Worship and the Performing Arts, One College Avenue, Mechanicsburg. The concert is free.

Saturday, May 19, 2018—7:00 PM

Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 310 North Third Street, Harrisburg and Harrisburg AGO present and Organ Spectacular featuring Wanamaker organist Peter Richard Conte joined by organist and flugelhornist Andrew Ennis. Wanamaker Grand Court Organist, Principal Organist at Longwood Gardens, and Choirmaster and Organist of Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia, Peter Richard Conte is an internationally respected artist, praised by critics and audiences alike

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

by Rick Zentmeyer

Balance in Checking as of 3/1/2018	\$2,949.72
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Checks: \$1,300.00 Debits: \$52.03

Deposits & Credits: \$591.00 Balance in Checking as of 3/31/2018 \$2,188.69

Invested Funds as of 3/1/2018

Harrisburg AGO Savings\* \$53,228.37 Frances Bishop Investment \$132,256.25 Total \$185,484.62

Invested Funds as of 3/31/2018

Harrisburg AGO Savings\*\* \$52,679.27 Frances Bishop Bequest \$131,199.60

Total \$183,878.87

#### **NOTES:**

#### \*Harrisburg AGO Savings as of 3/1/2018:

\$4,614.88
\$6,348.23
\$22,713.00
\$25.39
\$2,669.13
\$725.82
\$8,101.77
\$8,030.15

#### \*\*Harrisburg AGO Savings as of 3/31/2018:

Cassel Competition Fund	\$4,614.88
Clapper-Frysinger Bequests	\$6,348.23
Reserve Savings	\$22,713.00
Savings Accrued Total Interest	\$26.29
Shenk Scholarship Fund	\$2,669.13
Stahle Savings	\$725.82
Throne Fund	\$8,101.77
Yocum Scholarship Fund	\$7,480.15

There were 3 Yocum Scholarships paid out, at \$550.00 each, total of \$1,650 in Feb and Mar. Our Investment continues to follow the DJA lower, as of 3/31 we are still ahead by \$2.354.60.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Shenk Scholarship Student / Teacher recital will be the first event in our 2018-2019 program year. It will be held on Sunday, August 26 at 4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!



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#### Sunday, May 20, 2018—4:00 PM

Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents a Pentecost Organ Recital. Join the Cathedral Parish Principal Organist, Evan Brickner, for an afternoon concert on the Cathedral organ. The concert will feature compositions by Bach, Vierne, Durufle, and others celebrating the joy of Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

#### Sunday, May 20, 2018—7:00 PM

Caring Voices Concert featuring Voices of the Valley and four local church choirs. Location: Lutz Hall in Blair Music Center at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA. Benefits the Caring Cupboard Food Pantry. Love offering and food drive. Concert information: Jeff Clouser, <a href="mailto:jclouser@palmyracob.org">jclouser@palmyracob.org</a>.

#### Friday through Sunday, May 26-28, 2018

Music By the River at St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 N. Front St., Harrisburg presents and Organ Marathon, concerts each day, every hour, on the hour for ARTSFEST. This performance will be presented as a free gift to the community. For information call 717-236-4059 or visit www.musicbytheriver.org.

#### Sunday, June 3, 2018—4:00 PM

Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg presents the Heritage Chorale of Lancaster. Based in Lancaster, PA, the Heritage Chorale, under the director of Barry Sawyer, strives to promote and preserve the choral art form through performance excellence. Their mission is to inspire listeners to a renewed appreciation of the rich and varied choral legacy that has been an integral part of our heritage. From madrigals to spirituals, all choral styles are represented. The repertoire includes both *a capella* and accompanied works based on the art of *bel canto*, which emphasizes purity of tone, contoured phrasing and vocal blend.

#### Sunday, June 24, 2018—2:30 PM

Nicarry Meetinghouse of Cross Keys Village—The Brethren Home Community at 2990 Carlisle Pike in New Oxford presents organist Victor Fields in recital on the 1869 one manual George Jardine (NY) tracker action organ rebuilt in 1983 by Brunner & Associates. Free-will offerings will be accepted and refreshments will be served.

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#### **Positions Available**

Organist / Choir Director: Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill. 2-manual, 13-rank Moeller pipe organ. Two services weekly (Sat at 5pm and Sunday at 10am), plus Christmas Eve (2 services), Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil and 2 services on Easter morning. Senior Choir conjunction with the Rector, weekly staff meetings. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Call 717-737-9834 o speak with Fr. Greg Welin.

Organist: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 208 Woods Drive, PO Box 374, Silver Spring Township, Mechanicsburg, PA, is seeking applicants for the position of organist/choir director. Though the emphasis is for an organist, having the ability to lead a choir is an added plus. The position is part time (12-14 hours per week), and responsibilities include playing for one service per week, directing the choir during the festival seasons of the church year, as well as conducting choir rehearsals, playing for festival services, and periodic weddings and funerals. Those interested in applying should provide a resume/curriculum vitae, certifications, and references to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church at the address above and/or to the following email address: calvarymechanicsburg@gmail.com. .

**Organist:** Dynamic Church seeks organist. Send cover letter, résumé, two recommendations to organist search committee: Christ Church UCC 247 S. Market St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or email galenrussell@etownucc.org. Deadline March 15, 2018.

Music Director/Organist/Choir Director: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg is seeking a Music Director/Organist/Choir Director to lead worship at the 10:15 Sunday morning service. The service is a traditional service of Holy Communion. There is one weekly service and one weekly choir rehearsal. We currently have an adult choir but have had a children's choir previously and may re-establish it. We have a Moller pipe organ (Installed 1941. It was rebuilt in 1989 to include a total of 11 Ranks). Additional special services throughout the year are Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas

Eve. Director will serve as a member of the Worship and Music Committee and will participate in liturgical music planning. For more information or to indicate interest and to provide credentials, please contact Matt Nielsen at mn030913@comcast.net.

Organist: The Camp Hill Church of God is seeking to fill a vacancy for a part time organist. The candidate will be required to play Sunday mornings at 10:00 service in coordination with a Contemporary Music Director. The organist may also be asked to play for Thanksgiving Eve service. Holy Thursday, Advent Services and weddings and funerals upon personal request. The organist will be under the direct supervision of the pastor. Salary offered is \$8,000-\$10,000 per year. Please contact Steve Shover at <a href="mailto:stevedshover@yahoo.com">stevedshover@yahoo.com</a>. Stephen D. Shover, Camp Hill Church of God, 123 N. 21st St. Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Organist: St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster PA, is in search of a permanent, part-time organist. Responsibilities of this position include playing one service every Sunday morning (10:15 am) as well as other special services during the church year (such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc), serve as accompanist for the adult choir rehearsals and anthems. Contact Patrick Ishler, (717) 683-6886 or stedsmusicdirector@gmail.com.

Organist: Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisberry Pa. is seeking an organist. This is a part-time position with 4 weeks paid vacation per year. Duties include playing for one regular 9:00am Sunday service plus special services throughout the year (e.g., Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Thanksgiving and Christmas Eves). The organist works with the pastor to plan music appropriate to the church's calendar. We are also seeking to fill the position choir director which could (but not necessarily) be combined with the organist position. Please send resume to <a href="mailto:dikgip@verizon.net">dikgip@verizon.net</a> or to: Pastor, Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 863 Lewisberry Rd., Lewisberry Pa, 17339.

#### **Future AGO Conventions**



#### 2020

Atlanta, July 5-9 Scott Atchison, Convention Co-Coordinator Brian Parks, Convention Co-Coordinator

2022

Seattle, Washington, July 3-7

### Mid-Atlantic Region '19

Southeast Jersey and Southwest Jersey Chapters Moorestown, Haddonfield, & Atlantic City, NJ June 30-July 3, 2019



www.agosouthjersey2019.org (not yet live)