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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear RI AGO Members,

As another year comes to a close, Gigi has planned a wonderful Members' Recital to be held at Central Congregational Church on Sunday, June 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Gigi's article, below, gives details. We will follow the recital with a pot luck dinner and the Annual Meeting at which the proposed slate of officers will be introduced (See last page for listing.). This is always a wonderful event, so please plan to attend and close our year on a high note.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Stephen Kirby, *Dean*

## FROM THE SUB DEAN

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you have enjoyed this year's incredible season. I am exhausted, exhilarated and inspired. I hope you are, too. Your officers and board members are already working to bring you more innovative programming which will be fun, stimulating, and educational.

Meanwhile, we look forward to our last event, the annual Members' Recital and meeting with potluck supper. Members noted that recent recitals featured only men. Could we have some women play? I took this request to heart and the result is WIMFEST RI, inspired by your suggestions and by my friend and our special guest of the day, Louise Munding, Dean of the Boston Chapter of AGO. Under Louise's leadership as sub-dean, the Boston chapter began their annual "WIMfests" Women in Music programs which have continued through her tenure as Dean. Louise will be here to play and to speak about her experiences in Boston, including her insights on growing a thriving membership in Boston. There is much to learn from our sister chapters. As an extra treat, oboist Jane Murray, of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra will join our member soloists, Diana Norton Jackson and me, on the program. *(See attached flyer for details.)*

I encourage you to attend on June 2 with a student or two, and a friend, to enjoy wonderful music, information and camaraderie across chapters.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see happen in coming seasons, please drop me a line at pipeorganlady22@gmail.com. Many of the events that we enjoyed this season originated with you and your suggestions. I do listen to every one of you and try to create what I feel you are asking for!

Now let's get out there and make beautiful music!

Gigi, *Sub Dean*

## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Julie Tagen (401-225-9594) to list

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 2/19  
120 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI 019864  
The Rev. Joan Testin, 401-658-1506  
Allen \$200/wk O/D

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 11/18  
111 East Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02889  
The Rev. Susan Wrathall day 401-737-3127 eve 401-617-0380  
Steere & Turner \$16,000 O/D

The First Universalist Church of Providence 4/18  
250 Washington St., Providence, RI 02903  
The Rev. W. Scott Axford 401-751-0821 401-454-1636  
\$150/service pipe organ Organist/Director

First Baptist Church of Bristol 10/18  
250 High St., Bristol, RI 02809  
Rev. Jake McGuire pastorjakemcguire@gmail.com  
Patsy Sanford patstuff@fullchannel.net  
\$11,000 Brennan & Gleason Minister of Music

St. Patrick Catholic Church 3/19  
2068 Cranston St., Cranston, RI 02920  
Fr. Roger Durand, 401-944-0001(day) 401-499-1076(eve)  
Rodgers \$16,000 plus signing bonus; 3 weekend Masses O/D

## MEMBER MATTERS

Welcome to returning member after a hiatus in the Vermont Chapter: **Adam P. Schneider**, 164 Milton Road, Warwick, RI 02888.

Condolences to the family of **Priscilla Rigg**, longtime member and Anna Fiore Smith Award recipient, who passed away on April 24 of this year.

*See attachment for details on Providence Organ Crawl on Memorial Day!*

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Members-at-Large: Jonathan Babbitt & Nick Voermans  
– 2019-2020  
Fred Jodry – until 2021  
Philip Martorella – until 2022

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Julie Tagen (401-225-9594) with changes.

### AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

Babbitt, Jonathan 401-864-9009  
Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589  
Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)  
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)  
Jones, William: 401-848-4327 (all)  
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 Please Inquire  
MacCubbin, Jay: 401-521-0698  
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)  
Norton-Jackson, Diana 401-714-2700 interim, sub, no weddings  
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-225-9594 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)  
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Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163  
Vinson, Duncan: 781-888-3848  
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)  
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 Organ; Sacred Jazz Composer/Arranger

### AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

Black, John: 401-737-1230 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)  
Castellani, Roger: 917-621-6530  
Cranmer, David: 401-447-9848  
Martorella, Philip: 401-615-0769 (no Sun. a.m.)  
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)

### SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto:altheaallard@gmail.com) or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto:altheaallard@gmail.com)

### ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18 -or- 1/8-page ad (3.5"W x 2.5"H): \$10  
Flyers provided electronically for inclusion with newsletter (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th. \$25 non-members.



## Members' Recital Women in Music

WIMFest

*A Celebration of Women Composers and Organists*

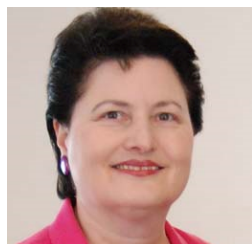


DIANA NORTON-JACKSON



GIGI MITCHELL-VELASCO

*featuring works of*



Martha Sobaje



Florence Price



Roberta Bitgood



Emma Lou Diemer



Jeanne Demessieux



Jeanne Joulain



Rachel Laurin



Pamela Decker

*with Boston AGO's Dean*

*playing a work by*

*and guest soloist*



LOUIS MUNDING



Elsa Barraine



JANE MURRAY, oboe

**Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Central Congregational Church**  
**296 Angell Street, Providence RI**

## Providence, RI Organ Crawl

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 2019, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Providence, RI organ crawl will be taking place on Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2019, and begin at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul (Casavant Frères: Opus 3245, 1972, 4/125) starting at 10:00 a.m. We must leave this church by 11:00 a.m. and then proceed to The First Church of Christ, Scientist (Hutchings/Votey Opus 1637, 1907), where Peter Krasinski will demonstrate this instrument. Following this venue, lunch can be had. At 2:00 p.m. the crawl will resume by meeting at the parking lot of Blessed Sacrament Church (Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 1507, 1968, 3/33). We will then hear and play both this organ and the Episcopal Church of St. Peter & St. Andrew (C.B. Fisk, Opus 74, 1970, 1/15), since they are only a couple of blocks away. Bring some of your own music to play on these unique instruments! Hopefully, the weather will be with, and, if not, we will be inside anyway. Directions to the venues begins at the cathedral, and from there to the other churches. If you plan to attend one or all venues, please contact Bro. Roger so that directions may be sent to you, and, if traveling issues arise, we will know who to wait for! He can be contacted by email at [brogerjc@aol.com](mailto:brogerjc@aol.com), or by calling 401-868-7959.