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## From the Dean

On October 13-16, I attended a symposium at the Eastman School of Music entitled *The Italian Baroque Organ: Context, Instruments, Repertory, and Performance.* Eastman purchased a full-size antique Italian baroque organ and it arrived in Rochester this past summer. What a wonderful experience to sit in the Fountain Court of the Memorial Art Gallery and not only hear, but see this spectacular instrument, while surrounded by great works of Italian baroque art hanging on the walls. I couldn't help but be reminded of how it restores the soul just to take in beauty, and that we should all do more of that. So, get out there, go to museums, to concerts, and above all, to as many organ recitals as possible!

Martha

# From the Sub-Dean

Bring your aches and pains at the keyboard to physical therapist Mary Szabo. She will give strategies to help you to play more comfortably and prevent repetitive motion injuries. Bring a short piece or hymn to play so she can observe you in action. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 AM, November 19 at Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset St., Providence.

*Julie* 

# MEMBERSHIP MEMO

It was a very good year for renewals. Thanks to all of you for getting back to me. We are 124 strong and growing. Please encourage your fellow organists, choir directors, choir members even, to join. It's never too late. I'll be glad to send a form to anyone you suggest to me.

You should have received your membership directory and membership cards by now. If yours has not yet arrived, please let me know.

Many thanks to the Potter-Rathbun Organ Company for again picking up the tab for the booklet. Fred, thanks for your continuing support.

Doris

#### **NEW MEMBER/UPDATES**

Please add to your Directory: **Joseph J. Gama**, BA,119 Brettonwoods Drive, Cranston, RI 02920, 942-6144. Assistant organist at St. Joseph and St. Ann.

Please note that **Donald Dame** is the Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament, Providence.



# RIAGO MEMBER IN NYC RECITAL

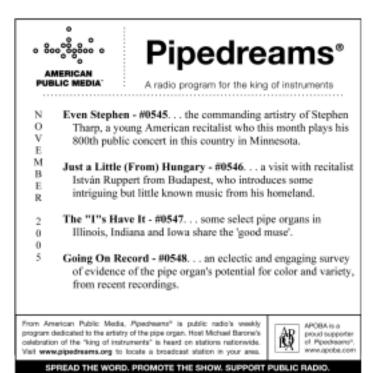
Diana Norton Jackson presented a recital recently in New York City. She reports, "I really enjoyed doing the recital, especially with such excellent string players for Mozart. All went well, finally, after the postponement last May because their ceiling fell in!" Her next recital is closer to home: Kingston, RI. (See Events listings.)

# Master Class with Concert Organist Thomas Murray

Yale University Professor of Music and recording artist Thomas Murray will offer an organ master class on Saturday, November 19 from 9 - 4 PM in the Church of the Transfiguration in Orleans, MA. The class will explore the art of sacred music accompaniment and will cover anthem, transcriptions, hymn playing, and accompanying psalms and sacred solos.

The organ at the Church of the Transfiguration is a compilation of elements from 12 Skinner pipe organs built in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nelson Barden Associates has designed and provided the museum quality restoration of the organ, which consists of 5,300 pipes including Processional Division and Trumpet Militaire. High Fidelity credits Murray with "consummate skill and artistry in treating the organ as a great orchestra." American Record Guide writes, "Murray's performance and his handling of the immense resources of the Woolsey Hall organ are beyond superlatives. The shape of every phrase, the use of every color...could not be more perfect."

The Master Class with Professor Murray is \$150 for those wishing to play. Enrollment is very limited. For observers, the fee is \$50. For more information call Barbara Cole: (508) 255-3999.



#### **EVENTS**

#### Friday, October 28, 8 PM:

Kingston Congregational Church Music Series presents "Cabaret" Next Generation- New writers of the great American songbook. Performers: ERICx2: Eric Bronner, Tenor and Eric Mazonson, Piano. In Fellowship Hall, Route 138, across from the URI Main Entrance. Suggested donation, \$10.

#### Sunday November 6, 4 PM:

Claudio Astronio from Bolzano Conservatory of Music, Bolzano, Italy. Music of Italian Master. Sayles Hall, Brown University. Free admission; handicap accessible. 863-2344

#### Monday, November 7, 8 AM:

November **Morning Munch** at the Cinnamon Cafe, 300 Quaker Lane, Warwick.

#### Sunday, November 13, 3 PM:

Feature concert by **David Clyle Morse** at Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, 30 Fenner St., Providence. Works of Dupré, Handel, Bach and others. Donation. Call David at 486-0244 for more information.

#### Sunday, December 4, 3 PM:

**Diana Norton-Jackson**: Christmas and Advent Organ Music Redication Recital for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organ. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Old North Road, Kingston, RI

#### Saturday, December 10, 7 PM:

The Choirs of St. Paul's Church, Mark Steinbach, DMA, Organist and Choirmaster, present works of Mozart, Palestrina, Gounod and Lassus in *A Festival of Music and Word for Advent* at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 55 Main Street, Wickford. Free. Reception follows. 294-4357.

# BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting will be Monday, November 14, 7:30 PM at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston.

# NEED SHOES?

Ann Dolbashian has organ shoes to give away:

- Pair of women's black leather organ shoes, size 9½ M, strap is attached to the shoe closer to the heel than the regular Mary Jane style. Like new—worn only a few times.
- Pair of women's black leather organ shoes, size 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> N, Mary Jane style, slightly worn.

If anyone is interested in more details, call Ann: 683-0019.

## PLACEMENT LISTING

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

10/05

Church of the Ascension 7/05 (Episcopal) 390 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI 02920 F. Leon Sibielski 944-2258 Organist \$8,000-10,000 Hook & Hastings

Slatersville Congregational Church PO Box 808, Slatersville, RI 02876

David Poole, Minister 769-2773

Jill Langford, Music Committee 486-0482

O/D \$11,000 2 Manual Pipe Organ (Electric Action)

10/05 St. Peter's & St. Andrew's (Episcopal) 25 Pomona Ave., Providence, RI 02908 Rev. Joyce Penfield 272-9649; 861-0441 O/D \$100-125/service Fiske

Church of St. Sebastian (RC) 10/05 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI

John Barylick 831-2700 (D); 635-8311 (E) O/D \$22,000 min 3 Manual Pipe

Trinity Episcopal Church 10/05

47 East Street, PO Box 55, Wrentham, MA 02903 Rev. Tara Soughers (508) 384-3958; (508) 384-1557 O/D \$10,000 (42 wks) 2 Manual Pipe 20 ranks

United Parish of Fall River (UCC & Presbyterian) 10/05 745 Wilson Road, Fall River, MA 02720

Linda D. Desmarais (508) 672-3956 Denise Dormer (508) 679-6835 O/D \$8000-\$11000 Allen MDS-15

# COUNTDOWN TO CHICAGO!

We hope you can join us in magnificent Chicago! Be tantalized by the incredible musical opportunities that await you in the Windy City! Hear the SWEDISH RADIO CHOIR, acclaimed as one of the great choirs on the planet, in breathtaking acoustics! Enjoy mother/ son, piano/organ duo JEANNINE and ALAN MORRISON in recital in addition to our resident virtuoso DAVID SCHRADER! Many more exciting details to come! One-step registration begins December 1 and early registration closes January 31. ChicAGO 2006 offers full on-line registration. See our website at www.agohq.org/2006 or find the forms in your upcoming issue of The American Organist Magazine!

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## CHECK IT TWICE

All listed substitutes are advised to check their listing for accuracy and report any changes to Howard Phelps.

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Laura Brion: 578-4491 (weddings, funerals) Ron Brown: (508) 643-9062 (all), \$125 min

Margaret Clark: 726-4128 (all)

Lois Conboy: 658-3838 (weddings, funerals) Joan Daly: 943-5191 (weddings, funerals) Donald Dame: 647-4564 (weddings, funerals)

Richard Funk: 351-7299 (all)

Christopher Gage: 632-1863/438-2730 (all, no weddings/funerals)

Andrew Galuska: 233-1363 (all)

Diana Norton Jackson: 783-0402 (no RC), \$150 min.

Mark D. Johnson: 709-3983 (weddings, funerals, no Sun. AM)

William Jones: 848-4327 (weddings, funerals) Brian Larkin: 272-8318 (all), \$150 min.

Mary Jane Lide: 245-8331 (all)

Philip Martorella: 885-3431 (weddings, funerals)

Elsie McNeill: (508) 673-2583 (all)

David Clyle Morse: 486-0244 (all, no Sun. AM)

Nancy Nicholson: 521-9097 (all)

David Norfrey: 521-2839 (weddings, funerals)

Donna O'Malley: 247-2673; 497-1931 (wedding, funerals, all)

Brian Page: 359-3222 (all, \$100 min.) Howard Phelps: 821-8475 (no RC)

Ronald P. Shepard: rpshepard@bigfoot.com; (413) 783-4280

Martha Sobaje: 823-8024/467-3300x3 (weddings, funerals, no RC)

Mary Strachan: 884-5671 (all), \$125 min. Pamela Stuerke: 884-4648 (no RC, no funerals) Julie Tagen: 885-7438 (weddings, funerals)

Terry Taylor: 253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)

Verna Westhaver: 682-2636 (sub/interim)

Jerry White: 884-2924 (West Bay area, no Catholic), \$150 min.

William Wiant: 683-3178 (all) Mary Worman: 886-9404 (no RC) Dorothy Yoreo: 246-1223 (all)

# From the Editor

Submissions for the December newsletter are due by November 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred: aallard@ccri.edu

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