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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues,

It is time to set aside **Friday November 18th, at 7:00 pm**, for one of the major events of our program year: the NEXT GENERATION RECITAL with **Edward Landin** and **Colin MacKnight**. This recital will take place at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St., Providence, and highlights its fine 1965 Aeolian-Skinner organ of 57 ranks. Following the recital, we will host a sit-down reception in the church's Chapel Hall, with special guest Christian Lane (former AGO National Vice-President and Councillor for New Music), who will interview Edward and Colin, and moderate a panel discussion about the importance of nurturing and promoting the roles of the young organist to ensure a viable future for our profession.

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Edward Landin is Associate Director of Music and Organist of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, PA, where he works under Director of Music Jeffrey Brillhart. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, he studied organ with Ken Cowan and harpsichord with Kathleen Scheide. Recent recital engagements have been at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine and St. Thomas Church in New York City, and Old West Church, Boston. He has also performed in Germany and Wales as well as on the historic 18th century Silbermann organ in Strasbourg, France. Edward has a major interest in contemporary American organ music, and has commissioned works from Kathleen Scheide, Pamela Decker, Craig Phillips and Carson Cooman, which he will play at the recital.

Colin MacKnight is a C. V. Starr Doctoral Fellow at The Juilliard School in New York City, and serves as Assistant Organist to David Enlow at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. He received his BM and MM degrees from Juilliard, and studies with Paul Jacobs, Grammy award winner and chair of the organ department. Colin won first prize in the 2016 Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition and the New York City Chapter AGO Competition, and advanced to the Northeast Regional Competition and won first place. As winner of the regional competition, he gave a "Rising Star" recital at the AGO National Convention in Houston in June 2016. Most recently Colin received the Clarence Snyder Third Prize in the Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition. Colin will play works from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries: William Harris' festive "Flourish for an Occasion," (representing the significant English "cathedral" school of organ composition), Mendelssohn's great "Sonata I in F Minor" (representing standard "core" repertoire for most organists), and the electrifying "Etude Héroïqe" of the Canadian composer Rachel Laurin, representing the future of "concert" organ repertoire – which you might not want to attempt for church!

Even if you feel this recital is outside the scope of your own interests or ability to "access" much 21st century repertoire, I strongly encourage you to attend, and take ownership of YOUR role in nurturing, supporting and promoting the careers and aspirations of the next generation of organists!

Sincerely yours, John Brooks, Dean

(PS: See Sub-Dean's call for refreshments, next page.)

EVENTS

Monday, October 31 at 11:59 pm: Annual Midnight Halloween Concert: Mark Steinbach at Sayles Hall, Brown University. Free. Come in costume!

Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm: RIAGO sponsored event, *Next Generation Recital* and panel discussion regarding the role of young organists in the profession features two rising stars, Edward Landin and Colin MacKnight, both under 30 years old, at Central Congregational Church, Angell Street, Providence. Free. Refreshments follow during interview/discussion.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes. AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS Bramblett-Mollohan, Deborah 401-793-1723 (call for availability) Carlson, Maren 631-307-8719 Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589 Castellani, Roger: 917-621-6530 Available after Sept., 2016 Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all) Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire) Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all) Goncharova, Natalya, 401-334-9157 Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings) Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation) Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim) Jones, William 401-848-4327 (all) Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire) MacCubbin, Jay: 401-521-0698 Available as of Sept., 2016 Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786 Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings) Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire) Seaholm, Edwatrd: 401-229-2267 Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all, weddings/funerals/interim) Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030 (tutti@fullchannel.net) Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163 Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)

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FROM THE SUB DEAN

On Friday, Nov.ember 18, our AGO Chapter will host a recital by Edward Landon and Colin MacKnight (*See opposite, Events*). After the recital, there will be a reception in the main dining room of the Church. Members are urged to attend and to bring finger foods, such as cookies, cupcakes or simple snacks. I will be providing water and a punch. Also I will bring paper goods for the reception. If everyone brings something, we will have enough to make this a success. I will be at the Church and in the dining room at 6:30 pm. People can drop things by before the Recital.

Thanks so much, *Stephen P. Kirby*, Sub Dean

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IN RECITAL

FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATED BY CHRISTIAN LANE

THE ROLE OF THE "NEXT GENERATION" OF YOUNG ORGANISTS IN THE WORLD OF CHURCH AND CONCERT MUSIC

MUSIC OF CRAIG PHILLIPS, CARSON COOMAN, KATHLEEN SCHEIDE, PAMELA DECKER, EDWARD LANDIN, WILLIAM HARRIS, FELIX MENDELSSOHN, RACHEL LAURIN

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