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FROM THE DEAN

Happy Fall, RI AGO Members,

I do hope all of you are enjoying a successful new season in your respective musical positions. My sincerest thanks to **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco** for coordinating our opening event, Body, Mind and Spirit. Also, thanks to **Mark Steinbach** and **Rev. Janet Cooper-Anderson** for their excellent presentations and contributions to our local chapter. Gigi is working hard preparing for our next events which will take place after the New Year. As November and December are extremely busy months for all of us, this will be the only newsletter until January of 2020. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the RI AGO, I want to wish everyone a happy and successful holiday season. Please look for our January newsletter and the upcoming events for the New Year. At present, there is still a vacancy for a Board Member at Large. If anyone is interested, please contact me at your convenience.

Stephen P. Kirby, *Dean*

FROM THE SUB-DEAN

Attendees participating in Mark Steinbach's talk and demonstration of Alexander techniques designed to enable greater facility in playing the organ



2019-2020 SEASON THEME REVEAL
HOMECOMING: BACK TO BASICS

UPCOMING EVENTS – Dates TBD

PLEASE CONTINUO! – May 16, 2020

Peter Sykes and **Jacob Stott** introduce the basics of playing continuo and explore the art of thoroughbass or figured bass. This will improve your understanding of some music theory basics and also improve your ear, help you to improvise a little, and demonstrate the components of tasteful accompanying. Hosted by **Stephen Martorella** at First Baptist Church in America.

MAD ABOUT THE MASS

This little workshop may be one of the most valuable yet in terms of giving you practical skills to gain the confidence to play a Catholic Mass no matter what your background is. Two excellent, experienced musicians, **Stephen Romano**, head of National Pastoral Musicians in Rhode Island and Director of Liturgical Music at Providence's St. Augustine Church, and **Terry Lindsay**, Director of Music Ministry at Cranston's Immaculate Conception, will inform and guide you through the process of playing the Mass. Hosted by Terry Lindsay at St. Augustine Church.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES AND ACCOMPANYING SILENT FILM WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play the organ for a silent movie by just sitting on the bench, watching the film and then just improvising? Internationally acclaimed organist for silent films, **Peter Krasinski**, Organist of First Church Christ Scientist in Providence, has played for silent films to great critical and popular acclaim all over the globe. He will present a Saturday Night full-length feature silent film. In a separate workshop session, we will learn how it's done and have a chance to try it ourselves!

Every level can participate in this fun and engaging event. Hosted by **Fred Jodry** at First Unitarian Church of Providence.

MEMBERS' RECITAL AND ANNUAL MEETING

This year we will be hosted by **Henri St. Louis** in the beautiful church of Our Lady of Mercy in East Greenwich.

Subject to Change



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

St. Patrick Catholic Church 3/19
2068 Cranston St., Cranston, RI 02920
Fr. Roger Durand, 401-944-0001(day) 401-499-1076(eve)
Rodgers \$12,000 3 weekend Masses O/D

Greenville Baptist Church 7/19
582 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI 02828
Elizabeth Gates 401-949-1134 (church),
401-632-6748 (text only)
Moller \$15-16,000 O/D

Woodridge Congregational Church 7/19
546 Budlong Rd., Cranston, RI 02920
Rev. Scott Spencer 401-942-0662, 508-838-0035 (c)
Wicks \$13,500 O/D

EVENTS

Thursday, October 31, Noon: Sarah Simko, Doctoral student in organ performance studying with Dr. James Kibbie at University of Michigan, presents a concert of music by living women composers, followed by a brief talk about the composers and her research project. She is making a comprehensive set of recordings of living American female composers to provide access to a rich but little known repertoire. You are invited to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Free; donations accepted. Grace Church, 300 Westminster Street, Providence. Some parking available in the church lot.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

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

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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
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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)

EVENTS

Sunday, November 3 at 4:30 pm: Diana Norton-Jackson will play a recital for the celebration of All Saints' Day at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wickford. Featured composers include R. Vaughn-Williams, Grayson Ives, C. H. H. Parry and A. Corelli. This will be followed at 5 pm by Choral Evensong with the St. Paul's Choir under the direction of **Dr. Todd Borgerding**.

SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to 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

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