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FAREWELL

It is with much sadness that I report the death of one of our former members, **Russell L. Lovell**. Russ died February 24, 2009 in the ICU of U-Mass Worcester Hospital of pneumonia as a result of influenza. He had attended Berkeley School of Music and briefly studied composing with Sir David Willcocks. He had eclectic interests from cats and cooking to architect Ralph Adams Cram. He had prepared a photographic exhibit of Cram's ecclesiastical achievements that was displayed at MIT. His musical goal was to create transcendence in the churches in which he played. Russ had a keen eye for pretension and sharp pen and wit to expose it. After moving to Pepperell, MA, he was a well-booked substitute at many Massachusetts churches, accompanied local choral groups, and was an assistant for the Morel Organ Company of Arlington.

—Doris Alberg

EVENTS

NEWPORT BAROQUE PRESENTS

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 3pm: Free lecture by Harvard music librarian **Douglas Freundlich** on the opera, *Dido & Aeneas* titled *Finally Getting Dido's "Wrongs" Right*. The lecture will include musical excerpts from Newport Baroque's production of Henry Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas* with soprano soloist **Christine Teeters**. Redwood Library and Athenæum, 50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. Donations accepted to benefit Newport Baroque. Handicapped accessible. www.newportbaroque.org, 401-855-3096.

Friday, April 24, 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 25, 8:00 pm: Henry Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas*, an unstaged performance of Purcell's beloved English opera with soloists, chorus and orchestra under the direction of **Paul Cienniwa**. The program will also feature a selection of arias by Bach and Purcell. Emmanuel Church, 42 Dearborn Street, Newport. Preferred seating (front six rows): \$30; General admission: \$25; Seniors/Students/Military/WGBH/EMA: \$22.50 (10% discount); Ages 6-18: \$10. Handicapped accessible. Tickets: ArtTix, 401-621-6123. www.newportbaroque.org, 401-855-3096.

Encore performance: Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm:

First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street, Boston. \$10 suggested donation (no pre-reserved seating). Handicapped accessible.

Sunday, April 26, 4:00 pm:

Music of Broadway--mostly: **Phillip Martorella**, pianist and organist, with members and friends of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 118 Division Street, East Greenwich. Tickets: Adults/\$10; Family/\$20; Children under 10/\$5. 401 884-5572. www.firstlutheraneg.org.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

Church of Christ the King (RC) 12/08
130 Legris Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893
Rev. John Codega: 401-821-9228
Organist \$300/week

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (ELCA) 1/09
383 Old North Road, Kingston, RI 02881
Rev. Juliet Bongfeldt: 401-789-7776; 401-295-8638
Organist/Pianist \$125-175/service Moeller 2 Man. Pipe/Digital

Contact Howard Phelps (821-8475) for more information.

MEMBER MATTERS

Best wishes for a complete recovery to Fred Smith who is finally on the mend after having open heart surgery this fall.

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Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no RC/weddings, \$150 min.)
Phelps, Howard: 401-821-8475 (no RC)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (all, interim)

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Allard, Jeff: 401-447-9035 (funerals)
Boucher, Paul: 401-837-4802 (weddings, funerals, including RC)
Bush, Brink: 401-245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Cienniwa, Paul: 508-676-8483 (\$150 min)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838
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Johnson, Mark D.: 401-996-9796 (no weddings; \$150 funerals)
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Email to celalla@cox.net.

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