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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members of the RIAGO,

As I sit here waiting for yet another Nor'easter. I can not believe that Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are so soon upon us. May your Easter preparations prove spiritually fruitful for all of you.

My sincerest thanks to Gigi and Patrick for leading a successful workshop on March 17. Our year has moved along quite quickly. Nick, the sub dean, is preparing for the Members' Recital. We will firm up the date and time during the next month. Several people have expressed interest in playing at this recital. Please contact me if you are interested. Usually, the recital is followed by a pot-luck dinner and the Annual Meeting. We have two Board Members with expiring terms. They are eligible for another two year term, but if any Guild members wish to join the Board, please let me know.

Also, I received an announcement from the Worcester Chapter of the AGO. They are co-sponsoring Cameron Carpenter in Concert at Mechanics Hall on April 26. He is a wonderfully trained performing organist. I am in the process of getting a ticket. The Concert begins at 8pm. Please check this event on the Worcester AGO website.

Have a pleasant spring,

Stephen Kirby, Dean
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Note: To receive messages from the Dean, email him to have him add your address to his list.

VOX OCEANA, TAO ONLINE

Just a reminder that you can see past newsletters as well as the current letter online at riago.org. You can also receive the newsletter via email (and save your chapter printing and postage costs) by contacting editor Althea Allard at altheaallard@gmail.com. Flyers are posted online, and items that featured color are *in color!* Why not make the change today!

Also note that *The American Organist* magazine is now available online at the national website. Also available to members are several free organ tutorials you might want to check out.

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
390 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840
Zoe Adamedes. 401-441-0456
Adams & Son \$3,000-4,000. O/D

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3/18
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

MARCH EVENT RECAP

March 17 saw members gather at Central Congregational Church in Providence for a lively presentation by **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco** and **Patrick Aiken**. Gigi offered tips and hand-outs with techniques to energize a choir, and the attendees certainly were energized as they were transformed into a responsive choir within minutes, thanks to a physical workout and laughs along the way, essential to getting a choir to relax, cohere, and respond to direction, according to Gigi.

Patrick assembled the group in the choir loft to inform--and entertain--with advice and experience of directing a choir from the console, noting his good fortune that the console of the organ had been arranged to allow choir and organist to see each other. No tall music stand impeded the eye contact. Patrick also illustrated appropriate stops for accompanying a choir and warned against some of the "mixed messages" an organist might inadvertently give to a choir.

It was a morning well-spent by all present. Thanks to Gigi and Patrick for their contributions to improving music in church.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

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Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
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Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)

EVENTS

Sunday, April 8 at 3:00pm: Musicke's Cordes: Samuel Breene, Baroque violin; **Jeffrey Noonan**, theorbo & Baroque guitar present *Music from the Chapels and Courts of Germany* at The First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence. Free Admission.

Sunday, April 22 at 3:00pm: Newman Congregational Church, UCC, presents the Newman Church Choir under the direction of **Geoffrey Greene** in *The Parable of the Trees* by **Chris Turner** with *Requiem* and instrumental selections also by Turner. 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford, RI. Suggested donation: \$10 to benefit the Choir program at the Church. Reception follows. 401.434.4742, X10.

See flyer for additional information.

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

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 you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.

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Jeffrey Noonan, theorbo & Baroque guitar

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The First Baptist Church in America

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75 North Main Street, Providence, RI -

Free Admission

Newman Congregational Church, UCC
presents

The Parable of the Trees

by

Chris Turner



also featuring

Requiem and *Instrumental Selections* by Chris Turner

Newman Church Choir
Geoffrey Greene, Director
Becky Bass, Soprano
Barbara Youmans, Alto
Matt Kleyla, Tenor
Lucky Rattan, Bass

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3 PM

with a reception following

Suggested Donation - \$10

All proceeds to benefit the music program of Newman Church
100 Newman Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets available
at the Church Office or by calling 401-434-4742 x10