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FROM THE EDITOR

RIAGO is thankful to **Mark Steinbach** and Brown University for bringing to town **James David Christie** in early February for a recital and a masterclass. Hear Christie in recital on February 3 (or if you're in Newport, hear **Dr. Neal Campbell**) and attend Christie's masterclass at the end of the week, Saturday February 9 in Sayles Hall. Later in the month, **Patrick Aiken** concertizes in East Providence, and **Adam Schneider** and Mark Steinbach's students round out the month in East Providence—see Events for details.

Another unusual opportunity came my way via an e-mail from Robert Farrell:

I am creating a list of organists who would like to receive one of my Preludes each month. I do this absolutely free of charge. My reward is having my music played in a sacred setting. If you want to become a member of my "Prelude of the Month" program, just reply to farrell39@comcast.net with your email address and you will receive a prelude around the 1st of the month. You can learn more about me by visiting my web site: www.rfarrell.net/free.

I printed the sample prelude for December, on *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, which is clearly printed and easy to read. I also went to the website and saw that Mr. Farrell has composed a number of Mass settings—notably *Lord Have Mercy, Holy, Lamb of God*, as well as several settings of Latin hymns (for instance, *Panis Angelicus*). It may be worth a look.

Althea

2008 NATIONAL AGO CONVENTION NEWS

The early registration deadline of January 31 is rapidly approaching for the 2008 AGO National Convention, June 22-26, in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Take full advantage of the discounted early registration rates and get all the details about the convention at <http://www.ago2008.org/>.

Highlights include concert, matins and evensong with the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir of London, an opportunity to attend a presentation of *Pipedreams Live!* hosted by American Public Media's Michael Barone marking the start of the International Year of the Organ, the U.S. premiere of the *Te Deum* by Siegfried Matthus at the St. Paul Cathedral with massed choirs and orchestra, a performance NOT TO BE MISSED, and more than 60 workshops including a special pedagogy track focusing on the organ music of Olivier Messiaen and a gala evening concert of Messiaen's instrumental music.

The convention headquarters hotel, The Hilton Minneapolis, boasts high-speed wireless internet in all rooms and a convention room rate of \$138 per night. Reservations: (888) 933-5353 or use the link on the convention Web site.

EVENTS

Sunday, February 3, 4:00 pm:

Dr. Neal Campbell will present an organ recital at Trinity Church, Newport. Dr. Campbell is the Director of Music and Organist at St. Luke's Episcopal, Darien, CT. Reception follows. Recital admission by donation. Parking available in the church lot off Spring Street and in the Mary Street commercial lot.

Sunday, February 3, 4:00 pm:

Guest artist **James David Christie**, organist, plays the 1903 Hutchings-Votey organ at Sayles Hall, Brown University. Free. Handicapped accessible. (401) 863-2344

Monday, February 4, 8:00 am:

Morning Munch at the Cinnamon Café.

Monday, February 4, 7:30 pm:

Executive board meeting at 30 Huguenot Drive, East Greenwich.

Saturday, February 9, 11:00 am:

Masterclass with **James David Christie**, Sayles Hall, Brown University. Free. (401) 863-2344.

Sunday, February 10, 3:00 pm:

Patrick Aiken gives an organ concert of works by Bach, Vierne Eben, Gynt on the Alhborn-Galanti AG3100 organ at Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. Admission \$5. (401) 431-1972 (*see enclosed flyer*).

Sunday, February 24, 4:00 pm:

Memorial organ recital on the 32 rank two manual Berkshire pipe organ at St Mark's Episcopal Church features **Adam Schneider** and students of **Mark Steinbach**. CDs of the instrument with organist Schneider will be available. Free will offering supports the Organ Console project. 10 Turner Avenue, Riverside.

MEMBER MATTERS

Congratulations to **Jeff Allard** on his appointment as Organist/Director at Peacedale Congregational Church and to **Marie Chabot**, newly appointed Organist/Choir Director at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Cumberland.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

Amicable Congregational (United Church of Christ) 10/07
3736 Main Street, Tiverton, RI 02878
Barbara Zeiser (401) 624-3710
O/D \$10000-12000 Allen 2 Manual

Peace Dale Congregational Church (U. Church of Christ) 12/07
261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879
Carol Anne Hayes (401) 364-9308
O/D \$22000-\$27000 Moller 2 Man 20 Ranks

St. Stephen Lutheran Church 12/07
537 Bolton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
Pastor Scott Howard (508) 485-9585
Naomi George (978) 568-9819
O/D \$10000-13500 Ahlborn Galanti - 2 man Electronic

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

OTHER REGIONAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 3, 12:15 pm:

Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA: *Pipes Alive* recital series featuring **Scott Lamlein**. Free; donations accepted. (508) 799-4191; Series concerts listings www.wesleychurchworchester.org.

Sunday, February 24, 3:00 pm:

Central Baptist Church, 2 Union Square, Norwich, CT: *L'orgue Mystique: Music for a Darkened Sanctuary*, featuring **Jesse Glaude**, organist in an all-French program. Free; reception follows.

REGIONAL BLOG LAUNCHED

Regional Councilor E Lary Grossman has created a blog to bring New England chapters news of each other. He urges us to check out the blog and send our calendar items to him at: www.agonewengland.blogspot.com

FROM THE EDITOR

Submit for March newsletter by February 20, by e-mail (preferred) or snail-mail: aallard@ccri.edu; 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861-2143.

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