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FROM THE SUB-DEAN



THE OLD YEAR HATH ENDED... and it's time to put up your 2009 calendars and mark them with some of our exciting upcoming programs, beginning with a program by author **Martha Sobaje** and editor **Brink Bush** who will discuss two treasures for your winter reading on Sunday, January 25 in the Trickett Parlor of Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston at 7:30 pm. Martha and Brink will be discussing their recent books on two great pedagogues of the organ – Russell Saunders and Virgil Fox. Martha has authored the book *The Silver Fox: The Life and Legacy of Russell Saunders*, who was her teacher, and Brink was the editor of *The Innermost Secrets* by T. Ernest Nichols on the life and work of another Fox, including his teaching techniques and pedaling exercises. We are privileged to have such scholars in the ranks of our membership, and we hope you will be inspired by their presentations.

RIAGO GOES TO THE THEATER on Sunday, February 15 at The First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street at 3 pm. RIAGO in conjunction with The First Baptist Church in America's *Music at the Meetinghouse* will present Thurston Moore's multimedia musical dramatization *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach*, the critically acclaimed production now in its 13th year proclaiming Schweitzer's message of peace and reverence for life. Schweitzer, who was an organist, organ builder, and Bach scholar, will have some of his favorite Bach works performed by chapter organists **Jeff Allard**, **Peter Krasinski**, **Nancy Nicholson**, **Leilani Nixon**, and **Stephen Martorella**, while Dr. William "Doc" Hutchinson, Rhode Island College faculty emeritus will read the words of Dr. Schweitzer along with readers representing our Rhode Island community services. Donations will be accepted which will be split with PICA serving the Rhode Island community and the RIAGO Chapter Scholarship funds. Bring a friend to this exciting event and help support these worthy endeavors that our chapter is proud to participate in.



RIAGO is proud to support the accomplishments and ongoing endeavors of its members. Come and join in the ongoing work of our chapter by sending us your news and events. Support our chapter events and scholarship programs and help us to create a stronger awareness of organ and choral music in Rhode Island through a vibrant, alive and professional organization dedicated to these ideals. Support your chapter!

—Stephen

EVENTS

Sunday, January 11, 3:00 pm:

Christopher Gage will present an organ recital featuring the music of Bach, Couperin, Franck, Mendelssohn, and others. Reception to follow. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford.

Saturday, February 21, 7:00 pm:

Bach Cantatas: an educational outreach program with Providence College and Sine Nomine Choral Ensembles. The Smith Center for the Arts at Providence College 333 Eaton St., Providence. Free; handicapped accessible. www.newportbaroque.org, 401-855-3096

METHUEN ORGAN FEATURED

The series TourBus is proud to announce the release of the second DVD which features the great organ in Methuen, Massachusetts, introduced by Dr. Carol Williams who tours inside the organ to see its mammoth workings. Dr. Williams then speaks with Edward J. Sampson (President of the Board of Trustees) as he explains the history of this amazing instrument. Music includes *Mad Rush*, Philip Glass; *Riff Raff*, Giles Swayne; *Toccata in Seven*, John Rutter; *Mozart Changes*, Zsolt Gardonyi, and *The Entertainer*, Scott Joplin.

<http://melcot.com/recordings.html>

STUDY TOUR OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Michael Bauer, Professor of Organ and Church Music the University of Kansas sends a note that the University of Kansas is sponsoring a North German Organ Study Tour from July 28-August 10, 2009, under his direction. This tour will include a significant number of the major Schnitger organs, as well as renaissance instruments, important 17th century organs by Scherer and Stellwagen, romantic organs by Ladegast and Sauer, and contemporary instruments by Ahrend and Metzler, a tour of Ahrend shop and free time in Hamburg and Lübeck. Information: <http://www2.ku.edu/~organ>; mbauer@ku.edu, or 785-864-9744.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Bob Nolan**, recently appointed organist/director at Woodridge Congregational Church and to **Bill Lacey**, organist/director at Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

In an effort to increase the value of the benefits package for AGO voting members, access to the Positions Available listings on the AGO National website will be limited exclusively to AGO voting members as of Monday, December 15th. It is appropriate that these listings be made available only to voting members, since members' dues pay for the operation of the Guild's website and maintenance of its job postings board. In addition, this new limitation will ensure that only those organists who have agreed to abide by the AGO Code of Ethics and Code of Professional Standards will have access to the jobs advertised on the AGO website.

When you go to view the details of a Position Available online, you will be asked to fill in a User Name and Password. Enter your unique AGO identification number in both fields to gain access to the details of all job openings. Your ID number is located above your name on the address label that appears on your copy of TAO each month. This login procedure may be further refined and enhanced in the weeks ahead. Questions: 212-870-2310.

REGIONAL CONVENTION

Boston 2009 Regional Convention (July 1-4, 2009) The steering committee, led by Michael Kleinschmidt, has been working very hard to finalize plans for our regional convention next summer. This is a joint convention with Region II (New York and New Jersey) and promises to be a spectacular event. Details of performers and sessions, as well as discounted early registration are now online: <http://www.agoboston2009.com/>

FROM THE REGION ONE BLOG

The 15th annual AGO National Conference on Organ Pedagogy will be held in New Haven, CT from March 11-14, 2009. The Yale Institute of Sacred Music, an interdisciplinary graduate center dedicated to the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the arts, will host the conference. The four-day conference will be held at the Institute, in the Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, as well as other locations at Yale University, and in downtown New Haven. Information is available at http://www.yale.edu/ism/events/ago_main.html

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 7/08
381 School Street, North Kingston, RI 02852
Rev Bertrand Theroux (401) 884-2105
O/D \$25,000 LA Carlson 2 Mn Pipe

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

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

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

REPORT ANY CHANGES TO HOWARD PHELPS

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
Gage, Christopher: 401-632-1863 (all)
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (all)
Lide, Mary Jane: 401-714-0011 (all)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no RC/weddings, \$150 min.)
Phelps, Howard: 401-821-8475 (no RC)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (all, interim)

NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

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
Daly, Joan: 401-943-5191 (weddings, funerals)
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (weddings, funerals, accompanist)
Johnson, Mark D.: 401-996-9796 (no weddings; \$150 funerals)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (weddings, funerals)
Morse, David: 401-486-0244 (no Sunday AM)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (no Sunday AM)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (weddings, funerals, non-Sun. services)
Rankin, Jane B.: 401-884-0669 (funerals)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-823-8024 (weddings, funerals, no RC)
Tagen, Julie: 401-885-7438 (weddings, funerals)
Yoreo, Dorothy: 401-246-1223 (all)

MUSIC OF RHODE ISLAND


The Rhode Island Pipes CD features Rhode Island organists playing noteworthy Rhode Island instruments. Only \$18.50! See performer and venue details online at www.riago.org. Contact Julie Tagen to order.

SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 20th of each month
Submissions: Send Word or Text files to aallard@ccri.edu or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861.
Advertising: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), TIFF, or EPS. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to cclalla@cox.net.

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18
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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#0901 - Going On Record - begin a New Year with a multi-national survey of sonically beguiling recent organ recordings.

#0902 - At Large in Austria - a prelude to the upcoming spring Pipedreams Organ Tour in the land of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Brahms and Bruckner.

#0903 - Pipedreams Live! in Collegedale, Tennessee - instrument, artist, and audience participate in music improvised, played and sung.

#0904 - Mendelssohn the Musician - we celebrate composer, recitalist, promoter, and creator of the most important organ works after Bach, on the occasion of his bicentennial: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

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