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FROM THE EDITOR: Due to my sister's sudden death in December in St. Louis and the attendant responsibilities, we are combining the January and February newsletters. We apologize for the inconvenience.—Althea

FROM THE DEAN

Dear friends,

With the New Year come new and exciting events for our chapter. Thanks to those who attended the Guild Christmas Party. Congratulations to Chris Sousa for traveling the greatest distance to come to the party. A post party was held on New Year's Day as we watched the annual New Year's concert with the Vienna Philharmonic!

On January 26th, an improvisation workshop was held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Attending members were joined by a member of the Merrimack Valley Chapter who drove down for the event. (Hope you saw the coverage in Sunday's *Providence Journal*, 1/27/13.)

On Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m., Susan Soscia of Alpha Physical Therapy, 1700 Cranston Street, Cranston, presents the last in a series of three workshops by prominent medical professionals aimed at helping chapter members with the physical and mental strain that comes along with our profession. Thanks to those who are able to attend.

Thanks also to those members who solicited and donated ads for our commemorative ad book (deadline February 1st) to be printed in time for the concert on Monday, March 1st at 7:00 pm, in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, featuring Maestro **Sergio Militello**, Music Director of the Basilica of Santa Marie del Fiore, (the Duomo) Florence, and the Gregorian Concert Choir and Organist under the direction of our Chaplain, Rev. Monsignor Anthony Mancini. I will be fortunate to perform in this concert on organ and piano. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. I hope for a great showing of Chapter members at this historic and significant performance.

On March 10th at 4:00 pm, our Chapter is co-sponsoring a Recital by **Olivier Latty**, Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, at Sayles Hall, Brown University. You are all invited to attend this second recital of a world renowned organist in our state within a 10-day span!

Some changes have taken place regarding officers of our chapter. Sub Dean Dan Romero has returned to his native Colorado thus opening up the position of Sub Dean. Thanks to Chris Sousa who has agreed to take this position until elections in June. Kathy Hart has graciously accepted a nomination for this office and will be on the ballot at our annual meeting.

Our Treasurer, Larry Wilson has also resigned due to scheduling conflicts, and Doris Alberg has graciously agreed to fulfill this position. Thank you Doris, for stepping in to help in this important post.

Please check the calendar on our website www.riago.org to see what is happening each month in our chapter. The website has a direct link to our Facebook page where I frequently post items and notices of interest. These two additional means of communication enable each of us to know what is happening in our chapter.

Once again, I thank all of you for your support during these last few months and I look forward to more exciting events in the months to come. Please make an effort to attend Chapter sponsored events which are planned with you in mind! I hope to see many of you especially at the two recitals in March.

Warm regards,
Philip Faraone, Dean

EVENTS

Monday, February 4, 7:00 pm: Susan Soscia, PT presents the last in a series of three workshops aimed at helping chapter members with the physical and mental strain that comes along with our profession. Alpha Physical Therapy, 1700 Cranston Street, Cranston.

Sunday, February 10, 4:00 pm: The Choir of Trinity Church will sing Evensong to celebrate the end of the Epiphany season. This reflective service of prayers and music will feature choral works of Sumsion, Byrd, Paulus and Noble. Trinity Episcopal Church, One Queen Anne Square, Newport, RI. For more information: www.trinitynewport.org

Friday, March 1, 7:00 pm: RIAGO presents Maestro **Sergio Militello**, Organist, Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, Florence, in concert with the **Gregorian Concert Choir** at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Free admission; reception to follow. (See back page)

Sunday March 10, 4:00 pm: Brown University presents **Olivier Latry**, Organist Titulaire of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris, and Professor of Music at the Paris Conservatory. Sayles Hall, Brown University; free. 863-2344. **This event is co-sponsored by RIAGO.**

MEMBER MATTERS

Corrections to the Directory:

Chiduzie Madubata, MD, writes to clarify that he is a substitute organist, a member of St. Stephen's Church, and not organist at the church. He regrets the possible confusion.

Jackie Gourd is working as a substitute organist (not retired).

Geoffrey Greene has new e-mail address: geoffgreeneprovvy@gmail.com

Lois Conboy fell and broke her hip the last weekend of January. She is at Miriam Hospital and would surely appreciate a card there or at home.

NEW DMA PROGRAM

The University of Notre Dame is launching a new Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) program with majors in organ and choral conducting, beginning in Fall 2013; applications will be received until February 1, 2013, with auditions in March. For contact info: <http://al.nd.edu/news/36307-notre-dame-launches-new-doctor-of-musical-arts-program/>

For short videos featuring the studio teachers:

see the blog: <http://blogs.nd.edu/sacredmusicnd/>

the Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/sacredmusicnd

the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sacredmusicND

A MUSICIAN'S RESPONSE TO TRAGEDY

Composer David Haas writes in *Stanza*, the journal of the Hymn Society of his concern for pastoral musicians who must minister and lead the sung prayer for funerals, especially in painful or crisis situations. In Newtown, both the shooter and his mother were members of St. Rose of Lima Catholic parish. Aware of the difficult time those parish ministers must be having, David says, "I have been thinking, what can we as pastoral musicians (and fellow pilgrims) do in a practical way? So I have found the address of the parish, and the names of two of the music directors there....I would like to invite you... to consider writing them a card or a note (not an e-mail, but an actual card or note, that they can hold in their hands), to share our support, our prayers...in solidarity with those who are entrusted with the ministry of sung prayer during these most difficult times."

Here is the address and contact information: Joe Jacovino and Brian Kirmil, Directors of Music, St. Rose of Lima Church, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470-1648. This parish and other worshiping communities in Newtown will need a long time to heal, so don't think that your notes would come too late to be helpful.

—Stephen T. Martorella



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Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI
Joann Brown: 401-949-1134; 401-349-4423 e
Organist only 10-13 K Moeller 6 rks about 40 yrs old

St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea (Episcopal) 9/12
The Commons, PO# 491, Little Compton, RI 02837
Rev Peter Tierney: 401-635-2452
O/ChM c 20K Allen

St Paul's Episcopal 10/12
Park Place, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Fr. William Locke: 401-728-4300; 401-728-1148
O/ChM 26-36K 35 rks/ Austin Opus2700

First Baptist - Pawtucket (American Baptist) 10/12
91 cottage St, Pawtucket, RI
Catherine Grant 401-725-7225 9
O/ChM \$7200 Wicks 1960 3 man.

First Presbyterian 11/12
Everett St, Newport, RI
Contact Brian Larkin for details: 401-272-8318
O/ChM 1975 Casavant 3 M pipe/digital

UCC Middletown 12/12
524 Valley Rd, Middletown, RI
Merri Lade: 401-849-5444
O/Pianist 10-12 K Allen 20 years old

St Anthony (RC) 1/13
2836 East Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI
Rev. Daniel Gray: 203-683-0089
O/ChM Negotiable 1979 Rodgers 2 man.

St Peter's by the Sea 1/13
72 Central St, Narragansett, RI
The Rev. R. Casey Shobe: 401-783-4623
Interim O/Piano \$200 Hook & Hastings 1879/1999

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

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Dupont, Jean-Richard: 401-434-8476 (all, no weddings/choirs)
Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
Goncharova, Natalya: 401-334-9157
Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
Lee, Saeah Lee: (781)664-3958 (all)
Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
Morgan, James: 401-737-5398 (all)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no weddings, \$150 min)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
Scheibert, Beverly Jerold: 508-339-0579 (all, weddings/funerals)
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
Vison, Duncan: 401-932-8191 (July&Aug for Sun./weddings etc.)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

Brown, Ronald: 508-222-0824 (funerals only)
Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)
Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786 (no Sun. a.m.)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (no Sun. a.m.)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
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Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10
Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.

◇◇◇ LENTEN CONCERT ◇◇◇

Maestro Sergio Militello, Organist

Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore
Florence, Italy

In concert with the

Gregorian Concert Choir

Conducted by

Reverend Monsignor Anthony Mancini
Mr. Philip Faraone, Cathedral Organist



Friday March 1st

7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

Free admission

Reception to follow in Cathedral Hall

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