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## FROM THE DEAN

Now that the season of graduations, end-of-term school concerts (and exams!), and weekend travel for otherwise committed choir members is upon us, I hasten to add another event to your summer calendar: our final event of the season, the annual Members' Recital and dinner meeting, on Sunday June 14th, at St. Luke RC Church, 108 Washington Road, Barrington. The festivities will kick off at 5:00 pm. See the article by Stephen Kirby, our host for this event, in this issue, and mark your calendars now!

And speaking of summer musical activities, what exciting and/or refreshing conferences, workshops, or courses are you taking on this year, either for "continuing education" or just to renew and refresh your creative musical spirit? I will be attending the AGO Northeast Regional Convention in New Haven June 28-July 1, and am looking forward to an enticing array of recitals and workshops, touring the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the famous Yale Music Library and collection of musical instruments, and much else! And who could resist the great Thomas Murray performing on the massive organ at Yale's Woolsey Hall on the final night?

In July, I hope to make a long-awaited return trip to England, to attend the Southern Cathedrals Festival (the choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals in services and concerts, this year hosted by Salisbury Cathedral), and the world-famous Three Choirs Festival at Hereford Cathedral. When I was a Lay Clerk at Gloucester Cathedral, I had the privilege of singing in the 1994 Three Choirs Festival at Hereford, so this will be a sort of homecoming for me. The festival celebrates a remarkable 300th anniversary this year, and features a stellar lineup of international artists (not to mention the myriad related events and smaller concerts of the festival "Fringe"), and the 200-voice Festival Chorus performing major works each night, backed up by the renowned Philharmonia Orchestra. It promises to be a week of spectacular music in incomparably beautiful settings.

I hope your summer is filled with rest, renewal of body, mind, and spirit, and just enough intellectual and musical stimulation to whet your appetite for another year of musicmaking that is food for your soul and your vocation, and a blessing to your congregations!

Onward and upward!

*John Brooks, Dean*

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

As we end another year, we remind you of the individuals, so generous of their time, who serve as elected or appointed board members. This is the time of year when we elect our slate of officers. Please see the ballot on page 3 and return it at the annual meeting.

Historian: N. Peter LaMoria

Membership: Christopher Souza

Newsletter: Althea Allard

Placement: Brian Larkin

Publicity: Stephen Martorella

Auditors: Denise Petrucci, Jackie Gourd

Executive Committee Members-at-Large:

2015-16: Henri St. Louis, Julie Tagen

2016-17: Philip Martorella, Stephen Kirby

Regional Councillor: Cheryl Duerr

## RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 pm:** Philip Martorella, pianist, presents Beethoven sonatas 30-32 at Courthouse Centerstage, 3481 Kingston Road, West Kingston. RI. Free will offering benefits Courthouse Center for the Arts.

**Sunday, June 14 at 5:00 pm:** Annual Dinner Meeting (pot luck - see item, opposite) preceded by Members' Recital at St.Luke's Catholic Church, Barrington.

**Friday, June 19 at 7:00 pm:** Janet Dokes, vocalist of Houston, Texas, and Stephen Martorella, piano & organ, "Come Celebrate Jesus and Remember the Good" at Calvary Baptist Church Providence. Tickets \$21 at door or online at <https://consequatur-11721.ticketbud.com/ri-celebration-concert>



MINISTER OF MUSIC: First Baptist Church of Pawtucket seeks Holy Spirit-filled Christian for the part-time position of Minister of Music. Applicant:

\*Holds bachelor's degree in music-related field or has formal training toward such a degree

\*Has at least 2 years experience in organizing, directing and building church choirs and praise teams

\*Is an accomplished musician on Wicks pedal pipe organ, and keyboard. (Experience with the guitar is a plus.)

\*Can design a music program blending traditional Baptist hymns and contemporary Gospel church music

\*Can organize schedules and rehearsals of choir and/or praise team

\*Is familiar with diverse genres of music that enhance the worship experience of a multicultural congregation

\*Can bring worshipful and music excellence to our church

\*Works well with a variety of people such as volunteer singers and instrumentalists, pastor and deacons

\*Enjoys ministering in the church and in the community

Can commit for 10 hours a week, including Sunday mornings.

Salary and benefits are competitive and based on qualifications.

Send letter of interest and resume to First Baptist Church, 91 Cottage Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

Attention: Diaconate, or email [fbcpawtri@verizon.net](mailto:fbcpawtri@verizon.net) with Music Minister in subject line. To learn more about our church, visit [www.fbcpawtucket.org](http://www.fbcpawtucket.org)



## MEMBERS' RECITAL

As was indicated in our May newsletter, Dean Brooks invited all of the members to the Members' Recital on Sunday, June 14 at 5 pm at St Luke's Church. We have three very talented organists who will be playing for the membership.

After the recital, we will move to the church hall and have a pot luck summer supper. We do not have a stove in the hall, but we do have a microwave. Please seriously consider joining us as we update the membership on the new slate of officers and outline our events for the 2015-2016 AGO Year. It will be a pleasant time to meet with old and new friends in the Guild. I will be forwarding reminder details as the event approaches. If anyone has any questions, please contact me via [LoftyNotes@aol.com](mailto:LoftyNotes@aol.com).

Stephen P. Kirby, Sub Dean ( as of 6/14/15)

Anticipated program for the recital includes **Matthew Kelly**, repertoire to be announced, **Michael Browner** playing **Hymn Medley**

1. Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand (St. Crispin)
2. I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me
3. In The New Jerusalem
4. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Blaenwern)
5. Christ Is Alive
6. We, They People, Praise Thee (St. Anthony's Chorale)

and **Cody Mead** offering

Scherzo in C Major Franz Schubert

transcribed by Cody Mead

Two Pieces from "24 Negro Melodies"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor – interpreted 'en style libre'

II. The Bamboula

X. Deep River

Répons Pour le Temps de Pâques

Jeanne Demessieux

## LOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

### From Sea to Shining Sea

Organ and MultiMedia Concert

Dr. Jeannine Jordan, organist

with David Jordan, media artist

Friday, September 18, 2015

Watch for details in next newsletter (August).

## IMPROVISATION COMPETITION

The University of Michigan Organ Improvisation Competition, cosponsored by the Ann Arbor Chapter of AGO is open to persons of any age, and is not limited to citizens of the United States. Applications for the competition (including a CD recording) must be received by July 1, 2015. The final round will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, on October 4, 2015, as part of our 55th Annual Conference on Organ Music.

*First Prize \$3,000; Second Prize \$2,000; Third Prize \$1,000*

Deadline for Applications: July 1, 2015

Details, and application form: <http://www.music.umich.edu/departments/organ/ImprovisationCompetition.htm>

Questions: [kolaowo@umich.edu](mailto:kolaowo@umich.edu)

Thanks & Best Wishes,

Kola Owolabi

Associate Professor of Organ, University of Michigan

## RENEWALS

We encourage you to visit [agohq.org](http://agohq.org) and find the membership tab. Have a label from *The American Organist* handy for your membership number. Then follow the clear instructions. Please process your renewal as soon as possible. We'd like all members listed in the Directory. Add-ins too often fall through the cracks. Don't miss out on any issue of *The American Organist* and the opportunity to be listed among the available substitutes on the website and in the newsletter, if that is your wish.

Thanks.



### BALLOT

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- \_\_\_\_\_ **Executive Committee 2017-18:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alan Cotnoir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cody Mead

*Kindly mark and return at annual meeting 6/14/15*



## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

### AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

- Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589
- Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
- Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
- Goncharova, Natalya, 401-334-9157
- Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
- Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 comfortable with any keyboard situation
- Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
- Jones, Philip: 508-427-0081
- Jones, William: 401-848-4327 (all)
- Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
- Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
- Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (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)
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- Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
- Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)

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- 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)
- Cranmer, David: 401-447-9848
- Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)
- 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)
- Ogburn, William: 401-294-4357
- Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
- Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (Weddings/Memorials & Funerals)

## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) for more details or changes.

- First Baptist Church 5/15
- 21 Cottage Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
- American Baptist
- Rev. Linda Watkins, pastor
- 401-725-7225; 952-9951 ev.
- Mus. Minister    Wicks 3-manual/12 ranks    7-10K

### SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to [altheaallard@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.