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FROM THE SUBDEAN

Greetings from your Sub-Dean, and I hope you are more or less shoveled out of the six-foot snowdrifts by now!

Our March ORGAN "POPS" masterclass with Mark Laubach is coming up soon, and I wanted to remind you to mark your calendars for this event. Mark will take four or five of our members through their paces in a friendly, engaging manner, playing favorite Preludes, Offertories and Postludes. You will learn a lot from this master teacher, believe me! Bring a few of your own favorite pieces, ask questions, enjoy the fine Holtkamp organ at the chapel, and support your colleagues!

We will meet at 9:30 am in the undercroft area of St. Dominic's Chapel at Providence College, for morning coffee/donuts, and then move upstairs to the chapel for the masterclass from 10-noon.

Mark Laubach has been Canon Organist-Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral (Episcopal) in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, since 1986, and teaches organ privately at Marywood College in Scranton. His bachelor's degree in organ and church music is from Westminster Choir College, and his master's degree is from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with the late, great David Craighead. He was Fellow in Church Music and Organ Scholar at Washington National Cathedral in 1984-85 (following yours truly!), and in 1984 won first prize in the AGO National Young Artists Competition in organ performance. He has played recitals in many notable venues across the country and in England, and co-produces a weekly radio broadcast with the local NPR affiliate, "Music from St. Stephen's." More important than his illustrious career achievements, however, is Mark's enthusiastic dedication to the art of teaching and nurturing the talents of organists at all levels of ability and experience, with wit and an engaging, low-key manner.

You will definitely be engaged, enthused and enlightened by Mark's teaching style, and if you know of organ students (or anyone interested in the art of the organ and its church-related repertoire), please bring them along to this special masterclass. Everyone will go home with a fresh take on playing skills, and with new ideas on pieces ranging from simple hymns to established repertoire items!

Remember: Saturday March 7, beginning at 9:30 am, at Providence College (chapel)! See you there!

Thanks for supporting the educational and social mission of YOUR RIAGO!

All best,
John Brooks

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

June 29 to July 4: Paul Jacobs returns to the **Oregon Bach Festival** to lead participating organists in daily master classes exploring organ performance and technique, plus tours of significant instruments like the Brombaugh Organ in Central Lutheran Church and Hochhalter Organ in First United Methodist Church in Eugene. Participants and auditors attend performances of featured concerts.

Professional organists and students will be selected as participants through an audition process; however, anyone may audit. Information: oregonbachfestival.com/organinstitute.

July 18-24: **Organ Tour in Italy:** Tour Italy (Florence, Rome, Siena, and Arezzo) under the musical guidance of world-renowned Italian organist, Ennio Cominetti.

The Organ Tour program is designed for organists, pianists, and those interested in the pipe organ and provides a unique mix of music, history, and sight-seeing. Participants will play a variety of organs from the 18th century through today with opportunities to perform in masterclasses and attend lectures on organs, organists, and the history of organ music - Italian and beyond. www.organtour.com

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Many of you have changed organ positions since the Directory came out. If you would like to update your information so we know where you are serving, simply send an email to altheaallard@gmail.com for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. "Inquiring minds want to know!" Thanks.

OPT FOR E-MAIL

With the cost of postage going up, we encourage you to opt for the newsletter online. Consider the savings to your organization: \$5.39 per year just for postage, not to mention paper, printing, envelopes, labels. Simply e-mail your intention to altheaallard@gmail.com, and you will receive an e-mail each month when the issue is ready.

Thanks to the several who have made the change this month!

MEMBER MATTERS

Addition to the Directory:

Martha Hartman, 131 Cherry Road, Kingston, RI 02881; 401-789-0461; retired

Congratulations to **Paul Cienniwa** on his recent appointment as Director of the Collegiate Chorale at Stonehill College in Easton, MA in addition to his current tenure as choral director at Framingham State University. Paul has recently published his book *By Heart: The Art of Memorizing Music*, available on Amazon, with the Kindle version remaining one of the top 100 books on "music techniques" for much of the past month.

Congratulations to **Eden Casteel**, whose voice student, Jenny Sullivan, a freshman at St. Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket, has been chosen from among 10,000 national and international nominees to sing in a chorus at Carnegie Hall in the "Honors Performance Series" according to an article by Jessica A. Botelho appearing in *The Rhode Island Catholic* of February 12.

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 pm: Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra, Edward Markward, Director with Nicholas Rocha, accompanist, presents "Psalms of Praise & Peace" featuring winners of the Annual Collegiate Vocal Competition as soloists in Mozart, Duruflé, Nelson and Bernstein. Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, 30 Fenner Street, Providence. See ricco.org for details.

Saturday and Sunday March 28 & 29: Providence Singers, Christine Noel Artistic Director with organist Patrick Aiken present Dvořák, Pärt, Mendelssohn, Stanford, Franz Biebl, and John Tavener. Saturday 7:30 pm at Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence, and Sunday 3 pm at St. Mary's Church, 330 Wood Street, Bristol. See providencesingers.org

CONVENTION NEWS

June 28 - July 1, 2015

Visit www.NewHavenAGO2015.org to see what we are offering. There is a wonderful lineup of presenters, ensembles, and instruments.

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

Congregational Church of Mansfield (UCC) 10/13
17 West Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
Carol Sosman Ham: 508-339-4793
O/ChM Austin 2manual 16K

Trinity Lutheran Church 4/14
100 High Street, Ashaway, RI 02804
Robert Manke, 401-378-8596
O/CM 2-manual, unknown builder 9-11K

Barrington Presbyterian 10/14
Barrington, RI
Rev Patrick Notley 245-2218; ev 626-7852
1 service/ Rodgers organ 9K+ salary

Trinity Episcopal
139 Ocean Avenue, Pawtuxet Village, Cranston, RI 02906
Rev. Marsue Harris trinitypaw@gmail.com
O/ChM/ 15,600

St. Barnabas Church, Episcopal 01/15
3257 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
Rev James Bocchino 401-439-3765
O/ChM 15K 1 month vac./1 s; Allen 3/60 18 years old

SILENT FILMS; LIVE ORGAN MUSIC

AGO hosts organist Shari Lucas in a presentation of two silent films with live music at First Church, 190 Court Street, Middletown, CT, on Saturday, March 7, at 7pm. The short film *It's a Gift* (1923) and the classic comedy *Safety Last!* (1923) will bring the audience back to the Roaring Twenties, with live organ music as it was experienced at the dawn of cinema! Ms. Lucas will offer an introduction to the history and art of film accompaniment at 6:30 pm. The event is a fundraiser for the 2015 Northeast Regional Convention Tax-deductible suggested donation: \$20, cash, check or credit card. See info@NewHavenAGO2015.org or 585-200-8903.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

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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
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)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030 (tutti@fullchannel.net)
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)

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Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
Cranmer, David: 401-447-9848
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)
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Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
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Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (Weddings/Memorials & Funerals)

RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 7: 9:30-12 noon: RIAGO presents **Mark Laubach** teaching members in a masterclass at St. Dominic's Chapel, Providence College, One Cunningham Square, Providence. See *SubDean's message, p. 1*

Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm: Philip Martorella, pianist presents Beethoven sonatas 6-11 at Courthouse Centerstage, 3481 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI. Free will offering benefits Courthouse Center for the Arts. <http://www.courthousearts.org>; 401 782-1018.

SUBMISSIONS

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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.