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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members of the RIAGO,

As we are all gearing up for Easter, I know this Newsletter finds many of you very busy with Holy Week and Easter preparations. May this holy season bring you much joy and satisfaction with all that you do for your ministries. As a reminder, we have a wonderful presentation by Gigi Mitchell-Velasco and Patrick Aiken on Saturday, March 17, at 10:00am in Central Congregational Church. The subject is "conducting from the console"--a feat that challenges many of us. See details below and please try to attend.

Also, we are in the planning stages of our Members' Recital and Annual Meeting to be held at the First Unitarian Church in Providence and hosted by Fred Jodry. More information and date will be forthcoming in the spring.

Have a great month and a holy Easter.

Stephen Kirby, Dean
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Note: To receive messages from the Dean, email him to have him add your address to his list.

CONDUCTING FROM THE "COUNSEL"

As organists, we deal with more than just playing the organ: there is the *Choral Component*. This workshop, guided by Patrick Aiken & Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, will address vocal health, good breath and vocal production, group vocal technique and sound production as well as choral preparation, accompanying and conducting from the console.

The goal of this workshop is to improve vocal technique and conducting from the console. Certain examples from anthems will be presented, as well as one full anthem which participants may take home. The workshop will go from teaching the notes and working on technique, to accompanying the singers and presenting the anthem from the console as organist/conductor.

Coffee and partries served at 9:30

VOX OCEANA ONLINE

Just a reminder that you can see past newsletters as well as the current letter online at riago.org. You can also receive the newsletter via email (and save your chapter printing and postage costs) by contacting editor Althea Allard at altheaallard@gmail.com. Flyers are posted online, and items that featured color are *in color!* Why not make the change today!

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St. Barnabas Episcopal 8/17
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St Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church
390 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840
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Spring Green Memorial Church (American Baptist)
1350 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888
Linda Forster 401-463-8328 am only, or Glenn Sykes
Casavant \$15,000 O/D

EVENTS

Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m.: Rich Spotts offers a series of excerpts from *L'Orgue Mystique* by the French composer Charles Tournemire. This magnum opus comprises 253 movements written for the Mass. Fifteen hours in duration, the epic work employs approximately 323 chants both as an act of devotion and as musical exegesis based upon the chant libretto. The selections Spotts has chosen for this concert are all taken from the Lenten season. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Spring Street, Newport. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 pm: Mark Steinbach, Brown University Organist and Senior Lecturer in Music will perform music of Bach, Buxtehude, Hindemith, and Ligeti on the 1903 Hutchings-Votey pipe organ, Sayles Hall. Admission free.

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EVENTS, CONTINUED

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00am: RIAGO event led by **Patrick Aiken** and **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco**: *Conducting from the "Counsel" - the Choral Component*. Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence. (*Refreshments at 9:30*)

Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 pm: Paolo Bougeat, Concert Organist and Composer from Aosta, Italy, will perform the annual E.J. Lownes Memorial Organ Concert at Sayles Hall, Brown University.

He will also be presenting a class on his organ compositions on **Saturday, March 17, at 1:00 pm**, also in Sayles Hall. Free and open to the public. Information: <https://www.brown.edu/campus-life/spiritual-life/chaplains/upcoming-events/2018-ej-lownes-memorial-organ-recital>

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