



# VOX OCEANA

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## FROM THE DEAN

### MUNCH

All members are invited to the final Morning Munch of the season at 8AM. on Wednesday, May 25, at the Cinnamon Café, Warwick. Come and join in on the informal conversation. DIRECTIONS: From I-95 N or S, take Exit #10B for Rte. 117W. Cross Rte. 2, take first left and then the next left to get to Rte. 2S. Café is in the Christmas Tree Shop plaza.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND SERVERS

The new Officers and Servers for the coming year officially begin their work on July 1. In the past, the formal installation was at our first meeting in September. The board has moved the installation to the Annual Meeting on June 6 with the effective date remaining July 1.

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RIAGO MEMBERS

The Rhode Island Foundation has created the **Bach Organ & Keyboard Music Scholarship** to provide a college scholarship to a promising music student with abilities in playing the organ or any keyboard instrument and for the professional development of church organists. Up to three scholarships between \$300 and \$1,000 are given annually. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be one of the following: a Rhode Island resident enrolled in college as a music major—OR—a church organist who is a Rhode Island resident and an AGO member. The deadline is June 3 and the application may be downloaded from [www.rifoundation.org](http://www.rifoundation.org) or by calling Libby Monahan at 401-274-4564.

*David*

## MAY IS ORGAN AWARENESS MONTH

Please promote organ awareness this month. Some ideas to consider: For church publications or local newspapers, write short articles relating to church organs, music, and performance as a church organist. Arrange time after church services to speak to parishioners about the instrument in your church and about organ music. Arrange activities for young children to generate interest in organ music and organ playing, or at least help young children better understand how the music is produced and learn of its importance in worship.

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of Marjorie Ogilvie, a longtime member known to many of us, who died this week. Her funeral is Friday, April 29 at 11 AM at Graniteville Baptist Church, 82 Serrel Sweet Rd., Johnston.

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Please renew your RIAGO membership using the enclosed form. Bring it to the Annual Meeting or mail it, but do it *soon* to be listed in the 2005-6 Directory.

*Patrick Campbell, Membership*

## FROM THE SUB-DEAN

### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

**Saturday, April 30, 10 AM –12 noon**

Master class taught by David Higgs. Come and observe a master teacher at work. Central Congregational Church, Providence.

Schedule for the morning is:

- 10-10:30 Leilani Nixon, student of Steve Martorella  
Rheinberger: Praludium from Organ Sonata  
No. 20 in F, Opus 196
- 10:30-11 Elena Kishkovich  
Bach: Fugue in D Major BWV532
- 11-11:30 Laya Varghese, student of Mark Steinbach  
formerly attributed to Bach: "Little" Fugue in  
g minor
- 11:30-12 Adam Schneider, student of Patrick Campbell  
Bach: Prelude & Fugue in e minor (from  
"Eight Little")

**Sunday, May 1, 4:00 PM**

David Higgs in recital. Central Congregational Church.

**Monday, June 6** (see insert for schedule & menu)

Annual Meeting/Dinner; \$12 for dinner due by May 28th.  
Chepachet Union Church, 1138 Putnam Pike, Chepachet.

*Dr. Martha Sobaje*

## ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### 50th National Convention in southern New England

Thanks to Elsie McNeill for the alert: During the OHS National Convention, July 12-18, 250-300 members will travel through southern New England visiting thirty-seven churches with vintage organs. Guest organists will give concerts in each sanctuary. Where seating is limited, duplicate concerts will be given with guests invited to the capacity of each sanctuary. The 1868 E. & G.G. Hook one manual tracker organ at the First Christian Congregational Church in Swansea, MA is on the tour. Recitals will be held on July 14 at 9:15AM and 10:15AM with organist Tom Guthrie of Virginia. Of special interest to RIAGO members is the first recital on July 12 at 7:30 PM at the Christian Science Church, Providence, with Peter Krasinski, organist. See OHS website [www.organsociety.org/2005](http://www.organsociety.org/2005) for further details.

## REMINDER

The next Board meeting is Monday, May 9.

## EVENTS

**Sunday, May 15, 4 PM:**

*Hymn Festival for the Day of Pentecost*, **Patrick Campbell**, Director of Music. This sixth annual *Hymn Festival* features hymns and anthems for Pentecost accompanied by brass quintet, timpani, organ and handbells. Jointly sponsored by St. Luke's, East Greenwich and St. Paul's, Pawtucket. Free; reception follows. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 50 Park Place, Pawtucket. 728-4300 or email [music@stpaulspawtucket.org](mailto:music@stpaulspawtucket.org).

**Sunday, May 15, 4 PM:**

Trinity Church Senior Choir and UMass-Dartmouth University Chorus, **Paul Cienniwa** directing; **Christopher Davey**, boy soprano in Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms at Trinity Church. [www.trinitynewport.org](http://www.trinitynewport.org) or 846-0660. Donations benefit Music at Trinity.

**Monday-Friday, May 16-20:**

*Kids On Keyboards - Organ!* Festival at Mathewson Street United Methodist Church, 134 Mathewson St., Providence. School groups will be in the church each day for lively informances that are open for observation. Contact David Clyde Morse for specific times. 331-8900.

**Thursday, May 19, 5:30 and 7:30 PM:**

*Gallery Night Organ Concerts* at Mathewson Street United Methodist Church, 134 Mathewson St., Providence. Free 30-minute programs by **David Clyde Morse** including a wide variety of literature. As this month's concerts occur during the *Kids On Keyboards - Organ!* Festival week, the program will be very colorful, light and of interest to all ages, especially young people.

**Sunday, May 22, 3 PM:**

**Dr. Charles Callahan** presents music of Bach, Callahan, Dupre and Franck on the 3-manual Peragallo (1998) organ at St. Francis Xavier Church, 347 South St., Hyannis, MA. Sponsored by Cape Cod AGO. Donation \$10.

**Sunday, May 22, 7 PM:**

Choral Evensong to celebrate the Feast of the Trinity. St. Paul's Parish Choir, **Mark Steinbach**, Organist and Choirmaster. Works of Attwood and Jdanov. The Old Narragansett Church, Wickford. All welcome.

**Friday, June 10, 7:30 PM:**

**Newport Baroque Orchestra** under the direction of harpsichordist **Paul Cienniwa** will perform an all-Bach program on period instruments. St. Mary's Church, Newport, RI (corner of Spring St. and Memorial Blvd.). Free parking in lot on Williams St.! \$20, general admission. [www.newportbaroque.org](http://www.newportbaroque.org), 855-0687.

## FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee for the Rhode Island Chapter of the Guild of Organists presents the following slate of officers for 2005:

Dean: Dr. Martha H. Sobaje

Sub-Dean: Julie L. Tagen

Secretary: David Cranmer

Treasurer: David Clyde Morse

Executive Committee 2008: Alexander Bauhart, Yelena Kishkovich, John Totter

(Other Officers and Servers will continue in their positions.)

Members may add additional names to the ballot by sending a letter of request signed by 5 chapter members to Meribeth Bowden, 60 Pearl Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916 by May 15. The June VOX OCEANA will contain a ballot which may be returned by mail or brought to the Annual Meeting on June 6.

## NEW MUSIC AND COMMISSIONS

Region I Convention: June 26-29, Hartford, Connecticut

Adding new music to the canon of organ and choir repertoire is one of the goals of the AGO. Region I is blessed with many first-rate composers. We asked for entries for a collection of works to be published and offered for purchase at the convention. Entitled *The Hartford Organ Book*, nearly 40 works were submitted for consideration and 17 were chosen to be published. We hope that you will find this collection to be a perfect addition to your library and repertoire. Offering new music to our congregants, choir members, students, and colleagues keeps senses stirred and inspired.

Commissioned works are by Connecticut composers Peter Niedmann and Paul Halley. We want to keep some secrets, but let's just say you won't be disappointed. I can tell you this: David Briggs will offer the first performance of Peter Niedmann's piece (Sunday, June 26) and CONCORA will offer the first performance of Paul Halley's piece (Monday, June 27).

The best way to see and hear what's new is to visit the numerous exhibits. We have planned specific "exhibits only" times and we hope you will take advantage of them. Not only are they a great way to get new things; they are perfect for socializing and conversing with colleagues. New music for organ and choir will be available for perusal and purchase at the convention. So, if you haven't registered yet, complete the form, select your workshops, and make your hotel reservations – NOW!

Here's the almost last-minute checklist for you:

- 1) Mail, with payment, the completed registration form (including workshop choices) to registrar, Stephen Z. Cook, at:  
Greater Hartford AGO Region I Convention  
P.O. Box 331060  
West Hartford, CT 06133-1060
- 2) Make hotel reservations by calling 1-800-HILTONS. The Hilton Hartford Hotel has reserved rooms at \$109 +tax (single/double) and \$225 +tax (suite) on a first-come basis through June 11. Mention "American Guild of Organists Region I Convention" when making your reservation.
- 3) Make travel plans. Carpooling reduces expenses. The train station (Amtrak) is a two-block walk from the hotel. Bradley International Airport is convenient to downtown Hartford by taxi or rental car.

Visit [www.HartfordAGO.org](http://www.HartfordAGO.org) for updates.

We look forward to seeing you in Hartford!  
*Jason Charneski*, Dean, Greater Hartford Chapter

## PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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|---|-------|
| Phenix Baptist Church (American Baptist)<br>2 Fairview Ave., W. Warwick, RI 02893<br>Dorothy Brindamour<br>Organist \$90-110/week Adams | 10/04 |
| Emmanuel Episcopal Church<br>120 Nate Whipple Hwy, Cumberland, RI 02864<br>Rev. Susan Stiles (401) 658-1506<br>O/D \$750/month Allen    | 11/04 |
| Roger Williams Baptist Church<br>224 Woodward Rd., Providence, RI 02904<br>Elaine Chauvin (401) 333-5011<br>O/D ---- pipe organ         | 12/04 |
| Barrington Presbyterian Church<br>400 Country Rd., Barrington, RI 02806<br>Dotsie Shaw (401) 245-0196<br>O/D \$150/wk Rogers            | 3/05  |

## MAY PIPEDREAMS

Visit Pipedreams online for programming, resources, and features: <http://pipedreams.org>.

**#0518 - Toccata!** - hot to the touch, and hotter to hear, these compositions cover the keyboard with memorable sonic effects.

**#0519 - Concerto Curios** - we go beyond the standard repertoire to explore several engaging and mostly little-known scores.

**#0520 - Organbuilding Beyond Borders** - today's "world culture" is nothing new to the pipe organ, which has been importing and integrating international influences for centuries.

**#0521 - At the Opera** - an organist's perspective on a grand and glorious repertoire for the musical stage.

**#0522 - Variations on "The Old 100th"** - inspired fantasies based on the 16th century psalm-tune by Louis Bourgeois.

## MEMBER UPDATES

**Address Change:** PRISCILLA A. RIGG, 152 Pine Glen Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Change of name and address correction: Best wishes to SUSAN POIRIER, who married and is now listed as Susan Zybert, 366 Pascoag Main St. Apt. 3, Pascoag, RI 02859

## SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

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| Janice Aubin: 568-6571 (non-lit)   |
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| Margaret Clark: 726-4128 (all)   |
| Lois Conboy: 658-3838 (weddings, funerals)   |
| Joan Daly: 943-5191 (weddings, funerals)   |
| Donald Dame: 647-4564 (weddings, funerals)   |
| Richard Funk: 351-7299 (all)   |
| Christopher Gage: 632-1863/ 438-2730 (all, no weddings/funerals)                                     |
| Andrew Galuska: 233-1363 (all)   |
| Diana Norton Jackson: 783-0402 (no RC), \$150 min.   |
| William Jones: 848-4327 (weddings, funerals)   |
| Brian Larkin: 272-8318 (all), \$150 min.   |
| Mary Jane Lide: 245-8331 (all)   |
| Philip Martorella: 885-3431 (weddings, funerals)   |
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| David Clyde Morse: 486-0244 (all, no Sun. AM)  |
| David Norfrey: 521-2839 (weddings, funerals)   |
| Donna O'Malley: 247-2673; 497-1931 (wedding, funerals, all)  |
| Brian Michael Page: 359-3222 (all, \$100 min.)   |
| Howard Phelps: 821-8475 (no RC)  |
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Submissions for the June newsletter are due by May 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred: [aallard@ccri.edu](mailto:aallard@ccri.edu)

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