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FROM THE SUB-DEAN

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE ORGAN—ORGAN SPECTACULAR



October was the featured month for the year-long international celebration of the organ with the Organ Spectacular—over 250 concerts of organ music worldwide—occurring on Sunday, October 19, 2008. For our Rhode Island chapter, the celebrations began Wednesday evening October 15 where an enthusiastic audience of over 200 souls greeted Nancy Nicholson, Phil Faraone, Jeff Allard, Leilani Nixon, and Kajsja Teitelbaum in a members' recital on the mighty Casavant at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. Composers represented were Bach, Vierne, Dupré, Finnish composer Oskar Merikanto, and the Rhode Island premier of Stephen Paulos' *Bliethely Breezing Along*, composed especially for this year's celebrations. Stephen Martorella read the governor's proclamation, which was secured thanks to the efforts of Doris Alberg.

The festivities continued with the Organ Spectacular events for our chapter on Sunday, October 19. These included an afternoon recital at the Peacedale Congregational church by Jeff Allard and friends, which featured the Franck Third Chorale, among other pieces. There were two evening events, one at St. John's Episcopal Church in Providence, and the other at Pilgrim Lutheran in Warwick. The St. John's concert was played by Brink Bush, Diana Norton-Jackson, and Peter Krasinski and featured music of two Bachs (Johann Sebastian and Carl Philip Emmanuel), Four Pieces by Women composers Roberta Bitgood, Martha Sobaje, Diana Norton-Jackson, and Lani Smith, and concluded with Peter Krasinski's organ rendition of Elgar's Enigma Variations.

Kajsja Teitelbaum, one of our newer chapter members who recently arrived in the U.S. from Sweden, played to a full house at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church recital, which featured music from 6 countries: England (John Stanley), France (Jéhan Alain), Germany (Felix Mendelssohn), an anonymous chorale with variations from Norway, Sweden (Otto Olsson), and Finland (Oskar Merikanto). The Governor's Proclamation was again read at both the Providence and Warwick venues, and a citation from Providence Mayor David Cicilline honoring Brink Bush was also read.

There will be many more Year of the Organ events to come all the way through next July. Check your AGO newsletter for all of them, and don't miss the Rhode Island Philharmonic Community Orchestra with organist James F. Morgan performing Saint-Saëns "Organ" Symphony at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea in Narragansett on December 13.

Kudos to all who made these celebrations a huge success.

—Stephen

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NEW ORGANISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REVS UP

What clinched it for 10-year-old Gennifer Norman was hearing a live performance of a Bach Toccata and Fugue at age three. “For seven years now my favorite instrument has been the organ. I like it because of how many different sounds it can make and how loud it can be,” she says.

Gennifer is the first young organist to be awarded six organ lessons from RIAGO under the new audition program. She sailed through her audition with solid performances of Grieg’s “Puck,” Bach’s Invention in C, two hymns, and a sightreading piece. A piano student of William Wiant, Gennifer will study organ with Julie Tagen. Gennifer currently serves as organ assistant for Anne Dolbashian at the United Congregational Church of Middletown, and will use that organ for her practice.

“We’ve already received three applications since the audition program was announced in September,” reports coordinator Nancy Nicholson. “Two more piano students have expressed interest and intend to apply. We’re off to a great start!”

Nicholson urges RIAGO members to attend the next members program, “From the Piano Bench to the Organ Bench” at 3:00 pm, Sunday, November 2 at Mathewson Street United Methodist Church.

“I hope every RIAGO member personally contacts a piano teacher to invite to this program. We have so many good, practical ideas to share. The more that organists and piano teachers talk to one another, the more piano students will be encouraged by their teachers to study the organ. This is a win-win situation for everyone—organists, piano teachers and young people.”

MEMBER NEWS

Doris Alberg has new address, phone, e-mail: 18 Highland Avenue, Lincoln, RI 02865; 365-7273 or work: 222-3040; dalberg1@cox.net

Welcome to new member **Karen E. Kohl**, 283 Lippitt Avenue, Cranston, RI 02921; (401) 787-2695

EVENTS

Sunday, November 2, 3:00 pm:

RIAGO Chapter Event: *Where Do Organists Come From?* **Nancy Nicholson, David Clyle Morse, and Koko** offer an interactive session for piano teachers and their students that will explore exciting and dynamic ways in which we can bring our children into the wonderful world of “The King of Instruments” and its music. Bring your students and colleagues to this kid-friendly program at Mathewson Street Methodist Church.

NOTE: There will be no December meeting, but check your December newsletter for a schedule of our upcoming programs.

Sunday, November 16, 3:00 pm:

Diana Norton-Jackson will present an organ recital, *By Special Request from Bach to Boellmann*, celebrating the AGO’s Year of the Organ, at Central Baptist Church, Norwich, CT. Reception follows in the parish hall. Donations to the church’s music fund are appreciated.

Sunday, November 16, 3:00 pm:

Jane Murray, English Horn, and Geoffrey Greene, organ, perform *Music for English Horn and Organ* including those by Jan Koetsier, Daniel Pinkham and Calvin Hampton. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford. Suggested donation: \$7. 401-434-4742. (*See enclosed Flyer.*)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, November 3, at 7:30 pm at 30 Huguenot Dr., East Greenwich. Please call 885-7438 or e-mail julieltagen@yahoo.com if you need directions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 13, 7:30 pm: The Rhode Island Philharmonic Community Orchestra, an orchestra comprised of professionals and semi-professional adults and conducted by **John Eells**, will perform the Suites 1 & 2 by Igor Stravinsky, the Concerto for Flute and Orchestra of Mozart with **John Curran**, retired principal flutist of the RI Philharmonic, and the Symphony No. 3, the “Organ” of Saint-Saëns, featuring **Jim Morgan**, organist. St. Peter’s Church, 72 Central St., Narragansett. The concert is free and open to all.

PLACEMENT LISTING

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 5/08
120 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI 02864
Rev Peter Mayer (401) 658-1506; (401) 658-3781
Choir Director 5-8K ; 8-12K(2009) Allen 2 Manual

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 7/08
381 School Street, North Kingston, RI 02852
Rev Bertrand Theroux (401) 884-2105
O/D \$25,000 LA Carlson 2 Mn Pipe

Trinity Church (American Baptist/UCC) 7/08
232 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532
Laurie Hunter (508) 269-2616
O/D \$14000-\$17000 Skinner 15 ranks 3 Man

Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal) 8/08
160 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720
Rev Matthew Stewart (508) 672-5571
O/D \$16000-\$19000 Allen 3 Man 60 Stops

Woodridge Congregational (United Church of Christ) 10/08
546 Budlong Road, Cranston, RI 02920
Mrs. Dianne Cavanaugh (401) 884-1041
O/D \$12500 Wicks Pipe; 2 Man., 35 Stops

Contact Howard Phelps (821-8475) for more information.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

REPORT ANY CHANGES TO HOWARD PHELPS

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Brion, Laura: 578-4491 (all)
Clarke, Margaret: 726-4128 (all)
Gage, Christopher: 632-1863 (all)
Larkin, Brian: 272-8318 (all)
Lide, Mary Jane: 714-0011 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 884-7172 (weddings, funerals)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 783-0402 (no RC/weddings, \$150 min.)
Phelps, Howard: 821-8475 (no RC)
Taylor, Terry: 253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)
Westhaver, Verna: 683-2636 (all, interim)
Yoreo, Dorothy: 246-1223 (all)

NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Allard, Jeff: 447-9035 (funerals)
Boucher, Paul: 837-4802 (weddings, funerals, including RC)
Bush, Brink: 245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Cienniwa, Paul: 508-676-8483 (\$150 min)
Conboy, Lois: 658-3838 (all)
Daly, Joan: 943-5191 (weddings, funerals)
Hart, Kathy: 837-8873 (weddings, funerals, accompanist)
Johnson, Mark D.: 996-9796 (no weddings; \$150 funerals)
Martorella, Philip: 885-3431 (weddings, funerals)
Morse, David: 486-0244 (no Sunday AM)
Nicholson, Nancy: 521-9097 (no Sunday AM)
Rankin, Jane B.: 884-0669 (funerals)
Sobaje, Martha: 823-8024 (weddings, funerals, no RC)
Tagen, Julie: 885-7438 (weddings, funerals)
Valentine, Br. E. J. Kevin: 273-1731 (weddings, funerals; all denom)
Whitley, Waylon: 369-7858 (weddings, funerals, etc.; no Sun. AM)

MUSIC OF RHODE ISLAND

The *Rhode Island Pipes* CD features Rhode Island organists playing noteworthy Rhode Island instruments. Only \$18.50! See performer and venue details online at www.riago.org. Contact Julie Tagen to order.

SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 20th of each month
Submissions: Send Word or Text files to aallard@ccri.edu or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861.
Advertising: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), TIFF, or EPS. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution.
Email to celalla@cox.net.

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18
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.



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#0844 - From the Ocean Grove... soloist Gordon Turk is featured in a centenary celebration of the Robert Hope-Jones pipe organ in the world-famous auditorium of this picturesque New Jersey summer shore-side retreat.

#0845 - Concert Organs Abroad... Michel Chapuis, David Goode and Balint Karosi let us sample three intriguing recent installations in concert halls in Japan, Finland and Hungary.

#0846 - Some Apple Pie... a few slices from the 'new organ', 'new music', and 'live performance' scenes in Manhattan.

#0847 - Toccata!... hot to the touch, and hotter to hear, these works cover the keyboard with memorable sonic effects.

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