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FROM THE DEAN

"Most people are in favor of progress, it's the changes they don't like." –Unknown

Dear Chapter Member,

On October 18, 2011, the RIAGO Executive Board convened their first official meeting of the business year. Changes in operating procedure, education reform and future event planning were discussed and put into effect immediately.

The Chapter has reverted to the Bylaws and Charter adopted in 1985 by members like you. This will ensure leadership, chapter organization, appointed directors by the Dean to supervise chapter departments, the fulfillment of IRS mandates, all financial obligations and a standard operating budget governed by our CFO. Board members and officers will be held accountable for the positions to which they were appointed by the Dean and chapter members as stated in the charter. Each member will receive via email a copy of the charter. If you do not have email, please inform me and a copy will be delivered to you.

All members in good standing have the right to attend RIAGO sponsored events. If you are unable to attend because of transportation, the RIAGO will make accommodations for you. The protocol for this privilege is currently being developed.

All Executive Board meetings are open to members in good standing unless otherwise posted. Please check www.riago.org for the schedule.

Sincerely,
Dean Kevin P. Di Lorenzo

CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION

Please note the changes in appointments in the sidebar. We congratulate and thank new appointees for their willing service: Stephen Martorella, Director of Publicity; Philip Faraone, Director of Continuing Education; John Black, Executive Board. We are also pleased that Janice Black, Esq., has consented to serve as Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed by Dean DiLorenzo to fill the post and inducted as an honorary member of RIAGO. Thank you, Janice.

The members and officers of the RIAGO would like to thank David Cranmer for his time and effort as our interim treasurer.

PATRONIZE OUR MEMBERS

The time for tuning and annual care for your instrument is here. If you are in need of these services please show your support to our Chapter Business Members in that area of expertise. Their listing will be in our RIAGO Directory.

EVENTS

Friday, November 4, 8:00 pm: A Chapter Event! Gregorian Concert Choir, featuring **Peter Krasinski**, organist, under the direction of **Msgr. Anthony Mancini**. Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, One Cathedral Square, Providence. Admission \$10

Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5, 8:00 pm: In honor of Liszt on his bicentennial, Brown ensembles and guest artists join forces for a program of works for organ, choir and orchestra, culminating in "The Bells of Strasburg Cathedral," a rarely performed cantata on a poem by Longfellow. Sayles Hall, Brown University on the Main Green accessible by Waterman and George streets at Brown St., Providence. Tickets TBA 401-863-3234. "Visions of Liszt festival: Listzomania! Grand Bicentennial Concert" Brown University Orchestra, Concert Choir; **Mark Steinbach**, organ; **Kenneth Hamilton**, piano; **Andrew Garland**, baritone. Program of Liszt works: Fantasy and Fugue on the theme B-A-C-H; Orpheus; Dance of Death; Consolations; The Beatitudes (from Christus); The Bells of Strasburg Cathedral

Sunday, November 6: Saint Thomas Choir School, New York, will host a Chorister for a Day program. This Open House program gives the boys a chance to vest, rehearse hymns and sit in the stalls with the choristers. Their parents meet other chorister parents and faculty of the Choir School. For more info contact Ruth S. Cobb, Director of Admissions & Alumni Relations. Saint Thomas Choir School, 202 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019, 212-247-3311, Ext. 304, www.choirschool.org

Saturday, November 12, 5:00 pm: Harpsichordists **Frederick Jodry** and **Michael Bahmann** perform Bach Concertos for two Harpsichords in the John Carter Brown Library on the Main Green of Brown University campus with Community Music Works players – Free, reservations required. 401-863-3234

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 pm: The vocal octet **Zefiro** performs a program entitled *Prayer and Praise* in the Taylor House Bed and Breakfast, 50 Burroughs Street, Jamaica Plain, MA. (They will be performing in Providence in a program entitled *O magnum mysterium* on Saturday December 3 at 7:30 pm in S. Stephen's Church, 114 George Street, Providence)

Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm: Organ Concert by **Brink Bush** at the Cathedral of St. John, 271 North Main St, Providence. Brink will perform World Premiere of the newly discovered Middelschulte work, Chaconne on the name Erich Rath (1916-17) and music by Bach, Buxtehude, Dubois, Messiaen, Muffat & Saint-Saens. Proceeds from a free will offering will go to the Cathedral of St. John food closet. 331-4622. *This concert is proudly sponsored by RLAGO.*

Friday, November 18, 8:00 pm; Boston;
Saturday, November 19, 8:00 pm; Providence: The Schola Cantorum of Boston, **Frederick Jodry**, director will perform Arvo Part: Stabat Mater and premiere of a new work by Domick DiOrio and some Josquin at St John's Church, St, Boston and in the First Unitarian Church, Benefit Street, Providence, in collaboration with Juventas New Music Ensemble.

Sunday, November 20, 2:00 pm: Music at Trinity presents bass-baritone **Michael Pelletier**, pianist **James Busby**, and cellist **Matthew Knippel** in songs from Fauré to Leonard Bernstein. Hawes Room of Trinity Church, Queen Anne Square, Newport, RI. Tickets: \$20; \$18 Senior; \$8 student. (401) 846-0660; www.trinitynewport.org.

Sunday, November 20, 4:00 pm: Stuart Forster in concert celebrates the rededication of the organ at Thompson Congregational Church. Free; open to the public. Reception follows. 347 Thompson Road Thompson, CT.

Sunday, November 20, 5:00 pm: Organ recital features **Barry Turley** playing music of Bach, and Franck. Reception. All Saints' Memorial Church, 674 Westminster Street, Providence. Handicapped accessible. (See Flyer.)

Sunday, November 27, 3:30 pm: Museum Concerts presents ENSEMBLE CAPRICE. at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John, 271 North Main St, Providence in a program entitled *La Folia and the Gypsies*: **Mattias Maute & Sophie Lariviere**, traverso and recorder, **David Jacques**, baroque guitar, **Susie Napper**, baroque cello, **Zilya Tabassian**, percussion. Program features pieces from Uhrovská zbirka, a collection from the country now known as Slovakia, and works by composers

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EVENTS CONTINUED

influenced by the gypsy music they heard while travelling throughout Europe. Much baroque music draws its inspiration from the gypsy music that made its way up through social circles as far as the nobility. One example is Telemann's Polonaises, that reflect his fascination with local folk music when he visited Krakow. Capturing the spirit of the times, this lively program will be performed on authentic reproductions of historic instruments, including several sizes of tambourine, instruments that travelled easily with the nomadic gypsy musicians. *"The group's arrangements are imaginative, even powerful, and the playing is top-flight."*—The New York Times. Tickets: General: \$25 door, \$23 in advance, Senior: \$22; \$20 advance; Student: \$8

Sunday, December 4, 7:00 pm: Christmas Candlelight Concert features **Phillips Music Ensembles** and is preceded at 6:30 by **Terri Viveiros**, harpist. Enjoy the sound of voices, chimes, bells, harp and organ. Phillips Memorial Baptist, Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston. Offering accepted. (See Flyer.)

PUBLICITY SUGGESTION

The following suggestion comes from one of our newest members, John Black, in an e-mail to Dean DiLorenzo: To attract larger audiences, we should utilize each member's publicity resources. Many of our members have church newsletters, to which they can submit announcements. Some of these churches are connected to other churches in their area through a clergy association. In Barrington, for instance, I can make submissions to our church's publications, and through the Barrington Clergy Association, the announcements are published in the newsletters of all of the other religious organizations in town. If we sent our announcements to our members, asking them to publish in their organization's newsletter, and in associated organizations' newsletters, we would be able to spread our events very quickly. Also, this would broaden the audience for our announcements. Many people are interested in the type of events we present, but don't necessarily know about the RIAGO. Making use of our members' publicity opportunities is a good way to reach out to these people.

MEMBER MATTERS

Dr. Dennis Schmidt has been appointed organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran Church in Needham Massachusetts, where he will be responsible for the adult choir and the bell choir as well as playing the organ for all services.

Hi from **David Morse**: I bought a house and now receive mail at 4918 Northwest 49th Rd., Tamarac, FL 33319 (954-654-0852). Life is busy here in Florida and I'm continuing to lay down roots for the days ahead, but I miss many things about Rhode Island, especially friends in RIAGO.

ADDITIONS TO DIRECTORY: **Barbara Pavao**: 508-672-3904; 283 Seaview Ave, Swansea, MA 02777; mmpavao@comcast.net; Arnold Mills United Methodist Church, Cumberland; Minister of music.

RETIREMENT HONORS FOR LINNEAR HORNE

We are very excited and thankful to God for blessing us with **Mrs. Linnear Hopkins Horne** as our Minister of Music at Congdon Street Baptist Church for fifty-four dedicated years. On **November 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** we cordially invite you to attend her Retirement Celebration. Our combined church choirs and several community groups will perform for this celebration. Our very own Dr. Raymond Jackson, Professor of Music at Howard University, will be the featured concert artist. —*Wanda D. Jones*, Chairperson

FUN WEBSITE

As a retired member, I thought you active members would enjoy this fascinating website link. The puzzle-maker is a Colorado friend of my nephew. Take a look at this pipe organ puzzle desk—it is really hard to even describe it without seeing the page <http://www.kagenschaefer.com/page2.html>

By the way, our son is a sound technician in California. He surprised me one Christmas with your organ CD, which had been featured on various Internet websites as a way to test sound equipment. (It does sound great on our home speakers, which he also made.)

Best wishes, **May Grant**, 85 Oakland Ave., Seekonk MA

NOTRE DAME RECRUITING

Greetings, I am recruiting students for our Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame. The degree combines music (two organ recitals, organ literature, music history) and liturgy courses. There are details of the program on the website: <http://www.nd.edu/~msm/>

There are eight organ students in the MSM program—four in each class. The program is extremely competitive (we had sixteen applications last year for four slots), and the level of playing is extremely high. The assistantships pay full tuition for two years plus a stipend of \$12,500 per year for two years. Typically a student on an assistantship works in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus.

All students in our MSM program are supported with tuition grants. If you know of any prospective undergraduate students or others who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, I would appreciate hearing from you. Or, give the prospective student my email address and/or phone number.

Many thanks for your help, and all the best,
Craig Cramer, DMA, Professor of Organ, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana (574)-631-7836
<http://music.nd.edu/faculty-and-staff/craig-cramer/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Dean and the Department of Publicity and Public Affairs is looking for four candidates to become our Journalism committee. The duties consist of attending the event that you have signed up for and taking photographs and writing about the event. Submissions will be placed in *The American Organist*. The applicant need not be a member but should possess an appreciation of music. Contact the Dean or the Director of Publicity and Public Affairs (PAPA) to volunteer.

Also, we need two volunteers to serve as Auditors for the Chapter. This would involve a few hours work at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2012). Our CFO/Treasurer, Janice Black, will have various records (bank reconciliations, income statement, balance sheet, cash flow) ready for review. The Auditors would meet with Mrs. Black to review the records. Mrs. Black will be present to answer questions. An interest in financial management would be helpful. We would greatly appreciate your consideration.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

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62 Glenwood Dr, Swansea, MA
Helen Petty: 774-526-1741
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Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

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Dupont, Jean-Richard: 401-434-8476 (all, no weddings/choirs)
Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (all, interim, consultant)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no RC or weddings, \$150 min)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (no RC)
Scheibert, Beverly Jerold: 508-339-0579 (all, weddings/funerals)
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (all, interim)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)

AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

Bush, Brink: 401-245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Cienniwa, Paul: 508-676-8483 (\$150 min)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals, no RC)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (weddings, funerals)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (no Sunday AM)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (weddings, funerals, non-Sun. services)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals, no RC)

FROM MEMBERSHIP

All membership booklets have been mailed. If you have not received yours, or find an error in your listing, please contact me right away. I hope to see you at our next event.—Doris

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 camacphee@gmail.com.

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.