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FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow RIAGO Chapter members,

Welcome to all new chapter members! We are so happy to have you join our ranks. Let's make this a great season.

The chapter season is now in full swing with many opportunities for you to continue or begin to be an active member of our chapter. You will note several RIAGO sponsored events advertised in this newsletter. I hope that your busy schedules will allow you to participate in our activities.

Right now we need everyone to bring ads to subsidize the performance by The Choir of Men and Boys of Saint Thomas, NYC on March 7 at the Cathedral at 7pm. Please ask your local tailor, bakery, chiropractor, whatever establishment that you frequent to support our efforts to bring this wonderful choir to the Cathedral. I hope that every chapter member will try to bring in at least \$100 worth of ads. Remember a full page is only \$100 and a quarter page is only \$25. I also strongly encourage each chapter member to donate at least \$10 as a supporter of the project and have your name listed in the ad book. I also ask you to place ads in your church bulletins as we hope to fill the cathedral. Perhaps your entire choir will come and be inspired by this choir.

Remember, you will receive free admission to the performance. Tickets will be \$20 per person and \$15 for students and seniors.

If all chapter members actively support this endeavor, we will certainly have an evening to remember.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

"I will sing and make music for the Lord" Psalm 27.

Hoping to see many of you in the coming months.

Philip Faraone

OCTOBER RIAGO EVENT DRAWS CROWD

Saturday, October 5, saw 34 organists and choir members enthralled for two hours by Gigi Mitchell Velasco and Noel Espirito Velasco who began with a stirring rendition of a sacred duet, establishing without doubt their credentials for the two-hour workshop in vocal production for choruses held at Greenville Community Church, Presbyterian, in Warwick and hosted by Kathy Hart, sub-dean. Participants were instructed to develop a singing posture by "letting the shoulders wear the coat," were admonished not to "sit on their business," (folding up and slouching) during rehearsal. Vocal exercises included one, roughly translated as "I am going to Vesuvius" to exercise each vowel sound. The group played a game to sensitize them to listen to others and not step on the solo of a fellow choir member. They listened also to the choral sound they were producing and learned to match vowels for a "homogeneous" sound. The proof of the success of the morning came just before noon with the group gathered in the sanctuary singing "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether," conducted by Mr. Velasco, accompanied at the organ by Gigi Mitchell Velasco. Attendees expressed the wish that the session would be repeated at another time. No promises, but watch for another opportunity to work with these fine coaches. Thanks to the Velascos, Kathy Hart, and attendees from various churches for a spectacular RIAGO event!

RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 19 at 5:00pm: Paul Cienniwa plays continuo with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and violinist **Ariadne Daskalakis** at **Tabor Academy in Marion, MA.**

Sunday, October 20 at 5:30pm James Busby, organ, and **Hyunjung Choi**, harp, present a Memorial Organ Recital including works of Bach, Vierne, Bonnal, Bovet, Debussy and Lanquetuit at St. Stephen's Church, 114 George Street, Providence. Reception follows. 421-6702; www.sstephen.org.

Monday, October 21 at 7:00pm: Board Meeting; Faraone residence

Sunday, October 27 at 3:00pm: First Baptist Church in America presents a 375th Anniversary Concert featuring the **Greg Abate Jazz Quartet** and the Church's Choir and Strings premiering Festive Hymn written for this occasion by British composer Nigel Williams based on the hymn Kingsfold. Free admission; offerings gratefully accepted. 75 North Main Street, Providence; 454-3418.

Thursday, October 31 at 11:59pm: Halloween Midnight Organ Concert: **Mark Steinbach**, Brown University Organist. Sayles Hall, Brown University. Music of Gounod, Grieg, Pärt, Bach and others. Free.

Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm: Chris Turner, harmonica, and **Steven L. Jobe**, viola and hurdy-gurdy, with **Laura Gulley**, violin; **Rob Bethel**, cello and **Geoffrey Greene**, piano & organ playing the premiere performance of Turner's Anglia Farewell Suite and compositions by Jobe. Suggested donation: \$5. Reception follows. Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford, RI. 434-4742. *See flyer.*

November 3 at 4:00pm: Philip Martorella, organist, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes Street, Providence

Saturday, November 9, 10:00am-12:00pm, RIAGO event: Workshop on Blended Worship and Developing Good Relations with Clergy, St. Michael's, Bristol. This workshop centers on "the four Cs: Choir, Clergy, Congregation, Committees." Note change of venue.

Sunday, November 17 at 3:00pm: lecture/demonstration entitled "New Findings for Bach Interpretation (with a side trip to Paris)" presented by RIAGO member **Beverly Jerold**, performer and music historian who has published many articles about performance practice in national and international journals. Also, a book is in progress: *The Complexities of Early Instrumentation: Wind and Brass* (Turnhout: Brepols), forthcoming in 2014 (*Musical Treatises*, 3). Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Providence.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGERS

Paul Cienniwa, Chorus Master of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is seeking singers for their annual Messiah performance. Contact Paul at pcienniwa@gmail.com

Judith Lowe, Director of Music at UCC, Walpole, Massachusetts, is looking for two basses and one tenor for roles of the kings in Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* for January 5 at the church. Interested singers should contact her directly at judithlowe1@aol.com or her cell phone (609) 369-1782.

Reminder:

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O/Minister of Music 18-22K Roche 21 rks/ 3 man

Central Baptist Church 5/13
2 Union Sq, Norwich, CT 06360
Rev. Nancy Forsstrom, Pastor: 860.889.8313
D/M 4 man Rodgers

Revival Deliverance Edificatio 5/13
122 Benefit Street, Pawtucket, RI
Jenae Jones: 617-833-3799 non denom.
O/Keyboard \$100/wk. make unknown \$100 wk.

St. Thomas Episcopal 7/13
111 High Street, Taunton, MA 02780
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NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Please note the new e-mail address for newsletter submissions: altheaallard@gmail.com. (The old address may be dropped without warning, and your material will be lost in cyberspace.)

Also, if you would like to "opt out" of the paper issue of the newsletter and access it online, please e-mail me your instruction.

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.