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SING FOR YOUR SUPPER

A workshop on how to help your choir sound better: vocal techniques, breathing, warm-ups and exercises for the voice with internationally renowned opera singers Gigi and Noel Velasco will be followed by a traditional pot-luck supper. Renew acquaintances; catch up on news, and catch a glimpse of the upcoming chapter programs for this season.

When and where: **Sunday, September 14, 5:00 pm** at Community Church, 372 Wayland Avenue, Providence. Program at 5:00 pm; appetizers at 5:40; dinner at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H: Main dish

I-P: Appetizer

Q-Z: Dessert

DIRECTIONS: From I-95 take I-195 East. Follow Exit 3, Gano Street. Go right at the end of the ramp (heading north on Gano). Proceed through a flashing light and three stop lights. Then turn right at the third stop sign, onto Lloyd Avenue. Go two blocks to Community Church, on the left, at the corner of Lloyd and Wayland Avenues.

MEET YOUR SEPTEMBER CLINICIANS



Gigi Mitchell-Velasco "... a voice of rare beauty, a voice that thrills the listener and is a natural gift... an artist of depth and truth." See accomplishments at http://www.bravadiva.com/1_biography/biography.htm



Noel Espiritu Velasco, hailed as "one of the Philippines' national treasures" is one of only three tenors to win the First Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition. Noel has sung in opera houses and concert halls all over the world, including Manila, New York, Vienna, Singapore, Beijing, Rome, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Prague, and Kuwait. Of note are the Royal Opera at Covent Garden, London Symphony Orchestra, Paris Opéra Comique, Opera Company of Boston, Welsh National Opera, Festival Casals, Houston Grand Opera, Houston Symphony.

TAKE THE OCTOBER CHALLENGE

2008 is officially declared "The Year of the Organ". In honor of this, are you willing to learn a new piece and play it sometime this year for your church service? If so, let us know, and we will "Trompette" your accomplishments in our newsletter throughout the course of the year. In addition, come celebrate with us at the mighty organ of the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul where we will present a members' recital on **Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm**.

EVENT

Sunday, August 31, Midnight:

Mark Steinbach, University Organist performs works of Mulet, Bach, Rameau, and Messiaen at Sayles Hall.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

CONTINUING THE MISSION:
REACHING OUR CHILDREN

Join Nancy Nicholson, David Clyle Morse, and Koko for an interactive program that will explore dynamic ways to bring children into the exciting world of the organ and its music. This special event will be open to all area keyboard teachers and their students as well as our membership, so come and meet new colleagues, and bring your students, too! This kid-friendly program is planned for November 2, 3:00 pm at Mathewson St. Methodist Church, Providence.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thanks for your good efforts in getting your renewals to me on time. For the few of you who have put it off, I need your renewal by September 6 to include you in this year's membership booklet.

Doris

FOR SALE

5'1" Chickering Baby Grand

Call and we'll talk—568-5781

Doris Alberg

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.

PLACEMENT LISTING

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

- St. Augustine's Church (Episcopal) 2/08
35 Lower College Road, Kingston, RI 02881
Rev Dr Jennifer Phillips (401) 874-2739; (401) 782-0587
O/D \$10000 Potter Rathbun 2 mn 13 stops
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3/08
525 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840
Richard Oswald (401) 849-6032
Rev. Dr. William Bogholtz (401) 846-9567
O/D \$13000-\$18000 Ahlborn-Galanti 2 man 42 st Digital
- Unitarian Congregation of Mendon & Uxbridge 3/08
(Unitarian Universalist)
13 Maple Street, Mendon, MA 01756
Rev Ralph T. Clarke (978) 808-3770
O/D \$8000-\$10000 Mendon-Wm Laws;Uxbridge Hook & Hastings
- Church of St. Sebastian (RC) 5/08
67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906
John Barylick (401) 831-2700; (401) 751-8018
O/D \$23000 min Southfield Pipe Hybrid; 3 man; 65 stops
- 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
- United Congregational Church (U. Church of Christ) 6/08
524 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842
Ann T. Dolbashian (401) 683-0019; (401) 862-0573
Director only \$9000 (10 months) 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

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

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.