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FROM THE DEAN

Dear fellow RIAGO Chapter members,

I am happy to welcome long-time and new members to the 2013-2014 season of exciting events. Our chapter now boasts a vibrant, growing membership. When the registrations are completed, I am confident that we will have over 100 members! Thanks to all of you for being part of our chapter.

We offer monthly events in addition to the events that you plan and list in our events column. I hope that you attend many of the RIAGO events as well as support chapter members' programs. By now, all of you have received a packet with information regarding the highlight of the season, the performance by the Choir of Men and Boys from Saint Thomas Church, NYC, conducted by John Scott in commemoration of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

With your help in soliciting ads for the program and selling as many tickets as you can to family, friends and choirs, we will be able to meet our expenses and increase rather than deplete our chapter account. This will be possible only with your assistance. Donations and ads are already coming in! Tickets will be available after Christmas.

The Cathedral is undergoing renovations and will be even more magnificent when the work is completed. This performance will be a worthy celebration not only for the Cathedral but for our chapter.

I would like to also thank everyone who attended the recent kick-off dinner at Potenza Ristorante, Cranston. Coming together in this way is always an enjoyable evening.

Thanks to Potter Rathbun Organ Company for covering the cost of the Directory. If you missed the deadline for the printing, your information will be published in the newsletter.

I wish you continued success in your work. You are an integral part of the worship of thousands in our collective congregations. Your choir members and other musicians rely on you as the glue that holds your program together. Your Pastors rely on you to enhance the Liturgies and Worship Services in your churches. What an awesome and noble honor has been given to us. May we always be humble servants in the vineyard of the Lord. Glorify the Lord by your life!

Have a great season,

Philip Faraone

Please note: Because I have returned to the classroom at the Prout School, I will be in my Cathedral office after school hours. Please call the office then, or my home in the evenings. Thanks.

RIAGO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, September 16 at 7:00pm: Board meeting at Faraone residence.

Sunday, September 29 at 4:00pm: Organ and Brass Concert featuring **Philip Martorella**, organ, and **Greenwich Bay Brass Ensemble** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes Street, Providence in a Sanctuary Fundraiser organized by Gloria Dei and First Lutheran Church, East Greenwich. Suggested donation: \$15 Adults; \$10 Seniors (over 60) and Students; Family: \$30. gloriadeipastor@verizon.net or 884-5572 or 421-5860.

Saturday, October 5 from 10:00am - 12:00pm: Workshop on Vocal Technique by **Gigi** and **Noel Velasco** at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Warwick. *See article*

Monday, October 21 at 7:00pm: Board meeting: Faraone residence.

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 4:00pm: **Philip Martorella**, organist, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes Street, Providence. Further details next month.

Saturday, November 9 from 10:00am -12:00pm: Workshop and breakout sessions on problems faced by choir directors and organists: Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, Providence.

CHOIR ROBES OFFERED

Available: 20 choir robes, powder blue in color. Matching reversible stoles included. Sturdy fabric, in suitable condition; some pilling on sleeves. 18 robes with open sleeves and 2 with cuffs. Any offer entertained; buyer pick up in Rhode Island. Contact John Black at pipeorgan@live.com or (401)-245-2218 for more information and pictures.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP DETAILS

Our first AGO workshop of the year is Saturday, October 5, at Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, 805 Main Ave, Warwick. Lots of people expressed interest in learning more about Vocal Techniques, so Gigi Mitchell-Velasco and Noel Velasco have generously volunteered to lead a fun, informative 2-hour session for AGO members and their choir members.

Refreshments at 9:30, workshop 10:00-noon. Please come and bring some of your choristers. This is a great opportunity! Space is limited, so please let **Kathy Hart** (401-837-8873) know that you plan to attend (and how many friends you're bringing along).

We will be doing fun exercises to develop better breath connection and control and better vocal production. To conclude, we will sing the anthem that we worked on, suitable for any denomination and, although not SUPER simple, VERY accessible: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell. See Youtube for those who aren't familiar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlBk1hfKgY4>. Every age and level is encouraged to participate!

Member News

New Members to be added to the Directory:

David Warfield, 236 Washington Street, Norwich, CT 06360

Matthew J. Kelly, 693 Thames St. Apt 1, Newport, RI 02840

Kristen Wedegis, 29 Cornfield PT, Woodstock, CT 06281

Earnest Cox, 91 Seventh St., Providence, RI 02906

Also add:

Margaret Clark, 173 Lyman Street, Pawtucket, RI 02866

Address changes:

Julie Tagen, 45 Terry Lane, Plainville, MA 02762

Justin Kisch, 80 Power St. Providence, RI 02906

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

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

St Anthony (RC) 1/13
2836 East Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI
Rev. Daniel Gray: 203-683-0089
O/ChM Negotiable 1979 Rodgers 2 man.

First Congregational Church of Sharon (UCC) 2/13
N. Main St, Sharon, MA 02067
Martha MacMillin: 781-784-2631; 781-784-1816
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.

Church of the Epiphany 5/13
1336 Pawtucket Ave., Rumford, RI 02916
Phil Campbell: 508-761-4314 Epis
O/ChM Moeller/ Sunday rehearsal about 12K

St. Thomas Episcopal 7/13
111 High Street, Taunton, MA 02780
Rev. Richard Bardusch: FRRICH64@aol.com
508-824-9595
O/ChM Jardine-Roche/15-20K

Immanuel Lutheran 8/13
647 N. Main Street, Attleboro, MA
Michelle Davidson: 508-222-2898 ELCA
O/ChM Moeller/15-20K

St. Peter's by the Sea 8/1
72 Central Street, Narragansett, RI
Rev. R. Casey Shobe, 401-783-4623
O/ChM

THANKS, ESTHER

Long-time member **Esther Manning** has donated her large collection of music to anyone who is interested. Philip Faraone offered it at the opening meeting. Thanks to Esther, who now resides in a nursing home, for giving this music to another generation of organists. Call Philip for more information.

SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 20th of each month. SUBMISSIONS: Send Word or Text files to altheaallard@gmail.com or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. ADVERTISING: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), or TIFF. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution. Email to altheaallard@gmail.com

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Brian Larkin (272-8318) with changes.

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

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Dupont, Jean-Richard: 401-434-8476 (all, no weddings/choirs)
Funk, Richard: 401-272-0693 (all)
Goncharova, Natalya: 401-334-9157
Gourd, Jacqueline: 401-828-4057 (all, no weddings)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Kohl, Karen: 401-787-2695 (please inquire)
Madubata, Chiduzie: 301-919-9632 (please inquire)
Morgan, James: 401-737-5398 (all)
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-783-0402 (no weddings, \$150 min)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
Scheibert, Beverly Jerold: 508-339-0579 (all, weddings/funerals)
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-885-7438 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
Vinson, Duncan: 401-932-8191 (July&Aug for Sun./weddings etc.)
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)
Wiant, William: 401-683-3178 (all, weddings/funerals)
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493 (please inquire)

AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS ONLY

Black, John: 401-245-2356 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)
Brown, Ronald: 508-222-0824 (funerals only)
Cienniwa, Paul: 617-466-9042 (\$150 min, no Sun. a.m.)
Conboy, Lois: 401-658-3838 (please inquire)
Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (funerals)
Larkin, Brian: 401-272-8318 (weddings/memorials/funerals/consultant)
Lee, Saeah: 781-664-3958 (weekdays/Sat. RC masses; no Sunday)
Markham, Susan: 401-821-6786 (no Sun. a.m.)
Martorella, Philip: 401-885-3431 (no Sun. a.m.)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Nolan, Robert: 401-884-7172 (available to provide all needs)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)
Valentine, Bro. Enoch J: 401-440-4784 (all, weddings/funerals)

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.