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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Fellow Guild Members,

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing summer. As many of our musical programs gear up for another year, one of our Board Members has been extremely busy preparing and securing many programs for us. My sincerest thanks go to Gigi Mitchell-Valasco for organizing the Chapter events. (See Gigi's message, below.)

Once again, I remind you that this newsletter will be mailed electronically; we will no longer use snail mail. Also, please be punctual with membership renewals. As membership is now on a rolling basis, sometimes people forget, and their membership lapses. It would be nice, also, if more people attended our events. Take a moment to look at the spectacular lineup for this year. There is something for everybody! Have a great season and see you at an event or two or more!

Stephen Kirby, Dean
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FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE!

In August, your Board met to plan the 2018-2019 season of events. We discussed our relevance –as a national and as a local organization; the relevance of our profession, and of ourselves –as artists, as servants of the church and custodians of our musical community. We realize that much of our landscape has changed: the nature of our work, the role of music, and our roles as organists and directors. That we must change and keep step with our ever-evolving world is clear. A common catch phrase today is 'diversity.' Look at any church website or corporate profile and you'll see it. This is our future. Seasoned musicians need to bring a sense of tradition without holding too tightly to the past. Younger musicians offer new ideas, such as computerized technology in organ building and programming. We need to move boldly together into the future. In programming for this year, we wanted to reflect where we are going, reaching within, reaching out, combining efforts to move ahead. As you will see from our schedule of events, we have done just that! We have events just for us, and events where the community is involved. Our goal was to involve clergy and educational institutions, and those voices that are not always heard. We hope that you will join us and participate fully. Your voice matters. EVERY voice matters. We look forward to seeing you as we go FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE!

Gigi Mitchell-Velasco, Assistant to the Dean, Program Chair (See calendar of events, next page.)

Tuesday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. – DISCOVERING DIVERSITY

Opening get-together with cakes and pastries. Hymn-sing featuring hymns on diversity. Talk by **Chaplain-designate, Rev. Jamie Washam**, Minister of First Baptist Church in America on *Diversity in the Church, Diversity in Music* and the role of embracing a new order. Induction of officers and introduction of our new RIAGO Chaplain.

First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street Providence, RI

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – A TRIP TO EUROPE AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Okay – maybe just a trip to Taunton, Massachusetts. I know Rhode Islanders feel that’s just about as far! We will collaborate with our friends from Southeastern Massachusetts AGO in an event they are hosting, highlighting the new Hauptwerk Meta Organ by organ builder, technician and organist, **Dan Lemieux**. Lemieux calls it “a Pipe Organ Revolution based on traditional pipe organ building skills, values and the tools of our age,” creating the ultimate playing machine! Curating in virtual (digital) replicas of famous organs from around the world, alongside Meta’s computer system built from the ground up, Lemieux is creating a world of great organs both American and European all in one console without ever leaving New England! Dan and I will be demonstrating, followed by a short recital by **Nathaniel Castro**. Then the Meta Organ console is open for a chance to try it for yourself. Other events include a talk on choral music by **James Jordan** of Paraclete Press from the Community of Jesus Monastery in Orleans, a lecture-demonstration on Thai music with Gamelan, and a box lunch. Join **Dean Thomas Sargeant** at the S.E. Mass AGO mini-convention as we touch music from around the globe!

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 19 Kilmer Avenue, Taunton, MA

Saturday, February 2, 2019 [time TBD] – DISCOVERING OUR ANCIENT ROOTS AND TRADITIONS

A service of *Lessons and Carols for Candlemas* at Grace Episcopal Church, downtown Providence, hosted by **Vince Edwards** – music of Holst, Britten, Eccard and Victoria. **Frederick Jodry** will be conducting the Brown University Chorus, with Vince Edwards at the organ. Reception to follow in the Pavilion building. Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian holy day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

Grace Episcopal Church, 300 Westminster Street, Providence, RI

Friday, March 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. – KATELYN EMERSON SOLO RECITAL

Exciting young concert organist, **Katelyn Emerson**, will be our special guest artist this season and will play the magnificent organ of S. Stephen’s Church in Providence. Hosted by S. Stephen’s organist, **Dr. James Busby**, Katelyn, who won AGO’s National Young Artist competition, is concertizing all over the world. *The American Organist* calls her playing, “tasteful and elegant.” *Boston Musical Intelligencer* says, “she is indeed a ‘Rising Star’ in the organ world.” *The Portland Press* declares, “Emerson... shows every indication that she will become one of her generation’s most prominent organists.”

S. Stephen’s Church, 114 George Street, Providence, RI

June 2019, second week [date and time TBD] - WOMEN IN MUSIC RECITAL

A showcase of women artists playing women composers, this year’s Members’ Recital, hosted by **Patrick Aiken** at Central Congregational Church, will feature organists **Diana Norton Jackson**, an authority of the music of female composers, and **Gigi Mitchell-Velasco**.

Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell Street, Providence, RI

For updates, contact Gigi Mitchell-Velasco at Namenlose@aol.com or 401.965.4641

PLACEMENT LISTINGS

Contact Julie Tagen (401-225-9594) to list

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 3/18
111 East Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02889
The Rev. Susan Wrathall day 401-737-3127 eve 401-617-0380
Steere & Turner \$16,000 O/D

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 3/18
3055 Main S., PO Box 395, Barnstable, MA 02630
Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson 508-362-3977
rector@stmarys-church.org
Wilhelm \$35-40,000 Minister of Music

The First Universalist Church of Providence 4/18
250 Washington St., Providence, RI 02903
The Rev. W. Scott Axford 401-751-0821 401-454-1636
\$150/service pipe organ Organist/Director

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 8/18
97 Walcott St. Pawtucket, RI 02864
Marion Manickas 401-333-6336
Allen 100/service, 50/rehearsal Organist

EVENTS

Saturday, September 15 at 5:00 pm: All Saints' Memorial Church, Providence presents LYRA, performing Chants from the Russian Orthodox Church and Folk Songs from Russia. LYRA, an a cappella group of five professional singers from St. Petersburg, Russia, presents sacred music of the Russian Orthodox Church, including ancient songs, works of famous masters, and little-known but remarkable Russian composers of 18th – 20th centuries as well as Russian folk songs: comic, lyric, dancing, and love songs. This is LYRA's second visit to All Saints' and a concert not to miss. Free. Open to all. Handicap accessible with ample free parking. Reception follows.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Contact Julie Tagen (401-225-9594) with changes.

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS & WEEKDAYS

Babbitt, Jonathan 401-864-9009
Casteel, Eden: 401-932-5589
Castellani, Roger: 917-621-6530 Available after Sept., 2016
Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
Higgins, Stephen: 401-441-2270 (comfortable with any keyboard situation)
Johnson, Winfred: 401-847-8548 (interim)
Jones, William: 401-848-4327 (all)
Karen Kohl: 401-787-2695 Please Inquire
MacCubbin, Jay: 401-521-0698
Norton-Jackson, Diana: 401-714-2700 (no weddings)
Phelps, Howard: 508-224-8475 (please inquire)
Tagen, Julia L.: 401-225-9594 (all, weddings/funerals/interim)
Taylor, Terry: 401-253-9030 (tutti@fullchannel.net)
Vecchio, Gina: 401-954-2163
Vinson, Duncan: 781-888-3848
Westhaver, Verna: 401-683-2636 (substitute/interim)
Wilson, Lawrence: 860-857-5493

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Allard, Althea: 401-728-4431
Black, John: 401-737-1230 (all, available Saturdays & weekdays)
Cranmer, David: 401-447-9848
Martorella, Philip: 401-615-0769 (no Sun. a.m.)
Nicholson, Nancy: 401-521-9097 (all)
Sobaje, Martha: 401-626-0099 (weddings, funerals)

MEMBER MATTERS

Condolences to the family of **Winfred Johnson**, who died in May of this year. RIAGO member **Rob Currier** remembers Win as "the ultimate gentleman and a scholar. He was a fine teacher, a fine musician, and a fluent organist." May he rest in peace.

Thanks to Gigi Mitchell-Velasco for including the handy grid of calendar listings so you don't miss a moment of our 2018-19 season's activities! (See second attachment)

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

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.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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