



The Coupler

The Official Magazine of the
American Guild of Organists
Washington, DC Chapter
September, 2008

Installation Concert and Reception
Monday, September 15th 6:30 PM!!
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, 10th and G NW
Irwin Peterson (Saxophone) & Ronald Stolk (Organ)

The Dean's Letter

A good number of members of the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and Potomac Chapters attended the National Convention in Minneapolis. Kudos to our Twin Cities colleagues for a successful, well-planned, and well-run event!

Of course, Washington is next, and preparations are shifting into high gear. A delegation from the Steering Committee will present a detailed program proposal in New York on October 13. The Steering Committee has invested much time and energy in this plan, with input from James Thomashower, the AGO Executive Director, Dennis Elwell, the Councillor for National Conventions, and CONC, the Committee on National Conventions.

Both the number of volunteers and the level of organization in Minneapolis were truly impressive, and the Steering Committee has high hopes of a similar level of participation in 2010!

In the midst of all the Convention excitement we should, of course, not neglect our chapter activities. The Chapter board invites everyone to the opening of the 2008-2009 season (our 99th!) on Monday, September 15 at 6:30pm in St. Patrick Church, 10th and G Streets, NW. Board member Irwin Peterson and your dean will present a program of music for saxophone and organ. A reception will follow in the rectory, where board members will be duly installed. Afterwards there is opportunity for dinner in one of the many excellent restaurants in Penn Quarter.

Ronald Stolk

CALENDAR

National City Christian Church Special Events!

Friday, September 5 from 4:00-9:30pm National City Christian Church Music Open House!

FREE Organ music, harp music, Spirituals, chamber music and an open dress rehearsal by the Washington Sinfonietta of their all-Beethoven program. For details about this event, see

www.nationalcitycc.org

Saturday, September 6 2:00pm Washington Sinfonietta Beethoven Festival Chamber Music Recital 7:30pm Orchestra Concert featuring Beethoven's 4th Symphony and 4th Piano Concerto Tickets: \$15 adults / \$10 Seniors / Children 18 & under FREE **www.washingtonsinfonietta.com**

National City Christian Church, Music at Midday, Thursdays, 12:15pm FREE

September 4 at 12:15pm Richard Pilliner (London, England), organ
J.S. Bach, Anataffy-Zsiross, Liszt and Karg-Elert

September 11 at 12:15pm Charles Miller, organ

9/11 Memorial Program featuring works of Barber, Copland, Bach and others

September 18 at 12:15pm Vasily Popov (The Levine School, Washington DC), cello
Britten and Dutilleux

September 25 at 12:15pm Stephen Harouff (Baltimore, MD), organ
Sowerby, Bolcolm, Nanney and Hampton

Grace Episcopal Church 10th Anniversary Season Produced by Samuel Carabetta

All performances are on Sundays at 5pm with a reception to meet the artists following the concert

October 19th, Cantate Chamber Singers conducted by Giselle Becker,
Britten, Howells, Purcell and Vaughan Williams

January 4th Start the New Year with the Washington Performing Arts Society's Children of the Gospel Choir

February 8th, **Nathan Gunn**, one of the most charismatic and celebrated baritones

April 26th, 10th Anniversary Gala performance featuring Peter Schickele a.k.a. P.D.Q. Bach

Grace Episcopal Church 6507 Main Street The Plains, VA or **www.gracechurch.net**

The Grace Church Concert Series is funded through the generosity of Mrs.

Jacqueline B. Mars in memory of her mother, Mrs. Forrest Mars

"The Sights and Sounds of the Pipe Organ" featuring Mary Mozelle, organ

September 14, 3:00pm St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish (Berghaus, 2008 III/63) 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD Anne Timpane, Narrator

October 5, 6:00pm Providence Presbyterian Church (Lively-Fulcher, 2007 II/38) 9019 Little River Turnpike Fairfax, VA Dennis Owens, Narrator

October 18, 1:00pm The National Presbyterian Church Aeolian-Skinner, 1970 IV/106 4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW Washington, DC Dr. Lawrence Young, Narrator

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Jason West has changed his email address to jasonkentwest@gmail.com

Correct your Directory- Our Treasurer Arthur Roach can be reached at ArthurHR@aol.com



NOVA's placement of the International Year of the Organ Banner
Alright DC, what can YOU do?

We are now putting the photos of the banner in various locations up on the AGO website. Please take a look at <http://www.agohq.org/events/index.html> and click IYO photos. We'd be happy to put up digital photos from your region. Please send them to os@agohq.org and we'll see that they are sent to the web. Please also include a sentence giving us permission to put them there and in TAO. And check back frequently to see which photos have been added. Many thanks for all of your help! ----Peg

JOBS

MARYLAND

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – available immediately Faith United Methodist Church
6810 Montrose Rd. Rockville, MD 20852 Salary: \$20,000 range, approximately 20 hours per week; Music is an integral part of the life of the congregation, and Faith Church seeks the right person to continue this rich tradition. The director of music is responsible for the overall coordination of the music program: coordinate the rehearsal, training, and instructing of all choirs/ensemble groups, (handbell choir, women's choir, youth choir); and plan the music for each worship service in close collaboration with the senior pastor. Further, this person directs the adult choir and conducts weekly adult choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings, or as scheduled. Experience working with adults and youth and knowledge of the United Methodist Church is preferred. Email resume to Office@faithworkshere.com, fax to (301) 881-1617, or mail to address above.

CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR Church of Our Saviour Episcopal, 1700 Powder Mill Rd Silver Spring, MD 20903 Salary range within AGO guidelines for a quarter time position. Work with Rector to provide anthems for all regular and special services as required. Resumes and inquires: The Rev. Robert Harvey, Rector, 301-439-5900 or by mail to the address above.

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MUSIC DIRECTOR - available January 1, 2009, Trinity Lutheran Church (300 in Congregation) 11200 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852 Contact: Nancy Nielson, 301-881-7275 or TNie14@verizon.net Seeking a part-time Music Director to lead the Adult Choir (20 support and expand the music ministries (an Organist position has been recently filled). The Music Director reports to and works closely with the Pastors, in liaison with the Worship & Music Committee. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in music and 1 year choral conducting experience required. This is a one-quarter-time position (10 hrs/wk). Salary/benefits negotiable, commensurate with experience, in accordance with AGO Guidelines, 4 weeks' paid vacation, 2 weeks' continuing education. Detailed job description available at www.trinityelca.org. "The congregation appreciates and supports quality music in worship."

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

CHILDREN and YOUTH MUSIC DIRECTOR – available Summer 2008, Immanuel Presbyterian Church (700) 1125 Savile Lane. McLean, VA 22101 703-356-3042 15 hours weekly, salary commensurate with education and experience, 4 weeks' vacation Requires at least a BA in music and a minimum of two years' experience. Prefer keyboard skills; open to all types of sacred music, innovative. Primary responsibility is for developing and directing youth and children's music, including Sunday mornings (3 choirs and Sunday School music). Handbell experience a plus; organ proficiency a plus (1998 Lively-Fulcher pipe organ). Contact Music Search Committee at address above or office@ipcmclean.org.

INTERIM ORGANIST – available June 1, First Christian Church (150) 6165 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 703-532-8220 Quarter time position 10-12 hours per week, salary commensurate with experience; no vacation for interim 1972 Casavant II/34. "The church is a vibrant, growing congregation that has an educated appreciation of music. There is great warmth and affirmation among the members and the staff. We have a traditional worship service and also are exploring some creative approaches." Contact Lunette Arledge at the church address, or call 202-737-3390 during the day or 703-425-0388 in the evening.

ORGANIST OR INTERIM ORGANIST– available September 1, Cherrydale United Methodist Church, 3701 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207-5150 703-527-2621 Quarter-time position (8-10 hours per week), salary commensurate with experience, three weeks' paid vacation. Choir rehearses Sunday mornings and one Thursday evening per month during the school year. III/37 Wicks pipe organ. "The church has a long tradition of supporting a strong choral program. Solid keyboard skills, sight-reading ability, and relevant church experience are mandatory." Send resumes and inquiries to the CUMC Music Committee at the address above or to cumc_resume@comcast.net.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR or split positions- available immediately Grace Lutheran Church 1601 Prince William Parkway Woodbridge, VA 22191 703-494-4600 Can be one position depending on qualifications "The music program of our congregation is a highly valuable and integral ministry program and serves the needs of many." A list of expectations and specific desired qualifications can be obtained from the church office. Submit resumes no later than July 28, 2008

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – available immediately Fairfax Presbyterian Church (600) 10723 Main St. Fairfax, VA 22030 Full-time position; salary negotiable, depending on experience; benefits include medical insurance, pension and vacation. Director of Music to administer, lead and supervise music ministry, staff and volunteers. Candidate should have formal training and experience in choral and instrumental directing. Duties to include (but not limited to): lead choral groups, bell choirs and instrumental ensembles in both traditional and non-traditional music, encourage spiritual growth and fellowship in music program participants. Once this position is filled, the Director of Music will participate in the search for a part-time music associate, who will lead children, teen and youth choirs, and will participate in the search for an organist/accompanist (both positions report to the Director of Music). Please send resume to the address above, attention: Worship Ministry.

INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR - available September 1, St Dunstan's Episcopal Church
1830 Kirby Rd McLean, VA 22101 703-356-7533

Potomac Organ Institute

Congratulations to four new students who will be part of the Potomac Organ Institute for 2008-2009. Auditions were held in May, and each student is now paired with a teacher. They will receive complimentary organ lessons beginning in September and concluding in June. Students will also receive memberships in their respective chapter, and a one-year subscription to *The American Organist*.

The students are Michael Drescher, Amy Kraft, Johannes Löhner, and Weston Jennings. Michael will study with Thom Robertson, Amy with Dale Krider, Johannes with Edward Moore, and Weston with William McCoy.

Many thanks to Carolyn Lamb Booth, John Brooks, Peter Crisafulli, and Scott Matthias who ably assisted with the auditions last spring, and to this year's teachers for contributing their time to this wonderful program.

We are looking forward to another productive year! Jeffrey Pannebaker, POI Coordinator

Jay Parrotta receives F.A.G.O!

Justus 'Jay' Parrotta, at only 20 years old, has passed both sections of the most advanced organ exam to become a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. He is certainly one of the youngest organists to accomplish this and he deserves our heartiest congratulations. Jay begins his junior year this coming fall at the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music at Catholic University where he studies with Dr. Edward Alan Moore.

Simone Fitzgibbon passed both sections to receive the C.A.G.O. certificate. Simone is organist at Palisades Community Church in Washington, D.C. and studies organ with Dale Krider.

Ann Hague passed the Service Playing exam this past spring. Ann is a student of Dale Krider.

Deborah Hess, assistant organist at the Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist church, passed the Service Playing Exam. Debbie is a student of Dale Krider.

A Full Weekend to celebrate the International Year of the Organ!

Friday, October 17 at 7:30pm, with reception! America's premiere organ duo, Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault in recital, National City Christian Church- Commissioned organ duets by Phillip Moore, Richard Shepherd, Charles Callahan, Myron Roberts and others- Colorful music, spectacular recital gowns, amazing sound of 7,000 pipes and the famous handbell stop Tickets: \$20, Children 18 and under free

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