



# The Coupler

The Official Magazine of the  
American Guild of Organists  
Washington, DC Chapter  
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## A Full Weekend to celebrate the International Year of the Organ!

**Friday, October 17 at 7:30pm, National City Christian Church**

Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, America's Premiere Organ Duo, with reception!  
\$20, Children 18 & under free

**Saturday, October 18, 1:00pm, National Presbyterian Church**

Mary Mozelle, Organ, with Dr. Lawrence Young, Narrator

**&**

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, Tri-Chapter Organ Spectacular  
Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

### *The Dean's Letter*

Our 2008–2009 season began with a recital, installation of officers, and a reception on Monday, September 15. Thanks to Tom Cowan for his customary flawless organization, Irvin Peterson for his beautiful saxophone playing, Carl Schwartz for installing the board, and new AGO President Eileen Guenther for her address. The Chapter board looks forward to welcoming those who could not make it at our subsequent events!

I am happy to report significant progress in the preparations for the 2010 National Convention. After months of hard work, the Steering Committee approved a program and a budget, and sent it off to AGO Headquarters. Convention treasurer, Kathy Burger, Program Committee chair, Charles Miller, and I will be in New York on October 13 to discuss our proposal, and we are confidently looking forward to this meeting.

The Chapter did explore ideas to observe Olivier Messiaen's centenary, but circumstances prevented us from realizing an event. Fortunately, the Library of Congress will be presenting several very interesting events.

**Saturday, October 25 at 8 pm**, pianist Christopher Taylor plays *Vingt Regards sur l'Enfant Jésus*. At 6:15 pm., there is a pre-concert presentation, *Messiaen in War and Peace: from "Vingt Regards" to*

“*Harawi*” and the *Tristan* trilogy” by Peter Hill, co-author of the definitive Messiaen biography, and editor of *The Messiaen Companion*.

**Friday, October 31 at 7 pm**, there will be a showing of Paul Festa’s *Apparition of the Eternal Church* (2006) in the Pickford Theater of the Library of Congress Madison Building. This 58-minute film captures the responses of 31 authors, musicians, filmmakers and dancers to Olivier Messiaen’s monumental organ work, played by Olivier Latory on the organ of Notre-Dame in Paris. This movie was screened at the AGO Convention in Minneapolis this summer – with a note in the program book that the film deals frankly with sex and violence in explicit language.

**Saturday November 1 at 8 pm**, Tony Arnold (soprano) and Jacob Greenberg (piano) present *Songs of Love and Death*, including Messiaen’s *Harawi* song cycle. The pre-concert presentation at 6:15 p.m. features Paul Festa both as filmmaker (excerpts from *Apparition*) and as violinist. With pianist Jerome Lowenthal he will play the Washington premiere of Olivier Messiaen’s 1933 *Fantaisie pour violon et piano*, published last year.

Admission to all these events is free. People can walk into the October 25 and November 1 pre-concert lectures, but please note: **The concerts themselves require tickets**. A block of seats has been reserved for AGO members. Contact Anne McLean (amcl@loc.gov) to make a reservation, and indicate that you are an AGO member. You may pick up tickets at the door. For the October 31 film screening, reservations are required one week before the screening, by calling 202-707-5677 M-F 9-5pm.

Last, but not least: Happy International Year of the Organ!

*Ronald Stolk*

**Graham Elliot has accepted a position in the UK. The DC/AGO Board has elected Ronald Stolk 2010 National AGO Convention Chair, pending National’s approval.**

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 12, 3pm- Haig Mardirosian, Organ** Ascension & St. Agnes, 12<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts NW, Brahms, CPE Bach, Salmenhaara, Messiaen, Karg-Elert, Vierne



**St. Dominic’s Church, 630 E St SW, (202) 554-7863**

”St. Dominic’s has the **most beautiful** sounding organ in DC!” **Editor**

**Sunday, October 12, 3PM** Paul Inwood, Composer and Director of Music, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, England

**Friday, October 24, 7:30PM** Robert Munns, international touring artist from England. Freewill offering, St. Dominic’s is home to an 1887 Roosevelt organ (III/43) with original tonal design

### **Music at St. Ann’s**

**Sunday, October 5, 3:00pm-**

Trinity Chamber Orchestra of Washington, Richard Fazio, Conductor

**Friday, October 24, 8:00pm** William Whitehead, Organist

William Harris (1883-1973)

Flourish for an Occasion

Jehan Alain (1911-40)	Two Pieces-Litanies, Le Jardin Suspendu
Iain Farrington (b. 1977)	Animal Parade (in homage to Saint-Saëns)
Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)	Variations on God Save the King
J S Bach (1685-1750)	Toccatà in F, BWV 540
Jehan Alain	Trois Danses

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

**October 2 Charles Miller, organ**  
**October 9 Loudoun Quartet- Flute and Friends**  
**October 16 Chenault Organ Duo**  
**October 23 Charles Miller, organ**  
**October 30 Miriam Gentle, Harp with Charles Miller, organ**

**Grace Episcopal Church 10th Anniversary Season Produced by Samuel Carabetta**

All performances **Sundays at 5pm** with reception after to meet the artists

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**, Cantate Chamber Singers conducted by Giselle Becker,  
 Britten, Howells, Purcell and Vaughan Williams

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** Start the New Year with the Washington Performing Arts Society's Children of the Gospel Choir

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**, **Nathan Gunn**, one of the most charismatic and celebrated baritones

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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

**Chantry**

**Saturday, December 20, 8pm** St. Mary, Mother of God, 727 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Gallery Place metro, **Joyeux Noël**, Chantry, with Modern Musick Baroque orchestra, Manchicourt "Misaa Noe, noe!" Charpentier "Missa Minuit"

**Saturday, March 7, 8pm**, St. Paul's 2430 K Street NW. Foggy Bottom metro &

**Sunday, March 8, 6pm**, St. Bernadette's, 70 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, MD Orlando Gibbons, Complete *First Service* "Verse" and "full" anthems

**Saturday, May 16, 8pm**, St. Paul's 2430 K Street NW. Foggy Bottom metro &

**Sunday, May 17, 6pm**, St. Bernadette's, 70 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, MD Victoria "Missa Ascendens Christus"

**"The Sights and Sounds of the Pipe Organ" Please note new start time on October 5:**

**October 5, 7:00pm** Providence Presbyterian Church (Lively-Fulcher, 2007 II/38) 9019 Little River Turnpike Fairfax, VA Mary Mozelle, organ & Dennis Owens, narrator

**October 18, 1:00pm** The National Presbyterian Church (Aeolian-Skinner, 1970 IV/106) 4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW Washington, DC Mary Mozelle, organ & Dr. Lawrence Young, narrator

**Cathedral of St Thomas More, Arlington**

**Friday, October 17, 8pm** Dr. Ricardo Rameriz, Music Director, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, Cathedral of St Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA, 703-524-2815 or [www.stmcathedralconcerts.org](http://www.stmcathedralconcerts.org)

**National Cathedral, Wisc. & Mass. Ave NW**

**Tuesday, October 21, 7:30pm** The organ project will be explained in detail and there will be a time for questions and comments. The event will be held in Perry Auditorium, which can be reached by entering the main entrance of the Cathedral and taking the elevator to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** to Scott Dettra at [sdettra@cathedral.org](mailto:sdettra@cathedral.org) or (202) 537-5553

**Music at Redeemer Series 2008-09**

**Saturday, October 18, at 7:30pm** British concert organist Robert Munns performs on the two manual, twenty-eight rank Di Gennaro-Hart organ at The Church of the Redeemer. Program includes works by J.S. Bach, Andrew Fletcher, Olivier Messiaen, and Max Reger. **FREE**, Reception

**Saturday, November 1, at 5:00pm** The choirs of The Church of the Redeemer and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA Gabriel Fauré's Requiem Mass, soloists and orchestra. Free-will offering. Reception



**Haig Mardirosian, organist**  
In recital

international  
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**Sunday, October 12, 2008**  
3:00 p.m.  
(Free admission)

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION AND SAINT AGNES**

12th Street and  
Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

**Music of**

**Johannes Brahms**  
**C.P.E. Bach**  
**Erkki Salmenhaara**  
**Olivier Messiaen**  
**Sigfrid Karg-Elert**  
**Louis Vierne**

### **Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD**

**Friday, October 24, 7:30pm** Trudy Faber, organist, Wittenberg University, Free-will offering, Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD

**Sunday, November 2, 4:00pm** Hymn Festival, Metro Washington DC Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, **at National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC** w/Bishop Emeritus Theodore F. Schneider, Jeffrey R. Pannebaker, organist Free-will offering

**Sunday, December 7, 5:00pm** Advent-Christmas Candlelight Concert, Bach /Cantata 36/ and Perti /Magnificat/ Oratorio Choir, Choristers, and Orchestra, Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD Free-will offering

### **From National AGO**

We are now putting the photos of the banner in various locations up on the National 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](mailto: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. Check back frequently to see which photos have been added. Many thanks for all of your help! ---Peg

## **JOBS**

### **MARYLAND**

6/20/08 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. [Office@faithworkshere.com](mailto:Office@faithworkshere.com), fax (301) 881-1617

8/23/2008 MUSIC DIRECTOR - available January 1, 2009 Trinity Lutheran Church (300 in Congregation) 11200 Old Georgetown Road North Bethesda, MD 20852 Contact: Nancy Nielsen, 301-881-7275 or

[TNiel4@verizon.net](mailto:TNiel4@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](http://www.trinityelca.org). "The congregation appreciates and supports quality music in worship."

9/03/2008 ORGANIST/harpsichordist/pianist – avail. Sept. 1, 2008 Damascus United Methodist Church (Size: 1200+) 9700 New Church St, Damascus, MD 20872 Contact: Walt Edmonds, Sr. Pastor, 301/253-0022 Ext. 103 Play (III/27 E.M. Skinner organ) for 2 Svcs/Sun. plus special services during yr, accompany Chancel Choir; work with four other paid music staff; approx. 11 hrs/week.

Annual salary \$19,000+, 4 weeks' paid vacation, sick leave, possible book/music allowance and negotiable continuing education provisions. "For over 20 years, DUMC has had a full choir and music program, doing major works such as major Requiems, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, *et al.* We sing communion liturgies and special liturgies throughout the year."

### **NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

8/11/2008 – available September 1

ORGANIST

St Christopher's Episcopal Church  
6320 Hanover Ave

Springfield, VA 22150

703-451-1088; fax: 703-451-1089; website: [www.saintchristophers.net](http://www.saintchristophers.net) 1 service/wk plus 5-6 Holy-Day evening services/yr; avg. hrs/wk: 12-14, 1 adult choir, 12-15 members; coordinate programs with Jr. Music Ensemble Director (brass & other instrumentalists); Organ: Gress-Miles II/15; Annual salary range: \$20-22.5K

Bene's: 4 wks paid vacation, 1 wk paid contin. educa. leave; sick leave; contin. educa. funding.

"We are a Eucharist-centered community that enjoys music & liturgy and takes both seriously. We like and sing a variety of musical styles. We have many semi-/professional volunteer musicians & are a singing congregation which learns new hymns & svc. music quickly. We encourage musicians of all ages, believing that music is a vital part of praising God."

8/13/2008 MUSIC DIRECTOR & ORGANIST – available immediately Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Episcopal (near VTS) 3606 Seminary Rd Alexandria, VA 22304 Two Sunday services, two weekly rehearsals; staff meetings, other responsibilities per Rector (30 hours/week). Will work as part of staff under Rector. Direct two adult choirs, work w/ Worship Committee, vestry Stewards for Worship and the clergy. Goals: children's music program development and broader congregational music worship expression. To be supported by part-time accompanist. Organ: 1900 Adam Stein 2-manual tracker; Steinway grand piano. Required: formal training/experience in choral/instrumental direction, familiarity w/ Episcopal music & liturgy; ability to recruit, encourage & motivate new/experienced choristers. "We enjoy sacred music in all forms: folk, gospel, international, classical & contemporary". Benefits package to be determined, negotiable based on previous experience. Interested candidates send cover letter w/ resume & references NLT Sept. 30 to above address OR via e-mail to [music1@icoh.net](mailto:music1@icoh.net) (no phone inquiries)."

9/3/2008 HANDBELL DIRECTOR / Music Dep't Assistant – avail. Sept. 1 The Falls Church (Congregation 2,500+; two worship spaces, ea. with pipe instrument) 115 E. Fairfax St, Falls Church, VA 22046 Supervise two handbell groups (1 adult, 1 Jr. High), avg. 11 hrs/wk Salary within AGO Guidelines, benefits pkg. still being decided. "The Falls Church needs a new Director for a well-established handbell program, who will oversee/direct both ensembles at the Church, responsible for recruiting/training the ringers and planning music for various liturgical-yr occasions; assist the Director of Worship/Music in planning for use of the bells in services. This is a part-time position as a member of the music ministry team, with competitive salary. Contact Todd Fickley ([tfickley@thefallschurch.org](mailto:tfickley@thefallschurch.org)) or Mary Mozelle ([mmozelle@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmozelle@thefallschurch.org)) in the Music Office."

9/6/08 Church Musician - Available: 1 October 2008 BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4347 ARLINGTON BLVD Arlington, VA 22203-2904 Contact: Rev. Carolyn Richar, 703-525-0937;

[betheluccva@verizon.net](mailto:betheluccva@verizon.net) Size of congregation (number of active members): 60 Play the organ and the keyboard weekly; 1 Service, Rehearsal: Sunday before Service if there is a pick-up choir. Planning sessions: 1 per month Average Hours PER MONTH: 10-15 Organ: 2-manual Allen digital organ; Roland keyboard with amplifier Annual Salary Range: \$6,000 - 8,000/year; 2 weeks' paid vacation

"Bethel is an equal opportunity employer: a community that is multiracial, multicultural, open and affirming, accessible to all. Bethel is committed to the message that 'God Is Still Speaking'. The single service is a blend of traditional and nontraditional elements of worship. Hymns and other music are recognized as having a significant role in the worship life of the congregation."

9/13/08 ORGANIST OR INTERIM ORGANIST Cherrydale United Methodist Church, 3701 Lorcom Lane Arlington, VA 22207-5150 703-527-2621. Quarter-time position (8-10 hours per week); one service; salary commensurate with experience and within AGO Guidelines; three weeks' paid vacation. Choir rehearses Sunday mornings and one Thursday evening per month during the school year. III/37 Wicks pipe organ. "Located in an attractive, historic neighborhood, CUMC is a distinguished church with 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 [cherrydale\\_resume@verizon.net](mailto:cherrydale_resume@verizon.net).

9/26/08 MINISTER OF MUSIC – Available immediately, Hope UCC, 6130 Old Telegraph Rd Alexandria, VA 22310 703-960-8772, [hopeucc@gmail.com](mailto:hopeucc@gmail.com) Avg. 10 hrs/week, direct one music group. Sohmer piano, 20 yrs old. Annual salary \$10,400; 2 weeks' paid vacation plus 2 add'l Sundays; continuing educa. fund. "Hope United Church of Christ is located in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, VA. We are a progressive Christian church. Hope UCC is an open and affirming congregation that welcomes diverse communities and is sensitive to the use of language and musical styles that includes and excludes. We seek always to reach out to others with a variety of musical styles. There are approximately 75 members of the congregation; our average worship attendance is approximately 50 children and

adults. More information about Hope UCC can be found at [www.Hopeucc.org](http://www.Hopeucc.org)". No phone calls please; send resumes to one of the above addresses.

## Practical and Academic Program at University of Notre Dame

At the moment I am recruiting students for our Master of Sacred Music program at the University of Notre Dame. We are extremely excited about what is going on here. The degree combines music (two organ recitals, organ literature, music history) and liturgy courses. There are details of the program on the website: <http://www.nd.edu/~msm/>

The assistantships pay full tuition for two years plus a stipend of \$12,000 per year for two years. Typically a student on an assistantship works in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. All students in our MSM program are supported with tuition grants. If you know of any prospective undergraduate students or others who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program, I would appreciate hearing from you. If you have any names to suggest, I am happy to contact them.

We have fourteen organ majors at Notre Dame. Our new Fritts organ and organ hall are stunning. We have an eclectic-style tracker organ in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart that is also used for teaching, practice, and performance. In addition there are other organs on campus by Ahrend (our wonderful new continuo organ), Führer, Gober, Noack, and Wilhelm. You can see the Fritts at <http://www.nd.edu/~music/omalley.html>. Many thanks for your help, and all the best,

Craig Cramer, DMA, Professor of Organ  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana USA  
[574-631-7836](tel:574-631-7836)  
<http://www.nd.edu/~music/faculty/cramer.html>

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) announces the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Troeger as AGO Chaplain for a term of two years, 2008–2010. The chaplain is an honorary national officer appointed to serve the diverse pastoral needs of the AGO National Council and the international membership of the Guild. Dr. Troeger will also contribute an editorial column to The American Organist Magazine. The appointment was made by AGO President Eileen Guenther and ratified by the AGO National Council on September 3, 2008.

### Hymn Titles By Occupation

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings  
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation  
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away  
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises  
Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See  
The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All  
The Gossiper's Hymn.....Pass It On  
The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light  
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet By and By  
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion

The Massage Therapists Hymn.....He Touched Me  
The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician  
Swimmer's Hymn.....Shall We Gather at the River  
AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns  
>45mph.....God Will Take Care of You  
>65mph.....Nearer My God To Thee  
>85mph.....This World Is Not My Home  
>95mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home  
>100mph.....Precious Memories

**Nota Bene! If you are willing to take over as Editor of *The Coupler*, with all the attendant power and prestige, please contact Tom Cowan**  
[tgcowan@aim.com](mailto:tgcowan@aim.com)

## **PipeSpectacular IX**

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, Tri-Chapter Organ Spectacular  
Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

**PipeSpectacular IX, "L'ORGUE LITURGIQUE ET SYMPHONIQUE"** featuring six talented organists of the Washington DC area, Julie Vidrick Evans, Scott Dettra, Jeremy Filsell, Peter Latona, Ronald Stolk and Lawrence Young, **Free Admission!**

**TriChapter needs to ask for donations to support PipeSpectacular IX.**

As in past years, donations will be listed in the program. This year we also want to recognize giving levels:

Patrons:	Gifts of \$500 and above
Sponsors:	Gifts of \$250 and above
Friends:	Gifts of \$100 and above
Helpers:	Gifts of \$50 and above

If you would like to contribute, make your check to TriChapter AGO and send it to:  
Gerald Piercey  
TriChapter Treasurer  
10153 Bacon Drive  
Beltsville, MD 20705