



The Coupler

eNewsletter

American Guild of Organists
Washington, DC Chapter

www.dcago.org

July-August 2010

PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 2nd

7:00 p.m. Julie Vidrick Evans, organist

**Performing the complete Trio Sonatas of J.S. Bach (BWV 525-530) on the
50-rank, mechanical-action Rieger organ**

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

One Chevy Chase Circle NW

Washington, DC 20015

www.chevychasepc.org, 202-363-2202 (ext. 33)

**The church is located a short walk from the Friendship Heights Metro or
take the L2 or L4 north on Connecticut Avenue from the convention hotel.**

Parking is available.

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd

3:00 p.m. Bach Festival—Francine Maté, organist

Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown

1041 Wisconsin Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20007

www.gracedc.org

**3:30 p.m. Christopher Houlihan, organist
St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish
6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
www.stjohnsnorwood.org**

**7:00 p.m. Bach Festival - Roland Stangier, organist
Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown
1041 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20007
www.gracedc.org**

**7:30 p.m. Organ Plus Recital, Marvin Mills and Friends
Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 16th St NW
Washington, DC 20036
www.foundryumc.org**

**9:00 p.m. Compline Sung by St. Mary's Schola and Reception
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
2609 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22207
www.stmarysarlington.org**

St. Mary's Schola, directed by Gregory Hooker, sings each Sunday evening throughout the school year at St. Mary's and was featured at the Association of Anglican Musicians Regional Conference 2008. The ensemble is composed of professional and volunteer singers and will sing a 25-minute service of chant and polyphony in St. Mary's beautiful candlelit nave.

St. Mary's is located a short bus or taxi ride from the Ballston Metro and parking is available. A nightcap reception follows in Paca Parish Hall.

SUNDAY, July 4th

**9:00 a.m. St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Episcopal–Worship
2430 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
www.stpauls-kst.com**

Harris: Behold, the tabernacle of God; Tallis: O nata lux

**11:00 a.m. National City Christian Church–Worship
Five Thomas Circle NW
Washington, DC 20005
www.nationalcitycc.org**

**Organ music played by Charles Miller and W. Dudley Oakes
Duruflé: Scherzo, Op. 2; Peeters: Aria; Cherwien: Chorale Prelude on
“Melita”;**

Lemmens: Marche Triomphale

Choral music by Charles Miller, Eric Thiman, and Franz Joseph Haydn

**11:00 a.m. The Church of the Epiphany–Episcopal Worship Rite II
1317 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20005**

**www.epiphanydc.org, info@epiphanydc.org, 202-347-2635
Music of Mathias, Ireland, Bruckner, and Peterson.**

Renown for its fine acoustics, your worship experience at Epiphany will be enhanced by inspiring architecture and the sounds of the 64-rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. We hope you will consider worshipping with us.

The church is conveniently located at Metro Center, red, blue and orange lines. Use the 13th street exit and walk across 13th Street ½ block to the church.

**11:15 a.m. St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Episcopal–Worship
2430 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
www.stpauls-kst.com**

**Stanford: Communion Service in B-Flat; Wood: Expectans expectavi;
Harris: Behold, the tabernacle of God**

**2:00 p.m. National Cathedral Concert–Scott Dettra, organist, with guests
Washington National Cathedral
3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20016
www.nationalcathedral.org**

4:00 p.m. Bach Festival–Thomas Marshall, organist

Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown
1041 Wisconsin Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20007
www.gracedc.org

6:00 p.m. National Shrine Summer Organ Series—Roland Stangier, organist
The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20017
www.nationalshrine.com

6:00 p.m. St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Episcopal—Solemn Evensong and
Benediction
2430 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
www.stpauls-kst.com

Radcliffe: Preces and Responses; Wood: Evening Service in E-Flat (No. 2);
Gardiner: Evening Hymn



Post-Convention Event

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 619 10th St NW (10th & G St) Washington DC
20001

Friday 9th July 2010, LOUIS VIERNE (1870-1937)
The Symphonies for Organ , Jeremy Filsell *Organ*
Admission FREE, 11.30am: Illustrated lecture by Michael Barone
(*Pipedreams*)

10.00-11.15am **Symphonies 1 and 2**
11.30am-12.30pm **Michael Barone: 'Vierne's Music: Another Side'** 12.30-
2.00pm Lunch 2.00-3.15pm **Symphonies 3 and 4** 3.30-4.30pm Break 4.30-
5:45pm **Symphonies 5 and 6** 6.00pm End



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Summer Organ Recital Series, 2010

No charge for admission. Free will offerings accepted. All are welcome to attend. All recitals are at 6pm and are preceded by a carillon recital at 5:30pm.

JUNE

- 6 Florian Wilkes
- 13 Russell Weismann
- 20 Mickey Thomas Terry
- 27 Jinsun Cho

JULY

- 4 Roland Maria Stainger
- 11 Nicholas Will
- 18 Daniel Sañez*
- 25 Jon Brannon

AUGUST

- 1 Louis Perazza
- 8 Chris Candela

15 Richard Fitzgerald

22 Dan Sansone*

29 Peter Latona

* Recital in Crypt Church

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017, Metro Red Line: CUA/Brookland; Free parking; For more information: 202.526.8300; muslit@bnsic.org



TriChapter Mailing List is available in Electronic File

Ready to print, Single Chapter: \$15.00; Complete TriChapter Directory List (names and addresses): \$35.00, Contact Carol Guglielm, cgug@loc.gov or 301-699-8765, make check payable to:

TriChapter Committee, AGO

Mail to Gerald Piercey c/o Lewis & Hitchcock, Bacon Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705



On April 23, 2010, an AGO Member (Baltimore Chapter) filed a formal complaint against Immanuel Episcopal Church, Glencoe, MD, for wrongful termination of employment. The Guild is investigating the matter according to the AGO's Procedures for Dealing with Complaints About Termination. No determination has been made at this time. Although Guild Members may provide substitute or interim services, no Member may seek or accept regular or permanent employment with Immanuel Episcopal Church while these Procedures are pending.



Looking for a great way to publicize your next program, event, etc. to a local, targeted audience? Consider DCAGO email blasts. For a fee of \$5.00, Dean Tom Cowan will see that your message is delivered via email to each DCAGO member. The fee for a one-time email message to the entire Chapter membership is \$5.00. Contact Tom Cowan for more information at tgcowan@aim.com.

We're always looking for news and information that may be of interest to DC AGO Chapter members. Let us know about your programs or other programs (see format in calendar below), new organs, rebuilds, anecdotes, new research, interesting websites, new music composed by you or others, images and pics (public domain or with permission), "shameless self-promotion," etc. Deadline for the September 2010 issue of *The Coupler* is Monday, August 30, 2010. Send your information to rsaladini@gmail.com. Be sure to include "For The Coupler" in your email message.

If you would like to advertise personal for fee services in *The Coupler*, send your information to the Editor and send \$10 to the DC AGO treasurer. You ad will run for two consecutive issues. Direct any questions to the Editor rsaladini@gmail.com.



July-August 2010 CALENDAR

To include information about your program in "The Coupler," send it to Robert Saladini, editor, at rsaladini@gmail.com with an indication that you would like it listed in "The Coupler" and in the following form: date, time, what, who, where, and contact information. If have any descriptive information about the program and/or an image, send that along for consideration as well. Note that we are only able to list information about programs that occur two months in advance (E.g., April Coupler lists info about April and May events). To include information about "For fee" services or products, contact the editor. Deadline for the September 2010 issue of *The Coupler* is Monday, August 30, 2010.

July 2 at 7:00 PM. Organ recital. Julie Vidrick Evans will play the complete Trio Sonatas for Organ by J.S. Bach on the 50 rank Rieger Mechanical Action Organ, The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015 More information - 202.363.2202 x33



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Proudly Presents
Christopher Houlihan
In Recital
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Saturday, July 3 at 3:30 pm
as part of the pre-convention activities at
the AGO 2010 National Convention

St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish
6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301.654.7767 • www.stjohnsnorwood.org

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July 4-8, 2010 - American Guild of Organists National Convention

July 9 at 12:00 PM – Organ recital, Isabelle Demers. “After her spectacular Musical Monday concert last September, Isabelle will return to play her own transcription for organ of more scenes from Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet. See Isabelle on YouTube playing our newly restored Möller/Storey, IV/60 pipe organ. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aHer2_tIFc. Hear why Isabelle has

chosen this instrument to perform her new transcriptions of this orchestral favorite after appearing at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organist's in Washington, DC. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations to support the Musical Mondays concert series are welcome. Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, SE (2 blocks West of Eastern Market Metro, off Pennsylvania Ave.), Washington, DC 20003, 202-546-1000

July 9 at 4:30 PM – July 10 at 3:45 PM: Terry Taylor Children’s Choir Director Workshop, “This is Your Faith (and Brain) on Music”: Children’s Choir Advocacy for a New Era.” Sessions include: Why Children’s Choir?; Learning Ways and Plays; Devotion in Motion; Tone Improvement; Choral Anthem Reading Session. St. Johns United Methodist Church; 5312 Backlick Rd; Springfield, VA 22151-3313. Register at www.choristersguild.org/conferences or call 800-CHORISTER (800-246-7478) Sponsored by Choristers Guild.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

This material is compiled by TriChapter, the three local AGO Chapters (District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Potomac), working together to provide services for the membership; you may find information about current available positions at www.dicago.org. Contact Don Frazier, d_frazier1@msn.com or 703-368-0936 for information on having your open position listed. Also, you will find AGO national job listings at www.agohq.org/profession/indexjobs.html.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

05/27/2010

ORGANIST (Avail. immediately)

St Martin’s Catholic Church (Congrega. size: 800), 1908 N. Capitol St NW, Washington, DC 20002
Phone: 202-232-1144, To accompany 9 a.m. Mass, working with resident Choir Director; avg.

hours/wk: 2; Two-manual 1939 Moller pipe organ; Wage: \$150 per Sunday; negotiate time off with Director.

“St Martin’s is primarily an African-American community. We sing from the “Lead Me, Guide Me” hymnal (GIA).”

06/23/2010

MUSIC ASSISTANT (Avail. Aug. 15, 2010)

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Cir. NW, Washington, DC 20015, Phone 202-363-2202 x33; To direct three music groups: grades K-2, grades 3-8, and handbell choir; Avg. hours/wk: 17, working with resident Director of Music; III/50 pipe organ; 100-year-old Steinway piano; 5-octave WhiteChapel handbells; Annual salary: \$23k, 1 week paid vacation

“Must have organ/keyboard skills. Contact Julie V. Evans at the Phone No. above.”

MARYLAND

5/21/10

MUSIC DIRECTOR (Avail. July 6, 2010)

Bethesda United Church of Christ (142 members), 10010 Fernwood Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817-1616 Phone: 301-365-3387, Seeking Director for Adult Choir and possible Youth Choir. Avg. hrs/week: 10, 1991 Allen 2-manual Digital Electronic MDS-10; Yamaha electronic piano, 14 yrs old.; Annual salary: \$19,500 plus benefits, negotiable based on experience; 4 weeks’ paid vacation, 1 week continuing education; sick leave, book & contin. ed. Allowance; Visit website: www.bethesdaucc.org – detailed Job Description available from the church.

“BUCC is an open and diverse congregation. We welcome all without exception as we worship God together, journey in the spirit, and share our gifts with each other, our neighbors and the world.”

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

4/5/10

DIRECTOR of MUSIC – Avail. July 1, 2010 (negotiable)

Emmaus UCC (Membership: 270; website: www.emmausucc.org); 900 Maple Ave. East; Vienna, VA 22180 Phone: 703-929-4224; Organist/Director for one adult choir (c.15 members), and to

accompany a half-hour children's choir practice 3 months per year. Avg. hours/week: 10-15; salary \$15-16k depending upon education & experience. Rodgers 1990 2-manual organ; Yamaha conservatory piano. Vacation: 1 week per month (An Associate DoM covers one weekend each month)

“Emmaus UCC follows the UCC denomination's tradition of liberal, progressive spirituality, and seeks to be a place of comfort, challenge & empowerment. We seek a DoM to help us enrich our worship of God with music.”

Position responsibilities: playing & directing appropriate worship service music at 10:30 Sundays & for other special services (*e.g.* during Christmas season, Holy Week); leading Sunday a.m. choir rehearsals and directing the adult choir during services; working closely with the Senior Minister to coordinate each week's music selection; scheduling piano & organ maintenance; maintaining the music library (there is a small budget for additional music & professional fees). Salary is augmented by wedding/funeral/ordination fees. The congregation appreciates musical excellence and baroque/classical church music; members also enjoy a mix of newer musical styles; Emmaus' contemporary sanctuary has excellent acoustics for both accompanied and *a cappella* pieces.” Visit www.emmausucc.org to learn more. Please send resume with three references to Jennifer Chamberlain, Music Committee Chair, at music4emmaus@yahoo.com, or by regular mail to the church.

4/18/10

ORGANIST / CHOIR DIRECTOR - (Avail. June 1, 2010)

St Dunstan's Episcopal Church (Congrega. size: 450, ASA 165), 1830 Kirby Rd, McLean, VA 22150; Phone: 703-356-7533 Email: rector@stdunstans.net

Successful candidate to direct a 12-14 member adult volunteer choir; average 15 hours/wk. Organ: Schlicker pipe instrument, detailed at www.novaago.org. Salary: within AGO guidelines, based on education & experience; modest sick leave and book/music budget. “St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, located in Mclean, VA seeks part-time energetic Organist/Choir Director. St Dunstan's is a vibrant growing parish. The Director will work with the rector in planning worship. Our worship music has been based primarily on the 1982 Hymnal, but our vision is to use the 1982 Hymnal as a foundation and move towards a blended service, incorporating music from supplemental texts and additional instrumentation. The ability to communicate effectively with others, with staff and volunteers is an essential characteristic of this position. The candidate for this position should possess a strong knowledge of Episcopal Church liturgy. Gifts in teaching and creativity will be valuable in helping us grow into our music vision. For more information about St Dunstan's Episcopal church, please visit our website at www.stdunstans.net. Interested candidates should mail or email their resumes to the addresses listed above.”

6/23/10

ASSOCIATE ORGANIST, Part Time – Avail. July 1, 2010

Sydenstricker UMC (Congrega. size: 900); 8508 Hooes Rd; Springfield, VA 22153; Phone: 703-451-8223; III/50 Allen Renaissance Quantum (Q325), 3 yrs old; Annual salary: \$8000-8500

Responsibilities for this position include playing for choir rehearsal two to three times per month; twice monthly plus fifth Sunday worship services (8:30am and 11:00am); occasional extra rehearsals and special services/events. Currently the church employs an organist responsible for Sunday worship services and rehearsals two weeks each month. Applicants should have training/experience in church music and as an accompanist for choirs and congregational singing. The ability to sight read music and willingness to work as part of a team is essential. For more information about Sydenstricker UMC, visit our website at www.sumcdisciples.org. Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume with at least three references to our SPRC Chairperson, Laura Noble at the above address, or email resumes to bspowell@verizon.net

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Washington, DC Chapter
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