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From the Dean

I hope you had a wonderful summer, took some time to relax, and are now rejuvenated to begin a new season of music making. I am very pleased to welcome **James Carpenter** as our new Newsletter Editor. If you would like to post an upcoming concert or list a job opening in our Newsletter please email Jim at carpenter_james_h@yahoo.com before or on the 20th of the month to appear in the next Newsletter. Also, if you want to have concert and job information on our website, please contact Larry Philbrick at larryphilbrick@stny.rr.com.

Our Rochester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists proudly announces the first season of the **Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series**. This series is the fruit of a major collaboration between several groups with the common goal of further advancing Rochester's historic love of the pipe organ and its music. Together with the Eastman School of Music, WXXI and area churches, our AGO chapter has helped to establish a new recital series featuring some of the greatest organists of our time who will enrich the lives of community members with recitals and master classes. Rochester has established itself as one of the premier organ centers in the nation, with its wealth of quality instruments, educational vitality and active community support. This series now takes Rochester to a new level; we hope you will be a part of this exciting new endeavor! Our first virtuoso to appear in this series is **Todd Wilson**. We need your help in getting this information out to the general public! I have previously emailed you a flyer about Todd Wilson's September 13th, 4:00 p.m. organ recital at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Attached with this newsletter is that same flyer along with a copy of our concert series brochure and a bulletin announcement for Todd Wilson's concert. Please print out this flyer, brochure and information, and make copies to post at your church, give to choir members and forward it to anyone who you think would like to attend this concert. Hard copy brochures for this series can be obtained from me at RFABRY@dor.org. Brochures, the Todd Wilson flyer, bulletin announcement and other publicity information can also be downloaded from our website at www.agorochester.org. If you have any questions, call 585-544-7998. We are trying to keep the tickets at the low price of \$10/\$5 full-time student. Tickets will be available at the venue one hour prior to the performance. The success and future of the Rochester

Celebrity Organ Recital Series depends on support from sponsoring institutions and individuals. If you can spare any amount of money to help sponsor this series, please send a check made out to the Rochester Chapter, AGO in care of **Paul Frolick, AGO Chapter Treasurer, 36 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534-1939**. All donations will be greatly appreciated and your name will appear as a sponsor in future concert programs. Also, if you make a donation of \$100, you will receive two tickets to each concert in the 2009-2010 series. The two other organists that are a part of our first series are **Joan Lippincott**, performing on February 12, 2010 8:00 p.m. at Christ Church and **Michel Bouvard**, playing on April 30, 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are hoping that this series is successful and that we can expand it to include more concerts on more organs next year!

You are cordially invited to attend to our **Opening Service on September 20th** at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. The first meeting of our AGO chapter has traditionally been in the format of an opening worship service to start our new year. Dr. James Douthit, Music Director at Pittsford Presbyterian Church, will be our gracious host. The new Taylor and Boody Opus 57 pipe organ will be featured during the service. The new Pittsford Presbyterian sanctuary is a delight for the eyes and a feast for the ears! I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,
Ron Fabry

From the Sub-Dean

If you're like me, you enter this period of time with a mixture of excitement and something like dread. There's a large part of me that doesn't want summer to end, with its more relaxed schedule, and time for practicing, learning new repertoire, going to workshops, and planning for the new choir year. Then there's the part of me that's anxious to dive in to rehearsals and services with new energy and ideas garnered over the summer! As a Guild, I think it's safe to say that we are very excited about some of the programming for this coming year. Ron, the Board

and I are anxious to have you be a part of all that's going on!

Two major items in September are ones that I hope you will be able to support and attend: The first is the inaugural concert in the new Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series which we're co-sponsoring with the Eastman School, WXXI, Christ Church Rochester, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. You've already received initial information about Todd Wilson's recital at St. Paul's on September 13 at 4:00pm. The success of this event – and the entire series – depends in large part on our ability as a Chapter to publicize, and enthusiastically invite people from our churches, or wherever, to attend! Ron has already given some great ideas and resources for helping this to happen. Please do all that YOU can to spread the word – and distribute the series flyers that have been emailed to you, and that are available in hard copy form to distribute to your churches and friends! We have a great opportunity to build on the excitement that has been generated in the community in the past few years around the new instruments in the area, around EROI, and the incredible weekend with Michael Barone last February.

The second event, of course, is the opening Guild Service on Sunday, September 20 at 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. More information on this can also be found elsewhere in the newsletter, but let me encourage you to come to this lovely beginning to our program year, and to re-connect with your AGO colleagues. I hope to see you there!

Peter DuBois

A Somber Note from AGO National...

Many of our chapter members are familiar with the music of the talented composer Paul Manz. We learned from AGO National that Dr. Manz is gravely ill and we have been asked to remember him and his family in our prayers.

Guild Events

September 13, 2009, 4:00 P.M. Todd Wilson
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Rd.
Rochester Celebrity Organ Concert Series
(for more information: www.agorocheester.org)

September 14, 2009 Master Class with Todd Wilson
6:00 – 8:30 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25
Westminster Rd. Free for AGO Members!

September 20, 2009, 3:00 p.m., Pittsford Presbyterian
Church, 21 Church St., AGO Opening Service.

October 29–November 1, 2009 Eastman-Rochester
Organ Initiative (EROI): “Felix Mendelssohn & the
Contrapuntal Tradition.”

November: Choral Showcase at Incarnation Episcopal
Church, 1957 Five Mile Rd, Penfield (Time & Date
TBA) Sing through locally composed choral music!

Non-Guild Events

Thursday, September 10, 7:00 P.M. Ju-Hyun Kim
(Guest student from Bremen, Germany),
Christ Church (Episcopal), 141 East Avenue

Friday, September 11, 7:00 P.M. Anne Lam (DMA
Degree Recital), Downtown United Presbyterian
Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh Street

Saturday, September 12, 7:30 P.M. Pops on Pipes-
Byron Jones, the New Auditorium Theatre,
885 E. Main Street. Free admission. Bio at
<http://www.theatreorgans.com/rocheestr/Artist%20Biography.htm>

Sunday, September 13, 9am – 4pm. RTOS members
open console session at the Eisenhart Auditorium
behind Rochester Museum & Science Center, East
Ave. at Goodman. Free admission for public.

Friday, September 18, 4:00 P.M., Annie Laver
St. Michael's Church, 124 Evergreen St. (Corner
of Clifford and North Clinton) . Works by
Buxtehude, Bruhns, and Bach

Tuesday, September 22, 8:00 P.M. Lars Gjerde (DMA
Degree Recital), Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296
Flower City Park

Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 P.M. Ensemble Gombert
St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mar's Place
(Australian Chamber Choir, see article below)

Tuesday, September 29, 8:00 P.M. Christopher Petit
(DMA Degree Recital),
Christ Church (Episcopal), 141 East Avenue

Saturday, October 17, 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Spaghetti
Dinner with LIVE organ music (Italian songs, big
band & swing) East Penfield Baptist Church,
2635 Penfield Rd., Fairport (Corner of Salt &
Carter). Adults \$7 and Children \$4.

MAG Concerts:

Sunday, September 6 – Ryan Enright
Sunday, September 13 – Anne Laver
Sunday, September 20 – Ju-Hyun Kim
Sunday, September 27 – TBA

Ensemble Gombert

Ensemble Gombert will perform a concert at St.
Mary's Church on Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:30
P.M. Their program will include works by Gombert,
Desprez, Bach, Carter, Lauridsen and Bowman.

Ensemble Gombert is Melbourne's outstanding
chamber choir, noted for its pure intonation and
historic approach to choral sound and style. Named
after the composer Nicholas Gombert (c.1495-1569),
the Ensemble specializes in a cappella performance of
Franco-Flemish music of the High Renaissance.
Ensemble Gombert has an annual subscription series,
broadcasts extensively, has appeared in many festivals
across Australia and has toured to Europe twice.

This is their first North American tour, with
concerts in San Francisco, Windsor, Toronto,
Worcester and New York.

St. Mary's Church is located at 15 St. Mary's
Place, near GEVA Theatre, in downtown Rochester.
The church is handicapped accessible and there are
three parking garages within a block of the church. A
free will offering will be received.

For more information contact Daniel Aune,
director of Music at 585-944-8302 or
dpaune@hotmail.com.

EROI Festival

The Eastman School of Music announces the eighth annual Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI) Festival: *Mendelssohn and the Contrapuntal Tradition*, October 29 – November 1, 2009.

This year's event, co-sponsored by the Organ Historical Society and the Westfield Center, will pay tribute to Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy on the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth. The program will utilize Eastman's new Craighead-Saunders organ, providing attendees with exciting opportunities to experience Mendelssohn's complete organ works played on an instrument representing an aesthetic that would have been known to the composer. Individual tickets for all concerts will be available for purchase through the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Box Office (108 East Avenue, 585-454-2100). Any unsold seats go on sale one hour before concert time at Christ Church.

Volunteers Needed This Year –

Eastman would like to invite Rochester Chapter AGO members to help plan and coordinate the 2009 EROI Festival.

The thriving collaboration between these two institutions has already produced successful programs such as Jon Laukvik's residency last winter and the upcoming Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series and master classes.

Our aim is to build upon this and prepare for our joint festival in 2011: The AGO Pedagogy Conference on Improvisation and the Organ.

Our aim is to pair ESM students with AGO members to coordinate ushers, registration tables, housing, and rides for some of the presenters. All volunteers will receive complimentary tickets to concerts if they so choose.

Please consider doing a small part to make Rochester known as the "Organ Capital of the U.S.!" For more information, contact Annie Laver: 469-4089 or anne.laver@rochester.edu.

Positions

(please email Ron at RFABRY@dor.org each month for your listing to stay in!)

SOLOIST/SECTION LEADER POSITIONS, Asbury First United Methodist Church announces vacancies for the following Soloist/Section Leader positions: Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Bass. Auditions will be held Wednesday September 2, 2009 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Asbury First UMC, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester, NY. Asbury First provides the most competitive wages for soloists in Rochester. Interested singers are asked to prepare two contrasting sacred vocal works.

Contact Malcolm J. Merriweather, Director of Music, to schedule an audition: call 585.271.1050, ext. 116 or email mmerriweather@asburyfirst.org.

ORGANIST, Browncroft Community Church, 2530 Browncroft Boulevard, Rochester, NY, 14625, is seeking an organist to play once or twice a month for Sunday services at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Browncroft Community Church is a Non-Denominational Christian Church. Our worship style draws on the talents of the community, combining Contemporary Worship with Worship Hymns. Instrumentation is varied and expansive as our church community includes volunteers from our congregation, College Music Students, and Professional Musicians who perform with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Please visit our website www.browncroft.org to get a better feel of what Browncroft Community Church is all about.

Anyone interested should contact Bernie Heveron at 585-737-4806.

ONE-YEAR INTERIM ORGANIST, St Anne Church, 1600 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY, 14620 (near Strong Memorial Hospital). Konzelman Organ. Accompany congregation and choirs at weekend Masses: August to July. Sat. 4pm, Sun. 9 and 11 am. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, special events. First call for weddings, funerals (about 15 a year) Pastoral awareness and an understanding of Roman Catholic teaching, traditions, scope of music and culture are high priorities. From \$8000 to \$15,000 annually, commensurate with training and experience.

Contact Sister Joan Sobala, Pastoral Administrator jsobala@dor.org or 585.690.8088.