



Keeping Tabs

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November 2009

From the Dean

It is with deep sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of our lifetime AGO member, Richard Gladwell. He was a gentle man who promoted great organ and choral music through his weekly national radio program "With Heart and Voice." His passing from brain cancer on October 15 has left a void in the musical world. We will miss him very much and our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and his family. Information of a public celebration of his life will be forthcoming.

Our next AGO event is a "Choral Showcase" on Friday, November 13, 7:30 p.m. at Incarnation Episcopal Church in Penfield. David McCarthy is organizing a sing-through of choral music that was written by local composers. The music will be of varying degrees of difficulty. This is also an opportunity for us organists to be the "choir." This will be a fun evening of singing and afterwards we will have time to meet the composers while having some light refreshments. So, if you are looking for some new music for your choir to sing at church, set this time aside and come hear the choral music being composed right here in Rochester!

The first of our AGO Lesson Series will be taking place on November 7, Saturday morning at 10:00, at Christ Church Episcopal using the new Craighead-Saunders organ. Stephen Kennedy will be instructing those who signed up for the series on anything from "Bach to Mendelssohn" or whatever else you have in your fingers! See registration details listed below in this newsletter.

All church organists are confronted in one way or another with "Praise and Worship" music. For some this is a welcome part of their musical expression – and for others

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From the Dean (continued)

a great fear. Please save the date of January 30, 2010, from 9:30 to 2:00 for our AGO Saturday seminar dealing with this very topic, "Praise and Worship Music in Mainstream Churches." We will explore all perspectives on this topic and have a live demonstration on the "how to" and possibilities of presenting this style of

music. The purpose of this seminar is not to promote or prevent Praise and Worship music, but to inform our members about this current trend in church music.

Best Wishes,

– Ron

Lesson Series 2009 – 2010

- \$50.00 for all three lessons (paid by the first lesson)
- Please send money to:
Paul Frolick, 36 South Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534
- \$25.00 to audit
- No refunds if you miss a lesson.

November 7, 2009

- Saturday 10:00 a.m.
- Steve Kennedy
- Christ Church

Bring "Bach to Mendelssohn" or whatever else you have in your fingers!"

February 23, 2010

- Hans Davidsson
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
- Sacred Heart

Cathedral
Bring Buxtehude or "anything"

May 11, 2010

- Duane Prill
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
- Asbury United

Methodist
Bring an anthem or something you are using to accompany a choir, soloist, instrumental solo, etc.

From the Sub-Dean

It seems that the fall program season has just begun ... and already the prospect of our Advent and Christmas programming is upon us! It does indeed seem true that time accelerates with age! I hope that YOUR program year is running smoothly and at full tilt – and at the same time you have a chance to breathe once in a while, and take in something new. We've just experienced another wonderful EROI Festival – discovering whole new perspectives on Mendelssohn's music, as well as experiencing the Craighead-Saunders Organ in wonderful new ways!

It's impossible to let this newsletter go to press, too, without mentioning the deep sense of loss we as a Guild, and as a community, feel on the death of Richard Gladwell. The influence

he had on people's understanding and appreciation of sacred choral and organ music was not limited to our local area, but literally stretched around the country and the world. It's hard to estimate the number of people whose lives he touched weekly through With Heart and Voice, but the testimonials appearing on the WXXI website, and on various blogs, indicate that over the years he made a huge impact on many people's lives – most of whom he never met. It is indeed a huge loss for us, but we also can remember with great thanksgiving Richard's life and the rich legacy he has left for us.

Requiescat in pace...

– Peter DuBois
Sub-Dean

Richard Gladwell • With Heart and Voice

RUTH PHINNEY, WXXI

We are deeply saddened to share the news that Richard Gladwell, host of With Heart & Voice passed away on Thursday morning, October 15 at 10:25. He was with his wife, granddaughter, and a dear friend, and died quietly and peacefully.

Richard was diagnosed with brain cancer in June. After surgery was able to spend time with his extended family, including several weeks at a lake house in upstate New York. Throughout his illness he was surrounded by family and friends in his beautiful sunroom looking out on his beloved garden.

There will be a private funeral for family and friends; a public celebration of Richard's life will be held shortly thereafter. More information about the public celebration will be forthcoming, once the family has confirmed arrangements.

Please join us in celebrating the life of a wonderful broadcaster and a lovely human being.

He will be missed, but we are all better for having known Richard Gladwell.

View full Democrat & Chronicle obituary at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/democratandchronicle/obituary.aspx?n=richard-gladwell&pid=134461342>

Your comments are welcome here:

<http://www.elabs6.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=m74,8cg2,9im,42i6,afrx,a7zl,34ny>

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MAG Concerts

- Sunday, Nov. 8 – Lars Gjerde, graduate
- Sunday, Nov. 22 – Silviya Mateva, graduate
- Sunday, Dec. 6 – Brandon Santini, graduate
- Sunday, Dec. 20 – Michael Unger, graduate
- Sunday, Nov. 15 – Shinon Nakagawa, graduate
- Sunday, Nov. 29 – Naomi Gregory, graduate
- Sunday, Dec. 13 – Steven Seigart, undergraduate
- Sunday, Dec. 27 – Thatcher Lyman, graduate

Guild Events

November 7, Saturday, 10:00AM Lesson Series at Christ Church with Steven Kennedy

November 13, Friday, 7:30PM: Choral Showcase (Sing through local composed songs) hosting this event at Incarnation Episcopal Church, 1957 Five Mile Line Rd., Penfield 14526

January 30, Saturday: 9:30 – 2:00 Mini Convention “Praise and Worship Music in Mainstream Churches” (All you wanted to know but were afraid to ask) St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, 43 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield 14526

February 12. Rochester Celebrity Organ Concert Series 8:00PM. Joan Lippincott at Christ Church Episcopal

February 13: Saturday Master Class with Joan

Lippincott. Christ Church Episcopal, 10:00AM to Noon and 1:00PM to 3:00 PM

February 23, Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Lesson Series at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Hans Davidsson
March: High School Competition (Date, Location and Time TBA)

April 26 – May 2 Master Classes with Michel Bouvard (Location and Times TBA)

April 30, Friday AGO Banquet at Sacred Heart Cathedral 5:30 -7:40

April 30, Rochester Celebrity Organ Concert Series. Friday, 8:00 PM. Michel Bouvard at Sacred Heart Cathedral

May 11, Tuesday, 7:00 PM. Lesson Series at Asbury United Methodist Church with Duane Prill

American Boychoir at St. Mary's Church

For more than seventy years, The American Boychoir has been enriching the cultural life of the Nation by bringing its unique and joyful sound to people around the country. Experience the incomparable and electrifying voices of The American Boychoir under the musical leadership of Litton-Lodal Music Director Fernando Malvar-Ruiz at St. Mary's Church Friday, November 6th, at 7:30pm. Featuring selections as diverse and dynamic as the boys themselves, audiences are sure to be mesmerized by a memorable performance.

The American Boychoir's 2009 Fall Tour will include music by European composers Victoria, Desprez, Schütz, Brahms, and Fauré, American composers George Gershwin and Randall Thompson and selections by composers from Venezuela, Brazil, Korea, and Japan.

Boys in grades 4 through 8, reflecting the ethnic, religious and cultural diversity of the U.S., come from across the country and around the world to pursue a rigorous musical and academic curriculum. The American Boychoir School, the only non-

sectarian boys' choir school in the nation, was founded in Columbus, Ohio, in 1937, and has been located in Princeton, New Jersey, since 1950.

Members of The American Boychoir have performed with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Berkshire Music Festival, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. The American Boychoir has been extensively recorded on its own label, Albemarle Records, and broadcast on radio and television, with over 45 commercial recordings.

St. Mary's Church is located at 15 St. Mary's Place, near Geva Theatre, in downtown Rochester. The church is handicap accessible, and there are three parking garages within a block of the church. Ticket prices are \$20/adults, \$10/students, and free for age 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased before the concert or at the rectory office during the week. For more information contact Daniel Aune, Director of Music, at 585-232-7140 or dpaune@hotmail.com.

Non-Guild Events

November 1, Sunday, 8:30pm. Christ Church, 141 East Ave., Rochester. Organist William Porter plays a concert of improvisations. FREE admission. Followed by Compline with the Christ Church Schola Cantorum.

November 4, Wednesday, 7:30PM. First Baptist Church of Rochester, Allens Creek Road, Rochester. Bruce & Cheryl Frank, repatriated Katrina victims, play the 1955 III/27 Austin organ, in works from Bach to the 20th century -- including a French work for 4 hands, 4 feet. Free, recommended minimum \$5. donation (*sic*).

November 15, Sunday, 3:00PM. St Luke's Episcopal Church, 77 Country Corner Ln, Fairport. EROI Organ and Trumpet Recital featuring Anne Lam, Chris Petit, and David Baskeyfield, organ; Apollo Lee, trumpet.

November 17, Tuesday PM. The New Auditorium Theatre, 885 E. Main St., Rochester. Open Console – hear RTOS members play the 4/23 Wurlitzer. No admission charge.

November 19, 7:30PM. Third Presbyterian Church Chapel. Chapel Concert by Candlelight. Baritone John Buffett and pianist Tatiana Vassilieva. Two

Song Cycles - Schumann "Dichterliebe" and Mahler "Kindertotenlieder".

November 22, Sunday –

- 2:30PM. The New Auditorium Theatre, 885 E. Main St., Rochester. "Pops on Pipes" – Danny Ray, 4/23 Wurlitzer. \$15/door. Coupons available at door while they last. Bio at http://www.theatreorgans.com/rochester/Artist_Biography.htm

- 4:00PM. Western Presbyterian Church of Palmyra, 101 E Main St, Palmyra. EROI Recital featuring Three Eastman Rising Stars: Oliver Wolcott, Chelsea Barton, Weston Jennings.

December 6, Sunday, 2:30PM. St. Michael's Church, 124 Evergreen St., Rochester. EROI organ recital. Performers: Daniel Aune, Esther Chun, Steven Seigart.

December 11, Friday, 7:00PM, Penfield First Baptist Church, 1862 Penfield Road, Penfield. Christmas Organ and Trumpet Recital with Penfield Organists. Performers: Naomi Gregory, Nathan Davy, Brett Judson, Randy Harlow, organ; Kimberley Hannon , trumpet.