



## Keeping Tabs



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### *From the Dean*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David McCarthy for hosting our November AGO Choral Showcase at Incarnation Episcopal Church. Also, I would like to extend a special thank you to Zachary Wadsworth, Scott Perkins, John Hanson, Justin Wallace, Glenn McClure and David McCarthy for presenting their choral music at this event. The songs were all very interesting and beautiful; some were a challenge for our meager AGO choir! I was glad that the composers were there to tell us about the piece, rehearse us through the difficult sections of their pieces, conduct and accompany their songs. We had a wonderful reception afterwards put on by Molly Hamilton and Dick Bolt.

Please reserve Saturday, January 30 from 9:30 to 2:00 so that you can attend our AGO midwinter mini-convention dealing with the topic "Praise and Worship Music." This topic brings up all different types of feelings; some enjoy this style of music as part of their musical expression and others approach coordinating a praise band with great trepidation. This Saturday seminar will not be the definitive word on this topic. The purpose of this seminar is to inform our members about this current trend in church music, not to promote or impede Praise and Worship music. We will explore all perspectives on this topic and we will also have the opportunity to see and hear a live demonstration on the "how to" put together music in this genre and the various possibilities of presenting this style of music. So, if you are in a church job leading a praise band and are already using praise music, this event is for you. Or if you have 'heard' about praise band ensembles and don't know what they are all about, this mini-convention is for you too. Your congregation and/or pastor might be interested in including some "Praise" music in your worship service. Hopefully this mini-convention will help give you the overall perspective you are looking for on this topic.

Both our newsletter and website have been greatly improved



### *From the Dean (cont'd)*

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by the expertise of our newsletter editor, James Carpenter, and our website manager, Larry Philbrick. We are looking for photos of organs that exist or have existed in Rochester to be part of our newsletter trivia competition. Their picture will be posted in the newsletter and on line for members to guess the builder of the organ and where the organ existed. There will be a grand prize for the first correct guess! Hopefully, there will be enough pictures to make this a monthly competition. If you have a mystery organ picture, send it via email to Jim Carpenter at [carpenter\\_james\\_h@yahoo.com](mailto:carpenter_james_h@yahoo.com). This will be interesting and fun!

I love the Christmas season. Somehow with the hustle and bustle of decorating, cooking, and purchasing the right gift to

give to family and friends makes it seem as if people are happier and nicer towards each other at this time of the year. Maybe it brings everyone back to the magical times of childhood. It would truly be a "Silent Night" if the organ didn't bring "Joy to the World" on Christmas. So, since "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" so long ago and far "Away in a Manger," the AGO board members and I would like to take this opportunity to say "We Wish You a Merry Christmas!" I pray that your Holidays will be filled with family, good friends, and much joy, and that your New Year be overflowing with good health and happiness.

Best Wishes,

– Ron



### *From the Sub-Dean*

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Greetings in this beautiful, but hectic, season! It's my hope that in this season of intense music making, and more services and programs than usual, that you are able to find some time to contemplate the beauty and meaning of the season that you help so many in our congregations to appreciate.

At the same time, it is a wonderful time to look forward to the New Year, and several exciting programs that are being planned for our chapter - including the January Saturday Seminar on a topic that we all need to know more about (see

elsewhere in the newsletter for more details...). And, we have two spectacular Celebrity Organ Recitals to which we can all look forward - February 12, with Joan Lippincott, and April 30, with Michel Bouvard! Be thinking now about how YOU can help the chapter by spreading the word and helping build strong audiences for both of these great events!

Glory to God, and on earth, peace to those of goodwill!

– Peter DuBois

Sub-Dean



## MAG Concerts

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- Sunday, Dec. 6 – Brandon Santini, graduate
- Sunday, Dec. 20 – Michael Unger, graduate
- Sunday, Dec. 13 – Steven Seigart, undergraduate
- Sunday, Dec. 27 – Thatcher Lyman, graduate



## Guild Events

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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, 43 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield.

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

February 13, Saturday, 10:00AM to Noon and 1:00 – 3:00PM. Master Class with Joan Lippincott at Christ Church Episcopal.

February 23, Tuesday, 7:00PM. 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 –

- 5:30 -7:40, AGO Banquet at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- 8:00PM, Rochester Celebrity Organ Concert Series. Michel Bouvard at Sacred Heart Cathedral

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



## Non-Guild Events

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December 4, Friday, 12:15PM. St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Church, 17 South Fitzhugh Street @ Broad, Rochester. Music for Advent: Annie Laver, organist, performing works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Margaret Sandresky, Emma Lou Diemer. Concerts are free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

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, 12:15PM. St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Church, 17 South Fitzhugh Street @ Broad, Rochester. Cheryl Frank, viola, performing works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Marin Marais. Concerts are free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

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.

December 18, Friday, 12:15PM. St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Church, 17 South Fitzhugh Street @ Broad, Rochester. Music for Advent: Marielle

Murphy, soprano; Jamal Moore, bass. Traditional Spiritual settings and works by Franz Shubert, Calvin Hampton, and George Frideric Handel. Concerts are free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

January 24, Sunday Concert Series, 3PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. Women of Note.

February 14, Sunday, 3PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. Eastman School of Music Organ DM Candidates’ Recital on Taylor & Boody Organ.

February 28, Sunday, 7:30PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. University of Rochester Choral Extravaganza – 4 choruses will present.

March 28, Sunday, 3PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. Dr. Hans Davidsson in recital on the Taylor and Boody Organ.

April 25, Sunday, 3PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. Nazareth College Piano Virtuosity.

May 16, Sunday, 3PM. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, 21 Church Street. Concentus Women’s Chorus.



**Positions Available** .....please email Ron at [RFABRY@dor.org](mailto:RFABRY@dor.org) each month for your listing to stay in

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR POSITION,  
The First United Methodist Church of West  
Webster, 570 Ridge Road , Webster , NY 14580  
is seeking an organist to accompany Sunday  
services and choir rehearsals. The church has  
one Sunday service at 10:45am. The position  
requires the organist to play prelude, offertory,  
and postlude; to accompany a choral anthem;  
and to accompany the congregation during  
hymns.

The pipe organ is a recently restored 2  
manual, 11 rank Moller. There is also a piano  
in the sanctuary.

This 12 month, year-round position is  
available immediately. Salary for the position  
will be determined by the applicant's  
qualifications and experience.

The church will review applications and  
will invite qualified candidates to an audition.  
Applicants will demonstrate ability by playing  
a prepared solo on the organ and sight reading  
from the Methodist hymnal.

Please submit résumés and letters of  
interest to the church address, attention  
organist position or contact the church office at  
671-1682 or email [fumcww@frontiernet.net](mailto:fumcww@frontiernet.net).

There is the possibility for more hours per  
week if the candidate is interested in also  
serving the Union Hill United  
Methodist Church which is  
another small church in the  
nearby area.

Thank you for your  
assistance with our search  
for an organist. Cynthia  
Francis, Committee  
contact person, 585-  
797-4642.



#### CHURCH MUSICIAN POSITIONS

AVAILABLE: The Irondequoit United Church  
of Christ is soliciting applications from  
qualified musicians to join our music team to  
ensure the continuity of our excellent music  
programs.

We are seeking applicants for the following  
positions:

- **Director of the Praise Band** for the  
Celebration (contemporary)  
Worship Service (1 service, 1  
rehearsal per week)
- **Director of the Adult Chancel  
Choir** for the Classic (traditional)  
Worship Service (1 service, 1  
rehearsal per week)
- **Director of the Children's Choir** (1  
rehearsal per week)
- **Director of the Bell Choir** (1  
rehearsal per week)

**Musicians are encouraged to apply for any  
position or positions for which they are  
qualified.** We will continue to accept  
applications until suitable candidates are  
identified.

Please send application letters and résumés  
to David Richey, 475 Gardham Road,  
Rochester, NY 14617; 585-544-8298;  
[magdave@rochester.rr.com](mailto:magdave@rochester.rr.com).



## *Roots in the past, eyes on the future ...*

The AGO Mission Statement begins, “The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles ...”

For our role to evolve, it must have a past *and* a future ...

The two organs pictured below remind us of the past ... one of these instruments is still present today ... can *you* tell us more about them? The first correct IDs will be noted in the next newsletter, along with additional comments that may come along.



1. A voice from the past



2. A voice from the past ... and the present

Looking toward the future, if you have pictures of other local instruments for us to share – or “new” uses for an old instrument – please send them to the Editor ([carpenter\\_james\\_h@yahoo.com](mailto:carpenter_james_h@yahoo.com)). Thanks!