

May 2009

Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter
American Guild of Organists



A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

Another year has past! Inserted in this issue of Chiff Chat you will find a reservation form for our final event of the season, the year-end banquet at Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Hays, Executive Director and founder of Drama Studio, who was also Producing Director of Stage West from its inception in 1967 until 1984. In addition to directing many shows he is also a playwright and musician, with three of his plays, *The Snow Queen*, *The Little Match Girl*, and *Me and Ruth*, premiering at the Drama Studio. I hope you will come, not only for the food and program, but to meet and/or re-acquaint yourself with your colleagues in the profession.

Speaking of your colleagues, many of us had a great opportunity this past Sunday to hear members of our chapter play in the Members' Recital, which took place at St. Mary's Church in Westfield. The recital was given at St. Mary's to feature the recently installed 1897 Casavant tracker organ. The sound of the organ was enhanced by the wonderful acoustics and expert playing by Dick Matteson, Lori Bourret, and Quentin and Mary Murrell Faulkner. The selections played were extremely imaginative and diverse and provided a lot of food for thought for the rest of us as we wrestle with the week-to-week challenge of what to play.

The end of one year also heralds the beginning of another, and that can only mean one thing: it is time to renew our memberships. Keep an eye out for renewal forms which will either arrive separately or with the next issue of Chiff Chat. By renewing early you can save a lot of extra work and headache for our Treasurer and Registrar, especially in preparing next year's chapter directory.

Finally, Larry Picard, the editor of Chiff Chat, informs me that he is still campaigning hard for those of you who are connected electronically to receive your issues by downloading them from the website. If you are willing to do that an email will be sent each month notifying you that it is ready for download. You can inform him of your interest by emailing him at lpicard@sococh.org.

I hope to see you at the banquet!
Grant

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Upcoming Events

May 2009

Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Children's Chorus of Springfield concert, Trinity United Methodist, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Artistic Director, E. Wayne Abercrombie; Managing Director, Vera S. Baker; Becky Isaacson, accompanist. The chorus will perform the premiere of "All God's Children" by Clifton J. (Jerry) Noble, who will accompany. Admission free, reception to follow.

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Margaret Irwin-Brandon plays the works of Haydn and Bach on clavichord as part of the Mattunes House Concert Series. Reservations are required; \$25 admission includes lunch. 413-746-1656 or 413-433-2350.

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Novi Cantori, directed by Allan Taylor, sings at Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham; 413-596-2511. Free-will offering.

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT. CONCORA presents "A Sonic Spectacular" with the Men of the Hartford Chorale, and organists David Westfall Jason Charneski, Richard Coffey conducting. \$45, \$25, \$10 and select 2-for-1 tickets with *Lets*s Go Arts* card. 860-224-7500 or www.concora.org.

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Music Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Guest Artists *The Pioneer Consort*, Michael Nix, guitar, Chris Devine, violin and Greg Snedeker, cello. Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. \$10 non-member admission.

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Larry Schipull performs organ works of Bach and Mendelssohn in the first in a series of three recitals celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's birth. Each program will include two sonatas and a prelude & fugue by Mendelssohn, as well as Bach works Mendelssohn played in his famous 1840 organ concert at St. Thomas Church, Leipzig. A few recently discovered Mendelssohn works will round out the programs. St. Theresa of Lisieux, 9 East Parkview Drive, South Hadley. 413-532-3228.

Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Grant Moss in

recital at Second Congregational Church, 487 Western Avenue, Westfield. 413-568-7557.

Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Richard Matteson and Steven Lowry perform organ/piano duet works at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton Street, Holyoke. The event is open to the public and a free-will offering will be taken. 413-532-5060.

Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The New England Ringers present a handbell workshop and concert at South Congregational Church UCC, 45 Maple Street in Springfield. Dual workshops for area ringers and directors at 1 & 2:15 p.m. The ensemble will then present a formal concert in the church at 7. Admission is \$10. The concert is a rescheduling of the event that was cancelled in December by a snowstorm, so if you still have your ticket from that event it will be honored on May 30. 413-732-0117.

Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Saeah Lee, an organ student at Hartt College, plays Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck, and Messiaen as part of the Music in the West End series. United Methodist Church, 571 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105, 860-523-5132.

Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Organ Concert by John Anderson, with Haley Anderson, Soprano; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow. Music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Dinda, Bonnet, and others. Free and open to the public. 413-525-6084.

June 2009

Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Schola Nova, directed by Terry Larsen, sings at First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow. The featured work will be Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten. Free-will offering.

Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Schola Nova, directed by Terry Larsen, sings at the Unitarian Society of Northampton, 220 Main Street, Northampton. The featured work will be Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten. Free-will offering. 413-584-1390.

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (Chapter event - please note that this is a change in day, time and venue!) Springfield AGO year-end banquet at Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Hays, Executive Director and founder of Drama Studio. See reservation form inserted in this issue!

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Chiff Chat Newsletter

To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email newsletter@springfieldago.org. Submissions for the June 2009 issue are due May 20, 2009.

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