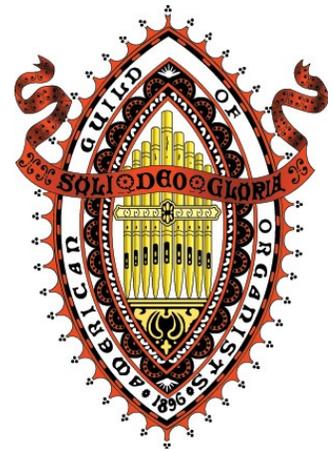


# Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
September 2012



## [A message from the Dean...](#)

Greetings,

It does not seem possible that summer is fading and the church year will soon be starting. I hope you were able to get away for some fun and relaxation with your family before you must start planning what you'll be playing and the music your choirs will be singing this church year.

I want to thank Martha for all the hard work she did as Dean of our chapter. She always made sure everything went smoothly. Martha has told me she will help whenever help is needed this year and I appreciate that very much. There is someone else I want to thank and that is Barbara Huber. She planned our 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to honor our Past Deans. Our entertainment was Robert Rivest who is a master mime artist. Rob had us involved in his program. I want to thank those members who brought pictures to share with those in attendance and to Mary Jeanne Tash who took the picture of the past deans, which appeared in the TAO magazine. We received a certificate from the National Council and Headquarters staff, signed by our President, Eileen Guenther, acknowledging our marvelous achievement. Eileen was the speaker at the 2012 Pastor/Organist dinner. The Banquet was held at the Delaney House in Holyoke. The certificate will be placed in the Prescott Barrows Library, which is housed at United Church of Holyoke.

The committee who planned our 2012/2013-year of programs has been very busy with a variety of programs for you. I would like you to mark these dates down on your calendar so you won't miss any of them.

The first event is on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 O'clock at South Congregational Church, which is on Maple St., Springfield. The host is Larry Picard and this will be the Installation of Officers. The Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel Choirs of Boys and Adults will present the Mass in D by Antonin Dvorak. Dr. Klaus Becker, will be guest conductor, and Ladislav Pfeifer, organist. A reception will follow the event.

The following are the remaining events for 2012-2013:

- October 13, 2012** St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 10 to 12 O'clock  
Longmeadow, MA. – Host Karen McCarthy  
Introduction to the Service Playing Exam  
Presenter – Quentin Faulkner
- November 12, 2012** Pastor/Organist Dinner 6 O'clock  
Church of the Atonement, Westfield  
Co-hosts, Janet E. Duffé, and James Barnes
- February 9, 2013** First Congregational Church, West Springfield, MA.  
9 to 12 O'clock  
Host, James R. Maes  
Choral Reading Session  
Presenter – Quentin Faulkner
- March 10, 2013** Brick Church, Deerfield, MA. 3 O'clock  
Co-sponsored with Brick Church  
Host, Jean Pitman Turner  
Christopher Houlihan, Organist
- April 14, 2013** Trinity United Methodist Church 4 O'clock  
Springfield, MA.  
Choral/Hymn Festival  
Director, Becky Rosendahl Isaacson  
Saturday morning rehearsal 4.13.2013
- April 28, 2013** Monson First Church 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 4 O'clock  
Celebrating the Johnson Organ  
Host, Gay Paluch
- May 11, 2013** United Congregational Church of Holyoke 7 O'clock  
Holyoke, MA.  
Host, Donald E. Hooton  
Silent Movie – “Steamboat Bill, Jr.”,  
Peter Krasinski, Organist  
Co-Sponsored with Experience Music at United

**June 14, 2013**

Annual Meeting and End of Year Banquet 6 O'clock  
Home of Charles Page, Enfield, CT.  
Host, Charles Page

The board members and I look forward to meeting you at our opening event and hope you will join us for all our programs.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FRANCESCO CERA ORGAN RECITAL at the ABBEY CHAPEL OF  
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Francesco Cera, Italian early music specialist, performs organ works by Merulo, A. Scarlatti, Frescobaldi, Pasquini and Bach. Mr. Cera is one of Italy's leading early music specialists. Following study with Tagliavini and Leonhardt, he has performed extensively on historic instruments in Italy and throughout Europe. In addition to his career as a solo organ, harpsichord, and fortepiano performer, he is also director of the Ensemble Arte Musica, dedicated to the performance of Italian vocal repertory from Gesualdo's madrigals to 18th-century cantatas.

### **JOHN ANDERSON PRESENTS ORGAN RECITAL ON OCTOBER 14, 2012**

On Sunday, October 14, 3:00 p.m., John Anderson will present an organ recital at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 335 Longmeadow Street/Route 5, Longmeadow, Mass. The recital is free and open to the public, and is the inaugural concert in a series of organ recitals celebrating the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the pipe organ.

Works on the program include those of Bach, Haydn (including "Pieces for a Flute Clock"), and Schumann, as well as other works rarely performed in the area. While showing off the Southfield pipe organ's features, Mr. Anderson's program will appeal to those new to the pipe organ and to organ aficionados alike, and is a good cross-section of music for the King of Instruments.

John Anderson earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Organ and Church Music from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota and Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, and did post-graduate study on organ with Karel Paukert in Cleveland, Ohio. He holds the Choirmaster (ChM) and Associate (AAGO) professional certificates from the American Guild of Organists, and more recently completed an MBA through Ellis College of the New York Institute of Technology.

After working for seven years as a full-time church musician in Jamestown, New York, he joined MassMutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield where he is currently an Enterprise Architect focused on the Business of IT and standardizing processes. In addition to substitute and solo organ work, John is in his seventh year as a bassoonist with the Mount Holyoke College Symphony Orchestra.

All are welcome; for directions to the church, please visit the St. Andrew's website: [www.st-andrews-longmeadow.org](http://www.st-andrews-longmeadow.org)

### **ORGAN RESTORATION and INSTALLATION NEARS**

William Czelusniak and his staff are currently assembling the 1896 Casavant Opus 74 organ in the sanctuary of South Congregational Church in Amherst. Dave Cody of Cody Construction has constructed a handsome new platform in the front of the sanctuary, and Bill Czelusniak and his colleagues are proceeding with the installation. The organ's air supply, its supporting framework, the wind chests, and the keyboards are in place. Meanwhile, the pipes have been cleaned and repaired in his Northampton workshop.

Bill Czelusniak says the organ will be partially ready for the September 9 church service in the sanctuary and completed for the October 14 dedicatory concert. If you are interested in seeing the installation, you are welcome to visit the sanctuary. It's an exciting process.

Parkman Shaw of Boston gave the organ to South Church. When the reconstruction is complete, it will be the oldest playable Casavant in the United States, an instrument of considerable historical importance with exceptional tonal quality and superb craftsmanship. It will be a church and community treasure. You can read about the organ under Organ Update at [www.amherstsouthchurch.org](http://www.amherstsouthchurch.org).

The dedicatory concert will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 2012 by Grant Moss, Smith College organist. Grant will be playing works by J. S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Joseph Jongen, Gerre Hancock, and Sandra Tucker. The church is located at 1066 South East Street in Amherst. There will be a reception following the concert in the church's fellowship hall. It promises to be a very exciting concert when the public will hear this relocated and refurbished Casavant organ for the first time.



The Master at work!



## MEMENTOS



## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

### **September 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Recital at the Abbey Chapel of Mount Holyoke College, MA.

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### **September 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

South Congregational Church, Maple Street, Springfield, MA.

“Installation of Officers”. The Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel Choirs of Boys and Adults will present Mass in D by Antonin Dvorak with cathedral organist, Ladislav Pfeifer at the organ, and Klaus Becker, guest conductor. Host: Larry Picard.

### **October 13, 2012        10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

“Introduction to the Service Playing Exam” at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 335 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA.

Presenter: Quentin Faulkner

Host: Karen McCarthy

### **October 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Organ Recital at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 335 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA. John Anderson presents organ work by Bach, Haydn, Schumann and others.

### **October 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Dedication Concert at South Congregational Church, 1066 South East Street, Amherst, MA. Grant Moss plays organ works by J.S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Joseph Jongen, Gerre Hancock, and Sandra Tucker

### **October 21, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Organ performance at St. Mary’s Church, 519 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA. Klaus Becker presents organ works by J. S. Bach, Max Reger, and Peteris Vasks.

### **October 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

Jose Gonzalez and the Criollo Clasico Trio at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke, 395 High Street, Holyoke, MA. Use Maple Street entrance.

# ***SEEKING MUSICIANS!!!***



## ***Cornucopia Benefit Concerts featuring G. F. Händel's Messiah***

**Musicians lend a helping "Händ-el" to the Food Bank of Western  
Massachusetts**

Organist Klaus Becker and conductor Terry Larsen are seeking experienced choral singers and players to participate in two performances of G. F. Händel's *Messiah* (Christmas section and Hallelujah Chorus, Great Amen) on December 8 and 9, 2012. If interested contact:

- Terry Larsen - terrynlarsen@gmail.com phone: 413 536-0580
- Klaus Becker - klanbe@gmail.com phone: 413 567-3124

All proceeds will be donated to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Singers will be asked to participate in three of five rehearsals, two dress rehearsals and two concerts. Players will be asked to play in two dress rehearsals and two performances. SEE BELOW.

### **Performances:**

December 8, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow, MA, 7:30 pm concert

December 9, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton, MA, 3:00 pm concert

### **Rehearsals:**

October 3, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow

October 17, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, LarGoVoce Music Studio, Easthampton

October 24, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow

November 7, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton

November 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow

November 28, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow DRESS

December 5, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton DRESS

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