

# Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
June 2013



Greetings,

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Experience Music at United and the Springfield Chapter presented the Silent Film “Steam Boat Bill, Jr.” starring Buster Keaton. The organist, Peter Krasinski accompanied the film with out having any music. He is recognized as the world’s most exciting, accomplished and elegant accompanist of silent films. After the program was over he took the time to talk to two young people and explain how the organ works. He also let them try the organ. I want to thank those people who helped me with this event as well as Czellusniak Et Dugal organ builders who made sure that the organ was ready for Peter to play. It was great to see so many of our members in attendance.

In my May message, I mentioned that we had to change both the date and location for our last event of this season. The new date for this event is Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at two o’clock. It will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church in South Hadley, with a reception following the program. The afternoon will start with a short business meeting and then we will have Justin Murphy-Mancini, who is an organ major, present a short program. Justin will be competing at the AGO Region 1 Convention in Hartford. I hope you’re planning to attend the convention, which runs from Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Shortly you will be receiving your renewal forms and I hope that you will fill them out completely and return them quickly in order to help us make sure all the information is printed correctly in the yearbook.

I hope that you and your family will be able to get away this summer for some fun and relaxation. I look forward to seeing you at our closing event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at All Saints Episcopal Church in South Hadley

Don Hooton

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CURRENT EVENTS**

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH in AMHERST IS LOOKING FOR A CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**Choir Director** for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Amherst, MA. Part-time position available September 2013. Duties include directing the adult choir, participating on the Worship Committee, planning services in cooperation with the pastor and organist, recruiting choir members and other musicians, maintaining the music library, and supporting other musical activities of the congregation. For some recent musical events, see [www.immanuel-amherst.org/music\\_program.html](http://www.immanuel-amherst.org/music_program.html). Salary is negotiable depending on experience. Please send resumes to Choir Director Search Committee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 867 North Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002, or email [immanuelamherstaff@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelamherstaff@gmail.com). For full consideration, applications must be received by June 21.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in HATFIELD IS LOOKING FOR  
AN ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Organist/Choir Director Hatfield Congregational Church, Sunday and special services with 3 paid weeks off, \$7,500. per year. Wicks Pipe Organ. Cover letter and resume to [gbflynn@aol.com](mailto:gbflynn@aol.com).

THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF SPRINGFIELD PRESENTS  
"I'M GONNA SING"

The Children's Chorus of Springfield presents "I'm Gonna Sing", a concert featuring folk, classical, world, and pop music; performance to include the premiere of a work by Clifton J. Noble, Jr. commissioned for the chorus. Springfield children from 25 schools in grades 2 - 8 are featured.

The performance is on **Saturday, June 1, 3:00 pm, Trinity Methodist Church, Springfield.**

Free admission, contact the chorus at [413-733-3033](tel:413-733-3033) for further information.

SCHOLA NOVA PRESENTS 'SICUT CERVUS'

The choral ensemble Schola Nova, Artists in Residence at Our Lady of the Valley Church, concludes its 30th Anniversary Season with performances of settings of Psalm 42 *As a Hart Longs for Flowing Streams*, by William Billings, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Felix Mendelssohn, Louis Bourgeois, and Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck. Organist Larry Picard will accompany. Admission is free - goodwill donations accepted.

Saturday, June 1, 2013. *Sicut Cervus*. St. John's Lutheran Church, Westfield, Mass., 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2, 2013. *Sicut Cervus*. Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton, Mass., 3:00 p.m.

*Schola Nova* is dedicated to the performance of sacred choral repertoire drawn from all historical periods. The ensemble provides music for liturgical occasions as well as concerts of sacred vocal music at venues throughout southern New England.

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## MARGARET IRWIN-BRANDON in CONCERT at THE METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL

Margaret Irwin-Brandon will present the Kenneth T. Morse Memorial Organ Recital at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall on July 10, 2013. Her program will feature works by Marchand, Scheidt, Tunder, Piazzolla, Bach, Messiaen, C.P.E. Bach, Beethoven and Anonymous. Detailed information on the program and a bio is available at [http://mmmh.org/web\\_documents/margaret\\_irwin-brandon\\_program\\_bio.pdf](http://mmmh.org/web_documents/margaret_irwin-brandon_program_bio.pdf) . This performance is part of the 15 Wednesday Evenings recital series. The concert begins at 8:00PM, though, the doors open already at 7:30PM. Tickets at the door are \$12 adults, and \$5 children. A series subscription is available too.

### SALE!!

Klaus Becker has an Allen electronic practice instrument (no external speakers) and in great condition for sale. In addition, a pedal board (AGO spec.) with bench – perhaps ready to add MIDI. He also has a collection of sheet music, in mint condition, and the best German publishers of various composers at a reduced price available. If interested, or get a list of the sheet music contact him via e-mail [klanbe@gmail.com](mailto:klanbe@gmail.com).

## EXPERIENCE MUSIC at UNITED in HOLYOKE

The closing concert of our series will be an organ recital on **June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00PM (!!)**. The organist will be **James Jordan** who is currently Artist-in-Residence for the Gloriam Dei Artes Foundation and frequently performs and records with the choir, Gloriam Dei Cantores as organ soloist, accompanist, and assistant conductor. James Jordan has performed as an organ accompanist and soloist throughout the United States, Eastern and Western Europe, and was one of the first American organists to concertize in Siberia. This recital will feature the E.M. Skinner organs in both the chapel and main sanctuary.

## JOHN ANDERSON in CONCERT

John Anderson will give an organ concert at All Saints Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge Street, in South Hadley, MA at 3:00PM on Sunday, **September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. Members of the Mount Holyoke Symphony Orchestra will join him. Program details will be announced later.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

**JUNE 1, 2013** at **3:00PM**

Trinity Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, in Springfield, MA hosts The Children's Chorus of Springfield to present the premier of "I'm Gonna Sing" by Clifton J. Noble, Jr.

**JUNE 1, 2013** at **7:00PM**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad Street, in Westfield, MA

**JUNE 2, 2013** at **3:00PM**

Our Lady of the Valley, 33 Adams Street, in Easthampton, MA Present a choral concert entitled "Sicut Cervus" with the Schola Nova, Terry Larson at the helm, and accompanied by Larry Picard on the organ.

**JUNE 9, 2013** at **2:00PM**

United Congregational Church of Holyoke, Maple Street, Holyoke, at the intersection of Appleton (Rt. 141) and Maple Street presents organist James Jordan. The performance will feature the E.M. Skinner organs of both the chapel and the main sanctuary. More information available at <http://www.uccholyoke.org>.

**JUNE 23, 2013** at **2:00PM**

All Saints' Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge Street, South Hadley, MA hosts the closing event of the Springfield AGO Chapter.

**JULY 10, 2013** at **8:00PM**

Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen, MA presents Margaret Irwin-Brandon in concert.

**JULY 21, 2013** at **4:00PM**

Union Evangelical Church, 5 East Main Street, in Heath, MA. Nathan Laube inaugurates the restored "oldest surviving instrument (1849)" from the shop of William A. Johnson, Westfield, MA.

**SEPTEMBER 29** at **3:00PM**

All Saints Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge Street, in South Hadley, MA, presents organist John Anderson in concert, joined by members of the Mount Holyoke Symphony Orchestra.

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To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email [klanbe@gmail.com](mailto:klanbe@gmail.com). Submissions are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Also, visit our website at [www.springfieldago.org](http://www.springfieldago.org)