

The Richmond STOPLIST

January 2015

The Official Newsletter of the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING AND PROGRAM

Dupré YOU Can Play



The famous organist of St. Sulpice, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971), was renowned for his magnificent and virtuosic concert pieces. "Awesome," "breathtaking" are fitting descriptions. He was a prolific composer with 39 published opera for solo organ and several unpublished works, most of which range from moderately to extremely difficult.

Dupré also taught less accomplished organists, composed for them, and published a number of pedagogical works including an organ method; volumes on fugue, counterpoint, harmonic analysis, chant accompaniment and improvisation; and edited the organ works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schumann, César Franck, and Alexander Glazunov.



In our session Ardyth will introduce many of these "approachable" pieces -- music you can readily play. You'll be able to look at many scores, hear excerpts, and will leave with a list of sources for your further exploration.

Our presenter, Dr. Ardyth Lohuis, is a VCU Professor Emerita and a "musical grand-daughter" of Marcel Dupré.

The meeting will be hosted by St. Benedict Catholic Church. We will meet in the St. Anselm Center of St. Benedict Parochial School 3100 Grove Avenue Richmond, VA 23221. Please use the Ramp Entrance at the alley. Parking is available in the church lot at the corner of Belmont and Hanover.

Date: January 20, 2015

Schedule:

6:00 PM Gathering

6:30 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Meeting

7:30 PM Program.

Members and their dinner guests will be served Pizza and Calzones from the renowned Belmont Pizzeria, along with various salads and desserts. For this meeting, there will be no charge for dinner. Our dinner costs have been covered thanks to the donation of a generous member of our chapter, however reservations are still required. Please contact Paul Honaker (paul.honaker@comcast.net) at least one week prior to meeting date to place your dinner reservations.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues:

The New Year is the conventional time to make resolutions as to the future. Often conceived in the merriment of New Year's Eve, these promises seem sensible and attainable. However, I must admit that some of my most grandiose resolutions don't even make it out of January.

As I contemplate my "professional" resolutions for the New Year, I offer two that I am going to attempt:

1. I am going to try never to rehearse a choral anthem without first studying the score. I'm fairly good about not doing this and have been an organist/director for many years, but I confess if practice and planning time get short, devoted attention to the choral score often is the first thing to fall by the wayside. And it is the choir that suffers the most when I try to lead a rehearsal off the cuff. All of that wasted rehearsal time from me not knowing my accompaniment and their choral lines inevitably leads to a less than satisfactory result for all.
2. I am going to do all I can to care for and to build up the Richmond AGO membership. As the Dean of the Richmond AGO I have the awesome opportunity to work with a diverse group of people, from large committees to one-on-one consultations. Anyone who has been Dean knows that organizational skills are a must! But too often it is easy to get wrapped up in calendar details, to-do lists, phone calls, and emails...so much so that I forget what the most important part of the guild is: its members and their concerns that they often bring before the chapter. I am going to do my best to reach out to as many as I can in our chapter, as well as try to interest some young people in getting to know the glorious instrument we play.

I am sure there are thousands of resolutions like these that you and I can make. I know many of us will make resolutions in our personal lives, but I challenge all of us to make professional resolutions that will make us better leaders as church musicians and finer organists for the instrument we so love.

Best wishes for a successful New Year!

Chris Martin

Dean, Richmond AGO

DEAN'S LUNCH

The next **Dean's Lunch** will be Thursday, January 8, 2015, 12:15 p.m., at **Positive Vibe Café** located in Stratford Hills Shopping Center, 2825 Hathaway Rd. RSVP to Chris Martin martingcpc@gmail.com or (804) 405-2528, x204.

REMEMBER THAT THE CHAPTER EVENTS CALENDAR IS NOW ON LINE

The Richmond AGO's Chapter Events Calendar is now available to advertise programs of our members, and of interest to the musical community. Be sure to include the calendar in your regular list of publicity outreach contacts. To access the calendar, simply visit the Richmond AGO Chapter web site at www.richmondago.org and follow the link to "Area Events." The direct link for the calendar is: <http://richmondago.org/area-events>.



Stay connected with Richmond AGO members and notices of meetings, recitals, and other events through the chapter's official Facebook page. Look for us on Facebook: Richmond Chapter - American Guild of Organists, or go to the Richmond AGO webpage www.richmondago.org and click on the Facebook icon.

The Churches Of Richmond and Central Virginia

A site featuring detailed photographs of historic churches, organs and organ specifications in Central Virginia. Take a virtual tour of your favorite house of worship, or check out the specifications and background of our area's historic organs, as compiled by Donald Traser and John DeMajo.

WWW. CHURCHESOFVIRGINIA.ORG

EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

From the Education Concerns Committee:

You have had a hectic time in Dec. with the Christmas programs and services. Then there is a brief respite until Epiphany comes along. During this time I hope you are considering looking over the requirements for our Exam program. You still have time to register to take the SPC exam in April or the CAGO exam in May of this year. Please let me know if you are interested in either one!

Mary Elizabeth Campbell, SPC
(804) 288-4098

CALL FOR 2015-16 CHAPTER PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Believe it or not. . .the 2015-2016 programs will be here before you know it! Please send your suggestions for programs to Cheryl Van Ornam (ago_stoplist_cvo@yahoo.com), Sub-Dean before January 15. These suggestions will be taken to the Program Committee in late January. Thank you in advance for your ideas!

PAID ADVERTISING IN THE STOPLIST

The "STOPLIST" is now accepting paid advertising. Quarter, half, and full page ads are available, and ads may be run by the month, or for the entire season. Yearly rates are: Full-page- \$135, Half-page- \$75, Quarter-page- \$40. Ad content is restricted to products or services which would be of interest to musicians and their churches. For more information, please contact John DeMajo (jdemajo@demajo.net).

MEMBER CONCERNS

Mr. John H. Lee, musician known for his skill at improvisation and as a local educator and community cornerstone, passed away December 19, 2014. He was a distinguished educator and former principal of Central High School, King & Queen, Va. for over 40 years as well as an adjunct faculty member of Virginia Union University. For over 50 years, Mr. Lee served as the Minister of Music at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church of West Point, Va. Services were held on December 27, 2014 at Our Lady of The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, West Point, Va. Mr. Lee was a member of the Richmond AGO Chapter.

Andy Koebler, Organist and Choirmaster at All Saints Episcopal Church in Henrico, VA, announced his retirement effective December 28th. Andy's life and service was celebrated in an article which recently appeared in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. That article can be viewed by going to this URL: http://www.richmond.com/article_632d9f56-d9ac-5f05-9e5f-86dbd567c8e3.html or by searching "Andy Koebler" in the search bar on the Times-Dispatch web site.

REGIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

There are two different ways to think about the 2017 Regional Convention – we have MORE THAN two years to get ready for it OR **we have ONLY two years to get ready for it**. At this stage of the process, I think it's OK that the first thought can be our active thinking. However, we need to transition to the second thought right after the first of the new year.

In January, while the Executive Committee works to put together the Steering Committee and recruit the Chairmen/women of the main committees, all members can get started, too. You can be thinking about whether you'll be able serve on a committee, make a sponsorship contact, volunteer for a specific task, and offer suggestions for programs /artists / venues. I anticipate that we will survey the members early in the planning process to solicit this kind of information. I'll be happy to receive your ideas prior to that survey.

The 2015 Regional Convention is being held in Pittsburgh on June 21st through 25th, 2015. Their chapter website, <http://www.pitago.org>, has a link to their convention website. If you plan on going to this convention, you'll probably see our leaders there providing information about the 2017 convention.

I hope you all celebrate a safe and Happy New year. In January, we'll start rolling up our sleeves to get to work!

Kenna Payne

kennajohnp@aol.com | Phone 272-9656 (Richmond / home)



Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Concerts

On Sunday, January 18, 2015, 2:00 P.M., a free concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be presented in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, soprano, Anthony Smith, bass-baritone, and pianist Patrick Carlin, featuring works by Mozart, Puccini, and traditional spirituals. Closer to the concert date, the complete concert program may be viewed on the music page of www.richmondcathedral.org. On-street parking and the VCU Parking Garage at the Altria are available. 359-5651

AROUND THE TOWN

Please note: To insure inclusion, all articles for Around The Town must be received no later than the 16th of the month before the month of publication.

CONCERTS AT ST. LUKE LUTHERAN

Saturday, January 10, 7:00 P.M. ECKHART ENSEMBLE with special guest, French flutist Nicolas Duchamp.

J.S. Bach Cantata 82 "Ich habe genug", BWV 82

J.S. Bach Orchestral Suite 2 for flute and strings, BWV 1067

Suite of Italian Renaissance Dances (c.1300-1610)

\$20; \$15 students/seniors, children under 12 free.

Sunday, January 11, 3:00 P.M. JAMES TAYLOR and CHARLES STAPLES team up to present Franz Schubert's Winterreise, a cycle of 24 songs detailing one man's journey into madness after love lost. This is a special performance of a new, singable English translation by Grammy Award Winner and Broadway composer Glen Roven.

St Luke Lutheran Church is located at 7757 Chippenham Parkway, Richmond, VA 23225. For more information, 272-0486, x14.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUTH OF THE JAMES

Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. The Second Sunday South Of The James Concert Series presents Charles Lindsey, Jr. organist In Recital. Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond, VA 23235. Phone 804-272-7514 ext. 312.

ALAN MORRISON TO PERFORM AT ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 23, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. Alan Morrison, Head of the Organ Departments at the Curtis Institute and Westminster Choir College gives a free concert at Saint Bridget Catholic Church, 6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond Virginia. A critically acclaimed concert artist, Mr. Morrison will play the church's John-Paul Buzard, Opus 42.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Sunday, January 18, 5:00 P.M. A service in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will feature St. James's Choirs and the Concert Choir of Norfolk State University, one of the premiere African-American ensembles in the country. The choirs will be led by Dr. Carl W. Haywood – preeminent organist, conductor, composer, and editor of Lift Every Voice.

Sunday, January 25, 7:00 P.M. Jonathan Rudy in recital. Jonathan performed this summer at the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Boston. He was a finalist in the AGO National Young Artists Competition, and won FIRST PRIZE! Don't miss this amazing young musician.

St. James's Church is located at 1205 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23229. Phone 804-355-1779 x 323 or email mwhitmire@doers.org.

AN EPIPHANY PROCESSION AND HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

Mon., January 5, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. The Epiphany Procession and Holy Eucharist is held on the Eve of the Epiphany, Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. This service is centered around the three miracles of Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. These stories are recalled in scripture and carols among the Christmas greens and candlelight. A festive "Twelfth Night" reception follows.

SAVE THE DATE

February 8, 2015 ~ 3:00 P.M. (Sunday) Organ and Choral Concert (E. Carl Freeman Concert Series) Celebration of Black History Month. Ensemble from One Voice Chorus Lynn G. Atkins, Director; Rassan H. Bourke, Organist River Road Church, Baptist, 8000 River Road Richmond.

SUBSTITUTES

The persons listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list.

The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church.

Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau. If you no longer wish to be included on the substitute list, please ask that your name be removed from the list by emailing Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804-647-0825.

Substitutes Available for Sundays

Beck, Susan	804-353-3022	smillerbeck@hotmail.com
Branch, Ada Andrews	804-862-4480	abranche@aol.com
Melvin (Mel) Burton	804 744-2325 or Cell 804 347-4673	
Crafton, Coleen	804-334-8094	pipesnposaune@gmail.com
Dersch, Bruce	804-861-0210	bedersch@gmail.com
Jack Fox	home 804-447-3863 cell 317-313-6233	jack_fox_1998@yahoo.com
French, Agnes	757-345-6355 (Williamsburg, VA)	jpk.alf@cox.net
Freude, Sharon	804-353-4683	freudemusic@earthlink.net
Gay, Esther	757-253-0391 (Williamsburg/Tidewater)	esthergay@cox.net
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Kerschbaumer, Evelyn	804-744-3147	ekersch@aol.com
Loftus, Stephen	804-317-1234 (May to August only)	
Martin, Liz	804-559-0898 (Summer only)	
Don Moro	804-652-9311	donmoro@gmail.com
Neff, Joan	804-248-2522 (June-August only)	jneff@richmond.edu
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Van Ornam, Karen	240-731-2406	teacherlady114@aol.com
Yates, Elizabeth	804-965-6214	Eay143@yahoo.com

Substitutes Available for Special Non-Sunday Morning Events

Bailey, Tom	804-221-7549	Froberger@aol.com
Candler-White, Laura	804-360-5754	lauracwhite@verizon.net
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Ferrell, Lia	513-687-3329	liaruhi9@yahoo.com
Goldie, Amos,	770-286-8345	amosgold@gmail.com
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	804-301-9976 (cell)	crjonkman@stmicaelsbonair.org
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Taylor, Margaret	717-419-4309 (cell)	m.e.taylor003@gmail.com
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has been filled. To submit a listing, contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8100 Shady Grove Rd. Mechanicsville, Va. 23111

Seeking a part-time organist for weekly Sunday morning services, weekly choir rehearsals and special services primarily during Lent and Advent. Choir does not sing during June, July, August. Upon request and availability would provide music for weddings and funerals. Instrument is a Rogers 2 manual organ of 34 stops. Salary approximately \$11,000.00 per year DOE. Familiarity with liturgical service preferred. Submit resumes to Organist Search Committee at the church address, e-mail bitelyre@cavtel.net or phone 804-427-7500.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

P.O. Box 40, 6807 Northumberland Hwy, Heathsville, Va 22473

A simple country church in the Northern Neck seeking part-time organist/ choir director for one Sunday service. Directing a choir rehearsal before the service is preferred but not required. Two manual Rodgers electronic organ (2010). \$155-\$175 per service including brief before service choir rehearsal, or \$125 -\$145 per service without choir rehearsal. Special services Christmas Eve, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. 4 weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Lucia Lloyd at lucia@ststephensheathsville.org or 804-445-3888.

LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8492 Peaks Road, Hanover, VA 23069

Seeking part-time organist/director for one Sunday morning service and one choir rehearsal weekly. Some special services during the year. This position oversees a part-time accompanist as well as the music programming throughout the church, a mid-sized church with a very active congregation of all ages. Rodgers two-manual organ and Baldwin baby grand piano. Salary is approximately \$17,000 annually with two weeks paid vacation. Specific compensation and weekly schedule are open to negotiation during the hiring process. For further information see the church website at www.lebanonumc.org. Interested candidates are asked to send a resume to SPRC@lebanonumc.org or to call the church office at 804-746-0980.

INDEPENDENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

14023 Independence Road, Ashland, VA 23005

Seeking part-time organist for one Sunday morning service plus additional services during the year on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and a 3 night annual Revival. No choir rehearsal or choir duties. Rodgers 2 manual electronic organ. Salary \$8,700 per annum with additional remuneration for the extra services during the year at \$87 per service. Two weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact Sandra Gilman days and evenings at 804-798-5856.

WESTHAMPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6100 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23226

Seeking part-time organist director for one traditional Sunday morning service and to direct the Sanctuary Adult Choir, seasonal handbell choir, and seasonal children's choir for an active congregation with a growing children's and youth ministries. Special services at Easter, Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas. The church is seeking some new creative energy to grow it's music ministry. Allen (ADC-7300) 3-manual digital organ, Yamaha grand piano, and three octaves of Malmark handbells. Average annual salary approximately \$16,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Two weeks paid vacation. Book and music allowance. Interested candidates should submit a resume with cover letter to the Music Search Committee, Westhampton UMC, at the church address above or via email to sprc@westhamptonumc.org.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

9601 Hull Street Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Seeking part-time accompanist for traditional liturgical church. Position is available October 1, 2014. One Sunday morning worship service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Piano and digital piano used for worship and rehearsals. Salary range \$7,500 - \$10,000. Those interested may contact Jennifer Ripley, Director of Music, at 804-276-4271 or musicdirector@LCOSVA.org.

GAYTON ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC),

12050 Ridgefield Parkway, Henrico, VA, 23233

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for small church with one Sunday morning service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Special services during Lent, Easter and Christmas, as well as weddings and funerals. Allen Protege 2 manual electronic organ. Salary range \$150-\$175 per week with four weeks paid vacation. Applicant should be proficient in playing the piano and organ and be experienced in accompanying and directing groups and solos. Applicant should be familiar and comfortable with a variety of musical styles including spirituals, contemporary, and classical. While not required, it would be nice if the applicant had the ability to play other instruments and sing in front of the congregation. Interested candidates should contact Diann Borden days at 804-402-5726, evenings at 804-374-0388 or via email at revdiann@verizon.net.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1009 W. Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA, 23507

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service, to rehearse and direct the adult choir, and work with staff and volunteers to coordinate the Handbell and Junior choirs and other musical opportunities. 1978 Moller pipe organ, upgraded in 2012 to feature solid state technology. Salary and benefits range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume and references to The Rev. John Rohrs, Rector via email at jrohrrs.staec@verizon.net or to the church address above. If those interested have questions or would like to see a full job description they may call the church at 757-622-5530 or visit the church website at www.standrewsnorfolk.org.

WILLIAMSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

227 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA, 23185

Seeking part-time Organist/Choir Director. The position would include playing for one 11 AM worship service each Sunday; conducting a weekly Wednesday evening choir rehearsal with the adult choir; selecting the choir anthems and service music; providing input to the minister in the selection of hymns. In addition, throughout the year there will be additional services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. There is the opportunity for additional income from weddings and funerals. During the months of June, July, and August the choir takes a break. The Church features a 37 rank Petty-Madden pipe organ. Salary range is \$13,000 to \$15,000 per year depending on training and experience. Two weeks paid vacation. Interested persons may contact Claire Buckle at cladav1@cox.net.

MORE LISTINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

POSITIONS AVAILABLE, Continued from previous page

WELBORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

920 Maybeury Drive, Richmond, VA, 23229

Seeking half-time Director of Music Ministries to join staff and volunteers in a growing music program. Two worship services on Sunday include contemporary and traditional church music. Currently there is one adult vocal choir, bell choir, and a praise band to support these services. Interested candidates should display strong organizational and relational skills. Three manual, 55 rank Andrews pipe organ and a Yamaha 7 foot conservatory grand piano. Salary range is \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year. To inquire and/or receive a full job description, contact SPRC@welbornechurch.org.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent, VA, 23124

Seeking a part-time organist-choirmaster to play for one service weekly and for special occasions during the liturgical year, including Holy Week and Christmas. St. Peter's Episcopal Church currently has a two-manual digitally sampled Rogers 760 electronic organ, as well as a Kawai CN-33 digital piano. Candidate should desire to can grow the music program, have a strong sense of Episcopal Liturgy, and can direct choirs from the console. Choral programs include an adult choir that practices every other week and a youth/children's choir currently under lay direction and in need of supervision and expansion. Compensation is \$13,000 per year with continuing education supplement, funds for additional musicians to enhance worship, and paid AGO dues. Generous vacation time during the summer and two paid vacation days during the traditional school year. Additional income from weddings and funerals is also available. Resumes should be mailed to St. Peter's Parish Church, 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent, Virginia 23124 or may also contact the Rector, the Rev'd Dr. S. Paul Rowles, at (804) 932-4846.

HISTORIC FINCASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

108 E. Back Street, Fincastle, Virginia, 24090 (this is in the Roanoke area).

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one 10:30 Sunday morning service and one comprehensive choir rehearsal once every four to six weeks on a week night in addition to the short rehearsal before the Sunday morning service. The organist works with the Pastor to select appropriate music for Sunday worship. Zimmer two manual pipe organ. Salary range \$13,000 to \$18,000 per year with four weeks paid vacation. Students and retirees are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should contact Neal Brush at 540-293-8577 or via email at neal@lasersimage.com.

TOMAHAWK BAPTIST CHURCH

12920 Hull Street Road, Midlothian, Virginia, 23113

Seeking part-time organist for traditional Baptist service. Position is available January 1, 2015. One 11:00 service a week, weekly choir rehearsal attendance not required or expected. Contract is for 40 Sundays a year. Salary \$150 a week. Organ is two manual Allen Vista, installed in 2008. Interested candidates should contact Susan Kish @susanrkish@gmail.com.

FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4401 Forest Hills Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23225

Seeking part-time Music Director for one Sunday 10:30 AM service, one Sunday noon choir rehearsal, and working with the youth one Sunday per month. Wicks three manual pipe organ. Salary range is \$200 to \$250 per week with two weeks paid vacation. Resumes should be submitted to the Rev. Keith Johnston at rev.keithjohnston@gmail.com or Jeff Diehl at jeffdiehl@handcraftservices.com. Please contact Forest Hills Presbyterian Church at 804-233-4371 for more information.

Historic Organ Study Tours (HOST) announces a summer organ tour in the Northern Provinces of the NETHERLANDS

August 3-12, 2015 (10 days, 11 nights)

For our 22nd annual tour of historic European organs, HOST is pleased to offer a tour in the northernmost provinces of the Netherlands—Groningen and Friesland. This area of the Netherlands is extremely rich in well-preserved historic organs from the 16th through the 19th centuries. In fact, Groningen province has the highest density of such organs of any comparable area in the world.

Directed by Bruce Stevens and Bill Van Pelt, the tour will be led by Dutch organist Sietze de Vries. For more information, please contact Bruce Stevens at bbstevens@erols.com or 804-355-5876.



Bruton Candlelight Concerts

*January, 2015 Candlelight Concerts at
Bruton Parish Church*

Thursday, January 1 @ 8:00 pm

Harpsichord Recital

Jennifer Bell, Harpsichordist from Dublin, Ohio

Saturday, January 3 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Davidson College Chorale from Davidson, North Carolina, Christopher Gilliam, Director

Saturday, January 10 @ 8:00 pm

Harp Concert

American Harp Youth Ensemble from Richmond, Virginia, Lynelle Edinger, Director

Saturday, January 17 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

Lucy Manning, Violin, Suzanne Daniel, Flute, Erin Hines, Cello, and JanEl Will, Harpsichord

Sunday, January 18 @ 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong

Celebrating Bruton's 300th Anniversary:

Canticles of Charles Villiers Stanford

The Choirs of Bruton Parish

Rebecca Davy, Director

JanEl Will, Organist

Saturday, January 24 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

Shenandoah Conservatory Bass Ensemble

Dr. Donovan Stokes, Director

Saturday, January 31 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Michael Lianos, Organist at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg, Virginia

Historic Organ Recitals - Wren Chapel, College of William & Mary

Saturdays @ 10:00 am on January 3, 10, & 31 – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday @ 10:00 am January 17 – Sarah Bland, Organist

Saturdays @ 10:00 am on January 24 – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist ■ Dr. JanEl Will, Organist ■ James Darling, Choirmaster & Organist Emeritus

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Support the AGO Annual Fund

Please consider making a donation this year to the AGO Annual Fund. In the November 2014 TAO, Barbara Adler (Treasurer/Councillor for Finance and Development) offered a clever suggestion of chapter members giving \$1 per month to the Annual Fund. If you calculate \$12 from each of 15,000 members in the AGO, this annual revenue would total \$180,000!

Some of the programs the Annual Fund supports includes:

Certification programs

Catalogue of educational materials

Support for POEs (Pipe Organ Encounters)

Support for January Jubilees

Travel for volunteer leaders' meetings and visits to chapters

Chapter Management Handbook

Website and job postings

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A Contribution envelope can be found in your November 2014 TAO, pp.8-9.



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DID YOU KNOW?

HISTORIC BRUCEMORE MANSION ORGAN UNDERGOES FIRST RENOVATION IN 80 YEARS.



Brucemore, a historic late 1800s industrialist mansion in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is another American landmark institution whose trustees have seen fit to preserve one of the great E.M. Skinner home instruments that adorned so many mansions built in that era.

The home was originally constructed by Caroline Soutter Sinclair, widow of Sinclair Meat Packing Company founder Thomas M. Sinclair, as a place to raise their six children. The Sinclair firm was, at the time, the fourth largest meat provider in the world, and Mrs Soutter sought to provide her children with a home that was in keeping with their inherited wealth. Over the next two decades, the home changed hands twice, and ultimately ended up in the

hands of Howard and Margaret Hall, a wealthy but eccentric couple who, among their possessions boasted a pet lion that often slept under Mr. Hall's desk.

In 1929, the Halls installed a large two manual E.M. Skinner pipe organ (Opus 754) comprised of 715 pipes.



Over the eighty-years of its existence, the organ has continued to play with only minimal attention, a tribute indeed to the work of the Skinner firm.

The home, like many of the remaining industrialist mansions, including our own Maymont, is now in the hands of a charitable trust and open to the public as a museum. Recently, the trustees enlisted the help of the Jeff Weiler firm, to completely restore the instrument so that it can again be used for public recitals and programs. The appreciation of this great musical instrument, by the trustees of Brucemore, is to be commended.

