

## FINALE TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON!



Scholarship Student Recitalists and their teachers, from left: Grant Hellmers, students Hannah Lee, Cailin Petrus, and Alyssa Santos, and teachers Patricia Schrock and Greg Vick. (Photo by Chris Martin)

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild Of Organists completed its 104th season of service with the annual New Organist Scholarship Student recital at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church on May 9, 2016. Three students were joined by their teachers in a wonderful recital that included works by Bach, Pachelbel, Vierne, Buxtehude, Rheinberger and others. Following the scholarship student recital, chapter member Steve Henley led a brief program entitled "New Music for Worship," which included recently published organ works as well as two pieces for organ and violin. He was joined by Naima Burrs, violinist. The chapter's annual election of officers occurred prior to the musical programs.

Highlights of this past season included an organ crawl to historic Petersburg churches, recital series performances by Ahreum Han, Scott Dettra and Christopher Houlihan, an informative presentation by Dr. Ann Labounsky, monthly lunchtime open console at several interesting Richmond churches, and a multitude to educational programs and demonstrations presented by our members as part of our monthly meetings.

## THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

It was fun seeing the festivities on Colorado Avenue on New Year's Eve in preparation for the Rose Parade the next day. People were clustered in sleeping bags and tents on the streets; vendors were selling food; benches were set in place for seats in the morning. Music was booming from radios; there were loud noise-makers; everything you would expect to prepare for festivities. Everything went past us in backwards motion as we crawled our way down Colorado Avenue, seated in the bumper seat of our neighbor's station wagon.

Through the years, I have experienced a kaleidoscope of activities at the Rose Parade. I have spent December 31 on Colorado Avenue with the youth group from church. With college friends, I have gotten up long before dawn to get a spot at the beginning, where it was so cold that the band couldn't play and the Rose Parade Queen and her Court were all wearing coats. I have been at home, cooking our traditional New Year's Dinner, watching the parade on TV, then driving to the middle of the parade and enjoying the swirl of the bagpipes, the floats and the horses and the bands. I've been at the end where all the floats rest at the end of the parade, and I've been at the beginning in the large area working on assembling the floats. What fun it was during the parade to see the float upon which we had worked. And, seeing the various Grand Marshals through the years: famous people we only saw on television!

The Richmond Chapter this year has been like that parade. We have had our Grand Marshals of Concert Artists this year through the Organ Repertoire Recital Series: Ahreum Han, Scott Detra and Christopher Houlihan. There were floats in the Rose Parade: carefully crafted, award-winning, breathtaking in their use of foliage to create a completed whole, built around a theme. Our programs this year were outstanding, like each of those floats:

\*September ~ Opening Celebration and Installation of Officers

\*October ~ Petersburg Organ Crawl

\*November ~ An evening with Ann Labounsky: AGO Certification and a Recital

\*January ~ Organ Works of Josef Rheinberger: with Bruce Stevens

\*February ~ The Spiritual Bach: Spirituals and Organ works: with Marvin Mills, organist and Marlissa Hudson, soprano

\*March ~ Sixth Annual J.S. Bach Birthday Marathon with the Greater Richmond Children's Choir, Area Organists, and Christine Ertell, flautist

\*March ~ Marcel Dupré: "Le Chemin de la Croix" (Stations of the Cross) with Stephen Hamilton, organist

\*April ~ Maintaining Your Serenity: Role Plays and Advice from Veteran Church Leaders

\*May ~ Part I: Annual Student Scholarship Recital with Student Scholarship Organists: Hannah Lee, Cailin Petrus, and Alyssa Santos and Teachers: Grant Hellmers, Patricia Schrock, and Greg Vick

\*May ~ Part II: New Music for Worship with chapter member Steve Henley and Naima Burrs, violinist

The programs were held at various churches in Richmond: Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; River Road Presbyterian Church; St. James's Episcopal Church; St. Luke Lutheran Church; St. Michael's Episcopal Church; Trinity Lutheran Church; and Westminster Presbyterian Church. During the Petersburg Organ Crawl, we visited: Gillfield Baptist Church; Trinity United Methodist Church; Tabb Street Presbyterian; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bristol Parish; Washington Street United Methodist Church; and, Second Presbyterian Church. The parade continues with the Dean's Organ Tours. We have been enriched with the the incredible hospitality of organists in churches in and around Richmond: Leigh Street Baptist Church; St. Michael's Episcopal Church; St. Bridget Catholic Church; Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Cannon Chapel, University of Richmond; Chester Presbyterian Church; and, Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

And, the parade continues with the gifts of music that are brought through our members to the community through organ and choral concerts. Each week, many of us are engaged in church and synagogue music, and if I could count the number of people who are blessed by our music ministry, it would literally number into the thousands.

No parade is complete without the onlookers, and this year, we have reached out to the community of Richmond through publicity for the programs, the New Organist Development Committee, and the Organ Consultation Committee. The Communications Committee continues to inform us and the public with their publications, website and emails. To each of these and all the other committees, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

And, next season, the "parade" will continue, and will conclude with our exciting Region III Convention right here in Richmond! With our eyes on the past, let us enjoy all that the future brings!

*Cheryl Van Ornam*

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**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
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The Steering Committee will be taking a quick break from its meeting schedule for the summer, before the long and task-rich stretch until the regional Convention. It's just a year away!

But the work continues – we will be finalizing contracts for artists and workshop presenters; confirming dates and event details with the venues; soliciting advertising, sponsorships, exhibitors, and contributions; populating the website with data, texts, and photos; working with the National AGO office on the online registration system details; preparing publicity and marketing information; starting to compile the list of volunteer tasks; and taking a very deep collective breath.

We're still asking for assistance in identifying and contacting potential sponsors, advertisers, and exhibitors. Let me know if you have any suggestions or names of people and/or companies.

Have a great summer!

**WHAT**                **2017 AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention**  
**WHEN**             **Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28, 2017**  
**WHERE**            **All around Richmond**

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## DUES REMINDER

Just a quick reminder to get your dues paid this month, if you haven't already taken care of it (and have a July renewal date). The July renewals are due on June 30 for your new membership year. Payments can be made online with a credit card, using the website link that came in your electronic renewal notice. If you would rather pay by check, print off your invoice and send it with the check.

If you haven't received your notice yet, or you are unsure of how to get into the National ONCARD website, just let me know. I'll be glad to help!

Thanks!

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## EDUCATION CONCERNS



Please take a good look at the July issue of TAO (The American Organist) as it will contain the information for the AGO Certificate exams-all four! I have examples of the things you would need for the SPC and the CAGO and would be happy for you to come, look them over and then decide what you wish to purchase to pursue studying for the exam you wish to take. I offer this so you will not be buying something you truly do not want in your library. Also, the Exam Hymn Booklet is free of charge. You need to ask for it at [info@agohq.org](mailto:info@agohq.org) and it will be sent to you in pdf. format. You print it out for yourself and select from it the hymns and psalm you would want to do for the SPC and the CAGO. I have some older AAGO test things I received from Dr. McCormick early this winter if you would want to look them over, as well.

One thing to keep in mind-the test studying/taking is strictly confidential. I do not tell who, when nor if I have anyone currently studying to take said exams. Nothing is disclosed until there is a successful outcome and then I put the notice in our newsletter and announce it at our next meeting after successful notice is given. No one knows about anything other than a successful outcome so...go for it!

*Mary Campbell*

Mary Campbell, SPC  
Ed. Chairman

## SUCCESSFUL ORGAN SALES THROUGH THE "STOPLIST"

We are pleased to report that both of the instruments listed in last month's edition of the "Stoplister" sold within the month. If you are considering the sale or purchase of an organ or piano, please consider giving the "Stoplister" an opportunity to let the local church music community know what you are offering or seeking.

This month, we have another offering of interest. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, located at 5155 Iron Bridge Road in Chesterfield, is seeking a buyer for their existing Allen organ. Price is subject to negotiation. For information, please contact David Sachs at 804-222-2494 home may leave a message, will return call promptly

## ANNUAL ELECTION RETURNS

The chapter held it's annual election of officers at our recent May 9th. Meeting. Here are the results of that election:

DEAN: Cheryl Van Ornam  
SUB DEAN: Tom Bailey  
SECRETARY: Mary Campbell  
TREASURER: Kenna Payne  
AUDITOR: Ron Davis  
MEMBERS AT LARGE:  
Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis  
Suzanne Krauss

## MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS

This month, we feature our Sub Dean Tom Bailey



My name is Tom Bailey, and I am the Director of Music at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. I returned to my hometown of Richmond in 2012 after serving churches in Northern Virginia, Brooklyn, and Long Island. I am a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, and studied several years in Vienna, Austria with the great Bach authority, Anton Heiller. My understanding of church music, liturgy, and theology was augmented with an MDiv. from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. At Emmanuel Church, I direct the Adult Choir, Children's Treble Choir, and Handbell Choir, in addition to playing the 1992 Heissler mechanical action organ. I am the Sub-Dean of the Richmond Chapter, and we are currently planning our next season.

## MEMBER CONCERNS

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of Joyce Marr, widow of former chapter member Weaver Marr. Many of our older chapter members will remember Weaver as the long-time organist at First English Lutheran Church. Joyce passed away on May 12th. She was a supporter of the Organ Repertoire Recital Series.

## 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.**

### ST. JAMES'S CHURCH ORGAN RECITAL

Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 7:00 P.M. Kevin Kwan, Internationally known recitalist and organist of Christ and St. Luke's in Norfolk, will present a recital at St. James's Episcopal Church. For attendance, no tickets are required and a donation is requested. For information, call 804-355-1779 x 323 or email [mwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:mwhitmire@doers.org). St. James's Church, 1205 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23220

## 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, please contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau at [bettyg@redfamiliar.com](mailto:bettyg@redfamiliar.com) and phone 804-647-0825

### ANDREW CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seeking organist/choir director for one 11:00 AM Sunday service and to direct a small and dedicated choir. Christmas Eve candlelight service, and shared community services for noon Lenten services and Tuesday Thanksgiving Community Service. Rogers two manual electronic organ. Salary \$7800 with 4 weeks paid vacation and an automobile allowance. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Kevin Elmore via email at [kelmor@gmail.com](mailto:kelmor@gmail.com) or by phone days at 804-493-8516 or cell at 804-580-1571. Or they may contact Peggy Jones via email at [paj1940@live.com](mailto:paj1940@live.com) or by phone days at 804-493-8277 or cell at 804-450-1679.

### BATTERY PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4201 Brook Road, Richmond, VA, 23227.

Seeking organist/pianist for one Sunday morning service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Special services at Christmas and during Lent and Easter. Lewis and Hitchcock 2 manual pipe organ and Kohler and Campbell grand piano. The candidate will be working in close conjunction with the choir director/music director. Stipend \$150 per service, \$50 per rehearsal. Weddings and funerals additional. 4 weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact Robert Peterman at the church address or by phone at 804-426-7860. Those interested in an interim position should apply through the same contact.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6470 Main Street (PO Box 582), Gloucester, VA, 23061

The church website can be found at [www.fpcglova.org](http://www.fpcglova.org). Seeking part-time organist/choir director for two Sunday services and 3 weekly rehearsals (men's ensemble, adult choir, and handbell choir). Special services during the year Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. Christmas cantata with budget for brass and string instrumentalists. Allen 3 manual Renaissance organ equipped with Vista. Salary range \$25,000 to \$39,000 per year with book and music allowance and dues paid to professional associations. 4 weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Dr. Doug Nagel via email at [den@fpcglova.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:den@fpcglova.hrcoxmail.com) or by phone days at 804-693-2371 or evenings at 804-6694-6089. Or they may contact Pam Driggs via email at [psdriggs@hughes.net](mailto:psdriggs@hughes.net), by phone days at 804-695-0704 or evenings at 804-815-4418.

### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

102 Ellisville Drive, PO Box 1216, Louisa, VA, 23093

Seeking part-time Minister of Music for one Sunday service and occasional services during Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. One weekly choir rehearsal. Grooms & Payne 7 rank pipe organ. Yamaha piano. Salary \$15,500 per annum. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Alex Riffée via email at [stjameslouisa@verizon.net](mailto:stjameslouisa@verizon.net) or by phone at 540-355-1779. More information about the church may be found at their website [www.stjameslouisa.org](http://www.stjameslouisa.org).

### ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

142 Tynes Street, Suffolk, VA, 23434

Seeking part-time organist for one Sunday service and one weekly choir rehearsal. Special services at Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Epiphany, and Christmas Eve. Two manual Allen Digital Organ. Salary \$15,600 per year along with dues for professional associations and Continuing Education. Interested candidates should contact Fr. Frederick Walker via email at [frederickwalker328@ymail.com](mailto:frederickwalker328@ymail.com) or by phone days at 757-606-2537 or evenings at 703-231-1506.



# 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](mailto:bettyg@redfamiliar.com) or by phone at 804-647-0825.

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## June, 2016 *Candlelight Concerts and Historic*

### *Organ Recitals at Bruton Parish Church*

#### **Thursday, June 2 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Children's Choir Concert*

Cheyenne All-City Children's Choir from Cheyenne, Wyoming, Marilyn Collins, Artistic Director, Anna Mummert, Accompanist

#### **Saturday, June 4 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Early Music Ensemble*

MIRA from Charlottesville, Virginia, Raven Hunter, Director

#### **Tuesday, June 7 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Cello Ensemble Concert*

Tidewater Cello Ensemble, Susan Hines, Director

#### **Thursday, June 9 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ Recital*

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

#### **Saturday, June 11 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Choral Concert*

Heritage Chorale from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Barry Sawyer, Director

#### **Tuesday, June 14 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ & Harpsichord Recital*

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

#### **Thursday, June 16 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ Recital*

Stephen E. Henley, Organist from Bon Air Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia

#### **Saturday, June 18 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ Recital*

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

#### **Tuesday, June 21 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Military Band Concert*

U. S. Army TRADOC Band from Ft. Eustis in Newport News, Virginia

#### **Thursday, June 23 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Banjo & Harpsichord Recital*

John Bullard, Banjo & Markus Compton, Harpsichordist  
from Richmond, Virginia

#### **Saturday, June 25 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ & Harpsichord Recital*

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

#### **Tuesday, June 28 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ Recital*

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

#### **Thursday, June 30 @ 8:00 pm**

##### *Organ Recital*

Christopher Reynolds, Organist from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia

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

**Saturday @ 10:00 am on June 4, 18, 25 – Rebecca Davy, Organist**

**Saturday @ 10:00 am on June 11 – Sarah Bland, Organist**

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## DID YOU KNOW?

According to an article by Robert R. Elbert, which appeared on the PipeOrgan.com industry website, pipe organ builders have entered the 21st century as a vibrant, active, and busy industry. Elbert reports that the industry consists of about 50 firms that regularly build new pipe organs and rebuild older instruments and over 200 shops that provide services from regular tuning to major repair and rebuilding of instruments. Industry sales total close to \$70 million annually.

Each year between 100 and 120 new pipe organs are built in the U.S. and Canada. They range in size from two or three ranks to over 100 ranks. During the past decade, the general trend has been for new pipe organs to become larger. In the early 1990s the median sized (half larger, half smaller) new pipe organ was about 20 ranks. By 2002, the median sized organ was 26 ranks.

As has been true for centuries, churches are the primary market for new pipe organs. In a typical year 85% of new pipe organs are installed in churches. About 10% are installed in colleges, universities, and public auditoriums and about 5% are installed in residences.

Elbert goes on to say that in addition to building new pipe organs, an important part of industry activities is the rebuilding of older instruments. While an organ's pipes and cabinetry can last for centuries, some of the inner mechanisms that are subject to constant friction need rebuilding after several decades. Rebuilding and updating of older pipe organs (usually 40 years old or more) is an economical and musically effective way to extend the pleasure derived from a pipe organ for many decades. Often a rebuild, which gives a church a virtually new instrument, can be accomplished for a fraction of the cost of a totally new instrument. In a typical year about 100 major rebuilds of pipe organs are completed in the U.S. and Canada. In addition, each year many instruments have sets of pipes added and/or upgrading of the console and minor refurbishing completed.

These statistics shared by Mr. Elbert, would indicate that organists have a bright outlook for employment, since every investment in a new or refurbished organ would seem to indicate that one or more organists will be employed to play each instrument. While he paints a rosy picture with regard to new and refurbished instruments, his article does not address the organs that are abandoned or removed from churches, educational institutions and places of public assembly each year. As Richmonders, we can easily question whether the landmark Altea Theatre organ will ever be reinstalled, or whether we will come to work one morning only to find that we have been replaced by a praise band. It would appear then that our greatest mission is keeping the organ and its music alive, and performing our duties in such a way as to make our audiences demand that organ music remain a part of worship in our local churches.

As we come to the close of the 2015-16 term, your editor and communications staff wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer. Next season will be a busy one as we look forward to our 2017 Regional Convention, and a season of great music and opportunities for education and networking.

See you in September!