

The Richmond STOPLIST

December 2011

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

December Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011

Holiday Open House

An Evening with Leslie Watson
The 2nd Dean of the Richmond Chapter (191?-1916)



Home of Richard and Jeanne McNeil
4600 Nine Mile Road, Richmond

6:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner

Note: All members are asked to bring their favorite hors d'oeuvre to share.

7:30 p.m. – Program Led by Richard & Jeanne McNeil
and Donald Traser, Chapter Historian

The residence at 4600 Nine Mile Road was the home of Leslie Watson, Richmond Chapter's second dean from 191?-1916. Jeanne Etheridge McNeil, the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watson, and her husband Rick have graciously opened their home to our Chapter in December. Both Leslie and his wife, Laura Woodruff Watson, were organists and held the AAGO certificate. After an hors d'oeuvres buffet provided by members of the chapter, Jeanne, her husband Richard, and Donald Traser, our Historian, will give a brief tour of this historic home, show historic photographs of the home and their family, play recordings of Leslie Watson's music, and tell other stories of the Watsons' intriguing lives.

Reservations Are Absolutely Necessary.

Reservations: paul.honaker@bonairbaptist.org
no later than Thursday, December 1, 2011

Due to limited parking at the McNeil residence, shuttle service is being arranged in the parking lot of K-Mart at 4715 Nine Mile Road which is a very short distance from the Watson home. The shuttle will be available from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. and after the program.

Directions to K-Mart

Take I-64 East out of Richmond. Exit at 193B (Nine Mile Road, East). At top of ramp, go 1.2 miles, passing the Masonic Home on your right. At stoplight, turn right onto Meadow Spring Road. (Pep Boys is on your right.) Parking Lot to K-Mart is on your left.

DEAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

With every good wish for peace in your lives as well as Peace on Earth!!!!

Steve Hensley, Dean

DECEMBER DEAN'S LUNCH

There is no Dean's Lunch scheduled for December. See you next year!

AGO CERTIFICATION EDUCATION PROGRAM

We have had some interest expressed in the AGO exam program. If you are interested, here are some things you might want to consider. You would be learning pieces that you can use. If you ultimately decide to take an exam and pass, you will get a certificate of your achievement. Then, as the AGO Certification Chapter Guide says, you "can also list letters after your name showing your achievement." Remember, happiness is being certified! For more information please contact Mary Campbell at maryecampbell@comcast.net. The link for education program information from National Headquarters is <http://www.agohq.org/docs/pdf/ProfCertRequirements.pdf>

CONDOLENCES

George G. Wedd, father of Sue Gamber, passed away on November 6th.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ray Borden 12/2
Rita Gulliksen 12/5
Wesley C. Dudley 12/15
Marvin Stovall 12/16
Karen Westbrook 12/20

Betty Lou Johnson 12/21
David Storey 12/21
Charles Lindsey 12/22
Caroline Fergusson 12/25
Sharon Freude 12/28



A message from Richard L. Sowers II, Director of Music Ministries, Williamsburg United Methodist Church

As it has for 13 consecutive years, Williamsburg United Methodist Church is pleased once again to present its annual concert of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*, the Christmas portion. Our concert is free and open to the public, however, since there is no income from ticket sales, we must rely on private donations to help cover the costs of musicians, marketing, and logistics. Because of this, we will take up a free-will offering to help defray these costs, knowing that every gift is a generous gift, no matter the amount.

This year we want to give back to the community something more than just this concert event. For the first time, we intend to contribute a portion of our proceeds to one or more local charities. When Handel premiered his *Messiah* in 1742, a portion of the proceeds went to "... benefit the Hospital, the Infirmary, and the prisoners of Marshalseas..." Similarly, we wish to donate a portion of this year's free-will offering to help a local charity or charities that address the needs of the poor, the oppressed, those in prison, and those who lack and need fundamental health care.

We ask that you please make a donation to this year's *Messiah* event so we can give to those in our community who are in desperate need of the basics of life. Your gift will help us continue our *Messiah* tradition which welcomes, nurtures, and transforms the hearts and souls of many people in our community, including you, our vital audience.

Please send donations to: Williamsburg United Methodist Church, Att. Richard Sowers, 500 Jamestown Road Williamsburg VA 23185



UPCOMING CONCERTS AT CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

On Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will present its free annual Christmas Concert in Commemoration of World AIDS Day, featuring the Cathedral Choir, Amy Grant Hruska, and Patrick Carlin, directing, vocal soloists Michele Orr and Father Michael Renninger; trumpeter Dr. Michael Davison, and flutist Anthony Smith. The Cathedral is located at Laurel and Park Avenue, across from Monroe Park. 359-5651

On Monday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m., the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will present a free one-hour Concert of Christmas Music, featuring vocal soloists of The Cathedral, including Anne O'Byrne and Lisa Edwards Burrs, with pianist Patrick Carlin. Following the concert a free lunch will be served. Reservations for the free lunch are not required. On-street parking is available, as well as the VCU Parking Decks. 359-5651

Saturday, December 24, 2011, 11:00 p.m. free Pre-Liturgy Concert and Midnight Mass with the Cathedral Choir, vocal soloists, and Dr. Michael Davison, trumpeter. 359-5651 www.Richmondcathedral.org

All programs may be viewed on the music page of the Cathedral website at www.richmondcathedral.org.

AROUND THE TOWN

LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Richmond invites you to three services of Lessons and Carols for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 p.m. Music by Palestrina, Ravenscroft, Paul Manz, George Guest, Malcolm Archer, Steven Rickards and James MacMillan

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24, at 8:00 p.m. With the premiere of a newly commissioned carol by Zachary Wadsworth

An Epiphany Procession with Holy Eucharist Friday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. A service celebrating the journey of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and his first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee

St Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 East Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia. Free parking available in the church garage (entrance on 8th Street)

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BRISTOL PARISH IN PETERSBURG

Friday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Concert by Candlelight, Rebecca Perlstein, Soprano, Edward A. Schutt, Organ. \$5 Admission Benefits the Joseph Whittle Music & Arts Fund.

Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Paul's Choir, Charles Lindsey, Jr., Organist & Choirmaster, Cheryl Van Ornam, Assisting Organist. Music of Robert Parsons, Cristobal de Morales, George F. Handel, Peter Warlock, Kenneth Leighton, and others. Annual Parish Christmas Dinner follows. For more information on the dinner, please call parish administrator Susan Wells at 804 733-3415, ext. 2, or Charles Lindsey at 804 370-7374

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Bristol Parish, 110 N. Union St. Petersburg, VA 23804

SALVATION ARMY NATIONAL CAPITAL BRASS BAND TO PERFORM

Saturday, December 3, at 2:45 p.m. Christmas Concert with the Salvation Army National Capital Brass Band. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond, Va. 23229. Please Contact Matt Sims: 804 305-0247 for free tickets (note: all attendees must have a ticket.)

MUSICAL PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED BY GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL

There will be a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, sung by the adult choir, on Sunday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m. This lovely service will include traditional carols, anthems, and hymns for Advent and Christmas. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street next to the Landmark Theater. Parking is available at the rear of the church. For more information, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis at 804 359-5628, ext. 18.

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AROUND THE TOWN, Continued

GRACE & HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

There will be a Celebration of Unity concert at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Monday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature the Grace & Holy Trinity adult choir, Greater Richmond Children's Choir, and the Sanctuary Choir of Ebenezer Baptist Church. These three choirs will perform anthems and spirituals in honor of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street next to the Landmark Theater. Parking is available at the rear of the church. For more information, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis at 804 359-5628, ext. 18.

CANTORI VOCAL ENSEMBLE TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. Cantori Vocal Ensemble announces its 2011 Christmas Concert, *Sweet Was the Song*, to be presented on Friday night at Walnut Hills Baptist Church, 1014 Jamestown Road in Williamsburg. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken in support of Cantori. Its newly-released CD, *Be My Love*, will be available for purchase. For information, contact the director, Agnes French, at 757-345-6355, or Walnut Hills Baptist Church, at 757-220-5900.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCES 18th ANNUAL ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 pm - 18th annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols offered by the choirs of St. Michael's and guest instrumentalists. At 4:30, a pre-service recital will be played by Bruce Stevens including works by Bach, Rheinberger, Peeters and Manz. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 8706 Quaker Lane, Bon Air, VA 23235. Ph. 804-272-0992.

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT CHRIST ASCENSION

Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 7, at 10:00 p.m. at Christ Ascension Episcopal, 1704 W. Laburnum Ave. (Laburnum and Hermitage): Edward Schutt, organ, with Rebecca Perlestein, soprano and congregational carols. Contact Ed Schutt at 804-564-4887 or e.schutt@comcast.net.

GINTER PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES PROGRAM

Sunday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m. Advent III Service. Mass G Major (Franz Schubert); Selections from "A Ceremony of Carols" (Benjamin Britten) and Cantata # 140: "Sleepers Awake" (J. S. Bach); "Shalom" (Irish Folk Song) chamber orchestra, organ, harpsichord, handbells. Ronald W. Davis, Director. Ginter Park United Methodist Church, 1010 West Laburnum Avenue (at Chamberlaye Avenue) Richmond, VA.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS TO BE PRESENTED

Sunday, December 18, at 5:30 p.m. St Thomas Episcopal Church will present "Nine Lessons and Carols" David McCormick, director. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 3602 Hawthorne, Richmond, VA. 23222



SEASONS GREETINGS from the newsletter and communications staff of the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild Of Organists.

John, Betty and Mary

VISIT THE CHURCHES OF RICHMOND

For a "Virtual tour" and listing of churches and organ specifications in our chapter service area, please visit the Churches Of Richmond web site at: www.demajo.net/richmond/richmond_churches/ or use the link provided on the Richmond AGO Website.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Presents

Handbell Festival 2012

Dottie Tweedie, Clinician

April 27-28, 2012

Festival Chairperson
Elvin Nicely, elvinnicely@gmail.com

Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church
1100 Mt. Pisgah Drive
Midlothian, VA, 23113

Friday Rehearsal
7 to 9 PM
Saturday
8:45 AM to 5:00 PM

Repertoire

Title	Arranger composer	Publisher	Publisher's #	Level
How Can I Keep From Singing	Sherman	Red River	MRRHBOO60	3-
Many and Great	Hopson	Choristers Guild	CGB964 (Bells) CGB695 (full score)	2
Still, Still, Still	Eithun	AGEHR	AGEHRAG35301	2
Cold December Flies Away	Boyer	Choristers Guild	CGB702 (bells) CGB701 (full score)	3
The Morning Trumpet	Thompson	Agape (Hope)	1937	2
Celebration	Graman	Lorenz	20/1397L	2+
My Song Is Love Unknown	Mokelbust	Choristers Guild	CGB203	3

Festival Registration Form

Deadline: March 15, 2012

Fee: \$100 per choir, \$60 for 5 or fewer ringers, individual \$20. Make Check or Money Order payable to *Richmond Chapter AGO*. Refunds will be given up to April 1, 2012, minus \$20 service charge. No refunds after April 1.

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Choir Name: _____ Director _____ E-Mail _____

of Ringers: (include ringing director) _____ AGO Member? Yes No

Number of Octaves: _____ Total Table Footage Required _____

No registrations accepted without form and check

Send Registration Form and Fees to:

Betty Girardeau, Registrar

245 Goldcrest Drive

Vonore, TN 37885 Questions? E-mail bettyg@redfamiliar.com or call 804-647-0825



Bruton Candlelight Concerts

December, 2011

Candlelight Concerts at Bruton Parish Church

Thursday, December 1 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Recital

Flutopia from Richmond, Virginia,
Laura Candler-White, Director

Saturday, December 3 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Laudate Mennonite Ensemble
Dr. Kenneth Nafziger, Director

Tuesday, December 6 @ 8:00 pm

Bruton Parish Christmas Concert

Songs of Mary: Magnificats of Buxtehude & Carter
Bruton Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Tickets \$10 Adults, \$5 Students
available online at brutonparish.org or at the door

Thursday, December 8 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Manassas Community Chorale from
Manassas, Virginia, Becky Verner, Director

Saturday, December 10 @ 8:00 pm

Handbell Concert

Tarpley Ringers of Bruton Parish, Rebecca
Davy, Director with Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, December 13 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Williamsburg Bach Chorale,
Richard Sowers, Director

Thursday, December 15 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Exaltation Choir from Bon Air Baptist Church,
Rebecca Hopkins, Director

Saturday, December 17 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Choir from Tabernacle Baptist Church
in Richmond, Judy Fiske, Director

Sunday, December 18 @ 9:15 & 11:15 am

Advent Lessons & Carols

Bruton Choirs & Organ, Rebecca Davy,
Director & Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, December 20 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

One Accord Choir from First Baptist Church
in Richmond, Virginia,
Philip Mitchell, Director

Thursday, December 22 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Organ Recital

Agnes French, Organist from Williamsburg

Sunday, December 25 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Organ Recital

Rebecca Davy, Organist at Bruton Parish

Tuesday, December 27 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Organ Recital & Carol Sing

Rebecca Davy, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, December 29 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Organ Recital

Kyle Lively, Organist from
Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church
in Abingdon, Virginia

Saturday, December 31 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Organ Recital

Rebecca Davy, Organist at Bruton Parish

***SEE WREN CHAPEL RECITAL SCHEDULE
ON FOLLOWING PAGE***

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

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757) 645-3431
www.brutonparish.org

***10:00 a.m. Historic Organ Recitals at the Wren Chapel
at The College of William & Mary***

Friday, December 2

James Darling, Organist

Saturday, December 3

James Darling, Organist

Monday, December 5

Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

Friday, December 9

Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

Saturday, December 10

James Darling, Organist

Monday, December 12

James Darling, Organist

Friday, December 16

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, December 17

Thomas Marshall, Organist

Monday, December 19

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Tuesday, December 20

Thomas Marshall, Organist

Wednesday, December 21

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Thursday, December 22

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Friday, December 23

James Darling, Organist

Monday, December 26

James Darling, Organist

Tuesday, December 27

Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

Wednesday, December 28

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Thursday, December 29

Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

Friday, December 30

Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, December 31

Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

Rebecca E. Davy, Director of Music & Organist

Dr. JanEl B. Will, Organist & Choir Director

James S. Darling, Choirmaster Emeritus

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757) 645-3431

www.brutonparish.org

RAVEN RECORDS ANNOUNCES NEW CD RELEASE

Organist Murray Forbes Somerville introduces to CD the great new C. B. Fisk organ, op. 134, of 58 stops on 3 manuals completed in 2009 in the magnificent new edifice of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The church is replete with Kirkegaard acoustics. Raven OAR-931 \$14.98 postpaid worldwide from <http://www.ravencd.com>. Selections include:

LISZT: Prelude & Fugue on B-A-C-H, BACH: Fantasia & Fugue in g, BWV 542, BACH: Chorale Prelude, Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend', BWV 709

Four English Pieces

STANLEY: Voluntary in a, op. 7, no. 8, TOMKINS: A verse of 3 parts, DARKE: Elegy, J. C. HODGSON: Wedding March

Two French Pieces

TOURNEMIRE: Suite Évocatrice, 2 mvts, MESSIAEN: Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle

Four American Hymn Preludes

HAAN: Softly and Tenderly, COOMAN: Rondino on I love to tell the story, CALLAHAN: Prelude on Union Seminary, OWENS: Land of Rest

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

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3701 Conduit Road, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Seeking part time organist/choir director for two Sunday morning services, one weekly hand bell choir and one weekly adult choir rehearsals per week. Special services during the year include two Christmas Eve services, Maundy Thursday, an optional Easter sunrise service, and others that would be planned by the pastor and the musician. Rogers three manual organ. Salary \$15,000 per year with 2 weeks paid vacation which would increase with tenure. Paid sick leave and continuing education. Interested candidates should contact the Rev Dr. Deborah Fair by e-mail at dfair@p2-planningforpeace.com or by phone days at 804-256-3700 or evenings at 804-931-2548, or Barry Curtis, Chair, Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee at the church address above or by phone days at 804-520-1811.

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Richmond, VA.

Seeking to hire a part-time bass/baritone section leader/soloist. Qualified individual should have a solo-quality voice, be able to read music proficiently and be able to sight-read. Candidates should have studied voice at some level or have exceptional natural voice. Usually two events per week: 1) Wednesday rehearsal usually 7:30-9:30 p.m. and 2) Sunday morning rehearsal and service usually 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Church festivals (Christmas Eve, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.) are paid extra. The style of music sung by the choir is usually traditional/classical with occasional spirituals and lighter music. Position is open immediately. Preferred candidate would be either 1) currently studying classical voice or 2) have at least an undergraduate degree in music with voice as principal instrument. Interested persons should reply to dirmusic@verizon.net with qualifications or resume and contact info.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

11000 Smoketree Drive, Richmond, Va, 23236

Seeking seasonal choir director for grades 2-5 chorus. Sunday morning rehearsal from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. This is a stipended position. Interested persons should contact Patricia Schrock via e-mail pschrock@epiphanychurch.org.

THREE CHOPT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9315 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, VA, 23229

Seeking Director of Music for 1 contemporary and one traditional service per week and to direct the weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals, act as song leader for the contemporary service, and coordinate musicians for both services. Additional services for Advent, Christmas, and Easter. Lewis and Hitchcock Opus 26B pipe organ. Contact Donn Lancaster via e-mail at cldlancaster@verizon.net. Note: The instrument at this church can be seen on the Churches of Richmond Web Site.

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

8791 River Road, Richmond, VA, 23229.

Seeking part-time organist/accompanist for one Sunday morning service and one Wednesday evening service per week as well as a service on Thanksgiving morning. There is no choir, but there is a soloist with whom to rehearse for 30 - 45 minutes weekly. Allen Quantum Digital 225i three manual organ. Salary is \$200 per week and \$110 for the Thanksgiving morning service. Two weeks paid vacation. Interested applicants should contact Ellen Hunt days or evenings at 804-750-1208.

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 by e-mail at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804 647-0825.

Branch, Ada Andrews	804 862-4480 (H)
Campbell, Mary E.	804 288-4098
Candler-White, Laura (accompanying, recitals, weddings, funerals, special events)	804 360-5754
Crafton, Coleen	804-334-8094
Creager, Alice, AAGO	804 935-8735
Davis, Debbie	804 921-8234
Frolund, Bodil	804 330-7689
French, Agnes (Williamsburg area)	757-345-6355
Freude, Sharon	804 353-4683
Gay, Esther (Tidewater and Williamsburg Area)	757-253-0391
Gillespie, Joan	804 270-3569 (H)
Goddard, Lawrence C. (Weems, Va) Not available on Sunday mornings	804 438-6875 (church) 804 577-7030 (cell)
Grant, Cathy (Charlottesville area)	434-293-0617
Hudson, Teresa	804 245-0827
Johnson, Betty Lou	804 323-3970
Kerschbaumer, Evelyn	804 744-3147
Lindsey, Charles (weddings, funerals and non-Sunday events)	804 370-7374
Moro, Donald (Weddings, funerals, accompanying, choral directing, interim work, Sundays)	804 652-9590 www.donmoroorganist.com
Neff, Joan (Available June-August)	804 855 1398 (H)
Nowowieski, Adella Interim work, Sat/Sun/Special svcs., Accompanist, Choral work - all denominations.	804 288-0917
Payne, Kenna	804 272-9656
Sachs, David	804 222-2494
Salmeri, Connie	804 320-4310
Schutt, Ed (Weddings, funerals, concerts, special programs/services)	804 564-4887
Smithdeal, Cynthia	804 739-3948
Suerken, Ernest A.	804 272-5545
Van Ornam, Cheryl (weddings, funerals, accompanying, special programs)	804 814-6677
Worsham, Marsha Ann	804 883-6035

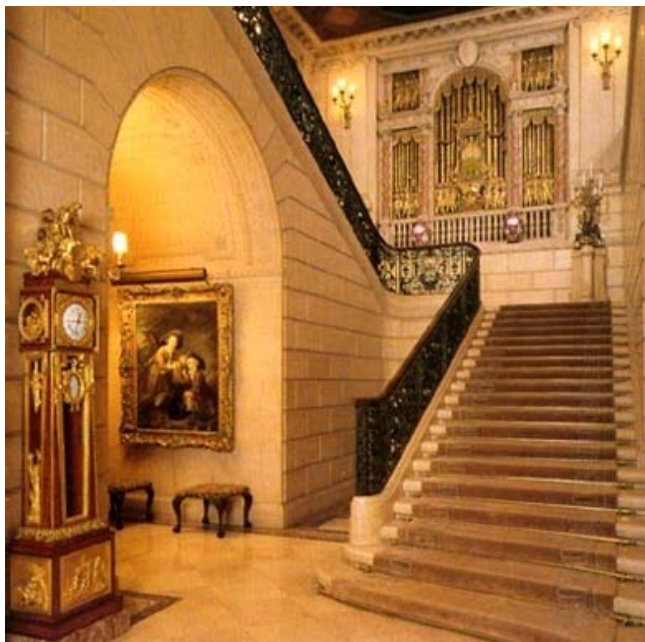


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[We're on the Web!
<http://www.richmondago.org>]

DID YOU KNOW?



This month's featured organ resides in the former mansion of industrialist Henry Clay Frick. The Frick Home, built in 1914 and designed by Carrère and Hastings, is situated on New York's Fifth Avenue. Although the Frick Mansion is now home to one of America's foremost art collections consisting of Western paintings, sculpture and decorative art, a focal point is the four manual Aeolian Skinner organ. The present seventy-nine rank instrument, began as a seventy rank organ which carried A/S Opus number 1263. It was expanded in 1934 to its present specification. A duplicate console was also added on the Gallery at that time.

Prior to his death in 1919, Mr. Frick had amassed a large collection of art which, upon his death, he bequeathed to the foundation which operates the museum in his honor. The building has been expanded several times to



better serve its new purpose. The Frick Mansion is but another in the line of early 20th Century American homes where the pipe organ once served as an integral part of family life. The organ is still used on occasion, and a recital series is planned for the near future.

(Photos courtesy of the Frick Collection website)