

The Richmond

STOPLIST

THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



Fall has finally arrived in Richmond! As we enter a season of thankfulness, we come to realize that we all have many things to be thankful for. So far, we have had some wonderful experiences to be thankful for in the Richmond Chapter.

As you likely know, membership in the American Guild of Organists is declining. While our beloved Richmond chapter remains very active – indeed, one of the more active chapters nationally – we lose a few members each year. The task before us: How do we reverse the trend? How can we encourage membership in the AGO? How can we foster further engagement with our present membership?

A starting point is to join us in a **November 10, 7:00 PM Zoom town hall** discussion with **Elizabeth George, Director of Member Engagement & Chapter Relations for the American Guild of Organists**. A musician herself, she studied voice at Indiana University and the Juilliard School and has performed professionally with regional opera companies, in musical theater tours and has sung in many church choirs. She has worked as a director of membership for the US Tour Operators Association, Shop Environments Association and Meeting Professionals International, implementing strategies to recruit and retain members, as well as developing key markets for global expansion. In addition to her certification in meeting management, Elizabeth works as a trainer and facilitator regarding strategic planning. As a speaker, her topics include leadership development, organizational change and best practices in member engagement. She is passionate about leadership development.

Elizabeth will highlight some of the national strategies she's leading, as well as answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions you would like to ask, but would rather not ask yourself, please email Sub-Dean Scott Hayes at shayes@allsaintsrichmond.org, or call him at the office 804.288.7811 ext. 108 (due to COVID, he probably won't answer, but rest assured that voice mail is checked regularly!) Here is the link to the zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81088628181?pwd=SBXUNDhXNE8wWk1vbzM1c0I4TkHUT09>

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Web Site Available at

www.ChurchesOfVirginia.org

COVID-19

EDUCATION CONCERNS



Dear Richmond Chapter AGO members,

I joined the webinar regarding music licensing sponsored by National AGO. I learned some things. If your service is being broadcast and you use music, you really do need a music license with podcast/live streaming part to it. It will keep you out of copyright trouble. You need this even if the music you are using is in the public domain. You are sending the music outside of the walls of your church and it needs to be recognized. This webinar is on the National AGO website.

The church I serve has had outdoor services since late Sept. If you are also playing for an outdoor service, dress warmly as the temps are only going to get cooler as we enter the season of autumn. I say that as a reminder as at least one person was chilly today, though not I, at ours. We are learning new ways to be together, though apart. Hopefully we will be able to regather with the congregations we serve in the near future. Start practicing for Thanksgiving and Christmas now as we may get to return to in person worship by then. We may not yet be able to have choir rehearsal but the organ will be ready, at least!!!

If you travel out of town for Thanksgiving, be safe, wear your mask, watch out for other drivers not being alert.

Mary Campbell SPC
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Education Chairman

ORGAN REPERTOIRE RECITAL SERIES

57th Season, 2020-2021

The recitals planned for this season are having to be amended due to the pandemic. We ask for your understanding in these difficult circumstances. French organist Johann Vexo, who was originally scheduled to play in October, could not come from France because of international travel restrictions. We have postponed his Richmond appearance until our 2021-2022 season, date to be announced. We have also had to postpone until next season the recital of young American virtuoso Clara Gerdes, who was to have played in November.

After the successful in-person recital by Robert McCormick on October 2, we are optimistic that the following two recitals can happen as planned. Watch for updates later.

Amanda Mole

First Prize, 2017 Musashino-Tokyo International Organ Playing Competition

First Prize in three other organ playing competitions in 2016 and 2014

Friday, February 26, 2021, 7:30 PM

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church • 3601 Seminary Avenue

Alcee Chriss

First Prize and Bach Prize, 2017 Canadian International Organ Playing Competition

Silver Medalist, 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Playing Competition

First Prize in two other organ playing competitions in 2016 and 2014

Organist and Artist-in-Residence, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Friday, April 30, 2021, 7:30 PM

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church • 1627 Monument Avenue

Organ Repertoire Recital Series Committee

Bruce Stevens, <i>Chairman</i>	Crystal Jonkman
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COVID-19

From the Editor: Here is a list of potentially useful resources related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The July/August issue of the *Stoplist*, which can be found at http://richmondago.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/July-August-20_Stoplist-FINAL-1.pdf contains more extensive information. If you have other resources to suggest or would like to write about how you, your church, or other musical organizations with which you are involved are handling the pandemic, please e-mail me at ryan.tibbets@gmail.com.

The National AGO website has a list of COVID resources here: <https://www.agohq.org/responding-to-covid-19/>

A study on singing/wind instrument playing and aerosol spread <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>

A summary of the above study from the Association of Anglican Musicians: https://anglicanmusicians.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/COVID-19-Aug_2020.pdf.

Videos from this summer's Virginia, DC/Maryland, and Delaware ACDA Voices United Conference: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ACDAVoicesUnited/videos>. Several relate directly to the current situation, including a presentation discussing the making of virtual choirs videos.

AROUND THE TOWN

Obviously, there's not a whole lot going on around the town right now, but if you have events coming up – even events that are being livestreamed! – please send them by the 15th of the previous month to the editor at ryan.tibbets@gmail.com.

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church presented a concert by parishioner and Adult Choir member **James Taylor**, accompanied by **Charles Staples**, on Sunday, October 24. The concert program may be viewed at the following link (<https://ghtc.org/virtual-concert-on-october-24/>) and the recorded performance may be seen on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6NMM-0Sw_o&feature=emb_logo.

On Wednesday, November 4, **Aaron Renninger**, Director of Music at **St. Bede Catholic Church**, and Assistant Director **Carina Sturdy** presented music for All Saints and All Souls. Works included "The Peace May Be Exchanged" by Dan Locklair, which was played as part of the funeral service of President Ronald Reagan in 2004, and a brilliant Toccata on the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace." The free concert can be viewed on the "Music of Saint Bede" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MusicofSaintBede>), and on YouTube as well (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5XHVKxxPRhJHeLk0Xy-jKg/featured>). For more information, call (757) 229-3631, or visit www.bedeva.org/concerts.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Charlottesville, VA presents the following performances this fall as part of its **Majestic Organ** concert series. All performances are on **Thursday afternoons at 1pm**:

October 29 – Carol Williams

November 5 – Jeremy Thompson

November 12 – Anthony Poehailos (Clarinet) with Carol Williams

November 19 – Luke Brennan, *Rising Star*

November 26 – **No Concert**

December 3 – Christopher Reynolds, *Dean of the Richmond AGO Chapter*

December 10 – Carol Williams

December 17 – Carmen Badinelli with Carol Williams

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.

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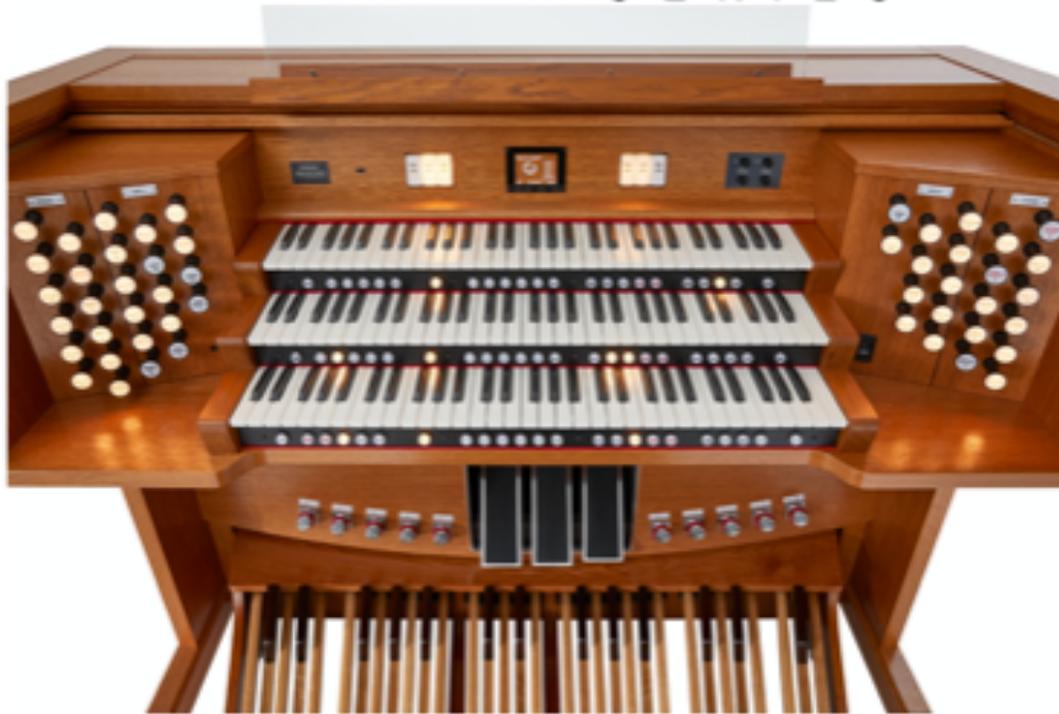
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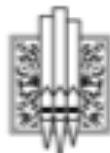
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