



April 2025

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Jonathan Ryan, organist

Friday, May 2, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church ~ 2040 McRae Road, Bon Air
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FINAL SPRING 2025 CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Recital

Chapter Meeting and Scholarship Student Recital

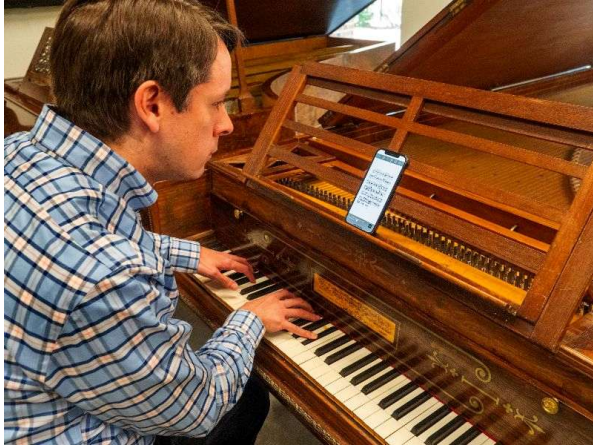
First Presbyterian Church

4602 Cary Street Rd, Richmond, VA 23226

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Below is the slate for Chapter elections, which will be held at the Chapter meeting on May 20. An Absentee Ballot can be found [here](#). If you would like to vote by mail, please print and mail this to the chapter secretary, David Purdy, before the May meeting.

Dean: Ryan Tibbetts



Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, CAGO is Director of Music at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Goochland, and Artistic Director of the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale and of the Richmond Concert Chorale. He also sings baritone with The Piedmont Singers of Central Virginia and plays harpsichord with RVA Baroque. He has previously served as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee, and served as editor of the Stoplister from 2017-2023. Prior to moving to Richmond in 2015, Dr. Tibbetts served as Assistant Conductor of Mendelssohn Chorus of Philadelphia, adjunct faculty at The College of New

Jersey, and was active as a professional singer in several Philadelphia choral ensembles. He holds a Doctor of Music degree in Choral Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, MM in Choral Conducting from the University of Delaware, and BA in Music with a Certificate in Musical Performance in Conducting from Princeton University.

Sub-Dean: Joel Kumro

Joel S. Kumro is the Choirmaster and Organist at Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond. In addition to planning music for all liturgical celebrations and directing choirs of both adults and children, he also coordinates the parish concert series and is the instructor of Liturgical Music at Saint Benedict Catholic School. Joel received an undergraduate music degree from Buffalo State University and continued private studies with Margaret Harper at the Eastman School of Music. He received a Master of Arts in Liturgical Music from Saint John's University in Collegeville MN, where



he studied organ with Kim Kasling, voice with Carolyn Finley, chant with Fr. Anthony Ruff, and conducting with Axel Theimer. He continues vocal studies with Dr. Patrick Carlin. Joel appears frequently as an organist, harpsichordist, and tenor. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Richmond AGO, and was a member of the faculty of our chapter's POE+ in 2022. He also serves on the board of directors of the Richmond-based period instrument ensemble RVA Baroque, as well as the Charlottesville-based ensemble Three Notch'd Road.

Secretary: David Purdy



David Purdy has served as member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the Richmond Chapter of the AGO since 2017, and has been Secretary since late 2019. In 2017, he assisted with advertising for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention. After retiring from a career as an industrial psychology practitioner, he returned to his first love of playing the organ and has been serving as a substitute organist in the local area. Previously, he was organist and choir director at Manakin Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

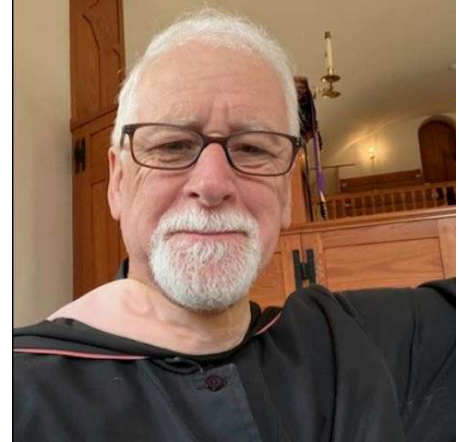
Treasurer: Kenna Payne

Kenna Payne has lived in the Richmond area for almost 50 years, and began substituting in the area pretty quickly after she moved here. She began her career of regular subbing in 2003, then became the organist and choir director at Westminster Presbyterian in Richmond (her home church since 1977) in the fall of 2011. In her 'other' life, she was an accountant and general business manager for almost 40 years, retiring in the summer of 2014. She is the treasurer for two other non-profit groups (one local, one national). She is active in both her church and in the Presbytery of the James, and is a low alto in the Richmond Symphony Chorus. When needed, she also serves as organist and pianist for the chapel service of a small Episcopal elementary school in Richmond, and accompanies voice student recitals for a local teacher. She has been active in the AGO chapter for several years, and began serving as treasurer in July 2013. She is proud to have been the coordinator for our hosting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention in June 2017 and served as co-chair (with Steve Henley) for the chapter's POE+ event in August 2022. For the past several years, she has served as an at-large member on the AGO's national Committee for Conventions, working primarily with host committees for regional conventions. She has enjoyed everything about working within and for the Chapter, and looks forward to continuing as the Treasurer.



Auditor (Choose 1)

Larry Heath served as Director of Music & Principal Organist at River Road Presbyterian Church 2004-2017. During that time he served as Dean and Subdean of the Richmond Chapter AGO. Since retiring Larry has held interim or parttime positions at St. Thomas EC, Grace and Holy Trinity Church, Ginter Park UMC, Redeemer Lutheran Church, and is currently serving St. Peter's Parish EC in New Kent. He teaches organ at Salisbury Music Academy and privately. Larry and Laurel live on the shores of Kent Lake where they enjoy kayaking, boating, and the abundant wildlife, along with their five grandchildren.



Charles Lindsey is assistant organist at St James's Episcopal Church. Previously he was for many years organist and choirmaster at St Paul's Episcopal, Bristol Parish, Petersburg. He studied organ at the University of Richmond with the late Suzanne Bunting and choral directing with the late James Erb. Charles accompanies voice and strings at Virginia Commonwealth University. He teaches piano and organ, does vocal coaching, is one of the harpsichordists for RVA Baroque, and is a preferred local recitalist for the Allen Organ Company.

Member at Large (Choose 2)

Grant Holcomb serves as the full time Director of Traditional Music and Organist at River Road Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Richmond, VA. Grant is a Lexington, Kentucky native and holds the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music degrees in Organ Performance from the University of Kentucky, where he was an organ and harpsichord student of Dr. Schuyler Robinson. In the Summer of 2019, Grant spent three months serving as Organ/Choral Scholar under the tutelage of Eric Wall at Montreat Conference Center (one of his happy places!). Grant also recently concluded a term as a National Board Member for the American Guild of Organists Young Organist sector (AGOYO), overseeing membership for all AGO members under the age of 30 in the US and in foreign chapters. In addition to Dr. Robinson, Grant has studied organ and choral conducting with Erich Balling, Lisa Hall, Michael Rintamaa, and Eric Wall. Aside from music ministry, Grant finds joy in nature, cooking, pipe organ design and construction, and tinkering with vintage German and British cars.



Gary Kunde is the Music Director/Organist at Grace Lutheran Church in Chester. He assumed the post in September 2016 after a twenty-five year career in the U.S. Army as a musician. Gary is active in the Chapter serving as Auditor in 2016-2017 and then currently as the Hospitality Chairperson, a position created in 2022. He studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago on both Jazz and Classical piano. He has studied organ under the tutelage of Tim Baker (Chapel Hill, NC AGO Chapter Dean) in 2015, Crystal Jonkman in 2016 and Tom Bailey in 2019. The position at Grace Lutheran keeps him busy with 6 active choirs including 3 "ringing" choirs. They have hosted 4 area-wide bell festivals in the time he has served there acting as clinician for the first three.

Warren Mitchell has been active in church music in the Richmond metropolitan area since 1971 as organist and choir director, both in interim and permanent part-time positions. He retired from public contracting with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Division of Purchases and Supply in 2015 after 33 years. Presently, he is the director of the adult choir at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church and is a flight instructor with Heart of Virginia flight school at Hanover Airport in Ashland.



DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

It's been a colder winter than we've had in recent years, ~~so my car is not yet covered in pollen~~ (update: never mind, it's green now!), but plants are starting to leaf out, the foul stench of Bradford pear flowers is wafting on the breeze, and I'm moderately stressed about Holy Week, so spring is definitely in the air!

March was a busy month for the Chapter, as we had a wonderful dinner at Grace & Holy Trinity prior to Jean-Baptiste Robin's recital at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, and then a very interesting presentation by Ted Davis at William & Mary in conjunction with the Tidewater Chapter. There are many thanks to go around, in particular to Beth Melcher Davis, Daniel Sañez, and Tom Marshall for hosting at their respective venues, and to Bruce Stevens and the Recital Series committee for bringing yet another exceptional organist to perform in Richmond.



We don't have any Chapter events in April in deference to the fact that many of us have Holy Week and Easter on the brain, but May is another two-event month: the final Recital Series concert of the season on Friday, May 2 features Jonathan Ryan on the Taylor & Boody organ at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Bon Air, and our last meeting and dinner of the program year, with Chapter elections and the Scholarship student recital, will be on Tuesday, May 20 at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Speaking of Chapter programs, if you haven't yet had a chance to fill out the Programming Survey, the deadline is Friday, April 4. You can find that at [this link](#) – we'd very much appreciate your input as we think about the next season and beyond.

Finally, since we don't have a program in April, let's aim for a post-Easter Dean's Lunch on Friday, April 25 at noon at Bistro 804 (443 North Ridge Road, Henrico 23229) – Mary Campbell suggested this one a while back. Please RSVP to me by Tuesday, April 22 at noon once you've awoken from your post-Easter nap so I can see about making a reservation.

Best wishes for Holy Week, Easter, and any other spring programming you have coming up! Ryan Tibbetts, D.M., CAGO
rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org
804-784-5678, ext. 14

AROUND THE TOWN

Friday, April 4, 7:30 PM

River Road Church, Baptist
8000 River Road, Richmond

Daniel Stipe, pianist/organist, presents Franz Liszt's Piano Sonata in b minor and the organ fantasia *Ad nos, ad Salutarem undam*. An evening of almost entirely diminished chords in various guises, loud and soft, high and low, fast and slow, on strings, flutes and reeds.

Sunday, April 6, 4:30 PM

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
12291 River Road, Richmond
Choral Evensong

The St. Mary's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, will offer a service of Choral Evensong for the season of Lent, featuring choral music of Orlando Gibbons, Maurice Greene, Roxanna Panufnik, and William Bradley Roberts, and organ works by Herbert Howells and Max Reger. A light reception will follow. All are welcome!

Sunday, May 4, 10:30 AM

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
8 North Laurel Street, Richmond

The Parish Choir will present Rutter's jubilant "Gloria" and Parry's festive "I Was Glad" with brass, percussion, and organ on Sunday, May 4th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service within the context of the liturgy. The presentation will be directed by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist, and accompanied on the organ by Stanley M. Baker, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist. Soloists will include Keely Borland, Abigail Stinnett, and Caroline Whisnant. There will be a reception, hosted by the Hospitality Committee, following the worship service. Parking will be available in the rear church lot, and there will be free parking in the VCU deck at Laurel and Mains Streets. For more information, please contact Dr. Davis at (804) 359-5628, ext. 18.

Sunday, May 18, 4:00 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
815 E. Grace Street, Richmond

The St. Paul's Choir will present a service of Choral Evensong for Eastertide. The choir will present works by Harold Friedell, S. S. Wesley, and Sarah MacDonald. A festive reception will be held following the service. Childcare is also provided.

Calendar of Events

Music for a Fall Day

October 5, 2024 | 4:00 PM
(Admission: \$20 | Church)

Caroling in Monrce Part & Holiday Market

December 8, 2024 | 3:00 PM
(Caroling begins at 4:30 pm, 3 W. Laurel Street)

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 22, 2024 | 4:00 PM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Valentines on Broadway

February 15, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Admission: \$20 | Church)

Greater Richmond

Children's Choir

February 23, 2025 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)

A Musical Offering:

A Lenten Recital

March 8, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Free Admission | Civic Memorial Chapel)

Gloria by Rutter &

I Was Glad by Parry

May 4, 2025 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Children & Youth Sundays

October 27, 2024,

March 2, 2025 &

May 11, 2025 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)

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*Advance admission closes the Friday
before each concert at 5:00 pm.
Admission is also available at the door.



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The Rev. Brett A. Melton, *Priest-in-Charge*
The Rev. Russ Kett, *Campus Minister & Pastoral Care Engagement Coordinator*

Music Staff

Dr. Elizabeth Metcher Davis,
Chorleader & Organist

Stanley M. Roberts

Assistant Chorleader & Organist
Abigail Stinner, *Children's Choir Director*

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
8 N. Laurel Street • Richmond, VA 23220
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Music Program

2024-2025

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish in Loudoun Park



Music for a Fall Day

Saturday, October 5, 2024 | 4:30 PM

Come and join three wonderful performers for a concert of musical treasures. Celebrated singers Chase Beck and Calicut Williams and the phenomenal pianist Daniel Stipe *(pictured below from left to right)* will present thrilling opera selections, favorite tunes from great musicals, and even some contemporary gems. There will be a reception following the concert. *Admission is \$20. To purchase, scan the QR code on the opposite side.*



Children & Youth Sundays

October 27, 2024 March 2 & May 11, 2025

The Children's Choir and Youth Instrumental Ensemble will lead the music at these 10:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday worship services.

Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 5:00 PM

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir (GRCC), New Life Delivered, Thelma L. RVA Street Singers, the G-HC Parish Choir, and a brass quintet will lead Christmas carols for a fourth annual holiday event. There will be a holiday market, food trucks, and fun children's activities starting at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet will begin at 4:15 p.m. with caroling, followed at 4:30 p.m.

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 22, 2024 | 4:00 PM

This year's Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols service, presented by the GHCC Parish Choir, will include music by Clausen, Holst, and Rutter. There will be a reception following the worship service.



Valentines on Broadway: A Romantic Afternoon with Scott Wichmann & Jason Marks

Saturday, February 14, 2025 | 4:00 PM

Two of Richmond's most celebrated theatrical talents will present a program of love songs from the great American songbook and Broadway, along with some swinging Sinatra, and a few surprises. Scott Wichmann and Jason Marks are best known to Richmond audiences from their performances together in *The Producers* and *1776* with Virginia Repertory Theatre. You're sure to feel the love at Valentine's Day with these award-winning stars in a concert not to be missed. The program will also feature Ryan Contin on piano *(pictured above from left to right)*. There will be a reception following the concert. *Admission is \$20. To purchase, scan the QR code on the opposite side.*

Greater Richmond Children's Choir

Sunday, February 23, 2025 | 10:30 AM

The internationally award-winning GRCC, led by Artistic Director Crystal Jenkins, and Associate Director Rashim Chikara, will lead the music. Now in its 28th season, GRCC has sung in four continents in over 40 languages and is recognized for its commitment to excellence and diversity.

A Musical Offering: A Lenten Recital in Gibson Memorial Chapel

Saturday, March 8, 2025 | 4:00 PM

Featuring the beautiful sounds of the new Chapel organ, the well-known Richmond musicians will join together to perform solo and ensemble works by Bach, Vivakki, Telemann, Haack, Phillips, and Husad. Cheryl Van Ornam, organist; Christine Littel, flutist; and Jacquelin Spears, cellist *(pictured below from left to right)*, have performed frequently in Richmond and also at Beaton Parish Church in Historic Williamsburg. There will be a reception following the recital. *Admission is free.*



Gloria by John Rutter & I Was Glad by C. Hubert H. Parry

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 10:30 AM

GHCC Parish Choir will present Rutter's jubilate *Gloria* and Parry's festive *I Was Glad* with bass, percussion, and organ. There will be a reception following the worship service.

Music for a Cathedral Space

2024–2025 Concert Season

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DEDICATORY ORGAN CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 7:00PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 7:00PM

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HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

FEATURING THE RICHMOND SYMPHONY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | 11:00AM

THREE NOTCH'D ROAD

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CONCERT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 7:30PM

ORGAN PRELUDE | 7:00PM

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

FEATURING THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 | 7:30PM

WHAT THE SHEPHERDS SAID: A CHRISTMAS SOJOURN

CPE BACH *MAGNIFICAT* | GF HANDEL *DIXIT DOMINUS*

FEATURING THE CATHEDRAL *SCHOLA CANTORUM*
AND RELIC & FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 | 7:30PM

DANIEL STIPE, ORGANIST

MONDAY, MARCH 3 | 7:30PM

JEAN-BAPTISTE ROBIN

TITULAR ORGANIST,

ROYAL CHAPEL AT THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES, FRANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 30 | 7:30PM

VCU MUSIC & MEDICINE ORCHESTRA

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 | 7:30PM

DANIEL SÁÑEZ

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Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals April 2025

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish

Thursday, April 3

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, April 5 @ 8:00 pm

Bruton Baroque 2024-2025 Season 3rd Concert: Fairest Isle: A Tour of Britain

Highlights include incidental music from King Arthur by Purcell & William Boyce's Symphony No. 1

Ticketed event: \$20 per person

Tickets available at the door or in advance on the church website, www.brutonparish.org

Sophie Genevieve Lowe & Susannah Livingston, Baroque Violin, Jane Lenz, Baroque Viola,
Ryan Lowe, Baroque Cello & Rebecca Davy, Harpsichord

Thursday, April 10 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital: Music of the French Baroque

Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist from First Baptist in Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, April 12 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Trumpet Recital

Music of Space, honoring the 55th Anniversary of Apollo 13

Dr. JanEl Will & Rebecca Davy, Organists at Bruton Parish, & Mark Nixon, Trumpet

Tuesday, April 15 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Music Concert

William & Mary Gallery Players, Susan Via, Director

Thursday, April 24 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Evensong

St. James School Chapel Choir from Hagerstown, Maryland, Samuel McDaniel, Director

Saturday, April 26 @ 8:00 pm

Annual John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Concert

Messiah, Parts 2 & 3 by George Frederic Handel

Bruton Parish Choirs & Bruton Baroque Early Music Chamber Orchestra, Rebecca Davy, Director

Historic Organ Recitals in the W & M Wren Chapel

Saturday, April 5 – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, April 12 – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Saturday, April 19 – Norman Elton, Organist

Saturday, April 26 – Rebecca Davy, Organist & St. James School Chapel Choir

Excepting April 5 all Concerts are non-ticketed and open to the public. Freewill offerings are gratefully received.

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757-64503431) Website: www.brutonparish.org

Dedication Concert

APRIL 25, 2025 | 6:00PM

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
542 Cypress Avenue | Murrells Inlet, SC



David Ball



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FOUR MANUAL



Dan Miller

Dedication Concert

**JUNE 1, 2025
4:00PM**

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
217 S. CHURCH STREET
SALISBURY, NC**



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HYMN REHARMONIZATION PROJECT

The booklet of reharmonizations of public domain hymn tunes will be ready for distribution to interested members in March! For a first-time special project, it was a huge success. We had 55 submissions from 9 members, and a great variety of tunes used. Of the 55 submissions, 46 are hymn harmonizations, 7 are descants, and 2 are 'other' arrangements.

We have three formats of copies from which to choose. The booklet will be about 40 pages long. First, you can get the printed booklet in a **spiral binding**. Second, you can get the printed booklet in **loose paper, three-hole punched** to allow you to use your own 3-ring binder and take sheets out of the packet. Third, you can get them in a **series of .pdf files** (we're still working out the mechanics of the .pdf file, but we don't expect any problems).

We have three methods of delivery that can be made. First, we'll **personally deliver** a copy to your home or church in the Richmond area, setting up a mutually agreeable time. Several members of the Executive Committee are going to help with this. Second, we'll **mail** you a copy to the address we have in the Chapter directory. Note that it may be difficult to mail a spiral bound without damage to the binding – we're still investigating our options. Third, we can **email** the .pdf booklet to you to the email address we have on file in the Chapter directory.

What next? Just let Kenna Payne know your choice of format and delivery method. She can be reached at 1-804-512-5804 or kennajohnp@aol.com. She'll contact you to confirm and make arrangements for delivery (if that's your choice).

APRIL RICHMOND AGO BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Sarah Ford Bland
- 6 - Michael Simpson
- 9 - Ryan Tibbetts
- 10 - Raymond Chenault
- 11 - Melissa Robinson
- 20 - Aubrey Lindsey
- 26 - Demas Boudreaux
- 27 - Stanley Baker
- 27 - Jim Dorn
- 29 - Scott Hayes
- 30 - Mikey Fuller

LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2024-2025

The Executive Committee recently decided to include the names and contact information for all of the officers, auditors, and at-large members of the Committee in each issue of the newsletter. Please contact any of them with questions or concerns you might have about the AGO and the Richmond chapter.

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MARCH ORRS CONCERT SUMMARY

Photo and report by Bill Van Pelt

Richmond, Va. March 3, 2025. Members met and dined with French guest Jean-Baptiste Robin, organist of the Royal Chapel at Versailles and professor at the Versailles Conservatory, at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The meeting continued at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, a half-block walk, where Robin played for the Chapter's Organ Repertoire Recital Series, founded in 1964, always open to the public and with free admission. An audience of more than 500 heard Robin play the 2024 Juget-Sinclair organ, op. 55 (the firm's *magnum opus*) of 67 stops in the West gallery plus 21 more stops of the 2022 Juget-Sinclair Choir organ, op. 54, in the chancel, both with mechanical key action (the Choir organ plays electrically from the gallery organ console). Composers included Lully, Rameau, Couperin, Widor, Franck, Poulenc, Robin, and Ravel. The concert was co-sponsored by the Cathedral, Daniel Sáñez, music director.



MARCH CHAPTER MEETING SUMMARY

Photo and report by Bill Van Pelt

Williamsburg, Va. March 22, 2025. The Tidewater and Richmond chapters met at the College of William & Mary to visit its keyboard instrument collection and for a presentation, "Bach Can Dance," delivered by Dr. Theodore S. Davis, organist/choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Baltimore and associate conductor of Bach in Baltimore. He examined the influence of French dances on the preludes and fugues for organ of J. S. Bach, playing examples of the bourée, gigue



lourée, passepied, farandole, allemande, etc., on the harpsichord, then playing excerpts of Bach organ works composed with the same rhythms as used in the French dances. Members were seated on the stage of the 425-seat concert hall of the W&M Music and Arts Center, where the console of the hall's organ (2015 Peragallo op. 652, 3m, 24 rks, hybrid, relocated 2023 from a private residence in Atlanta) and a 2m harpsichord were adjacent. Prior to the presentation, Prof. Tom

Marshall encouraged members to play nine keyboard instruments of the university's collection, including original and copies of historical examples of harpsichords, clavichords, forte pianos (among them an 1814 Broadwood), and a 2018 Gerit Klop portative 1m box organ with pedal and six divided stops. The recently constructed Music & Arts Center of W&M opened in 2023.



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 and phone 804-647-0825

HUNGARS CURE PARISH

Hungars Cure Parish, consisting of Hangars Episcopal Church, Machipongo and Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville, Virginia, 23374, seeking part-time Director of Music/organist for two Sunday morning church services, one at each church. The fifth Sunday, both congregations worship together, alternating between churches. The Hungars Cure Choir is comprised of volunteer members from both Hungars and Christ Church, and is a unifying ministry between the two congregations. They sing for Sunday morning services in a rotating schedule between the two churches, as well as other offerings such as Choral Evensong, Choral Matins, and Lessons & Carols. Liturgy and music are Episcopal drawing from the Book of Common Prayer (1979) and the Hymns 1982. Choral repertoire is rooted in the Anglican choral tradition, including music from 12 century Gregorian chant to living composers and everything in between. The Director of Music/organist is responsible for planning, playing and directing music for all liturgical functions at both churches, including Holy Days, special feasts, weddings and funeral for an additional stipend, and additional liturgies as needed, under the supervision of the Rector. Hungars Church, established in 1623, has a Holtkamp pipe organ installed in 2014, and Christ Church, built in 1823, has an E.F. Walcker pipe organ imported from Germany in 1950. Hungars church is the home of a very successful concert series, hosting programs including organ and piano recitals, choral concerts from visiting choirs, early music ensembles, and orchestra concerts, many by the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, which is in residence at Hungars Church. Annual compensation range \$37,000 to \$50,000 with four weeks paid vacation. Candidates should have a Bachelors or master degree in music, organ performance, or a related field with relevant experience in a liturgical setting and 5-10 experience in a similar roll. They should have a working knowledge of various publication and graphic design softwares, including Microsoft programs and music engraving/notation software. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV/resume, three professional references, and links/files to videos that demonstrate organ, piano, and conducting skills to The Rev. Stephen J. Batten via email rector@hungarscureparish.org. For more information about the Cure Parish visit www.hungarscureparish.org.

VARINA EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EASTERN HENRICO

2385 Mill Road, Henrico

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one Sunday morning worship service with choir rehearsal just before the service. Occasional special services including Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Interested candidates should have proficiency and experience in organ and choral conducting as well as choir and solo accompaniment. 2 manual Rodgers hybrid with an Ivers + Pond Grand Piano in the sanctuary. Annual compensation \$15,600. Four weeks paid annual leave. Position begins as early as June 1. Interested individuals should contact Whitney Edwards, vicar@varinaparish.org.

HUGUENOT ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

10525 W. Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield

Seeking full-time Minister of Music oversee the church's growing multi-generational congregation and create out-reach to the community. One Sunday morning service, and rehearsals for the Worship Choir and a community children's choir. Work collaboratively with the organist. (Reuter 2 manual pipe organ). The Director of Music also partners with the Senior Pastor in visitation, outreach, and theological priorities. The successful candidate should hold at least an undergraduate degree in music, but a master's degree is preferable. He/she should be able to demonstrate competency in choral conducting and pedagogical skills with a passion for teaching at all age levels. They should have experience in a variety of worship and musical styles, creativity in worship planning, and technological skill that facilitates online and in-person worship and integrating choral and instrumental music into the fabric of worship, engaging the congregation in singing; should have experience with software and technological platforms that facilitate administrative management and worship and be able to manage simultaneous events, plan budgets reflecting their ministry priorities, maintain instruments, and engage in long-range planning. Annual salary range \$60,000 to \$68,000 per year with health insurance, sick leave, retirement/pension, maternity leave, book and music allowance, dues to professional associations, social security, continuing education and 3 weeks paid vacation. The successful candidate must be willing to submit to and pass a background and credit check, and subscribe to HRBC's Personnel and Child Protection policies. A complete application in pdf. format should include a cover letter connecting the candidate's resume/CV, references, and a personal statement of the candidate's philosophy of music ministry, no longer than two pages. Applications completed by April 1 will receive priority. Questions may be directed to Pastor Charlie Pohle via email at pol46c@outlook.com or Michelle Graham via email at michellegraham91@gmail.com. To learn more about the church and its ministry go to the church website at www.hrbcrichmond.org.

WILLIAMSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

227 Richmond Road, Williamsburg

Seeking **part-time organist/choir director** for one Sunday morning worship service and one Wednesday evening choir rehearsal per week. Occasional special services include Christmas Eve, and either a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service. Interested candidates should have proficiency and experience in organ and choral conducting. Proficiency in one or more music scoring/editing/transposition software programs such as Dorico, SmartScore and/or Musescore is desirable. Candidates should also have experience in leading congregational singing and in choir and solo accompaniment. Petty-Madden three manual pipe organ with a Steinway studio grand in the sanctuary. Annual compensation \$15,600 based on \$30 per hour for an average 10 hour week, paid bi-monthly. Two weeks unpaid annual leave. A background check will be required to be eligible for hiring. Interested individuals should contact Ellen Rolland, Music Coordinator via email at erolland1@cox.net.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

520 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk

Seeking full-time Music Director. The week-end liturgical schedule is a Mass on Saturday evening, and two Sunday morning masses, the 11:00 AM with the choir. The choirs include a volunteer choir of twenty, a children's choir, which most recently have sung only at Christmas and Easter, and a

small, but dedicated contemporary/folk music ensemble which currently sings every other week at the Saturday evening Mass. The music director also responsible for planning and directing music for all liturgical functions of the Parish, including Holy Days and special feasts, weddings and funerals (for an additional stipend), and liturgies as needed. The church is home to two pipe organs, a 56 rank Midmer-Losh in the rear gallery and a 7 rank M.P. Moller in the chancel, which is also playable from the gallery. The church is known for its high quality of sacred music, and is an ideal acoustic environment for both instrumental and choral music. Candidates should have a Bachelor's or Master's degree in music, organ performance or a related field with the ability to read music and lead a choir and congregation while providing accompaniment on organ or piano. He/she should have a minimum of 5-10 years of experience in a similar role. The candidate should also have a working knowledge of various publication and graphic design software, including Microsoft programs and music engraving/notation software and is responsible for the creation of worship guides/music leaflets for all parish liturgies. Compensation range \$52,000-\$68,000 per annum based on experience and education, with 4 weeks paid vacation. There is a tremendous opportunity for growth, especially with a children's chorister program. Interested candidates should submit a completed Diocesan application form, cover letter, CV/resume, three professional references and links/files to videos that demonstrate organ/piano/conducting skills to Rev. Paul Muyimbwa, Pastor, via email frpaul@sacredheartnorfolk.org. [Download the full job description here](#)

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond

Seeking **part-time Assistant Choirmaster and organist** to share the organ playing with the Choirmaster and Organist for one Sunday morning service and to accompany the Parish Choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings from September – June. Special services include Choral Evensongs, Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and a major choral work in the spring with a chamber ensemble. Also assist at weekly Children's Choir rehearsals on Sunday mornings and accompany them on Children and Youth Sundays and other services from September to May. The Assistant also leads the Youth Instrumental Ensemble for rehearsals and services. Occasionally, the Assistant will conduct the Parish Choir or vocal ensembles at worship services and lead sectional rehearsals. The assistant should be willing to embrace opportunities to conduct the Parish Choir, vocal ensembles, and be an advocate for children's participation in worship services throughout the year. Additionally, the assistant should be willing to help support outreach to students, faculty and staff at the neighboring Virginia Commonwealth University nearby residents of the Fan and those that work in the area and to explore new outreach possibilities. The church has a 63 rank 1979 Austin pipe organ with trompette-en-Chamade and antiphonal division. Candidate should have at least a Bachelor's Degree in Music. The candidate should be a skilled organist and pianist. Starting salary is \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year depending on prior experience. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, one recording of an organ piece suitable for a prelude, one for a postlude, and three references to Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster and Organist via email at emelcherdavis@ghtc.org. She can be reached by phone at 804-359-5628, ext 18. More information about the church can be found at its website www.ghtc.org. View the full job description at ghtc.org/jobs.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Forest Hill Avenue and 43rd Street, Richmond

Seeking part-time Minister of Music (organist/choir director) for one Sunday morning service and one weekly choir rehearsal. There is also a 3 octave handbell choir. Special services Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Provide music for funerals and weddings as negotiated. Dobson 2 manual organ. Annual compensation \$24,000 per year with four weeks paid vacation, funding provided for professional development and AGO membership dues. Stipends for weddings and funerals \$150 per service. Candidates should have professional experience in musical performance and in directing volunteer singers. Experience leading liturgical worship and fluency in traditional sacred music and hymnody as well as experience leading bell choirs. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to rector@goodshepherdichmond.org. Applicants agree to submit a background check and, if hired, attend training on the prevention of sexual abuse of children and adults. The church website can be found at www.goodshepherdichmond.org.

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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