

The Richmond

STOPLIST

THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Model Teaching



Watching a master teacher work is a true joy for me. Perhaps that is because I have been a teacher for most of my life and in multiple disciplines. That being said I was privileged to witness Kola Owolabi's master class at All Saints Episcopal Church on November 10th. These are my impressions.

Our members, Ann Boelzner, Landry Duvall, and Steve Henley, played an excellent variety of music. Kola had done his homework on all the pieces presented and could speak knowledgably and thoughtfully about each piece. He was calm, intelligent, and positive; spoke clearly and cogently; and asked questions of the players and observers, even once asking for a show of hand from observers. He made clear, historically informed improvements in each performance.

In all of his teaching, he gave no notice of any imperfections and simply zeroed on things he could improve in the time allowed that would make a significant difference in later performances. No player was intimidated and each was uplifted. The observers felt completely included and their opinions valued.

May we all be as successful in our teaching as Kola was that day.

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Organist Stephen Henley participates in the November masterclass with Dr. Owolabi. Photo credit: Nancy Reed

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Richmond Chapter, American Guild of Organists

November 14, 2018 at 11:30 AM

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Treasurer Kenna Payne led the ongoing discussion of having a Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) in 2019. At this time the National AGO has no chapter planning a POE that year. The consensus was that the POE would be for adults, making housing and chaperoning simpler. The committee voted in favor of continuing toward that goal and talking with members who might be interested in taking part in this endeavor.

The committee elected David Purdy as chairman of the 2019-2020 nominating committee and discussed possible committee members.

The committee reviewed all suggested changes in the proposed revision of the chapter Procedural Guide. The revision was written by Bruce Stephens with input from chapter members including Judy Fisk, Kenna Payne, Ardyth Lohuis, and Nancy Reed. The revision was approved and thanks given to Bruce for a hard job well and carefully done. The approved document has been posted on the chapter website and sent for review to Regional Councilor, Wayne Wold, and Vice President, Eileen Hunt, for national approval.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held January 16, 2019 at St. Bridget Catholic Church.

Nancy Reed
Dean

EDUCATION CONCERNS

Dear Richmond AGO members,

We had a wonderful Master Class on Saturday, November 10 at All Saints with Kola Owolabi. He gave us insights into styles of playing the three pieces presented. Having studied two of them, the *Finale* from Widor's Fourth Organ Symphony some forty years ago (along with the rest of that symphony), and the Bach piece just a few years ago, it was nice to revisit them and have a fresh look. The *Elegy* by Mr. Ireland is a piece I would like to learn. I was able to make some notes about the presented music right on my copy of the Bach. It reminded me of my organ teacher bringing music I wanted to learn to the lesson and telling me about having heard remarks from a clinician at a Master Class and to "write this on your music!" The thoughts from Mr. Owolabi reminded me of the class Bruce Stevens and Tom Bailey presented at U of R on the *Orgelbüchlein* some time ago. Those handouts are still with my copy! When one attends these types of classes, one would like to learn about playing the pieces rather than hearing the pieces being played with no commentary. This is really helpful to new or less experienced organists who are curious and eager to learn more than they knew before attending the class. Kudos to our three volunteer organists for playing so nicely!!



Have a Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy the customs of your heritage and being with friends and family. If you travel, be safe. Try to support your fellow organists by attending one or more of the various programs being presented throughout the region.

Mary Campbell SPC
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Education Chairman

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AROUND THE TOWN

Items for AROUND THE TOWN should be sent to the editor by the 15th of the month previous to the month in which the event will take place.

WORLD AIDS DAY CONCERTS

On Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 PM at Holy Rosary Church (3300 R Street, Richmond, VA 23223) and Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 PM at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church (4401 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225), a FREE one-hour Christmas Concert in Commemoration of World AIDS Day will be presented, featuring vocalists Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Elisabeth Carlton Dowdy, Katherine Virginia DeLoyht, and Michele Baez, and pianist Dr. Patrick Carlin. The concerts are co-sponsored by Diversity Richmond & Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, through a generous grant by The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. For more information, please call 222-1105 (Holy Rosary performance) or 233-4371 (Forest Hill performance). For the Forest Hill performance, parking will be available in the front and rear church parking lots.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 5:00 PM, St. Michael's Episcopal Church (2040 McRae Rd., Richmond, VA 23235) will offer an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. A Prelude Recital by organist Jacob Temple will be given at 4:30 PM. For more information, call 804-272-0992 or visit the church website at www.stmbonair.org.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 PM, St. Mary's Episcopal Church (12291 River Road, Richmond, VA 23238) will offer an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols. For more information, contact the church office at (804) 784-5678 or contact Ryan Tibbetts, Director of Music, at rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org.

BON AIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Saturday, December 7, from 1:00-3:00 PM at Bon Air Presbyterian Church (9201 W. Huguenot Road, Richmond, VA 23235), there will be an open rehearsal for the church's MESSIAH Sing-In with professional Orchestra, Soloists & Organ. The performance will be on Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 PM. A free will offering will be received.

On Monday, December 31, 2018, at 7:00 PM, Bon Air Presbyterian Church will present a New Year's Eve Concert featuring a variety of performers, with a Gala Reception following the performance. A free will offering will be received. For more information about all of these events, please contact Steve Henley at 804-272-7514 ext 312.

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be a Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, presented by the Adult Choir and directed by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 9 at 11:00 AM. Music by Billings, Fedak, Handel, Tschernokoff and Wilberg will be featured in the worship service. Caroline Whisnant, soprano, and Chase Peak, bass, will be the soloists. Hope Armstrong Erb, pianist, and Lawrence Heath, organist, will be the accompanists. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street next to the Altria Theater. There is free parking in the lot behind the church and at the VCU deck at Laurel and Main Streets. For information, please call (804) 359-5628.

SALISBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 PM, Salisbury Presbyterian Church (13621 W Salisbury Rd, Midlothian, VA 23113) presents a Community Christmas Sing. This lighthearted, family friendly event will feature audience sing-alongs of tunes such as *Jingle Bells* and *Santa Claus is Comin' to Town*, as well as selections presented by the vocal ensemble *Medley of Friends*. All are welcome, and admission is free. For more information, call 794-5311 or visit the church website at www.thesalisburychurch.org.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MASTERWORKS CHORALE

On Friday, December 14 at 7:30 PM at Grace Baptist Church (4200 Dover Rd, Richmond, VA 23221) and Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church (201 Henry St, Ashland, VA 23005), the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, presents its 2018 winter concert, featuring J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, James Whitbourn's *Missa Carolae*, and music of Telemann and Heinichen, with organist Daniel Stipe, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance (available at <http://www.cvamc.org/performances/tickets/>) or \$15 at the door (student tickets are \$5). For more information, e-mail contact@cvamc.org or call Becky Severin at (804) 798-3999.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 23 at 5:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church (8787 River Road, Richmond, VA 23229), the Choir of Men and Boys will sing a Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols Music by Helvey, Vaughan Williams, Gibbons, Distler, Ritter, MacKinnon, Britten, Todd, Flecha, and Willcocks. Scott G. Hayes, Director; Reginald Long, Organist.

AROUND THE TOWN, *Continued*

ST. BEDE CHURCH, WILLIAMSBURG

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 1:00 PM, as part of its Trinity Organ Concert Series, Saint Bede Catholic Church (686 Ironbound Road in Williamsburg) presents free concert featuring Wolff von Roos, Associate Organist/Music Scholar at Broadway United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. The program will include an improvisation based on audience-provided Christmas themes. A reception will follow. For more information, please call (757) 229-3631, or visit www.bedeva.org/concerts.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, January 20 at 4:00 PM at Second Baptist Church (9614 River Rd, Richmond, VA 23229), organist Mary Beth Bennett will present a recital with Melinda McKenzie on oboe, oboe d'amore, and English horn. Admission is free.

FOREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sunday, January 20, 2019, at 2:00 PM, a FREE Concert in Honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be presented at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church by Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Soprano; Naima Burrs, Violin, & Dr. Patrick Carlin, Piano, featuring works by Handel, Elgar, Massenet, Puccini, and Traditional Spirituals. Closer to the concert date, the complete Concert Program may be viewed at www.fhpcrichmond.org. The Church is located at 4401 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225. Parking is available in the front and rear Church Parking Lots. 233-4371

CONGRATULATIONS

Richmond AGO congratulates long-time member Ray Borden on his retirement, as of December 31, after 62 continuous years in Richmond Church music! Born on December 2, 1933 in Richmond, Ray grew up in Gloucester County and moved to Richmond in 1951 after high school to serve as the office manager for an insurance company. He began piano study in 1945 with a teacher in Gloucester. Once in Richmond he took some organ lessons with Grace Burt at Tabernacle and became her unofficial assistant and regular substitute. The Hall organ was experiencing a few age problems, and during an extended Florida vacation Mrs. Burt sent a post card, saying, "Take care of Old Temperamental until I get back." Ray has served as organist & director at the following churches:

Venable Baptist Church, 1956 (Labor Day weekend)-1965; Stockton Memorial Baptist Church, 1965-1975; Biltmore Baptist Church, 1975-1977; Berryman UMC, 3 months in 1977; Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1978-1980; Shalom Baptist Church, 1980-1981; Memorial UMC 1981-1983; Calvary Baptist Church, 1983-1989; Lakeside Christian Church, 1990-2001; Brookland UMC 2001-2018.



Pictured: Ray Borden at the Reuter organ console at Venable Baptist Church. Credit unknown

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:30 PM

Cannon Chapel, University of Richmond

"Rudolf von Beckerath, His American Instruments and their Influence" presented by Russell Weissman (DC)

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Members' Recital: Music of England and France

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7:30 PM

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond

"Henry Erben and the St. Paul's Organ"

Lecture by Bill Van Pelt, performances by

Dr. Christopher Reynolds, Bruce Stevens, and Grant Hellmers

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Goochland

Scholarship Winners Recital

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 bettyvg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804-647-0825.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals December, 2018

Saturday, December 1 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

All Saints Episcopal Church Girls & Parish Choirs from Richmond, Virginia, Scott Hayes, Director

Tuesday, December 4 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Handbell Concert

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director & Handbell Choir from First Baptist Church, Scotland St., Reggie Fox, Director with JanEl Will, Organist

Thursday, December 6 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Handbell Concert

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director

Saturday, December 8 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

New Dominion Choraliers Community Choir from Prince William County, Virginia, Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Tuesday, December 11 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert:

Music of Johann Kubnau & Antonio Vivaldi

Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 13 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

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

Friday, December 14 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Second Baptist Church Choirs from Richmond, Virginia
Bill Miller, Director & Mary Beth Bennett, Organist

Saturday, December 15 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Impromptu Community Choir from Richmond, Virginia, Amy Hruska, Director

Tuesday, December 18 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

Salisbury Presbyterian Church Choirs from Midlothian, Virginia, Mark Patterson, Director & Cathy Armistead, Organist

Thursday, December 20 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

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

Saturday, December 22 @ 8:00 pm

Holiday Choral Concert

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

Thursday, December 27 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Portative & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Saturday, December 29 @ 8:00 pm

Christmas Portative & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Sunday, December 30 @ 9:15 & 11:15 am

Nine Lessons & Carols

Bruton Parish Choirs, Rebecca Davy, Director
Alexandra Mullins, Harpist & JanEl Will, Organist

Historic Organ Recitals in the Wren Chapel, at the College of William & Mary

Thursday, November 29 – Thomas Marshall

Friday, November 30 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 1 – Norman Elton

Monday, December 3 – Rebecca Davy

Tuesday, December 4 – Norman Elton

Thursday, December 6 – Thomas Marshall

Friday, December 7 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 8 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 10 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 13 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 14 – Norman Elton

Saturday, December 15 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 17 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 20 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 21 – Norman Elton

Saturday, December 22 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 24 – Rebecca Davy

Wednesday, December 26 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 27 – Thomas Marshall

Friday, December 28 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 29 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 31 – Norman Elton

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

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Sunday, December 16, 2018 | 4:30 pm

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Friday, March 22, 2019 | 7:30 pm

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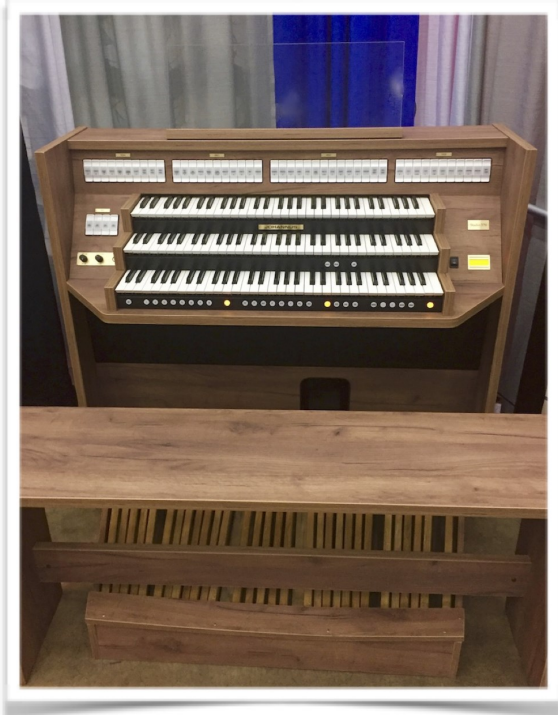
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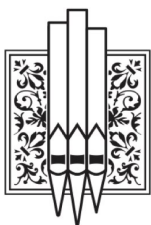
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