

The Richmond

# STOPLIST

## THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



Dear Richmond AGO Chapter,

Another AGO year has come and gone, and this year was truly unique. The season began with a strong line up of programming and fabulous recitals. But unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, our season of programs and recitals were cut short. Your Chapter Programs chair, Scott Hayes, is busy constructing a schedule for next season of varied programs, keeping in mind that we still may have restrictions in place in the fall. Keep a look out for an email soon with a schedule of events!

I would like to thank everyone who works tirelessly for the Chapter to put together exceptional programs, recitals, meetings, etc. I would like to thank Jacob Temple, Ted Bickish, and Joel Kumro, who have cycled off the Executive Committee this year, for all of their hard work. We also welcome two new Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee, Marianne Crean and Melissa Hawks.

I hope that everyone has a safe and awesome summer!

Christopher

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

As churches in our region begin to make decisions about reopening and how to function during the ongoing pandemic, the Richmond AGO Chapter would like to serve as a resource. If you are a church musician (or direct or are affiliated with a choral group or other affected organization), we invite you to let us know how your institutions are handling this situation in the hopes that we can provide our membership with a sense of what decisions are being made and some possible best practices. Our July-August *Stoplist* will focus on the pandemic response. Submissions may be sent to Ryan Tibbetts at [ryan.tibbetts@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.tibbetts@gmail.com). Although the article discussing responses will most likely focus on information in the aggregate (“57.6% of churches are requiring members attending services to wear brown paper bags over their heads”), we may wish to include some comments from e-mails, so please include whether or not you would permit us to quote you.

## EDUCATION CONCERNS



Dear Richmond Chapter AGO members,

Hopefully we will be able to return to corporate worship soon. Those of us over sixty-five will need to be especially sensitive to wearing masks, gloves and disinfecting work surfaces and door knobs. Washing hands often is also recommended. Now, there are pianos you are using that have ivory keys. I received a copy of Steinway's key cleaning procedures some years ago. They use a special glue to keep the ivory key covers in place. Damp to almost dry cloth with a very light amount of soap to wash and wipe off with the next to dry cloth. They do not recommend heavy water usage as the glue will not keep the key covers in place and will need to be reglued-using their glue.

Singing seems to be out for a while and humming seems to be as bad, apparently. I have been thinking about what the congregation could do in its place. My priest and I were in communication the other day and, since voices could not be used, we considered the idea of everyone clapping while I sang a piece at the offertory. He encouraged the clapping by everyone at the time. If I am to play hymns, then, to further this idea, I suggested two fingers into the palm of the other hand, possibly slapping the top of thighs then full hand claps-one stanza for each. This was just a suggestion, but he was quite receptive. I was surprised as this is a liturgical service setting. I suspect this came from teaching Kindergarten/Jr. Kindergarten Thirty-one plus years! Think about it-we have our voices and since we cannot use them, hands will have to do. Old Testament scripture mentions the use of drums, so percussion is not out of the realm of possibility.

Check out the July issue of *The American Organist*. The testing program has had an interesting time as Covid-19 has played havoc with the schedule. The Service Playing Exam was extended to May 15 and the Colleague Exam was postponed until this coming November. Hopefully things will be back to the regularly scheduled testing this coming year. Please remember to stay in, stay safe and keep washing your hands often.

*Mary Campbell SPC*  
(804) 288-4098  
Education Chairman

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## CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

Below are the results of the 2020 Chapter Elections. Congratulations to our newly elected officers, and thanks to all who voted!

**DEAN:** Christopher Reynolds  
**SUB-DEAN:** Scott Hayes  
**SECRETARY:** David Purdy  
**TREASURER:** Kenna Payne  
**AUDITOR:** Jackie Bitler-Row  
**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:**  
Marianne Crean  
Melissa Hawks

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## The Richmond AGO is on FACEBOOK



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### Clara Gerdes

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Assistant Organist, Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York City  
Music Co-Director of the Berkeley Divinity School Choir, Yale University

**Friday, November 13, 2020, 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church • 6000 Grove Avenue**

*1951/1968 Aeolian-Skinner organ, 4 manuals, 63 stops*

### Amanda Mole

First Prize, 2017 Musashino-Tokyo International Organ Playing Competition  
First Prize and Audience Prize, 2016 Miami International Organ Playing Competition  
First Prize, 2014 Arthur Poister Organ Playing Competition  
First Prize, 2014 John Rodland Memorial Organ Playing Competition

**Friday, February 26, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Ginter Park Presbyterian Church • 3601 Seminary Avenue**

*1964 Robert Noehren / 2012 Parsons organ, 3 manuals, 54 stops*



### Alcee Chriss

First Prize and Bach Prize, 2017 Canadian International Organ Playing Competition  
Silver Medalist, 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Playing Competition  
First Prize and Audience Prize, 2016 Fort Wayne National Organ Playing Competition  
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University Organist and Artist-in-Residence, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

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