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CHAPTER COMPOSERS' FORUM



Our thanks to the composers in the “rogue’s gallery” above, Alma Hamilton, David Johnson, Edwin Taylor and Ed Thompson for presenting their music and music of other chapter members on Sunday, January 22. This type of program is always a good reminder of all of the talent within our chapter. Many thanks To Rick Tripodi for hosting.

FUTURE FAIRFIELD WEST CHAPTER EVENTS 2017

Sunday afternoon, April 2 at 4 p.m.

The chapter invites members to share your favorite organ and choral music for the liturgical year. First Congregational Church, Ridgefield.

Sunday afternoon, June 4 at 4 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting/social event at Bertucci’s Restaurant in Darien.

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CALENDAR – February 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Candlemas Evensong - The Choir of Men & Boys and Christ Church Scholars will sing the Smith Responses, Gibbons Short Service, and Eccard When to the temple Mary went. Organ music by J.S. Bach and Buxtehude. Jamie Hitel as choir director and Jonathan Ryan as organist. Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT.

Saturday, February 4th at 4 PM

Etherea vocal ensemble - This critically-acclaimed all-treble ensemble presents a program accompanied by harp, organ, and piano. For tickets, see www.tinyurl.com/trinity-ETHEREA Trinity Episcopal Church, 651 Pequot Ave, Southport, CT

Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 3 PM

Organ Recital - Music describing dramatic battles, wild laments and visions of heaven by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Sandvold, Franck, Alain, and Messiaen. Jamie Hitel, organist. Admission is free - a perfect antidote to Super bowl Sunday! Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT.

Saturday, February 11 at 5:00PM

VOCES8 in Concert – The slick London-based a cappella octet has established itself at the forefront of the British a cappella scene. The concert will explore the rich timbres of vocal music spanning five centuries, including traditional folk songs and spirituals. Tickets (\$35 preferred; \$25 general adult; \$10 general child 18 and under) may be purchased online at www.chtwestport.org/tickets. Reception follows in the Great Hall. Christ & Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport, CT, (203) 227-0827

Sunday, February 12 at 5: PM.

Choral Evensong - St. Stephen's Choir, Scott Toperzer, Minister of Music, Arno Steinig, organist. Music of A. Herbert Brewer, William Harris, John Bertalot, Dale Wood, and others. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 351 Main Street, Ridgefield.

Sunday, February 19 at 4 PM

Edita Orlinyte, Violin, with Rimantas Vingras, piano - Edita's program includes the Violin Concerto in A minor by J. S. Bach, Poeme, by Ernest Chausson. Preludes for piano solo by Lithuanian artist and composer M.K. Ciurlionis, and "Formosa Suite" by contemporary composer Albert Markov. Part of the Sunday Afternoons Live series in the First Church Auditorium. Tickets \$20, including light refreshments are available at the door. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT

Sunday, February 26 at 4 PM

Peter & Will Anderson, Jazz Saxophonists - Peter and Will Anderson are one of the most extraordinary set of brothers performing music today, and are known for their unique renditions of classic jazz songs. Their ensemble has performed in over 35 U.S. States, toured Japan, and in NYC's famed "Highlights in Jazz" series. Part of the Sunday Afternoons Live series in the First Church Auditorium. Tickets \$20, including light refreshments are available at the door. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT

Sunday, February 26 at 4 PM

T.E.C.S.O. in concert - The Trombones of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Called the "boiler room of the ECSO" by The Day for their consistent excellence in major works for orchestra, The Trombones of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra (TECSO) make their Fountain Music Series debut this afternoon. First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, 103 Main St, Ridgefield, Ct

Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 5 PM

Choral Evensong - The Choir of Men & Boys will sing the Rose Responses, Dyson in D, and Geistliches Lied, Op. 30 – Brahms. Jamie Hitel, choir director and Jonathan, organist. Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT.

CALENDAR – Early March 2017

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Ash Wednesday - The Christ Church Singers will sing Berliner Messe by Pärt, Call to Remembrance by Farrant, and Miserere mei; Deus by Allegri. Jonathan Ryan, choir director and Jamie Hitel, organist. Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT.

Sunday, March 5 at 4 PM

Wholly Brass - With performances at New York's Alice Tully Hall, and Carnegie Hall, Wholly Brass brings music in an educational and entertaining fashion everywhere it goes. The repertoire of the group includes Classical Masterpieces, Jazz, Broadway, World and Hollywood music. Part of the Sunday Afternoons Live series in the First Church Auditorium. Tickets \$20, including light refreshments are available at the door. First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT

Sunday, March 5 at 5 PM

Choral Evensong and Organ Recital – The combined choirs of Christ & Holy Trinity Church, Westport and Trinity Church, Southport will sing Evensong at Trinity. Following the service, Victoria Shields, Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, will play an organ recital. Reception follows in the parish hall. Trinity Episcopal Church, 651 Pequot Avenue, Southport, CT, (203) 255-0454.

LOOKING AHEAD

**Young Organists Encouraged to Apply for
Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival**

(Minneapolis, MN) Lutheran Music Program has selected Kenneth Miller to serve as the Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Legee Chapel Organist at the 2017 Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 25th to July 23rd on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music and Organist and Choirmaster of the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Miller will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class, and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Miller will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

Lutheran Summer Music is a four-week residential training and performance program. Each summer, LSM brings together 150+ 8-12 grade band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students from the U.S. and abroad in a supportive, intentional community.

AGO members from the Fairfield West Chapter are invited to refer students for the 2017 convening of Lutheran Summer Music Academy. All students using the application code AGO200 will receive an automatic \$200 tuition discount. Other merit and need-based assistance is available.

For more information, go to lutheransummermusic.org or contact Dietrich Jessen and Kristina Rodel, Admissions Directors at 888.635.6583 or email at admissions@lutheransummermusic.org.

Scholarship Competition

The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists would like to let you know about our plans to host a Scholarship Competition on Saturday, March 18th, 2017, in hopes that you might be able to connect us with prospective participants. This will be our chapter's second time hosting such an event, after a very successful 2016 competition in which we awarded significant prizes to three very talented young organists.

The competition is open to both high school and college organists, with no age or locational requirements. College applicants must be taking organ lessons for credit through their schools and high school applicants must be taking organ lessons with a private teacher. The application deadline is February 18th, 2017. The application and more information, including repertoire requirements, is available at www.brooklynago.org/ScholarshipCompetition We would tremendously appreciate any help you could offer in spreading awareness about this opportunity to any students, teachers, professional peers, or AGO members whom you believe may be interested.

Hartford POE July 23-28, 2017

Hartford is continuing their commitment to the region by hosting a POE next summer, based at the beautiful Trinity College. Registration will be open in January. Vaughn Mauren Coordinator, vmauren@gmail.com

Montreal Organ Festival - July 1-7, 2017



Montréal
Organ Festival
July 1-7, 2017

Register Today!

- ▶ World-class artists including Olivier Latry, Nathan Laube, and Cherry Rhodes
- ▶ Daily Evensong featuring the Choir of Kings College (London)
- ▶ Stunning venues, exciting city
- ▶ 40 masterclasses and workshops

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