

MIXTURES



AUGUST 2020 DEANS MESSAGE...

One of the benefits of being involved in the Binghamton AGO chapter is the enjoyment we have when we can get together at our various events. So far this summer, we have been regaled with music played on our computers through Zoom and YouTube. While there were some really fine performances, like on the recent AGO Organ Fest, I think we all agree that there is nothing like the real thing. Consequently, the chapter executive committee met on July 21 to plan out events for the summer and fall, with the understanding that we may have to postpone or cancel some, if not all of them, depending on circumstances at the time.

* On Saturday, September 12 at 2:30 pm, we will have a picnic at Dan and Peggy Sniezek's house in Owego. This will replace our normal kickoff dinner, which we typically have at a church. We are considering having the main course and sides prepared by Phil's Chicken House, which would mean having to charge a small fee to cover the cost, but I will get back to you later about details.

* On Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am, we will be showing the third and final documentary of the Fugue State Films production: The English Organ, in the chapel at Main Street Baptist Church. Please bring your own drinks and food.

* On Sunday, November 15, 4:00 pm, Jean Henssler will perform an organ recital on the (by then) newly renovated organ at United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton. The Binghamton AGO chapter and the United Presbyterian Church will sponsor the recital.

* On December 5, Jean will present a slide show entitled "In the Footsteps of Bach" which chronicles Jean's PIPEDREAMS tour of Germany in 2019. The presentation starts at 10:00 am. It will be held in the chapel at Main Street Baptist Church. Please bring your own drinks and food.

If there are any changes to the dates and times of these events, I will get back to you with the revised information.

I would like for all of us to welcome Paul Cienniwa (<https://www.youtube.com/c/PaulCienniwa/videos>) to our community. He is the new Executive Director of the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra, but also happens to be a professional harpsichordist and organist.

Welcome also to our newest member, Mike Halaburka, who has joined as a chapter friend.

Let's hope we can get this virus behind us, and get back to our normal lives.

John

EVENTS...

Sunday, August 9th, 1:00 pm: There will be virtual tour of local churches starting with Main Street Baptist. It will be shown at 1:00 pm. The link to it is: <https://www.pastny.org/tours-events>

Wednesday, August 26th, time and place TBA: Your Mixtures Editor will be a featured "Concerts in Every Corner" sponsored by the Binghamton Philharmonic. Place and time to be announced. Of course this will be on the French horn, not the Organ! It will be in the morning.

Saturday, September 12th, 2:30pm: Binghamton AGO "Kickoff" dinner at the home of Peggy and Dan Sniezek. Details will be in the September Mixtures. Save the Date!

Saturday, October 10th, 10:00am: The final Fugue State Films Production on The English Organ will be shown at Main Street Baptist Church. Please bring your own food and drink.

Sunday, November 15th, 4:00pm: Organ Recital by Jean Henssler at United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton. The organ is currently being renovated and the work is scheduled to be completed by November. United Presbyterian and the Binghamton AGO are sponsoring this event.

Saturday, December 5th, 10:00am: Jean Henssler will present a slideshow entitled "In the Footsteps of Bach." This chronicles the Pipedreams tour of Germany that Jean went on in 2019. This event will take place at Main St. Baptist Church at 10:00am. Please bring your own food and drink.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

For all of the upcoming AGO events to be held "in-person, be sure to wear your mask and be mindful of social distancing. Bring your own food and drink, not food to share.



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Dear Member,

We hope that you enjoyed AGO OrganFest 2020 last week, and that it brought some measure of beauty into your life in the midst of this chaotic summer. As a reminder, all the videos and other featured content remain available for further viewing on the [festival website](#).

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the performers, composers, and presenters who participated in AGO OrganFest, as well as to the volunteers and staff who gave so much time and energy bringing the Festival to life.

Sincerely,


 **James E. Thomashower**
Executive Director


 **Michael Velting**
OrganFest 2020 Coordinator
Councillor for Conventions

ORGANIST POSITIONS...

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego will be searching for an Organist/Choir Director to start September 1, 2020. We are also open to considering a candidate for Organist only.
Contact Patti O'Connell peoconnell1@gmail.com or (607) 972-7129

First Congregational Church, UCC Greene is looking for a part-time organist/pianist, starting **ASAP!** Service: 10:00am. Additional services throughout the year.
Organ: Wicks 2 Manual with full AGO pedal board, 5 pistons with 3 programmable configurations.
Salary negotiable
Contact Info: First Congregational Church, Greene 607-656-4923
UCCGreene@juno.com Donna Possemato - Deacon Chair 607-656-7964

Zion Lutheran Church in Owego is looking for an organist, the position to begin on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The organ is an Allen. The Organist's duties include the one traditional Sunday morning Divine Service as well as the possible special holiday services. (There is no choir). For further information regarding the organ, please contact Joan Schobert at (607) 648-3862 or email cschobert@stny.rr.com. For further information regarding the liturgy and salary, please contact Rev. Timmothy Heath at 687-6376 or email at Rev.T.Heath@gmail.com

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Endicott, NY is looking for a part-time Music Director. Applicants for this position should submit resumes to The Rev. John R. Martinichio, describing their credentials and previous playing experience. Due to the coronavirus we ask that you include links to any online offerings or include any recordings that you have currently recorded. We will begin reviewing resumes on August 12, 2020. Following interviews and auditions I will appoint a new Director of Music of St. Paul's Church, effective upon a mutually agreeable date. All inquiries, questions or clarifications can be directed to Fr. Martinichio johnrobert58@stny.rr.com or to the church office at 607-748-8118 and are considered confidential.
Website: <http://www.stpaulsendicott.org>

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Norwich, NY is looking for a Minister of Music.
Emmanuelchurch20@gmail.com (607) 344-8801
Applications to be reviewed starting August, 2020. Send email regarding interest to fatherstevecny@gmail.com Information can be found at: bigreddoor.org

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