

Mixtures

The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



FEBRUARY 2012

DEAN'S NOTES

Unlike previous newsletters, the dean's message in this *Mixtures* will consist of a series of notes beginning with an **IMPORTANT REMINDER**.

- ♪ February's event will not take place on Feb. 11 as listed in the Yearbook. *Introduction to Hauptwerk* has been rescheduled for Sat., **March 24**, 10:30 am, 413 Karin Drive, Vestal.
- ♪ Our next Chapter event is the Sing-along at the Hilltop Retirement Home on Friday, **March 2 at 7 pm**. Chairperson, Joan Kellam, writes: "the program for the evening will include a little patriotic, a little Broadway, some Irish songs, and even *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* as we anticipate the opening baseball season on April 1. Some songs call for two parts, and it would be helpful to have AGOers be there to support the singing. See you there!" After the 45-minute program, we will continue our fun and camaraderie at Friendly's.
- ♪ Thank you to Roberta Rowland-Raybold and Lee Roseboom for presenting *Music for the Funeral Service* on January 14. And to the women at Ogden-Hillcrest UMC who came early to make the coffee; hot coffee and donuts were a welcome treat on a cold, snowy morning. Barbara Garges, who was playing for a funeral that morning (!), was not able to attend, but those who did were rewarded by hearing lovely selections played by Roberta, Lee, and Richard Sheasley. Lee explained how the church's understanding of death and dying has shaped the music for the funeral rite. We came away with much to think about and a handout suggesting appropriate repertoire.
- ♪ Notice was received from Roberta Rowland-Raybold, District Convener, that Gerre Hancock died on Jan. 21. An interview with Gerre Hancock in *The American Organist*, Nov. 2011, includes praise for one of his former teachers, Searle Wright.
- ♪ Dan and Peggy Sniezek and Bruce and Polly Wendling will be registering for the AGO National Convention in Nashville, July 1-6. We would like to know if anyone else from the chapter is planning to attend. Remember the deadline for early registration is February 14.
- ♪ Check the Calendar (p 2) for more events and details.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, **February 19 - 4 pm** Organ Recital by Gerald Wolfe at Grace Episcopal, Elmira. Call Polly if you would like to carpool to Elmira for this concert (754-0378).

Friday, **March 2 – 7 pm** Sing-along at the Hilltop Retirement Home, Deyo Hill Rd., Johnson City. Invite a friend.

Sunday, **March 11 - 4 pm** *Beginnings* (about all things “new”) by the Madrigal Choir at Trinity Memorial Church, Binghamton. Featured Guests: the Parlor City Boys’ Chorus directed by Ghislaine Stewart

Sunday, **March 11 - 4 pm** Organ recital by Jonathan Biggers at United Presbyterian Church, Chenango St, Binghamton. *Flights of Fantasies* will include works by Mozart, Liszt and Bach

Saturday, **March 24 – 10:30 am** *Introduction to Hauptwerk* at 413 Karin Drive, Vestal

Saturday, **April 14 - 10 am-noon** Carla Edwards Workshop at BU, Fine Arts Rm 21

Sunday, **April 15 - 4 pm** - Carla Edwards organ recital at United Presbyterian, Binghamton

Saturday, **May 5 - 10 am – 2 pm** Richard Van Auken, *Revitalizing Your Hymn Playing*; each organist attending will receive a complimentary copy of *HYMN INTRODUCTIONS & VERSES* by Richard Van Auken which contains 18 well known hymn tunes. (More information about this workshop will be in next month’s newsletter.)

Sunday, **June 12 – 4 pm** Chapter-sponsored “Rising Star” concert at First Presbyterian, Endicott
“ “ “ **6 pm** Annual dinner/meeting at Orlando’s Restaurant, Endicott



AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE JULY 1-6

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS FEBRUARY 14!

Register today at www.ago2012.org

Sing-along
Binghamton AGO Chapter Event
Coordinator: Joan Kellam
Friday, March 2, 7 pm
Hilltop Retirement Home
286 Deyo Hill Rd., JC

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HUMOR...

The following are from a list of Bulletin Bloopers. Of course, none of them describe our own situations!

- ♪ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell"? Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ♪ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- ♪ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.



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