

Mixtures

The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



JULY/AUGUST 2012

DEAN'S NOTES

- ♪ If you are attending the trip to Skaneateles on July 14, be sure to read Ellie's reminder below and send your check to Bob Peterson by July 9 (8 Poplar Hill Rd, Binghamton 13901).
- ♪ The next newsletter will go out the end of August and will include details for the annual Sept. kickoff on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Petersons.
- ♪ Did you remember to renew your membership? You don't want to miss the coming year's attractions!

Reminders re: Skaneateles Trip on 7/14/12

--We should leave **promptly** at 8:15 am. from the Upper Front St. Lowes parking lot in order to "Get to the Church on Time" in Cortland. (Grace Episcopal at 9:00). Please bring your music and organ shoes since players are needed!

--Be sure to send a check for the Boat Ride ticket in the amount of \$11.00 to treasurer Bob Peterson by **July 9th**. Make the check payable to Binghamton Chapter of AGO.

--Good idea to bring small bills for payment at lunch—no separate check at The Restaurant at Elderberry Pond. (Sorry!)

--Any questions or concerns please contact Ellie Rugg at 607-692-3204.

Let's hope and pray for a sunny, warm day! Good Fellowship is guaranteed.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

July 1-6 - AGO National Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

July 14 - Summer Fun Day to Cortland and Skaneateles. Itinerary and directions are included for those going on the trip.

Saturday, July 21 - 7:30 pm Master Theater Organist, John Lewdon, staff organist at the El Capitan Theater in Los Angeles. RELIVE THE GRAND FILM PALACE EXPERIENCE at the Forum Theater, 236 Washington St., Downtown Binghamton.

Saturday, Aug. 4 - 9:30 am Board Meeting - 600 Lowell Drive, Endwell

Friday, Sept. 21 - 6 pm Potluck Kickoff at Bob and Judy Peterson's. Details tba



THANK YOU to all who made the Rising Stars Recital a huge success



-- to our young rising stars, **Nathaniel Efthimiou** and **Sarah Sabol**, who gave outstanding performances

-- to **Larry Hoey**, chapter liaison with the host church. His help was invaluable.

-- to **Ellie Rugg**, who assisted with refreshments and served the punch

-- and to each of you who attended, thus showing your support for our future organists.

RISING STARS RECITAL SIZZLES . . . RISEN STAR'S CONCERT ALMOST FIZZLES

On a sizzling-hot afternoon (temperature in the 90's), our two young performers "rose" to the occasion, playing to the hum of fans placed strategically around the sanctuary. One week later on a cool (temperature in the 70's), lovely afternoon, John Weaver's long-anticipated recital at the Old Palatine Church was cancelled due to an unexpected emergency. Instead of placing a "concert cancelled" notice on the church door, Roberta was persuaded to host an open house. She wrote:

We had 40 or 50 show up - from Schenectady through the Adirondacks . . . almost everyone was understanding, came in, had a nice cool drink and some cookies and sat down waiting for a concert! Eeeeeeks! None of us was ready for that - we had just grabbed any old music and here were intelligent people waiting for us to perform in the Weavers' place. We kept it informal - had kind of an organ marathon - hymn singing - gave one little girl a quick organ lesson . . . people clapped enthusiastically, put money in the box at the door, bought books, and we signed up some new members.

In an email to me, Dr. Weaver asks for our thoughts and prayers, so that he will soon be back on the bench and able to reschedule his recital at the Old Palatine Church.

Roberta



Roberta Rowland-Raybold introduces the organ at old Palatine Church, the last one built by her father. (Photo by Paul Stapel)

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

June 30 is the official deadline for renewing membership for the coming year, July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013. Renewal forms were sent out with *Mixtures* last month. If you need another, it can be downloaded at the chapter website, binghamtonago.org or contact Registrar Richard Sheasley, 724-6062.

UPDATE FROM JILL GARDNER

I attained my CAGO status last fall with the incredible help and mentoring of Roberta Rowland-Raybold and Jonathan Biggers and moved to North Carolina on Dec. 4. My new address is: 4954 West Road, Kernersville, NC 27284. My home phone number is: 336-497-4765. I will be joining the Winston-Salem AGO Chapter and will offer my services to the Triad area as an organ and vocal/choral substitute. My full-time work continues as a professional opera singer. For the 2012-2013 season, I will be in Minneapolis, Charlotte, Arizona, Washington DC and Honolulu, singing Nedda in I PAGLIACCI, the title role of TOSCA and the title role of MANON LESCAUT.

I look back now with such fondness for all the beautiful music made in Binghamton during the ten years I lived there and pray God's richest blessings on all my dear comrades of the Binghamton AGO.

Fondly,
Jill



Polly, John Holt and Richard Sheasley pose with Christopher Houlihan (2nd from left) following his spectacular recital of Vierne's Six Symphonies at Ascension, NYC, June 2.

Electronic Mailing of Mixtures. If you have an email address, you will receive *Mixtures* electronically beginning in September unless you notify us that you wish to receive a hard copy in the mail. Richard Sheasley (607-724-6062) or Polly Wendling (607-754-0378)