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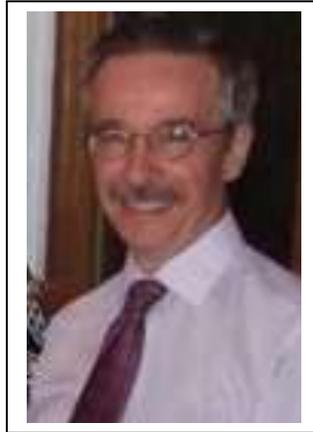
The Organ of the Binghamton Chapter, AGO



MAY 2013

WORKSHOP and ORGAN RECITAL by THOMAS BOHLERT

Saturday, **May 4** and Sunday, **May 5**
at Main Street Baptist Church
117 Main Street, Binghamton, NY



On Saturday, May 4, 10 am-Noon - Thom will present a workshop on the *11 Chorale Preludes* of Johannes Brahms. The workshop will provide biographical, musical, and analytical background, and offer suggestions for performance and interpretation.

On Sunday, May 5, 4 pm - Thom will play works by Dubois, Paine, Lefébure-Wély, Boëllmann, Fletcher, and Searle Wright. A free will offering will be received.

These two events coincide with Brahms' birthday (b. May 7 1833). A reception with birthday cake will follow the recital.

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ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, **April 27** - 7:30 pm The Ithaca Community Chorus and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Gerald Wolfe, perform J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* with orchestra and soloists Thom Baker, Geoffrey Royall, Janine Willis, Ivy Walz and Ian Woolford. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 402 N. Aurora St., Ithaca, NY. Tickets are \$20 at the door and \$15 in advance at <http://www.ithacacommunitychoruses.org>. Students \$5, children free.

Sunday, **April 28** - 3 pm *An Artistic Impression of Psalm 139* at United Presbyterian Church, Cortland A multi-media presentation of contributions by local artists, photographers, the church choir, and Paulette Fry, organist

Saturday, **May 4** - 10 am to Noon Workshop on the Brahms Chorale Preludes by Thom Bohlert at Main St. Baptist Church, 117 Main St., Binghamton

Sunday, **May 5** - 4 pm Organ Recital by Thom Bohlert at Main Street Baptist Church. Reception to follow.

Saturday, **May 11** - 4 pm Daniel Rosenau, sophomore organ recital at Trinity Memorial. Free.

Saturday, **May 18** - 4 pm Choral Evensong and Organ Recital by Jean Clay Radice at St. Paul's Episcopal, Owego. The 1962 Delaware 3-manual pipe organ, restored and renovated by Parsons Pipe Organ Builders, will be dedicated at this service. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Sunday, **June 9** - 4 pm Members Recital at Grace Lutheran, Vestal, NY

" " - 6 pm Annual dinner meeting at Uno's. Reservations to Polly (754-0378) or online (binghamtonago.org) by June 5.

June 30-July 3 Regions I and II AGO Convention in Hartford, Conn.

Save the first week in August for an organ crawl to St. Rose of Lima in Carbondale; St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scranton; and St. Stephen's in Wilkes Barre. Details tba.



Correction: Ellie Rugg's new address is 6261 Cedar Creek Way, Farmington, NY (incorrectly listed as Farmingham in April *Mixtures*)

JUNE CHAPTER EVENT

"CALLING ALL WILLING AND ABLE RECITALISTS!"

This year's annual Members Recital is to be held on Sunday, June 9, 4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 709 Main St., Vestal.

The 51-stop/3-manual Walker Digital Organ has the capability of "recording" your performance on a Floppy Disk, an updated version of the old player piano. You can record your piece at a practice session, push a button at the recital and then listen to yourself play. You can *no longer* use the excuse, "I get too nervous playing in public!"

Because the church is locked most of the time, it will be necessary to coordinate practice sessions in late May/early June. Those interested should contact me at *jhhmusik*at*aol*dot*com* or call 748-7285 to list yourself among the daring!

Jean Henssler



The Chorale Preludes of Johannes Brahms

Submitted by Thomas Bohlert

The Chorale Preludes of Johannes Brahms are miniature masterpieces written during the last summer of his life. They are deep and enigmatic, but approachable; they are not difficult technically, but offer challenges for musical growth; they are suitable for a service or concert. Though some are related to Lent, they also touch on Christmas, communion, and spring! Vernon Gotwals said, "One is never tired of these pieces, and never sure how to perform them." And Lorene Banta said, "A strange impression that many people have of this set of eleven preludes is that it is preoccupied with grief. This is certainly not at all the case." They are "an expression of the quiet joy at the lot of the Christian." The workshop provides biographical, musical, and analytical background, and offers suggestions for performance and interpretation, along with the playing or hearing of the eleven preludes.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS for 2013-14

Dean: John Holt
Sub-dean: Richard Hedgebeth
Secretary: Donna Frey
Treasurer: Robert Peterson
Member-at-large: (2-yr term): Lee Roseboom

Laura Kennedy, Peggy Sniezek, Joe Kotylo, and Judy Peterson continue to serve as members-at-large. The proposed slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 9.

Refreshments needed for Thom Bohlert's reception, May 5. Please let me know if you can bring something for the refreshment table. Fresh fruit, veggies, cheese & crackers will supplement the birthday cake nicely. (754-0378 or *bwending*at*stny*dot*rr*dot*com*)

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LOOKING AHEAD TO RENEWAL

Like many other "things" in our lives, our local AGO Chapter has an annual occurrence. Yes, it is once again time to renew your membership in AGO. The guidelines have been received from AGO Headquarters and I am very happy to announce that there are no changes in the process. Yes, it's a familiar piece of music this year and all we need to do is a quick run-through to refresh our memories!

The first week in May will find the arrival of an envelope at your house with your prefilled registration form. Please take the time to verify that your current listings are accurate. If updates are needed, just write them in. Your 2013-2014 yearbook profile will reflect those updates. After you complete your category of membership, enclose the form in an envelope, along with a check, and mail it. Sorry, but local chapters cannot accept credit cards again this year.

Our chapter is being encouraged to complete the registration/renewal process in a timely manner by completing the "paperwork" before the start of the AGO New Year on July 1, 2013! With your help, it can happen!

Richard Sheasley, Registrar

