

MIXTURES



OCTOBER 2015

DEAN'S MESSAGE:

After a busy summer, our chapter has hit the ground running with two events already in September. On the 11th and 12th, we invited Nick Capozzoli as our guest in this year's Young Artist Series. He performed one of the finest recitals I have ever heard, followed by an informative and entertaining workshop the next day. All three of our guest organists, Joseph Ripka (and wife, Erin), Dexter "Tripp" Kennedy, and now Nick Capozzoli have provided us with remarkable and memorable performances and informative workshops. I think we will be seeing their names a lot in years to come as they become the next leaders and stars in the organ world. Last Friday night, we had our chapter kickoff dinner with over 20 members and guests attending. I am looking forward to another great year with lots of events planned by the executive committee in the coming months.

There were several people whose efforts made the chapter events possible and successful, but I would like to thank Polly and Bruce, in particular, for their tireless efforts in both the Young Artist Series and the Kickoff dinner. They designed and printed one of the most attractive recital programs I have ever seen. They copied and assembled the handouts for Nick's workshop, and they supervised the reception after the recital. With barely enough time to catch their breath, they hosted the Kickoff dinner at Holy Nativity, and produced and presented the retrospective slide presentation at the dinner. Bravo and Brava.

Who would have guessed that Joe Kotylo has been organist at Main Street Baptist Church for 40 (!!) years? Yep, it's true, and the church is honoring him at a reception at the church (noon on Sunday the 18th) to which we are all invited. (See invitation below). Come to the reception, and then head to United Presbyterian Church at 3:00 for the Madrigal Choir's first concert of the year (starring "Featured Artist": {our own} Jean Henssler).

UNSUNG HERO OF THE MONTH: Richard Sheasley has been quietly laboring on our behalf since late spring 1) establishing and maintaining order in our membership rolls, gently reminding those whose renewal forms may have inadvertently been mislaid to get them submitted before appropriate deadlines; 2) maintaining communication with the National office so that our records correspond with those of the National office (not as easy as you may think), and then 3) organizing, publishing, and distributing our chapter directory (it's green this year). Thanks, Richard, for all your hard work.

Now that we have been officially "kicked off", let's have a great year.

John

YOU ARE INVITED

TO A CELEBRATION OF JOE KOTYLO'S

40 YEARS AT MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

AS CHURCH ORGANIST

**a reception will be held OCTOBER 18TH
at around 12 noon after the morning worship service.**

You are invited to attend the service at 11AM as well.

Doctor Kotylo's service to our church as organist and friend is exemplary. His choice of music, his coordination with the choir director and pastor, his leadership in repair and enhancement of our organ, and his community service and work with the AGO is of great value to us. He ultimately strives to bring glory to God in his work. Please join us in thanking him.

PHOTO GALLERY...



Nick Capozzoli and Audience members

Binghamton AGO Kick-Off Dinner



FROM the REGISTRAR...

The chapter yearbooks have been either given to you at the kick-off dinner or mailed to you. Your membership card is included with the yearbook. The following corrections can be made in the yearbook:

- 1) **Marion** Adams **648-6200** delete cell phone number
- 2) EXECUTIVE BOARD Members-at-large: **Add Larry Hoey** and **Lee Roseboom.**

The total membership of the Binghamton Chapter is now 62

31 members renewed via online ONCARD

1 member's renewal date is November 1 -a staggered year renewal program

Richard

UPCOMING EVENTS...

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego, will be holding a service of Choral Evensong (*the sung service of Evening Prayer in the Episcopal Church*) on Saturday, October 24, at 4pm. The St. Paul's Choir will sing Dyson Canticles in F, and Geraint Evans: *The eyes of the righteous*. This was the anthem sung at the funeral of the Welsh composer William Mathias. In addition Organ voluntaries by Dyson and Thalben Ball will be offered. Jean Radice, Organist and Choir Director

Rev. Geoffrey Doolittle, Rector. St. Paul's Church is located at 117 Main St., in the Village of Owego. Handicapped-accessible. Parking on Liberty St.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS...

The first activity for Chemung Chapter of AGO this fall will be the annual organ crawl, planned by David Lenington.

This year, we will be traveling to Watsontown, PA, which is south of Williamsport. We will begin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ravert who have quite a few items that we will enjoy. That will be at 10:00 AM.

The date for the organ crawl is Saturday, October 24 2015.

Contact Beth Briggs if you are interested in attending. 607-377-5363

MEMBER RECITALS...

Stay Tuned! Recitals by Dan Rosenau and Denise Bassen are coming up.

FROM the EDITOR...

THANKS...To all of you who came to The Old Palatine Church for the Recital on August 16th. Roberta and I had a marvelous time and were honored so many of you came to enjoy the afternoon of lovely music. Thank you for the special flowers! I still have mine on the kitchen windowsill!

ORGANIST POSITIONS:

No new listings at this time.

CONGRATS ROBERTA:

Just want you all to know that during my summer in NY my "dream job" as a church musician crossed my path, and I've accepted. I begin as Director of Music at First Lutheran Church in Albany on Nov.1st. We are very excited and hope that with God's help we can build a good music program in this wonderful church.....the oldest continual Lutheran church in America! See you all soon!

BINGHAMTON AGO CALENDAR:

October 4, 2pm: BTOS Silent Movie at the Forum Theatre.

October 24, 4pm: Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owego.

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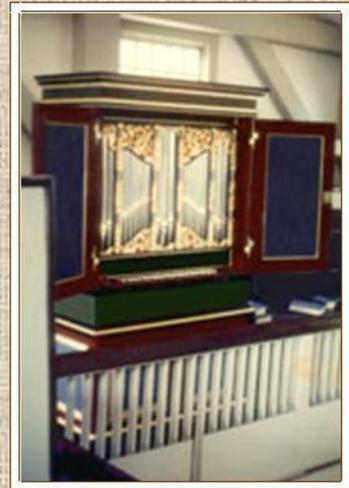
Restoration of the Henry Purcell Organ

It was serendipity.

It had been a few years since I had built a new organ for the "new" (1940's) Saint Paul's Church. We had talked a few times about providing an organ for the Old Narragansett Church, the previous building, built in 1706 and the oldest Anglican Church building in the US north of the Potomac.

When the call came, it happened that I had just heard of the availability of this organ, of which little was known other than that it dated from the 17th century.

In appallingly poor condition, we restored it to its c. 1680 state. My research has established that it was built by George Dallam, utilizing older pipes, for John Playford. Playford is best known for his collection of dance music, but was also Henry Purcell's early publisher. The pipework, of the late Elizabethan or early Jacobean period, is thought to be the oldest survival of a significant body of pipes from an English church organ. Evidence strongly suggests that the organ passed to Purcell when rebuilt, also by Dallam, c. 1683. It was probably used at the coronation of James II.



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