

MIXTURES

THE ORGAN OF THE BINGHAMTON CHAPTER, AGO

NOVEMBER 2008



DEAN'S LETTER . . .

The Pipe Organ Spectacular is now a very fond memory! Where should I begin to express thanks and praise to all of you who made the event such a rousing success? Should it be to the musicians, for without their work there would not have been a concert; Bobbie Steflik for her hard work in scheduling rehearsal time; Will Dodge and Father Martinichio; Carolyn Blake for her wonderful publicity (and Roberta Rowland-Raybold for her handouts to supplement Carolyn's); Carolyn Blake for organizing the lovely reception, arranging the free-will offering to help defray expenses, and myriad other tasks that kept the event running smoothly? The audience was superb, and Father John came to our rescue and printed more programs. Isn't that a wonderful problem for an organ concert? And of course, thanks to those who brought food for the reception.

I cannot finish without thanking Christ Church for opening her doors and organ to us. The Church is considered to be one of the finest examples of the work of the architect Upjohn, and it was a beautiful setting for hearing their wonderful organ in all its variety.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Robert Ayotte, a former member of our AGO chapter and former Master's student of Jonathan Biggers at Binghamton University ('96 -'99). You may read his obituary in November's TAO, p 38.

Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm is the sing-along at Hilltop. Last year's was cancelled because of illness on the campus and the closing down thereof. This year we are earlier, and I hope, ahead of the flu season. Come, lend your voices and then we'll follow our tradition of gathering at Friendly's for ice cream or whatever!

Soli Deo Gloria

Laura

ANNUAL SING-ALONG

at Hilltop Retirement Center
(Deyo Hill Road)

Friday, November 14, at 7 p.m.



AGO members are invited to mingle and sing along with the residents. Afterwards we meet at Friendly's for conversation and ice cream. Please join us!

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MANY THANKS to Jonathan Biggers for planning two very outstanding workshops for our enrichment. Several AGO members attended "music for organ and other instruments" on Sept. 20 and "newly published music for the liturgical year" on Oct. 4. Both events were immensely enjoyable and a worthwhile investment of time. Thanks to Jonathan and presenters Alison Leudecke, Susan Barrett, and Dr. Lynn Trapp.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, **Nov. 9 - 4 pm** Jonathan Biggers at First Presbyterian, Binghamton; second of 15 concerts celebrating the complete organ works of Bach

Friday, **Nov. 14 - 7 pm** Binghamton AGO Chapter's annual sing-along at Hilltop Retirement Center

Saturday, **Dec. 13 - 7:30 pm** Second annual *BTOS Christmas Show* sponsored by Binghamton Theater Organ Society; Richard Van Auken, accompanist.

Sunday, **Dec. 14 - 3 pm** Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* for orchestra, piano, and chorus; Laura Kennedy, piano soloist, and BCC Chorus at St. Anthony's, Endicott.

Sunday, **Dec. 28 - 5 pm** Post-Christmas gathering at Jonathan's, Endwell with dessert afterwards at the Wendlings. (More details in Dec. *Mixtures*.)

Saturday, **Feb. 21** - Organ Crawl -- Note change in date.

Sunday, **Feb. 22 - 4 pm** Dedication of Wolff organ with all-Bach concert by Jonathan Biggers, Binghamton University, FA 21

Saturday, **Mar. 21 - 8 pm** Jonathan Biggers at First Presbyterian, Binghamton; this fourth concert in the all-Bach series will celebrate Bach's birthday.

Saturday, **Mar. 28 - 7:30 pm** Theater organ concert by Stephen Ball including Buster Keaton's silent film, *Seven Chances*.

2008-2009 YEARBOOK

If you have not yet received your 2008-9 Membership Yearbook, please let me know so I can mail it to you.

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JOB OPENING

Organist/Pianist - Spencer Federated Church; Sunday service at 11 am, choir rehearsal W 6:30-7:30 pm and Sun 10:30 am. Call Anthony Paasch, (607)589-7559 or email rapaasch@frontier.net

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A **BOARD MEETING** is on the calendar for **January 10, 2009** at 9:30 am (snow date 1/24). Place to be announced.



Guess who?