

MIXTURES

THE ORGAN OF THE BINGHAMTON CHAPTER, AGO

OCTOBER 2008



DEAN'S LETTER . . .

Yesterday afternoon several of us attended a wonderful concert by Dr. Lynn Trapp, jointly sponsored by BU and US--your local AGO Chapter! The day before, Dr. Trapp presented a workshop of service and recital music. Much of it was based on hymn tunes or chants and most was 20th-century. I was sorry not to attend the workshop, but those who were there said that it was a joy to hear his music, presentation, and exciting "orchestrations."

We must offer our heartfelt congratulations to Paul Stapel for having been chosen to be a recipient of the Broome County Arts Council's *Heart of the Arts Award*. Since he first came to Binghamton as General Manager of the Binghamton Symphony, he has been a tireless promoter of things artistic, musical and cultural in the area. His two most recent successes were the reconstitution of the Art Theater with the Art Mission for which he worked tirelessly as the volunteer director. He also was the founder and president of the new chapter of the American Theater Organ Society, to which many of us belong. Paul -- our thanks, appreciation, and a big standing "O" for you for your constant promotion of the Arts.

Our next big project is the *Organ Spectacular* in celebration of the International Year of the Organ. As you know, this takes place on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Binghamton, the corner of Washington and Henry Streets. Park on

the street or in the parking lot on Henry Street (in back of Metrocenter) and enter by the slate path to the front door. If there is a parking ticket, bring it into the church, where it will be stamped.

As you know, this is such a big event nationally and locally. Twelve of our members will be performing. Let's try for 100% attendance, plus members from the various churches where you play and lots of others--friends, students, colleagues, etc. We need a big, enthusiastic turnout to support those who are giving so much of themselves.

While on the subject of giving of themselves, we owe a huge thank you to Carolyn Blake and Roberta Rowland-Raybold for providing our "Italian" opening dinner and to Jean Henssler and Sean Rudd for arranging the video of the Dresden Marien Kirke. It was good to see people after the summer hiatus.

Thanks also to Carolyn and Roberta for all of their publicity for the *Organ Spectacular* and other events; Carolyn for the new Yearbook and to Carolyn and others for their help on the reception for yesterday's concert by Lynn Trapp. And, of course, to Polly and all others not mentioned. You keep us functioning.

One last thing -- on October 31, there will be a Halloween performance at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal, Wilkes-Barre. David Briggs, organist-emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral will be accompanying *Phantom of the Opera*. I heard him several times at the Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester in 2001-- his last

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performance there. It was thrilling! I hope we can fill a car. I'd love to hear him again, doing anything. Please let me know by October 21 so as to arrange for preferred seating if tickets are ordered ahead (general admission - \$15; students and seniors over 65 - \$10).

Soli De Gloria

Laura

COOKIES FOR THE ORGAN SPECTACULAR -- The reception for the Organ Spectacular needs goodies. If you will provide a plate of such, please contact Carolyn Blake at 724-4836 or rblake1@stny.rr.com.

Thanks,
Carolyn

ON THE CALENDAR

Saturday, **Oct 11** - We are invited to join the Chemung Chapter for an organ crawl beginning in Elmira at 8 am. Two Vestal churches will be visited after lunch at the Olive Garden at 12:15 pm. See enclosed flier for further details.

Sunday, **Oct. 19 - 4 pm ORGAN SPECTACULAR!** - a members recital celebrating the *International Year of the Organ* at Christ Episcopal Church, Binghamton. Refreshments following.

Sunday, **Oct. 26 - 4 pm** - Concert by the Binghamton Madrigal Choir, *Celebrate the World*, at First Presbyterian, Binghamton

Friday, **Oct. 31 -- 7:30 pm** Halloween concert by David Briggs at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes Barre. Contact Laura Kennedy by Oct. 21 if interested in carpooling.

Sunday, **Nov. 9 - 4 pm** Dedication of Wolff organ with all-Bach concert by Jonathan Biggers, Fine Arts Room 21, Binghamton University

Friday, **Nov. 14 - 7 pm** Sing-along at Hilltop

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

Sunday, **Dec. 14 - 4 pm** BCC Chorus performs Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy* for orchestra, piano, and chorus; Laura Kennedy, pianist; St. Anthony's, Endicott.

Sunday, **Dec. 29 - 5 pm** Post-Christmas get-together at Jonathan's, Endwell



JOB OPENINGS

Organist needed for United Methodist Church. Call 724-4836 for information.

Owego United Methodist Church offers immediate part-time position for Church Organist/Choir accompanist. Call 687-2417, b/n 9 and 4 for more information.