

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter American Guild of Organists **FEBRUARY 2022**

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Hello, Members,

MARCH

We have scheduled some upcoming events that I'm hoping all of you will be attending in the upcoming months. Please check our newsletter for more information. Also, for our pianists: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RC Church in Tenafly, NJ will be continuing their concert series this month. Pianist Alexander Bui will be presented on Thurs., Feb. 10 at 1:00 pm. The concert is free and all are welcome.

Please remember too, that our Nominating Committee is looking to fill positions on our Executive Board. We are approaching a bit of a crisis. Our membership consists of approximately 90 people. Few of these members participate in the meetings, preparation of events, and frequently even the events themselves. This can be discouraging to the loyal few who are working so hard to keep our chapter and organ music flowing. If you receive a call from a member of our Nominating Committee asking for help, please consider responding positively. Never has it been as important as it is right now. Thank you.

June Marano-Murray, Dean

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING IS DETAILED ON PAGE 2

Our March meeting will feature Sarah Parker in Recital on March 27th at 3pm.

Sarah is a student of Dr. Catherine Rodland at St. Olaf College. Don't miss this recital. Sarah is performing on the "Rising Stars" recital at the Seattle National AGO convention in July. We are so proud to be sponsoring this very talented performer. You can watch a YouTube video of one of her performances at: https://youtu.be/z-

78ONJjAZQ We need a number of folks to help us this weekend: If someone can provide a bed on Friday and Saturday nights, that will avoid us having to get a hotel room. Other needs include coordinating meals including chapter dinners at restaurants on Friday and Saturday, and providing transportation from Newark Airport on Friday. If you can help, contact Stewart Holmes at 914-714-8919 or email stewholmes 2018@gmail.com



FEBRUARY 21, 9:00am – 3:30pm PRESIDENT'S DAY CONVENTION Sponsored NYC Chapter

The Brick Presbyterian Church
Park Avenue at 91st Street

Church of the Heavenly Rest

1085 Fifth Avenue at 90th Street

As has been our recent tradition we are again traveling to NYC for this wonderful conference

- > AT BRICK PRESBYTERIAN:
 - o 9:30 AM REGISTRATION
 - o 10:00 AM Improvised Stations of the Cross by David Enlow and Dr. Kalle Tovio
 - The morning session will conclude with the presentation of the 2021 International Performer of the Year Award to Paul Jacobs.
- ➤ 11:30 AM Lunch on your own in the neighborhood
- > AT CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST
 - 1:00 PM: At the Crossroads of Composition and Improvisation Panel Discussion with Dr. David Hurd and Bruce Neswick (Janet Yieh, moderator)
 - 2:00 PM: An Overview of 20th Century Sacred Music in New York Lecture by Neal Campbell
 - o 3:00 PM: Coffee Break
 - 3:30 PM: Our Credal Faith Hymn Festival of New York City Composers by Bruce Neswick [including works by Calvin Hampton, Gerre Hancock, Amanda Husberg, David Hurd, Bruce Neswick, McNeil Robinson, John Weaver, and Alec Wyton]
 - 5:00 PM: Conference

General Information about the President's Day Conference

Do you want a ride? We are renting a 15 passenger van to make it easy for our members to attend. It will depart from Old Paramus Churchin Ridgewood at 8:15am. Email or call Stewart Holmes by Monday, Feb 14. Space is limited.

The registration table will open at 9:30 AM. (There is no pre-registration.) Because of Covid restrictions, breakfast will not be offered this year. The general public is most welcome and all-day tickets may be purchased the day-of for \$40. Public tickets for those attending only the 3:30 PM recital are \$20. The Conference's events are free for NYCAGO Chapter and dual members.

Note that there are two locations this year: the morning session will be held at Brick Church and the afternoon sessions will be held at Heavenly Rest. Addresses are above. Both churches <u>require</u> proof of vaccination for all attendees and masks must be worn while inside.