



Reverberations

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

February's issue of TAO has a **valentine** for all 14,000 of us Guild members from AGO's Executive Director, James Thomashower. Submitted by Don Cook, Councilor for Education, he describes that "In an effort to build community, the AGO National Council has decided to ensure that AGO communications consistently reflect the full spectrum of organists and their interests."

We range in age from Children 8-12 to Teens 13-17, Young adults 18-29, Adults 30-60, to Seniors 60+.

Our skills go from little or no organ training through holding doctorates and organ certifications.

The categories continue for two pages. You will personally identify with multiple varieties, with no value judgement implied.

Reading our **AGO valentine** might give you a better appreciation of who we are, why we love what we do as organists and what we devote so much of our time to. It's also a glimpse at a much wider spectrum than you might have thought we encompassed. Enjoy reading (or rereading) it.

With thanks to Don and James and the work of our AGO National Council.

Cathie Ruppi, Dean
See you on 5th Avenue!

The Executive Board has agreed to make a donation to The AGO National Fund in memory of Harriet Dearden, and to the Rodland Scholarship Fund at St. Olaf College in memory of Ruth Knyfd Wynbeek's son, Barbara Wysession, Jane Tromboli, and Yvonne Sonnenwald-Melin. Further information on these faithful AGO members is included in this newsletter.

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

MONDAY, FEB. 18, 2019 9:00 – 5:00

PRESIDENT'S DAY CONFERENCE ON THE AVENUE IN NEW YORK

St. Thomas Church - 5th Ave at 53rd Street
St. Patrick's Cathedral – 5th Ave at 51st Street

✚ **Transportation to and from NYC will be provided by the chapter at no fee providing you make a reservation (see below). There will be 2 pick up points:**

*7:30 am at Old Paramus Church, Ridgewood

* 8:00 am at First Presbyterian, Englewood

✚ *Alternatively you may elect to take public transportation.*

✚ **Registration cost for the entire day's events is free to NYC members.** For those who are not members, catch this: it's better to become a dual member of the NYC chapter (\$33 or seniors, \$18 young Organist, \$41 for regular members) than pay the day's admittance fee. With that dual membership you will also be able to attend any future NYC AGO event.

See the **NEW** instructions for registering as a Dual Member of the NYC chapter!

At Saint Thomas Church:

9:00 AM - Catered breakfast

10:00 AM - Organ demonstration with John Panning of Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd.

10:15 AM - Recital by the Organists of Saint Thomas

11:15 AM - Tour of Saint Thomas Church

12:00 PM Noon - Caring for organs: presentation and discussion with John Panning

12:45 PM - Lunch on your own – there are many delis and informal lunch places nearby (Burger Haven is one recommendation at 9 E 53rd St. Website: <https://www.burgerheaven.com/>,

2:00 PM - Lecture on the musical history of Saint Patrick's Cathedral by Salvatore Basile, author of *Fifth Avenue Famous: The Extraordinary Story of Music at Saint Patrick's Cathedral*

At Saint Patrick's Cathedral:

3:15 PM - Tour of Saint Patrick's Cathedral

4:00 PM - Recital by the Organists of Saint Patrick's

5:00 PM - Conference concludes

6:30 - 7:30 PM *Approximate time to return to pickup places*

NOTE !

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! There are only a few seats left! Deadline for reservations is Monday, Feb 11. Contact Tegtmeyer at rtatmeyer51@gmail.com (201-445-2207)

TO BECOME A DUAL MEMBER OF THE NYC CHAPTER you must call AGO headquarters (212) 870-2310. You may also register at the registration desk for the conference. Registering on line is not available.

MARCH

Monday, MAR 11, 2019 7:30 pm
AN EVENING WITH JAMES KENNERLEY

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 155 Linwood Ave., Ridgewood, NJ

Hailed as a great organist displaying "phenomenal techniques and sheer musicality", Kennerley is a conductor, keyboardist, singer, and composer. Mr. Kennerley is the municipal organist in Portland, Me, succeeding Ray Cornils at the great Kotschmar Organ, Dean of the NY chapter of the AGO, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church in NYC. He is also the Music Director of Ars Musica Chorale here in Ridgewood. Because of this, and his many relationships in our area, we anticipate a very large crowd at Bethlehem Lutheran.



Invite a friend, share the poster which will be sent out with this newsletter!

HOSPITALITY HELP! We are expecting a very large crowd at the James Kennerley event this month. Gloria Norton has asked for help setting up refreshments 100 +/- people. Please contact her if you are willing to help donate food/drink items, not to mention helping set up and/or clean up. Don't let her do this by herself. Call or text Gloria at 201-970-9032 (cell).

Yes – Two March Meetings!

MARCH

Sunday, MAR 24, 2019 3:00 pm

ORGAN RECITAL – HOLDEN MILLER

RODLAND SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Old Paramus Reformed Church 660 E. Glen, Ridgewood, NJ

Holden is senior, pursuing a degree in Church Music and Organ Performance. His love of liturgy and worship serve him well as the sacristan of Boe Memorial Church on St. Olaf's campus. He serves as the student manager for the weekly Friday Morning Prayer services. In addition to being a Rodland Scholar, Holden was awarded the 2018 Don Marler Church Music Scholarship at West End United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN.

Solo
Deo
Gloria

Our condolences are extended to the families of:

JANE TROMBOLI: We have received word that Jane Passed away last month. Jane was for many years the organist at Cherry Hill Reformed Church in River Edge. She had quite an interesting life; She danced with the Tommy Dorsey Band, having studied dance alongside of Marilyn Monroe. Jane loved to drive fast, sporty cars.

CRIAG KNYFD: We are sad to report the unexpected death of Ruth Knyfd Wynbeek's beloved son Craig. Ruth says she appreciates the support of her NNJ friends. Ruth's address is 45 Heights Rd. Midland Park NJ 07432.

YVONNE SONNENWALD-MALIN: Yvonne was a long time member of the METRO Chapter, however she was active in many aspects of the AGO at large.

**Our Upcoming
Programs**

FEB 18, 2019

President's Day Conference at St. Thomas 5th Ave, NYC Organ. A full day event.
See information in this issue.

Monday, MAR 11, 2019

An Evening with James Kennerley 7:30 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ridgewood. See information in this issue.

Sunday, MAR 24, 2019

St. Olaf/Rodland Scholarship Recital 3:00 pm
Holden Miller, St. Olaf College 2019 Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E Glen Ave., Ridgewood.

Tuesday, MAY 18, 2019

Registering French Baroque Music 7:30 pm (Note the new date!)
St. Philip the Apostle Church, 488 Saddle River Rd, Saddle Brook. This program will be led by our own David Macfarlane

Monday, JUNE 10, 2019

"PentaBash" – A Chapter Dinner at Local Restaurant , the location to be announced. 6:30 pm

FROM YOUR EDITOR

NEED TO EMAIL INFORMATION FOR THE WEBSITE or NEWSLETTER?

We have a tab on our website (northernnjag.org) which will send information directly to the chapter website. You can also elect to send it via email at northernnjago@yahoo.com. Please note that the best way to communicate to me about timely issues is to use my personal email, **recently changed to** stewholmes2018@gmail.com My old email (stewholmes@yahoo.com) is still active.

OUR CHAPTER LIBRARY holds books, audio-visual resources for loan for no charge to chapter members. It is housed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fair Lawn where Bob Wheeler is Director of Music.

CONCERTS

Listings are repeated on our chapter website along with a link for Google Maps to provide detailed directions to each venue.

Sunday, Feb 17, 2019 , 4pm: IF Music Be the Food: A series of benefit concerts which raise awareness and support for the hungry in the local community through the sharing of great music. These benefit concerts, organized by Carol Rodland, IMBTF Artistic Director and faculty member at Juilliard. **Tenri Cultural Institute: 43A West 13th Street New York, NY 10011**

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019, 3pm: Julliard Chamber Orchestra: The Juilliard Chamber Orchestra returns to the West Side Concert Series. As one of the highlights of the previous season, they will once again provide an afternoon of extraordinary chamber music. **West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 Monroe Ave., Ridgewood, NJ**

Sunday March 10, 2019, 3pm: Glen Ridge Community Concerts **Brett Deuber**, Violist, has performed as a concerto soloist with over 70 orchestras in eleven countries on five continents. He is featured on more than a dozen recordings, and has had over 85 works written for him. This concert will feature works for viola and piano. As a teacher, Brett is dedicated to helping his students learn to believe in themselves and to attain their dreams. **195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-5596**

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The New Jersey Wind Symphony - Christian Wilhjelmsen, conductor. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the NJWS (formerly the Ridgewood Concert Band) at an afternoon concert featuring renowned fiddler Haley Richardson. The program includes time-honored works featuring the NJWS and the Cathedral Basilica's Schantz 154 rank / 9,513 pipe organ played by the Director of Music Ministries, John J. Miller: **Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ**
www.cathedralbasilica.org/directions – 973-484-2400

Sunday, April 7, 2019 3pm **Glen Ridge Choral Society Chamber Orchestra** **Music of Light and Peace** including Requiem for the Living by Dan Forest. 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-5596

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. New Jersey Symphony Orchestra - Music for Organ and Orchestra featuring the famous 'Organ Symphony' of Camille Saint-Saëns, Xian Zhang, conductor. Program includes *Final alla Schumann* - Alexandre Guilmant, *Symphony No. 40* - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and *Symphony No. 3*, 'Organ Symphony' - Camille Saint-Saëns with Cathedral Basilica organist, John J. Miller. Admission charges apply.
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, [89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org/directions)

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 3pm: Kinnara Choral Ensemble: The American Record Guide states that "you'd be hard pressed to find a choir that creates a lovelier sound." Don't miss a world class chorale experience in the outstanding acoustics of the West Side Presbyterian Church. 6 Monroe Street, Ridgewood, NJ

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928, www.chathamumc.com, is seeking an organist/pianist/accompanist. This is a part-time position requiring a commitment of approx. 10 hours per week accompanying our adult choir and two Sunday morning services. For more information or to send in your resumé, and please contact Peter Hill, CUMC Music Director, at petepiano@mac.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Rutherford Congregational Church, 251 Union Ave., Rutherford, NJ 201-438-6324 is seeking a Director of Music to lead our open and affirming congregation with a musical ministry that enriches and deepens our worship services! This is a part-time position requiring a commitment of 15-20 hours per week. The anticipated start date is May 1, 2019. Please send your résumé, a cover letter explaining why you are seeking this position and how it fits in with your other employment/career plans to rcucc@verizon.net, Attention Director of Music Search Committee. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information contact Carol R. Anderson, at careertutor@gmail.com or infor@rcucc.com

Temporary Organist/Choir Director (January 16 - June 16) Christ Lutheran Church; 32 Pascack Road Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677; www.clc4u.com. Duties would include playing the organ/piano for one service on Sunday and direct the choir who will sing an anthem during worship; directing a 6-11 person choir including a weekly rehearsal; play additional services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday. Help organize/led special music for Easter Sunday. The pastor traditionally picks the hymns played during worship but that could change depending on what works best for you. Pay would be on a per-worship/per-rehearsal/planning basis. Email Pastor Marc at pastormarc@clc4u.com or call the church at 201-391-4224

Organist needed for SS Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Church, 80 Laurel Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068 Tel: (973) 251-2920 / Fax: (973) 251-2921 / Email: info@greekchurchroseland.org. No need to know the Greek language and/or religious affiliations. We have a choir director but he does not play the organ. Majority of choir members are over 55 so we have been used to singing with an organ. Very difficult transition to acapella. Thank you



The AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention June 30 – July 3, 2019

Special events and workshops:

- Spirituals Service featuring Eileen Guenther and Barbara Dever
- Code Songs and the Underground Railroad - Dr. Eileen Guenther
- Clergy and Musicians Working Together - Dr. Victoria Sirota
 - Jean Langlais - Dr. Ann Labounsky
- Liszt and Hungarian Organ Music - Dr. Istvan Ruppert
 - Organ Repertoire for Worship - Marvin Mills

There are a number of NNJ members attending the convention. Their names will be published next month. If you're thinking of going but would prefer to share a room with another NNJ member to cut costs, it is strongly suggested that you reserve a room for yourself now, understanding that your individual reservation may be cancelled 3 days prior to your arrival date if your needs change.

The Convention Hotel is the Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza. Registration, Exhibits and the July 1 Workshops will all be at the Crowne Plaza. The event rate is \$129/night. To register, go to the convention website and then click on the link to connect you to the hotel reservation system.

Further information is available on their convention website - <https://www.agosouthjersey2019.org>

The deadline for the March Issue of Reverberations will be Friday, March 1st.