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*Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

*I want to wish everyone a very happy musical Advent and Christmas season. All you are doing this month to make music will touch many hearts, providing moments for reflection and celebration. Thank you for your inspired music making.*

*Check the Concert Calendar that our webmaster has put together for us, so that when you're not practicing or playing for a service, you can attend some of all these wonderful concerts. This is what nourishes and restores our enthusiasm for the work we have set before us in December.*

*Best wishes and see you at one of the Mini-Conventions in January and February.*

*Cathie Ruppi, Dean*

## The AGO Mid-Atlantic Regional Convention



We are excited to show our AGO colleagues the other half of New Jersey that they never knew existed. Our visitors will find many fantastic organs - from the Midmer-Losh, the world's largest, to a small 2-manual Marcussen & Sons tracker instrument, one of only four organs by this builder in the United States. A day trip to Atlantic City will include free time on the boardwalk. Performances by Daniel Roth, Alan Morrison, and more!

The convention hotel is The Crowne Plaza, located on the Cooper River in Cherry Hill, offers free parking and WiFi, and easy access to the jogging trails around the riverbank. Come and join us!

*Further information is available on their convention website:*

*<https://www.agosouthjersey2019.org/>*

Solo  
Deo  
Gloria

We have learned that our dear friend/colleague Harriet Conant Dearden passed away recently. Many of us will remember her as the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, for 30 years! As I read through Harriet's obituary, I was struck with the names with whom she studied: Catherine Crozier, Harold Gleason, E. Power Biggs, David McKay Williams, Vernon de Tar, Jon Gillock. Soli Deo Gloria!



A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 185 Swaggertown Rd., Scotia, NY 12302.

## CHANGES TO OUR WEBSITE CONTINUE

The **"Calendar - Concerts & Events"** tab is an interactive calendar. You can click on any event listed to get more detailed information as well as a link to Google Maps, which will give you directions to the venue.

If you want to post information about concerts or events, please use the link **"To Post News"**

Welcome New  
Members

**Dr. Victoria (lah) Fontaine**, 11 Lloyd Ct., Apt. 2B, Nutley, NJ 07110 (c) 413-717-7735. She is Director of Music at St. Paul's Congregational in Nutley. She's also a board member for the Mid-Atlantic Region of AGO's Young Organists.

**Amos Salazar** joined our chapter a number of a number of months ago. His contact information is available in our published roster.

**Joyce Farrow:** Joyce's membership has been transferred from Columbia, S. C. She is available for substituting on Sundays and funerals in the Bloomfield or Montclair area. Cell phone is 973-337-8477. M.Mus. in organ performance, taught in college and served as organist/choirmaster for a number of churches, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal. Joyce lives at 388 Belleville Ave Apt F1, Bloomfield NJ 07003 Bloomfield.

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING was a tremendous success. Thank you to our 9 performers at **An Evening at Home with PDQ Bach** at St Andrew's Church in Harrington Park, on Tuesday, Nov 13th. Some of them really let their hair down, complete with wigs and lipstick! A great evening. From left to right: June Marano-Murray, Cathie Rupp, Deborah Holden-Holloway, Aidan Dao, Ellen Mayer, Gary Grimes, David Macfarland, Stewart Holmes & Steven Zimmerman.



## NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

**There is no December meeting.** But take a look at all the concerts that are taking place across the NY/NJ area. Take some time away from the conductors podium and/or organ bench and fill your heart and soul while someone else does the hard work!

### OUR JANUARY MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 9:00 – 3:00**  
**MINI-CONVENTION WITH THE METRO CHAPTER AGO**

Our January Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Metro NJ chapter, focused in Summit NJ area. Actual details will be forwarded to our chapter in by January. Many have attended this mini-convention and have found it to be very rewarding. We will arrange for carpooling. Stay tuned but, for sure, save the date!

**Planning Committee Meeting: Monday Jan. 14, 2019 7:00** pm at Cathie Ruppi's home

**Executive Board Meeting: Monday 28, 2019, 7:00 pm** at West Side Church, Ridgewood

### OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019 9:00 – 5:00**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY CONFERENCE: ON THE AVENUE**

**ST. Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! This is a change of date and program from our original plan! And, by reading on, you can see why we made that change. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a catered breakfast, see and hear two fantastic organs, and tour two fantastic Churches. A full day of events, listed on the NYC chapter's website: [nycago.org](http://nycago.org)

Your chapter is planning on renting a van (or bus if we have enough riders) to and from the event. Registration cost of the 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 at no cost, too. One can register as a dual member now, on the national website ([agohq.org](http://agohq.org)) or join/pay at the door.

## CONCERTS

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

**Friday, December 14, 2018 at 8 PM: Jersey Jubilation 15th Annual Handbell Christmas Concert**, Jersey Jubilation Handbell Choir will present their 15th Annual Christmas Concert at Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton St., Ridgewood, NJ at 8 PM under the direction of Christine Braden. The concert will feature a variety of holiday favorites performed by the members of the choir and Brian Tricoli will perform a few selections on solo handbells. A free-will donation will be accepted with a suggested donation of \$10. Feel free to bring friends and family to this spectacular event. [www.JerseyJubilation.org](http://www.JerseyJubilation.org)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018 3pm: Glen Ridge Choral Society, Glen Ridge Community Church Glen Ridge Choral Society Concert, Welcome Christmas! Concert and Carol Sing** featuring Children's Choir, percussion, Handbells, Directed by Thomas Mustachio. 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge

**Sunday, December 16, 2018 3:45 pm: Old North Reformed Church - The Christmas Candlelight Vesper Concert**, The Christmas Candlelight Vesper Concert at historic Old North Reformed Church will feature combined choirs, harp prelude, congregational singing of our favorite carols and 28 rank Tellers organ. 120 Washington Street, Dumont, NJ

**Sunday, January 20, 2019 3pm: West Side Concert Series, Paul VanNess, Pianist** Paul VanNess, a native of New Jersey and a widely experienced performer, will provide a delightful afternoon of superb piano artistry. **West Side Presbyterian Church**, 6 Monroe Ave., Ridgewood, NJ

**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: Juilliard 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.

**Sunday March 10, 2019, 3pm: Glen Ridge Community Concerts Brett Deuber, Violist** Deubner 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, 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



**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

**Position Title:** Church Organist Frankford Plains United Methodist Church, 99 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822 [www.frankfordplainsumc.org](http://www.frankfordplainsumc.org) Additional Information: Play the organ or piano for weekly Sunday worship service at 10:00 AM under the supervision of the Pastor. This includes the prelude, offertory, selected hymns, postlude, and any other music appropriate for the nature of the service. On occasion accompany adult choir and children's choir. Position may require additional services such as: Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, etc. Organist to arrive rehearsed and prepared ½ hour prior to the start of service and will be paid on a per service basis. Additional income possibilities through community weddings and funerals. Student organists looking for experience welcomed! Contact: [frankfordplainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:frankfordplainschurch@gmail.com) or 973-702-0334

*The deadline for the January Issue of Reverberations will be Epiphany Sunday, January 5. Now that's ironic! Have an epiphany and want to share it??? Get it??? LOL Send me your epiphany via the web!!!*

