



Reverberations

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy March. Wear lots of green and keep the wind blowing in your pipes! We have double the music this month with "An Evening with James Kennerley" on Monday, March 11th and "An Afternoon Recital with Holden Miller, St. Olaf/Rodland Scholarship winner" on Sunday, March 24th.

There were quite a few Northern NJ folk at the St. Thomas Parish House on 53rd and 5th Ave and at St. Patrick's Cathedral this past President's Day. Some of us arrived together and others on their own. Some were new members attending an event for the first time, others were guests, spouses or long time members attending for the first time in a while. It was fascinating, fun and quite an amazing day of events, lectures, demonstrations and recitals visiting "two legendary places of worship, linked by one of the grandest streets, in one of the busiest cities in the world." Our thanks to Richard Tegtmeier, Stewart Holmes and Bob Wheeler for fitting all the pieces together to organize our attendance there.

An extra treat for NNJ AGO on President's Day was hearing and seeing March's guest, James Kennerley. As Dean of NYCAGO, James assisted organ builder John Panning at the organ console at St. Thomas and introduced the recitalists at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

See you in Ridgewood on the 11th and the 24th!

Cathie Ruppí, Dean



METRO CHAPTER NEWS: We heard that dual-member Kristin Dabaghian and Preston Dibble are being nominated by the METRO chapter to be Dean and Subdean, respectively. Congratulations to both! And Kristin is now Associate Organist at the Basilica in Newark. We look forward to sharing some programs with the METRO chapter in the coming year.

Full disclosure from your editor: The above article is in no way associated with, sanctioned by, or related to Maggie Smith's photo!

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!

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 Chapel on St. Olaf’s campus. He serves as the student manger 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.

DISTRIBUTE THE ATTACHED POSTER IN YOUR CHURCH!

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).

Other Upcoming Programs

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



OUR FEBRUARY MEETING - One word: FANTASTIC! We traveled into NYC in record time (40 minutes from OPRC and 20 minutes from Englewood!) heard the new Dobson organ and had a short tour of St. Thomas Church. We had a quick but tasty lunch at Burger Haven, then walked a short distance to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a tour and recital. It doesn't get any better than that for organ enthusiasts!



CONCERTS

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

Sunday, March 24, 2019, 4pm: The Tononi Trio: An afternoon concert of sonatas and trios by Handel, Beethoven, Brahms. This concert is a part of the CULTURE CLOSE TO HOME Music Series. Suggested donation \$10. **All Saints' Episcopal Church, 40 Central Ave., Glen Rock, NJ**

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019, 3pm: Julliard Chamber Orchestra: The Julliard 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, at 4:00 PM Second free concert in the Old North Concert Series: Albert Bellefeuilik organ recital Albert is a student at Yale University. Old North Reformed Church is located at 120 Washington Avenue on the corner of Washington and Madison Avenues in Dumont. The recital will feature works from the Baroque to Contemporary Classics. The organ is a 3 manual Tellers, 28 ranks.

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The New Jersey Wind Symphony - Christian Wilhjelm, 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**

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 resumé, a cover letter explaining why you are seeking this position and how it fits in with your other employment/career plans to rccucc@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@rccucc.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

Westminster Brass with Colin Howland
Choral Evensong
Music as a Unifying Theme
Philadelphia Organ Quartet
Spirituals Service with Eileen Guenther
Organ Recitals by Daniel Roth, Eric Plutz, Eric & Anna Meyer,
Istvan Ruppert, Alan Morrison, Monica Czauz, Carol Williams,
Nathan Avakian at the Boardwalk Hall

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>

FROM YOUR EDITOR'S KEYBOARD:

FIGHTING THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS THROUGH MUSIC

I was sent this article by a fellow AGO member. It begins:

"...When Ronald Braunstein conducts an orchestra, there's no sign of his bipolar disorder. He's confident and happy.

Music isn't his only medicine, but its healing power is potent. Scientific research has shown that music helps fight depression, lower blood pressure and reduce pain.

The National Institutes of Health has a partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts called Sound Health: Music and the Mind, to expand on the links between music and mental health. It explores how listening to, performing or creating music involves brain circuitry that can be harnessed to improve health and well-being.

Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, said: "We're bringing neuroscientists together with musicians to speak each other's language. Mental health conditions are among those areas we'd like to see studied."

The balance of the article is available through this link. Enjoy!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/29/well/mind/fighting-the-stigma-of-mental-illness-through-music.html>