

# Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

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Dear Colleagues:

**Fall is here** 🍂 As our chapter webmaster, Stewart Holmes said "let's get motivated!" Bring the next three AGO events in October and November to the top of your *to do list*. Well, it might be the list for: *what helps you the most*, or *what you enjoy the most* or the list of things you're *most likely* to attend. Whichever works for you **COME JOIN US**.

Some of us have already started inviting clergy, music friends and the extended community to join Paul Vasile, Executive Director for an evening of

**Music that Makes Community.** Columbus Day Monday, Oct 14 at 7:30 pm Old Paramus Reformed Church, Ridgewood.

We have a fun, musical **Family Event** to start our November weekend. Friday Nov 15 at 7:30, the talented, Jason Roberts will be organist for **Harold Lloyd's Safety Last!** silent film.

Saturday morning Nov 16 from 9:30-12:00 **A Masterclass on Improvisation with Jason Roberts** at West Side Presbyterian Church.

Our September Potluck at Hackensack Second Reformed Church was a delicious start of the season. Many thanks to June Marano-Murray and Gloria Norton for coordinating our meal and to Pastor Dwayne Jackson for his gracious words of blessing. What a great way to start out with new ideas and enthusiasm for the Advent and Christmas season ahead.

Help us make this a great season  
Cathie Ruppi, Dean

## Our October Meeting

### MUSIC THAT MAKES COMMUNITY

**TUESDAY, OCT 14, 2019 – 7:30pm**

**OLD PARAMUS REFORMED CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ**

**A workshop led by Paul Vasile, Executive Director,  
Music That Makes Community, Inc.**

Music that Makes Community is simply a model for to making music in the church. In this day and age we all need to learn new ways to engage our congregations through singing..

**Music that Makes Community, Inc.,** is a not-for-profit organization. It connects a worldwide network of practitioners and leaders who share a practice of paperless song leading. They partner with hosts to produce conferences and workshops to teach the practice and create resources for making connections and building a repertoire of songs for paperless song leading. Similar workshop on MMC have been received with acclamations across the country! Here's a clip about MtMC:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjOrh9naWlc>

We've attached a posted that you should distribute to churches in your area. Take advantage of this opportunity to introduce musicians, Pastors, and congregations to the AGO.



## Two November Meetings

### A WEEKEND ABOUT IMPROVISATION WITH ORGANIST JASON ROBERTS

**FRIDAY, NOV 15 - 7:30 pm**

**SAFETY LAST!**

**THE HAROLD LLOYD SILENT FILM  
WITH ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT**

**SATURDAY, NOV 16 - 9:30 -12:00**

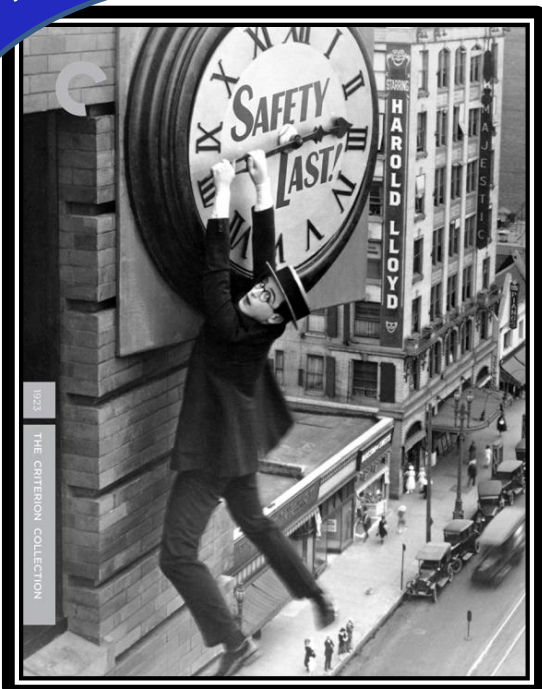
**MASTERCLASS ON IMPROVISATION**

**Jason Roberts** will lead us in an Improvisation Workshop, which will include our members playing with his instruction. Practical topics such as hymn interludes, alternate hymn introductions, and many more topics will be discussed .

**Jason Roberts** is Music Director at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York City. He is a winner of the American Guild of Organists National Competition in Organ Improvisation, and has been a finalist at competitions in St Albans and Haarlem. He keeps an active recital schedule and enjoys accompanying silent films. He has served on the faculty at Westminster Choir College, and his compositions have

been performed at such diverse venues as Princeton University Chapel in New Jersey, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and Westminster Abbey in London.

**Both events will be held at West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 S Monroe, Ridgewood, NJ**



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church, 51 Sickletown Rd, Pearl River, NY** is seeking a part-time organist/pianist. Requirements include experience planning and playing for worship services, sacred music repertoire, professional contacts and creative ideas about liturgical music; support for the choir and collaboration with the choir director; planning special music with guests, instrumental or vocal, for Christmas, Easter and other holy days in the church year; overseeing care of the instruments. Back-to-back choir rehearsal and worship service on Sunday mornings. Eleven-rank Wicks pipe organ. Four weeks' vacation and competitive salary. Send cover letter and resume to the church: npcpearl@verizon.net or 51 Sickletown Road, Pearl River NY 10965.

## CONCERTS and PROGRAMS COMING UP

**Friday, October 25, 2019, 8:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Pipe Organ**

**Spooktacular:** *Silent Movie – Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.* Tom Mustachio, organist. The 1920 Silent Film Classic starring John Barrymore, with an atmospheric pipe organ soundtrack improvised by Tom Mustachio on the sanctuary's pipe organ. Popcorn will be available. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.

[www.glenridgeconcerts.org](http://www.glenridgeconcerts.org). 973-743-5596 x26. Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors; \$10 Students

**Sunday, October 26, 7:30pm. Jeremy Filsell in Recital: Princeton University Chapel** Jeremy is Director of Music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in NYC.

**Sunday, October 27, 2019, 4:00 p.m. Ridgewood United Methodist Church, Ridgewood, NJ "Praise and Thanksgiving", A Fall Concert:** Eunjoo Lee-Huls, Mezzo Soprano, Edward Hus, Baritons, Eunkyung Woo, Piano, Elizabeth Hartman, Flute.

**Dec. 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm Christmas choir and soloists concert - Second Reformed Church, 436 Union St., Hackensack, NJ 07601** The chancel choir and soloists of will be joined by Brian Tricoli, handbell soloist, in a Christmas concert of anthems, solos, and ensembles. Brian will ring along with the choir as well as play his own solos June Marano-Murray pianoforte4me@verizon.net

**December 8, 2019 - 3pm - Choral Christmas Concert by the choir of First Presbyterian Church in Rutherford** joined by harp and organ presents a varied program of old and new Christmas favorites. All are welcome to attend the concert as well as a festive holiday reception! Contact Music Director and Organist Shannon Murphy for more information. [fpcormusic@gmail.com](mailto:fpcormusic@gmail.com).

**Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Welcome Christmas!, the annual Christmas Concert & Carol Sing.** Glen Ridge Choral Society, Gramercy Brass, Handbells, Percussion, Piano & Organ, conducted by Thomas Mustachio. Sacred and secular music of the season with favorite carols for all to sing in a glorious candlelit space. Glen Ridge Congregational Church 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. [www.glenridgeconcerts.org](http://www.glenridgeconcerts.org). 973-743-5596 x26. Free-will offering.

**Sunday, March 8, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents the Harp/Violin Duo, Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee.** Christopher Lee has long been a favorite at the Marlboro, Aspen, Mozarteum, Maggio Musicale and other celebrated music festivals around the world. *The New York Times* termed Christopher Lee “an impressive, stylish violinist with something special to say.” *Musical America* twice listed him on their annual “Ten Young Musicians to Watch. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. [www.glenridgeconcerts.org](http://www.glenridgeconcerts.org). 973-743-5596 x26. Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors; \$10 Students

**Sunday, April 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m. Glen Ridge Choral Society & Chamber Orchestra: Happy Birthday, Beethoven Glen Ridge Community Concerts presents Happy Birthday, Beethoven.** Join us to celebrate Beethoven’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday! Be there to blow out the candles in honor of this magnificent creative genius who was influential, innovative and inspirational. Featured will be the glorious *Mass in C*, as well as some of his most beautiful melodies performed by voices and instruments. Enjoy post-concert birthday cake! Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. [www.glenridgeconcerts.org](http://www.glenridgeconcerts.org). 973-743-5596 x26. Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors; \$10 Students

**Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. – noon : Alan Morrison - Masterclass**

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 57 E Park Pl, Morristown, NJ 07960 . No charge for METRO members.

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3 p.m. Alan Morrison - Recital**

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. No charge for METRO members

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**News about  
our members  
and friends**

It was a pleasure to see Shannon Murphy at our September meeting. She has been working as Organist and Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford since August 2018. She is a recent graduate of Manhattan School of Music with a master’s degree in organ performance.

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**Our Year’s Programs** are on the last page of this newsletter. Cut it out and post it to remind you of our meetings!

**Our Chapter Roster** will be printed in October. All information within that Roster will be gleaned from the AGO National’s database.

**Our Substitute list** will also be updated in October. Members can check to make sure their information is correct on our website: [northernnjago.org](http://northernnjago.org). IF you have not renewed your membership with our chapter, your name will be taken off the list unless you notify us via the chapter website.

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Our Chapter website is: [www.northernnjago.org](http://www.northernnjago.org)

Our **SUBSTITUTES and MUSICAL SERVICES** listing will be updated shortly. Make sure your information is up to date! Access this list by clicking on [Substitute List] on the chapter website.

The **NNJ AGO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** will be sent out, too. Information will be taken directly from the national web-site.



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## OUR WELCOME BACK SEPTEMBER MEETING:

### Music from September Anthem Reading Session:

- Psalm 24 by Tom Mitchell, Chorister's Guild, CGA591
- Spirit of Christmas by Gary Walth, SATB, Pub by Coronet Press/ABI /Alexander Broude, Inc #CP 206
- Out of the Orient Crystal Skies by Richard Zgodava Pub: ???, #11-2300
- Night of Wonder by Jay Althouse
- Silent Night by Peter Angelea, Beckenhorst Press BP2059
- Ding! DONG! Merrily on High by Mark Wilberg, Oxford Press
- Christmas Choral Fantasy by Craig Courtney, Beckenhorst Press BP1308
- Sussex Carol Arr. David Willcocks, Oxford Press
- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly by Mark Wilberg, Oxford Press
- The first Noel by Dan Forrest, Beckenhorst Press BP1857

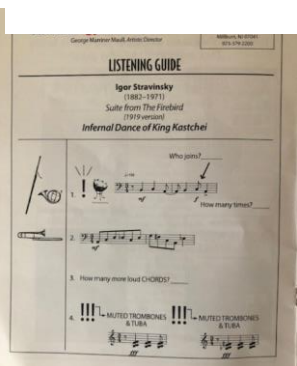
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Your Editor wants to share two events he attended recently. You can find further information on the internet!



Your Editor attended “**IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD...**” event in NYC this past week. IMBEF raises awareness and support for the hungry in the local community. With multiple “chapters” across the USA, it is a fully volunteer endeavor, founded in Rochester NY by Carol Rodland, daughter of Joanne Rodland. You can see in the photo how intimate this chamber concert was, with professional from Juilliard, the MET orchestra, and students who are incredible talented.

In NYC, the proceeds of this event were donated to City Harvest, who will collect 59 million pounds of excess food to help feed the nearly 1.3 million New Yorkers struggling to put meals on their tables.



**THE DISCOVERY ORCHESTRA:** I also attended the taping of a show to be broadcast by NPR in the spring: The Discovery Orchestra is a professional ensemble that presents traditional symphonic concerts with interactive instruction. Maestro George Marriner Maull narrates the concerts, using the program (above) to help the audience “listen” rather than “hear” the music. What a great idea for those of us who want to



enable audiences- both young and old – to grow in their appreciation of great music. The Discovery Orchestra is featured on Maestro Maull's radio program “Inside Music” on WWFM on the second and fourth Saturdays at 7:30pm. [DiscoveryOrchestra.org](http://DiscoveryOrchestra.org) will be functioning on October 15.

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[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE OCTOBER MEETING EVENT: \*\*Music that Makes Community\*\*](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE NOVEMBER MEETING EVENT \*\*Silent Film “Safety Last”\*\*](#)

# NORTHERN NJ AGO PROGRAMS FOR 2019-2020

- SEPT 10, 2020 – Tuesday** Pot Luck Dinner and Advent / Christmas anthem reading 6:00 pm...  
Second Reformed Church, 436 Union Street, Hackensack
- SEPT 30, 2019 – Monday** Meet & Greet Event with METRO Chapter 6:00 – 9:00pm... McCloon's  
Boathouse, 6 Cherry Lane, West Orange, NJ (\$25.00) Reservations required.  
By 9/23
- OCT 14, 2019 – Monday** Music That Makes Community 7:30pm... A Workshop for Church  
Musicians, Pastors, and Congregations; led by Paul Visale, Executive Director:  
Fellowship Hall at Old Paramus Reformed Church, 660 E Glen, Ridgewood,  
NJ.
- NOV 15, 2019 – Friday** Silent Film: Harold Lloyd's "Safety Last", accompanied by Jason Roberts,  
7:30pm... A family event! West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 South Monroe,  
Ridgewood, NJ.
- NOV 16, 2019 – Saturday** Masterclass on Improvisation with Jason Roberts 9:30-12:00am... West  
Side Presbyterian Church, 6 South Monroe, Ridgewood.
- DECEMBER** No meeting
- JAN 20, 2020 – Monday** Metro Chapter Mini-Convention 9:30 – 3:30 pm Our Lady of Sorrows  
Church 217 Prospect Street, So. Orange. Featuring Mark Lawson  
(Morningstar & G, Schirmer); Workshops and Anthem Reading sessions,  
Lunch.
- FEB 17, 2020 – Monday** President's Day Conference with NYC Chapter 9:00 – 5:00pm Temple  
Emmanuel, 5th Ave & 65th St., NYC. One of the most beautiful sacred  
spaces in the city is also one of the least well known to the organ  
community. A recital, lectures & tours and an accompanied silent movie in  
the afternoon.
- MAR 29, 2019 – Sunday** St. Olaf/Rodland Scholarship Recital by Michael Terry Caraher – 3:00pm  
West Side Presbyterian Church, 6 So. Monroe, Ridgewood.
- APRIL** No meeting
- MAY, 2020** Member's Recital – date and location to be announced
- JUNE 9, 2020 – Monday** A Day in Longwood Gardens with Metro Chapter 8am – 8pm. A charter bus  
trip with members of the METRO chapter. Tour of the arboretum and an  
organ demonstration, and free time to tour the grounds. Dinner at a  
restaurant on the way home.