



Reverberations

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Attitude of Gratitude!

The Thanksgiving Holiday is upon us, and on its wings Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Before we're swept up entirely, I want to express my thanks to all of our members (and yes, please check that your name is correctly listed in the Chapter Roster.)

With our diverse membership comes many gifts. We saw this at our Columbus Day evening meeting with Paul Vasile, learning about Music that Makes Community,. What a wonderful gathering of members, parishioners and clergy. How long everyone lingered afterwards, for fellowship and networking!

How quickly the compass can change direction when we step forward with gratitude. Attending a Guild meeting often does that for me, lifts and inspires me in ways I would not have imagined. Thank you to the many helping hands that work together at every meeting, in front and behind the scene.

I wish for all of us during this season of Thanksgiving to consider someone who has helped shape our lives as musicians. As in the words of our Director of Development & Communications, F. Anthony Thurman; "a supportive teacher or dedicated student, an inspiring colleague or loved one, faithful organ tuner or rebuildder."

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving starting from an attitude of gratitude.

Cathie Rupp, Dean

While there isn't a chapter meeting in December, we will publish an issue of Reverberations. Get your concerts and events listed in our newsletter AND on our website! Send your news items to northernnjago@yahoo.com. The deadline is Thanksgiving weekend!

NNJ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our November Meetings

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOV 15 - 16

A WEEKEND OF IMPROVISATION

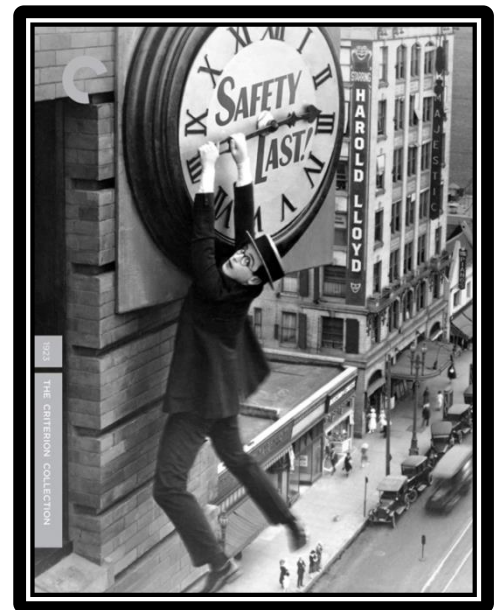
- + Featuring Jason Roberts
- + The "Silent film" *Safety Last*
- + A Workshop on Improvisation

FRIDAY, NOV 15 - 7:30 pm

SAFETY LAST!

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

Invite your friends to this "family-orientated" event! *Safety Last!* This 1923 American silent romantic comedy film includes one of the most famous images from the silent film era: Lloyd clutching the hands of a large clock as he dangles from the outside of a skyscraper above moving traffic. The film was highly successful and critically hailed, and it cemented Lloyd's status as a major figure in early motion pictures. It is still popular at revivals, and it is viewed today as one of the great film comedies.



SATURDAY, NOV 16 – 9:30am – 12:00pm

A WORKSHOP ON IMPROVISATION

Organist Dr. 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

There is no Chapter Meeting in December. Consider attending a concert to fill your soul with the wide variety of music available in our tri-state area!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Francis Xavier Newark, NJ: Organist: Friday Chaplet : Divine Mercy 3:00 PM
Saturday Mas 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00 Am, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 11:45 AM. Plus : Funerals, Weddings,
Some extra Masses. Contact Fr. Jan 973-482-8410

Little Falls United Methodist Church, 139 Main St., Little Falls, NJ 07424 Organist/Choir Director: This is a part time position, approx 10 hours per week. One Sunday service, small adult choir rehearses weekly. Three manual Allen organ installed 2007, grand piano. Church website has further information: littlefallsumc.org. Or contact Pastor Ericksen 973-256-0993

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

November 2, 5pm: All Souls' Evensong, Graace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Ave at Kings Road, Madison NJ

November 3, 4pm: Choral Evensong for All Saints Day, All Saints Episcopal Parish, 701 Washington Street, Hoboken, NJ

November 3, 4pm – All Bach Concert, Anthony Newman: St. Catherine of Siena Church, 10 Pocono Rd., Mountain Lakes, NJ

November 10, 4pm: Ogden Memorial Church, 286 Main Street, Chatham, NJ - The Randy Andys' Veterans' Day Salute: a contemporary homage to the Andrews Sisters. Part of the "Concerts on Main" series, at Ogden Memorial Church, 286 Main Street, Chatham, NJ. No cover charge, community dinner follows. For information contact www.ConcertsOnMain.org | (973) 635-5567

November 16, 7:30pm Hector Olivera in Concert: St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 470 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. NJ Tickets- \$15, available at the Parish Religious Store, in the main office, and at the door. For information contact Nicholas Gatto, ngatto@stbartseb.com, 732-257-7722 x38

Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 4 p.m. Bach Vespers at Grace: Bach Cantata 76 Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 River Road, Teaneck, NJ, 07666 Featured work will be Bach Cantata 76 Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes, presented by Grace Bach Choir and Orchestra, Carol Weber, Director. Contact: carolorganistin@gmail.com

November 23, 9am – 3pm Saint Joseph Seminary, St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue

Yonkers, NY 10704 A day dedicated to celebrating and enjoying the “king of instruments” – the pipe organ! You’ll hear from Jared Lamenzo, director of music at the Basilica of Old St. Patrick’s Cathedral; enjoy breakout sessions with some of New York’s finest Catholic musicians; have the chance to participate in a roundtable discussion with representatives of three of the world’s most renowned organ builders; and enjoy an “all-star” concert on the Seminary’s 41-rank Casavant Frères pipe organ. Ticket price includes lunch. Tickets: \$35 (full day with lunch) /\$20 (concert only)

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 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

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. 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.” Described by the *Newark Star Ledger* as having “played the harp with color and great facility,” Merynda Adams is in great demand as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and Canada. She has performed with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and many others. Their ensemble performance is stellar. Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. 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 250th 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. 973-743-5596 x26. Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors; \$10 Students

Membership News

Our **Chapter Roster** will be sent out this week electronically to our members. It includes the “**Substitute and Musical Services**” listings. Those who don’t have email will receive a hard copy by snail mail

What’s Our Policy? As our newsletter is now being distributed to other chapter leaders, as well as to the AGO headquarters, it seems we are receiving more and more requests for advertising concerts and positions. I hope it is obvious that we include such notices in our newsletter (and on our website) from our members – no matter where the event takes place.

But to what extent do we advertise concerts and positions available that lie outside our area? That is a question which always causes this editor angst! What are your feelings? Drop me a note at northernnjago@yahoo.com

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Quite an enthusiastic crowd at our October meeting featuring the Executive Director of “Music that Makes Community”. We were so fortunate that Paul Visale, who lives in the mid-west, was able to lead us here in Ridgewood. We had a number of guests at this meeting!

Did you know that some of our members don’t like to drive at night? This idea is a no-brainer; would someone like to help set up and coordinate rides to meetings for those members?

