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**THE ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES** will present Simon Johnson in concert on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson is the Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England. Free tickets are required for admission and can be ordered by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: October Concert, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert costs. Please note the number of tickets desired. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.

The program, sponsored by Mary Moore in memory of her daughter, Pamela Moore Closs, will include works by Parry, Bach, Stanford, Brewer, Widor, Durufle, Thalben-Ball and Walton. The program will be played on St. Matthew's 238 rank, 14,470-pipe Austin organ which is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world. There will be a large screen and cameras to enable the audience to view the organist up close.

Simon Johnson has been the Organist of St Paul's Cathedral in London, England since 2008. During this time he has played for the daily round of services as well as historical services and events. He has played for events with Her Majesty the Queen, the Dalai Lama, numerous Prime Ministers and Archbishops, and at all the state occasions that have taken place at St Paul's during his tenure.

Recitals have taken him all over the USA and Europe, including a Royal Festival Hall debut in 2017. Last year, St Paul's was sold out for his performance of Holst's *The Planets* with link-ups to NASA and the International Space Station. Forthcoming work includes two solo tours of the USA.

As a Director, Simon has played an important role in the Cathedral's ongoing partnerships with leading orchestras in London, conducting many significant works from the repertoire by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Bruckner, Saint-Saëns, Strauss, Gershwin, Poulenc, Duruflé and Messiaen. Previously he enjoyed a distinguished tenure as Director of St Albans Abbey Girls' Choir, leading them in several highly-acclaimed recordings and tours.

Simon's advice and analysis is sought worldwide: in 2018 he was a keynote speaker at the Pontificium Consilium de Cultura at the Vatican; he is presently Consultant for the new 4-manual Harrison and Harrison organ in St Jude's Cathedral, Lagos; and he is on the Academic Board of The Royal College of Organists, for whom he is also an examiner.

Simon has performed with groups such as the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and The Sixteen, recorded for *Decca* and *Hyperion*, been published by OUP and Peters, and worked on the Oscar-winning soundtrack for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*.

[www.simonjohnsonmusician.com](http://www.simonjohnsonmusician.com)



## St. Matthew Lutheran Church to Present

### Organist Peter Richard Conte

The St. Matthew Lutheran Church Concert Series will present Peter Richard Conte, the organist at Macy's (old Wanamaker's Store) in Philadelphia and the organist at Longwood Gardens, in concert on Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 pm. Mr. Conte will be joined in several selections by Trumpeter/Flugelhornist Andrew Ennis. The church is located at 30 W. Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA. Free tickets are required for admission and can be ordered from October 15- November 12 by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the attention of "November Concert" St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331. Please note the number of tickets desired. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert series costs. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.



The recently renovated St. Matthew Austin pipe organ is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world. The console operates over 230 stops and 14,470 pipes, plus the digital and MIDI stops. The 198-bell Maas-Rowe carillon is playable from the console. The organ has been played by many of the world's finest organists.

The colorful and exciting program will include works by Buxtehude, Puccini, Gounod, Kreisler, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, Karg-Elert, Mendelssohn, and Stravinsky.

The nearly-unparalleled technical facility, brilliant ear for lush tonal color, and innovative programming style of **Peter Richard Conte** have made him one of the most revered and sought-after "orchestral" organists of this era. He was appointed Wanamaker Grand Court Organist in 1989—only the fourth person to hold that title since the organ first played in 1911 – where he presides over the world's largest fully-functioning musical instrument, at over 29,000 pipes, located at the Macy's Department Store in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. The organ is heard in recital twice daily, six days per week, with Mr. Conte playing a majority of the recitals. He is also one of the producers and lead artist in the popular Christmas holiday shows at Macy's and the annual Organ Day every June, each presenting truly grand music befitting of the vast space. Mr. Conte is also Principal Organist at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA, and since 1991, has served as Choirmaster and Organist of Saint Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

Mr. Conte is highly regarded as a skillful performer of the standard organ repertoire, arranger of orchestral and popular transcriptions, and silent film accompanist. His recitals can include such diverse works as Bernstein's *Overture to 'Candide'*, Dupré's *Symphonie Passion*, Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, "period pieces" such as *Londonderry Air*, and works by unknowns such as Firmin Swinnen and Oliphant Chuckerbutty. His numerous recordings appear on the Gothic, JAV, Pro Organo, Dorian, Raven, and DTR labels. His most recent CD, *Virgil Fox Remembered*, was released in May 2016 on the Raven label.

Peter Richard Conte frequently collaborates with flugelhornist and organist **Andrew Ennis**. Mr. Ennis is an accomplished brass player, organist, music educator, and transcriptionist. He is organist of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, NJ, and Band Director and Music Teacher at the Upper Pittsgrove School in Monroeville, NJ. He works side-by-side with Mr. Conte to create arrangements of popular works for organ and the unique and voluptuous sound of the flugelhorn. The duo's first CD recording, *My Heart With Thy Sweet Voice* (Gothic #G-49294) received a Critic's Choice Award from the American Record Guide in January 2016 and was described in an American Record Guide review in November 2016 as being "a stunningly beautiful program". A second CD by the duo will be released in Fall 2018. Mr. Ennis also arranges and performs with Peter Conte large-scale transcriptions of symphonic works such as Respighi's *Pines of Rome*, Rimsky-Korsokov's *Scheherazade*, and Respighi's orchestration of J.S. Bach's *Passacaglia in C minor*, for four hands and four feet at one console.

Additional information about the Conte & Ennis Duo may be found at [www.prcajeduo.com](http://www.prcajeduo.com).

Peter Richard Conte and Andrew Ennis are represented in North America exclusively by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, LLC.

## Dean's letter

I share information on an upcoming hymn festival this Friday in Camp Hill. For those who love to sing hymns this will be a memorable event.

On **Friday, October 4, 2019 @ 7pm**, Harrisburg Chapter AGO along with the music virtuosity of Dr. Robert Lau, will present "HYMNS through the Liturgical Year"—a hymn festival that will take us through the Liturgical Year in song. Arranged by Dr. Robert Lau, accompanied by Grantham Brass Project, a student brass quintet from Messiah College, and led by various Harrisburg AGO chapter organists from the console of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's mighty 42-rank Shantz pipe organ, this festival is sure to bring joy and encouragement to all who attend. A professor emeritus of the music department of Lebanon Valley College, Dr. Robert Lau holds a

Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Arts in Theory from the Eastman School of Music, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology from The Catholic University of America. Dr. Lau is a frequent clinician presenting a variety of choral and keyboard events and choral reading sessions throughout the United States. The program will be held at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill. Daniel Dorty is the host musician.

*Let us therefore sing to the Lord our God: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Come into His presence with thanksgiving! Make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:1-2)*

*Victor Fields, Dean*



## Job Listings

**Organist / Choir Director:** Good Shepherd Lutheran (LCMS) in York, is seeking an organist/choir director. Traditional worship is Sunday at 11:00 (Prelude, 3 hymns + 2 more on communion Sundays, offertory, Postlude, and liturgy). Wednesday night services in Advent and Lent. Choir sings September through May with one Sunday off per month, with one evening practice each week. 4 weeks paid vacation. Our organ is a 10 rank Moller pipe organ with solid state circuitry and we also have a Yamaha upright piano in sanctuary. Salary is negotiable - range is around \$18-19K. For more information, contact Pastor Skip Nizinski at yorkshepherd@verizon.net or 717-764-4746.

Do you have a strong and growing relationship with God and a passion and talent for music? Wolf's Covenant Church, York, PA, is seeking a part-time Director of Music Ministry to lead the church's music ministry. Responsibilities include selecting, planning, and leading music for Sunday Worship, midweek evening rehearsals, and special services. The candidate must have experience leading a choir or music program, the ability to play the piano/keyboard, and knowledge of a broad spectrum of Christian music. A comprehensive understanding of the worship service and experience with hand-bells is preferred. Salary is commensurate with training and experience. For inquiries or to request a job description, please call the church office at (717) 792-0731. To apply, please send your resume to Wolf's Covenant Church, 4501 Wolf's Church Rd, York PA 17408 or email to Pastor Palmquist:eric.palmquist@hotmail.com



## It's Time To Update Your Personal Information With The Guild

In an effort to serve our membership more efficiently, it is important that each member continuously update their personal data on our national AGO website. This information allows AGO HQ and your local York Chapter to insure you receive information pertaining to upcoming events. Sometimes events change at the last minute. E-mail is the quickest means of communications available. In addition, your officers may contact potential new members through mailings to churches not already employing current AGO members. The larger the chapter grows, the larger the events can be. Up to date mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses is vital in providing fast and efficient services to you.

**There are two ways to update your records.**

- 1) **Contact me directly by e-mail or snail mail,**
- 2) **Update your data on the National AGO Website.**

**TO CONTACT ME FOR CHANGES:** Mail to: Ron Calhoun, 101 Meadow Hill Drive, York, PA 17402-0-8600 or E--Mail [ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com) I prefer e-mail over snail mail if possible. Obviously, if you don't have a computer, you are welcome to mail your changes to me or call me at 717--968--1799.



### **TO MAKE CHANGES ON THE NATIONAL AGO WEBSITE:**

- 1) Using the Internet, input the web address [www.agohq.com](http://www.agohq.com)
- 2) When the main AGO web page appears, scroll down to bottom of the page to a section called AGO Membership Option
- 3) Find ONCARD, point to it and left click your mouse
- 4) On the ONCARD screen, locate ONCARD Login/Review, point to it and left click your mouse
- 5) Look for User Name, point to it and left click
- 6) Enter your name as follows, first initial, no space, last name. Example, my login name is rcalhoun
- 7) Now locate password, point to it, left click and enter the five-digit membership number found on your American Organist magazine. On your mailing label, there are three sets of numbers and an expiration date directly above your name. Your member number is the third set of numbers from the left. Enter that number in the password box and click. Note that you may change your password at any time.
- 8) You will now come to your personal data screen. Locate Update Personal Information, point to it and left click.
- 9) You will see your name. Correct it if necessary. You will also see AGO Certifications, update this field by clicking an arrow next to the field, Other Credentials (update this) and e-mail address. It is absolutely vital that e-mail be updated at all times. You will also see your birthdate. This is not necessary to complete but please keep in mind that once you reach 65, your dues decrease if AGO HQ knows your birthday.
- 10) Locate a Brown or Red Select bar titled View/Edit Address Information at the bottom of your screen. Point and left click.
- 11) Update your home phone number, your cell phone, home address. Locate address #2. Enter the telephone number of the church that presently employs you. Under Organization, enter the church's name and church address. To the right of your screen, you will see job title. Please enter your current title such as organist/choir director, Director of Music, choir member, music instructor, etc.
- 12) Address #3 allows you to enter a second church or school.
- 13) Locate the Brown or Red Select Bar titled View/Edit Chapter Specific Data. Point to this and left click.
- 14) This section asks specific questions such as are you available to substitute? Please enter this data.
- 15) **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Once you complete all changes and additions, locate the button on the bottom of your screen that says POST. Point to this button and left click. Hurray! You're done.

## It's time to renew your AGO dues.

Please take the time now to renew your dues to the American Guild of Organists. Your membership expired on July 1 but you may still renew now and not forfeit any benefits. The Board is working hard to establish programs that will benefit all members. Our next newsletter will contain our fall schedule. If you already submitted your dues payment, please disregard this e-mail.



### Call for new members to join our guild!

#### Please help your chapter.

Do you know of any organist, assistant organist, choir director, choir member, or anyone who has a love for organ music who is not a member of our guild.

#### Look at the Chapter Benefits!

##### Recitals

Social Events with other guild members

Large organ music library available to all guild members

Organ student scholarships

#### Plus much more...

Let me know who the prospects are. I need their name and email address or snail mail address. I will be happy to send a membership package.

Contact me at [ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com)

### Concerts at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 West Springettsbury Ave. York, PA



York County Senior Honors Choir 2018-2019

**Sunday, November 24 starting @ 4:00pm**, The York County Senior Honors Choir will perform a concert of all sacred music in our Sanctuary. The 100+ voice choir will perform music from medieval chant to 21<sup>st</sup> century music. The Choir will perform the magnificent Requiem by the French composer Gabriel Fauré accompanied by Victor Fields on organ. They will also perform music of Franz Joseph Haydn, Jan Sweelinck, Moses Hogan plus several other modern composers.

**Sunday, December 8 starting @ 3:00pm and 7:00pm**, The York College Choral Department will present 2 identical concerts featuring the York College Chorale, The York College Chamber Singers and the Vocca Bella

Women's Chorus in a holiday choral program. The Choral Department is offering 2 concerts this year as there was a record overflow attendance in December of 2018.

**York Chapter American Guild of Organists  
2019-2020 Season**

**November 10, 2019**

**4:00 pm**

Organ and Piano recital for children/youth

Victor Fields, host

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**25 W. Springettsbury Ave.**

**York, PA**

**January 12, 2020**

**4:00 pm**

Handbells 101 with Emily Reep

Victor Fields

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**25 W. Springettsbury Ave.**

**York, PA**

**March 28, 2020**

**4:00 pm**

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**25 W. Springettsbury Ave.**

**York, PA**

**May 17, 2020**

**4:00 pm**

York AGO members organ recital

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

**340 E. Market St.**

**York, PA**

**16th Annual Concert Series  
and  
150th Birthday Celebration  
of the George Jardine Tracker  
Organ**

Recital is at 2:30pm and is free to the public.

Oct. 13 2:30 pm Michael Britt  
Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
Baltimore, MD

\*Shirley King inaugurated the concert series in 2003.



**Membership Directories Are Now Available !!!**

If you would like a copy of our Chapter's directory, please contact me at [ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.calhoun101@gmail.com).

When e-mailing me, please include the word **Directory** on the subject line of your e-mail. Anyone who would like a paper copy of the directory, please let me know.





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**Send us your recital, concert, or any news that our members might be interested in! Deadline for each newsletter is the 15th of the previous month.**

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*At last the search for a new organist was over.*



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