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## Mission Statement

- To promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles
- To encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music
- To provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of members

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2008-2009



## January Jump-Start 2009

Saturday, January 17, 2009

8:30 to 4:00 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Join our annual trek to Bryn Mawr on January 17! Twenty-two workshops on all aspects of our crafts. Come, learn and grow your skills!

Our Chapter is sponsoring and Jonathan Noel is chairing two anthem reading sessions for SATB and larger choirs! These are always great times to learn new music, and have fun being part of a pretty big "pickup" choir.

The full brochure is attached, there is something for nearly everyone.

Can you spell free? Again, our chapter is also sponsoring the free bus ride from Lancaster for our members, and your admission to the day's events is free for AGO members. Your cost is the optional luncheon (\$15), but brown-bagging is ok. Only other cost is anthem packets - AGO-Phila. can no longer get these free, cost will be \$10 or less per packet.

**BUT** (why is there almost always a "but" these days?).

We need you to register (see brochure for instructions and email).

Please register directly with the AGO-Phila chapter.

Also, please contact Victor (YorkAGODean@aol.com) to arrange carpooling to Lancaster. We will probably leave York locations around 6:15AM and get home by 6PM.

### New Organists Needed!

You have just finished another glorious and perfectly played postlude, and have hit the cancel button. Just before you turn off the organ, do you look to see if there are any small hands and eyes peeking over/around your console? If there are, wonderful !! Do you then invite them to sit on the bench with you, have them pull stops and play along with them?

If your organ postlude pit is otherwise empty, how about 1- putting a notice in your Sunday bulletin or church newsletter, 2-making an announcement from the pulpit, 3-giving a Children's sermon, all with the intent of inviting children to visit the organ and discover how you make all those neat sounds. Do you have good music readers in your youth choirs? Ask them to turn pages or pull pistons for you.

All organists tend to be rather mortal. We need to encourage the next generation to have as much fun/wonder/joy as we do on Sundays. Let us help prevent organs from falling silent and being replaced by DVD hymns and Christian rock bands!!

Board member, Joan Beekey

## DEAN'S LETTER

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas filled with lots of beautiful music.

York AGO members, we are sharing a bus with the Lancaster AGO Chapter for the January 17<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart so I encourage you to attend this wonderful FREE program. Lunch costs \$15.00 and is well worth it. You may also bring a brown bag lunch. Last year, there were over 200 church musicians in attendance. The Jumpstart will begin at 9:00am at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

The Jumpstart is a wonderful winter educational day of learning. Let's have a good representation from

York. Again, the workshop is FREE. Our chapter member Jonathan Noel will be leading a workshop in an anthem reading session. Please register now.



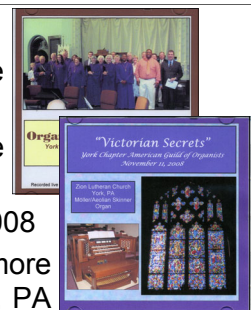
We will have several carpools to take us to Lancaster to catch the bus. Roy Wainwright will transport members from Delco Plaza and I will transport members from the York Galleria. We will leave at 6:15am on that Saturday. Please contact Roy and or myself if you would like to carpool with us. Roy, [gerimenu1@comcast.net](mailto:gerimenu1@comcast.net) or Victor, [YorkAGODean@aol.com](mailto:YorkAGODean@aol.com).

### New... York AGO CDs!

We are now offering CD recordings as gifts for a contribution of \$10.00 or more to the Organ Scholarship (Keys for Kids) Fund.

The first CD is the full recording of the October 19 Organ Spectacular, both at the Tannenberg and the First Presbyterian Church.

The second CD is a recording of "Victorian Secrets" made at the meeting November 11, 2008. We will have these available at our regular meetings, or you can mail a check for \$10 or more for each CD desired (please specify which) to Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr. York, PA 17408.



York, PA, December 13, 2008.

The York Chapter AGO and The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society co-sponsored "Holiday Sing-a-long With The Mighty Wurlitzer!" held at York's Capitol Theatre. Organists Terry Nace and Roy Wainwright, together with trumpeter Mike Maysilles and emcee Dusty Miller, led the audience in singing a wide variety of carols and Christmas songs.

Following the sing-a-long, the audience viewed the 1954 movie classic "White Christmas." with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. Popcorn was served. - Carolyn L. Smith

## SUBSTITUTE LIST

*This list is published as a courtesy to chapter membership. Substitutes should be compensated according to the current rate available on the AGO national website.*

[www.agohq.org/profession/indexsalary](http://www.agohq.org/profession/indexsalary)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Sun. Dec 28, 4:00 pm York Ecumenical Choral Society Lessons & Carols**, Rodney Barnett, Director, Victor Fields, organist, Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York, PA

**Wednesday Dec 31, 7-10 pm First Night**, Victor Fields, piano, Jerrod Coates, organ. Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St. York, PA

**Sunday, January 4 - Twelfth Night Celebration with tradition Victorian Costumes.** Grace United Methodist Church, 37 N. Broad St., York. Performances are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are free, but still necessary especially for the 3 o'clock performance. Please call the church office at 854-8573 for tickets or more information. Rodney Barnett, Twelfth Night Music Director; Ruth Ann Burke, Organist.

### **January 9, 2009. Deadline for applications**

The Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is co-sponsoring the Fourth Annual High School Organ Competition with Oklahoma City University on February 7, 2009.

I am pleased to announce that the amount and number of prizes has increased this year to a total of more than \$3000! The competition is open to any student who is a High School senior or younger. The competition has very flexible parameters with the intent of allowing a wide array of competitors to enter.

Information about the competition can be found here: [www.okcu.edu/music/organ/competition.aspx](http://www.okcu.edu/music/organ/competition.aspx)

I ask that you please post this announcement in your AGO chapter's newsletter and forward this message to your members email list and anyone else who might have a student who is a potential competitor.

**The deadline for entering is a postmark of January 9, 2009.** Up to 10 competitors will be selected.

Timothy Olsen, AGO-OKC Chapter, sub-dean  
Associate Professor of Organ  
University Organist/Chapel Choir Director  
[tolsen@okcu.edu](mailto:tolsen@okcu.edu)  
405-208-5013 (office), 405-535-8124 (cell)

**Sat. Jan 10, 7 pm.** First Presbyterian Church presents the 11th annual **Jazz Vespers** on Saturday January 10, 2009 at 7 pm. (Snow date Sunday 1-18-09). A concert of choral and instrumental jazz honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Sat. Jan 17, 2009 8:30am- 4pm –January JumpStart 2009** Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. We can travel together..SEE DETAILS PAGE 5

**Sat. March 21, 2009 at 7:30pm Peter Richard Conte, Organist Extraordinaire,** will be presented in recital at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1900 St. Paul St., Baltimore. One of America's foremost organists, Mr. Conte is the Grand Court Organist of the Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia, a position he has held since 1989, and is also the Choirmaster and Organist at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, also in Philadelphia. Mr. Conte will celebrate the birthday of J. S. Bach by presenting some of his masterworks, and Mr. Conte will conclude his recital with a selection of orchestral transcriptions for which he is rightly noted. This special recital will be in continuing celebration of our new 2005 Patrick J. Murphy Organ, and a donation of \$10 will be requested to support the St. Cecilia Society.

### **Friday, March 20, 2009 - Deadline for applications for the Vernon deTar Scholarship Competition**

**See more details on pages 6 and 7**

### **July 28-August 10, 2009, the University of Kansas will sponsor KU European Organ Study Tour IV:**

**North Germany**, under the direction of professor Michael Bauer. This tour will include a significant number of the major Schnitger organs, as well as renaissance instruments, important 17th century organs by Scherer and Stellwagen, romantic organs by Ladegast and Sauer, and contemporary instruments by Ahrend and Metzler. We will also tour the Ahrend shop and have free time in Hamburg and Lübeck. For further information see [www2.ku.edu/~organ](http://www2.ku.edu/~organ), write [mbauer@ku.edu](mailto:mbauer@ku.edu), or call 785-864-9744.

Dr. Michael Bauer, Professor of Organ and Church Music - The University of Kansas

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York (UUCY)** The position is part time (10 hours a week) at 925 S. George St., York. Phone # is 845 8212. Interested applicants can request more information at [music@uucy.org](mailto:music@uucy.org)

**Grace Lutheran Church, Red Lion Organist/Choir Director.** Part-time/full-time organist/choir director needed. Send resume to the attention of Jessie Fishel at the church's address: 220 N. Charles St. Red Lion, Pa. 17356. Call 717-244-5987 for more information or e-mail Jessie at [sgtre@aol.com](mailto:sgtre@aol.com).

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg - Minister of Music.** 201 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019. Churchphone: 717-432-3202. Contact Pastor Lois Van Orden at the church or by email, [Ivanorden@stpaulsdillsburg.com](mailto:Ivanorden@stpaulsdillsburg.com) Lead worship at one Sunday service per week and special services. 2 manual, 10 rank Moeller organ. Traditional Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) with hymns from the LBW, With One Voice (WOV) and the new ELCA hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). One adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and leads most worship services, offering special music from September - May. The choir takes a summer break. We are looking to develop children's choirs to minister to the many youth of the congregation. This position is also to phase in the responsibility for leading the bell (adult) and chime (children) choirs. The hours are estimated at 15 hours per week.

**Asbury United Methodist Church, York is seeking a part-time Organist.** Responsibilities include but are not limited to 2 weekly traditional worship services, weekly choir rehearsals as well as special worship events. Preference will be given to candidates with related music degrees and prior worship team experience. Interested applicants can e-mail resumes to [info@asburyork.org](mailto:info@asburyork.org) or fax to 717.846.2731 or mail to Asbury UMC 340 E. Market St. York, PA 17403. If you would like more information please feel free to call 717.843.0733.

**Emmanuel UCC Church, Abbottstown Organist/Choir Director.** Emmanuel UCC Church , Center Square , P.O. Box 356 , Abbottstown. Experience preferred. Must play organ and piano. Responsible for directing Adult choir and selecting music for same, coordinate Sunday Worship music in cooperation with minister. 10:15 Sunday worship service (9:30 during summer months) plus additional special services for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Wednesday choir rehearsal. Additional stipend for Weddings and Funerals. Allen organ. Four week vacation. Salary \$9,000 per year. Mail resume to above address or e-mail to [eucca-town@juno.com](mailto:eucca-town@juno.com). Inquiries may be directed to the church office at (717) 259-9614.

**Grace UM Church, York, Music Director.** Music Director for York City Church. Serve as organist and choir director. 9 AM worship service and 7:30 PM Wednesday choir rehearsal. Send resume to Grace UMC, 37 N. Broad St., York, PA 17403 or [graceumcyork@juno.com](mailto:graceumcyork@juno.com) or call 717-854-8573.

### **Organist - All Saints Episcopal Church - Hanover**

We do have a choir and we rehearse before worship on Sundays at 9:15. Our service is at 10:00 AM Sundays. Our liturgy is main line traditional Episcopal and we pay \$500 per month. If there is any additional information that you may need please let me know. I can be reached at 476-3546 or by email ([smith06@aol.com](mailto:smith06@aol.com)) Doug Smith - Rector

The Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, York, Lancaster, Reading, Lehigh Valley, and Southwest Jersey Chapters of the American Guild of Organists present:

## **January JumpStart 2009**

A workshop for church musicians. New ideas for a new year.

Saturday, January 17, 2009 8:30 to 4:00 Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

**Alan Morrison:** Two organ master classes on the Rieger organ. Play any music you wish. Contact Alan if you would like to play: [alanmorrison@comcast.net](mailto:alanmorrison@comcast.net)

**Jeff Brillhart:** Two classes on improvisation, including tips for beginners and skills for more experienced players.

**Martha Johnson:** Two classes: "Re-thinking Our Role as Conductors"

Part I will examine conducting tools for a church musician, including practical help with score preparation, how to empower volunteer musicians, and techniques of communicating clearly to singers and players.

Part II will use these tools to stretch the comfort zone, such as work with chant, psalmody, chant-based works and early polyphonic scores, and contemporary choral music of recent decades with rhythmic, harmonic and textural challenges. Resource lists will be provided.

**David Herman** of the University of Delaware: Basics of Organ Registration and Tips for Efficient Practice: How to make the best of the time you've got. How to make the best of the organ you've got.

**Organ Repertoire Review:** presented by Glenn Rodgers of the Southwest Jersey Chapter

**Handbells:** Two sessions: Beginning Bells for Directors and Using Handbells in a Liturgical Setting. Presented by Martha Alford, an experienced leader of handbell clinics.

**Children's Choirs:** Everything you need to know in one 75-minute class. Presented by Bruce Tonkin from Gilbertsville, PA, who was a public school music teacher and who has a million kids in his church choirs.

**Anthem Reading Sessions:** for adult choirs large and small, and for children's choirs, directed by **Jonathan Noel of York**, Ralph Purri of Havertown, and Donna Burkholder of Lancaster. (note: Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer the reading packets free of charge. Publishers long ago stopped offering them to us for free, and the chapters must pass the cost along. Bring cash. They will be less than \$10 each.)

### **Contracts and Your Love of Church Music:**

Copyright Law and Your Job: Two topics presented by David Rhody an attorney who is a member of the Southwest Jersey Chapter and our Region III Councillor for Professional Development

**The Details:** Registration is **free for AGO members**. Non-members: \$30

Lunch is \$15 for everyone; brown-bagging is welcome

Registrar: Tim Evers: [tevers@waynepres.org](mailto:tevers@waynepres.org) 610-688-8700 x227

Questions: Katherine Reier: [katherinereier@verizon.net](mailto:katherinereier@verizon.net) 215-517-4160

## Vernon de Tar Scholarship Competition

### Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists

### Information Sheet: 2009 Competition

The Vernon de Tar Scholarship Competition was established by the Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists to honor the late Dr. Vernon de Tar, internationally known organist, church musician, and teacher, for his many contributions to the profession over his long and distinguished career.

The scholarship provides for two prizes annually, one for an organist with limited playing experience (Level A), and one for a more advanced organist (Level B). This year, prizes include tuition for a summer, 2009 AGO-sponsored Pipe Organ Encounter, and a cash award of \$200, payable after attendance at a POE. The goal of the competition is to immerse the two young musician-winners in events focusing on the organ, and to foster in them a keen interest in the organ and in church music.

Competition for the Vernon de Tar Scholarship is open to organ students who are from 12 to 18 years of age, as of the date of the competition, and who reside within Region III, the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Guild of Organists: Delaware, Maryland, southern New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Applicants must perform at the competition, which will be held at First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, March 28, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The repertoire requirements for the competition are as follows:

#### Level A

A prelude or fugue (one movement) from one of Bach's "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues."

A contrasting composition.

#### Level B

A large prelude and fugue of J. S. Bach.

A contrasting *introspective* composition from the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The decision of the judges will be considered final. Judges have the right to award no prize.

The deadline for application is March 20, 2009. For more information or an application form, please contact:

David Schelat

First & Central Presbyterian Church

1101 Market Street

Wilmington DE 19801

Voice: 302-654-5371 x 18

Fax: 302-654-5932

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# Vernon de Tar Scholarship Competition

Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists

2009 Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of March 28, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of piano or organ teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for (check one) Level A \_\_\_\_\_ Level B \_\_\_\_\_

I will play the following pieces at the competition: (See repertoire requirements on Information Sheet)

Please tell us something about yourself. Attach additional pages if necessary. (Describe your interest in music, previous study, performing experience, musical goals, or anything else that you think would be of interest.)

Please send the completed application form along with a check for the registration fee (\$15, payable to Delaware Chapter, AGO) to:

David Schelat  
First & Central Presbyterian Church  
1101 Market Street  
Wilmington DE 19801

Applications must be received by March 20, 2009.

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### YORK AGO PROGRAMS 2009

**Saturday, January 17th all day**

January Jumpstart sponsored by Philadelphia AGO  
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa

**Saturday, February 14th, Noon**

Valentine's Day brunch and music sale  
Members bring a covered dish  
Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 W. Market St.

**Tuesday, March 24th, 7:00 pm**

Handbell Workshop with Richard Frey  
Trinity United Church of Christ, 116 York St, Hanover, PA

**Saturday, April 18th, 2008, 9:00 am – Noon**

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza  
York County Heritage Trust, First Presbyterian Church,  
Capitol Theatre, Menchey Music Store

**Sunday, May 31st 3:00 pm**

Student/Member Recital  
Hunt scholarship competition  
First Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Market St.



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