

The Trompette

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From the Dean's Bench...

Dear Colleagues,

As the weather becomes warmer and the burgeoning buds begin to blossom, we are reminded that we find ourselves in the midst of Spring – that wonderful season of renewal and reflection. Out from under the pressures of the preparations for the Passover and Easter events, we can take a short respite, look back on our work, and look ahead to new horizons awaiting our attention, energy and creative spirits.

A record turnout of voters has resulted in a landslide victory for our slate of officers for the 2010--2011 term! Congratulations to Dean-Elect **Alice Avouris**, and to her exceedingly able team as they prepare to lead this extraordinary Chapter to greater and greater heights in addressing the challenges facing us in the ensuing years. Our final program of the season – “*The Members' Choice Recital*” – is sure to be a marvelous event and one not to be missed. Our venue is the historic Christ's Church in Rye, featuring its magnificent III / 67 Austin organ. A pot-luck reception will follow, at which we will have a brief installation ceremony our new officers. I hope to see you at this most important event for the Chapter.

Sincerely,

John

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Members' Choice Recital



SUNDAY, May 23, 4PM

**At Christ's Church (Episcopal) Rye, New York
2 Rectory St. Rye, NY**

A veritable feast of favorites is in store for members and friends at the upcoming *Members' Choice Recital*. Our talented membership will be out in force with their favorite pieces -- Bach, Busser, Brahms, Glazunov, Haydn, Langlais, Lefébure-Wely, Palmer, Purcell, Vierne -- this is the as-yet-incomplete list of composers!

Please post the flyer in your church, and plan to attend for an organist's afternoon of delights. All contributions to the reception table will be welcome -- any kind of sweet or savory finger-ready food. Just call me to let me know what you plan to bring

Alice Auouris

Directions:

Go west on 287 (Cross Westchester Expressway). Get off at Exit 11 and make a right turn at the top of the ramp onto Boston Post Road (US-1). Follow the signs to continue on US-1. Make a slight left turn onto Milton Road and proceed to the traffic circle, turning right onto Rectory Street.

The Westchester Chapter of the
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
presents the

Members' Choice Recital

A Musical Feast of
Favorite Organ Music

Sunday, May 23, 4 PM

Christ's Church, Rye
2 Rectory St. Rye, NY 10580

*With works for solo organ, organ duo, organ & voice, and
organ & harp,
by J.S. Bach, Henri Busser, Haydn, Vierne, Glazunov and others.*

Hosted by Andrew Sheranian, Organist and Choirmaster
at Christ's Church

~~ A reception will follow this free program ~~

For more information, please call 914/962.2015

READS & MIXTURES

Here are the results in the election of the slate on last month's ballot.

Alice Avouris -- Dean
Judith Abel -- Sub-Dean
Kathryn Jones -- Treasurer
Ralph Burkhart -- Secretary
Kevin Walsh -- Registrar
Lowell Knauer -- Director, Class of 2013
Janine Wallour-Thwaite -- Director, Class of 2013

Congratulations unto all!

Please take a moment to set your browser for www.agowestchester.org and check out our Chapter's Website! It's a handy place to find a list of our current officers, our program schedule, photographs from meetings and local organs. We should all acknowledge Virginia Bender for creating and maintaining a website of which we can be proud.

Please welcome our newest member:
John Dominick

Our member **James Feddeck's** performance of Bach's Chorale Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, (BWV 654) was featured on a recent Pipedreams broadcast "A Bach Birthday at Oberlin" (program #1011). It was in the second hour which is not broadcasted on WQXR, but you can listen to him online at pipedreams.org

EMPTY BENCH



Organist/Choir Director/Music Director – (Third Announcement) Responsibilities include two Sunday services: 9:30 Children's Service (Folk service with organ and other instruments) and 11:00 (a more traditional service). Other responsibilities include choir rehearsals as well as weddings and funerals (weddings/funerals extra fee). Salary: approximately \$1,000/month. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Mohegan Lake, NY. Please contact Mother Claire 914/528.3972

MAY CONCERT CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25th, 4:30pm

Three Organists Spectacular – Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro and Thomas Zachacz perform works by Bach, Dupont, Duruflé, Guilmant, Held, Walther and others. Childcare provided and reception to follow. Huguenot Memorial Church, 901 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY. 914/738.3488. \$10 suggested donation will support summer mission trips to Maine and Nicaragua.

Friday May 7, 7:30PM

Recital – Ken Cowan, organist. Christ Church, 17 Sagamore Road, Bronxville, NY. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 students/seniors) and are available at the door.

Saturday, May 15, 8:00PM

Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and William Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* presented by The New Choral Society Chorus and Orchestra, John T. King, conductor. Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY. Ticket prices are \$25 - Preferred Seating, \$20 - General Admission and \$15 - Seniors and Students (for General Admission only). Call 914/725.1678 for information or order online at www.newchoralsociety.org

Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:00 PM

Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and William Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* presented by The New Choral Society Chorus and Orchestra, John T. King, conductor. Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY. Ticket prices are \$25 - Preferred Seating, \$20 - General Admission and \$15 - Seniors and Students (for General Admission only). Call 914/725.1678 for information or order online at www.newchoralsociety.org

FROM YOUR NEWSPAPER EDITORS...

Thank you all for your cooperation in getting your material **TO US** by the **20th of each preceding month**. We want to be able to deliver the Newsletter to you on or about the 1st of each month, and it takes a week or more to finalize the copy and layout, get it to and from the printer, and address, stamp and mail all of the copies.

The Trompette is sent out by email, and by regular mail to those Members without an email address. The electronic versions are sent out immediately after finalization, but processing the printed copies can take a week or more, plus the delivery of the regular postal mail can additionally take a week or more. If you have an email address, but are presently receiving your copy by postal mail, consider receiving it electronically instead, saving the Chapter postage expense.

Kindly do not send in items more than once. For the Concert Calendar, include event, date, time, location, cost (if any) and an information phone number. (Incomplete or unclear submissions cannot be printed.) Due to space constraints, articles and notices are edited.

If you have provided a notice for the “Empty Benches” section, please be advised that postings will be carried for 3 calendar months unless we are advised that the position has either been filled or is still active. Newest listings appear first. Listings carried more than one month will be arranged alphabetically by organization and will indicate the month they were first run. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping *The Trompette* accurate and up-to-date.

Send your concert notices, articles, and other materials to:

E-mail: (preferable): (Compose in MS Word, if possible)

Postal Mail: T. Zachacz, *The Trompette*,

The Dean and the Executive Board encourage our Members to send informative articles and any other items of interest for publication in the Newsletter.

Thank you!

Lois Simmonds & Thomas Zachacz

Editors,

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*Here is the LATEST issue of the
Westchester Chapter AGO Newsletter.....*

Inside:

Message regarding the Members' Recital and a flyer you can post to propagandize this event; The Official Election Results for our Newly--Appointed Officers; Concert Calendar; Some more Awesome Pix; a familiar *Empty Bench*.

*Please mark your calendar now so you
won't miss an important **date**.*



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