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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Excitement is in the air! The Baltimore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is alive and thriving, and I am thrilled to be sharing in the leadership of our Chapter with so many wonderful people. In the past few weeks, the 2007 Region III Convention Steering Committee and the Baltimore Chapter Executive Board both held meetings, and I must say that the level of commitment among those involved is remarkable. Between these two groups, nearly thirty of your colleagues are hard at work dreaming, planning and executing tasks that will continue strengthening the foundation of our chapter, both at the local and national levels. When you are called upon to serve in our volunteer organization, please remember that the Guild is here because of previous generations of volunteers whose vision and steady work have made it into the magnificent resource it is today. There is still much to be done, and the responsibility is yours!

Do not forget to join the 40+ people who have already registered for the 2007 Region III Convention, in order to take advantage of the early registration fee. Also, read this newsletter and visit our chapter's website at www.baltimoreago.org for regular updates on the convention. Please join in the excitement by volunteering to help introduce our wonderful City to our out-of-town convention guests. Tasks of every size are available and your help is still needed! Thanks to all who have volunteered thus far.

I look forward to seeing you at the Young Organists Recital in March!

Sincerely,

Jason Kissel
Dean

Chapter Competition

(qualifying round for the AGO Region III Quimby Young Organist's Competition)

and

Young Organists' Recital

Saturday, March 3, 2007

11:00 a.m. - competition

4:00 p.m. - recital

First & Franklin Street Presbyterian Church

210 West Madison Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

410-728-5545

www.firstfranklin.org

The recital is open to organists at any level of experience, age 23 or younger. It is NOT TOO LATE to be involved. If you or your student is interested, please contact Jonathan Moyer via e-mail or phone – jonathanwmoyer@comcast.net – 410-804-3167.

Please come and support the next generation of organists and church musicians. The recital is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow the recital. In case of severe weather, these events will be held the following week, March 10 at the same time and place. Questions regarding cancellation should be directed to Jonathan at 443-804-3167.

Directory update

Francis X. Ritterman
8509 White Winter Court, Ellicott City 21043
FXR9@comcast.net

Jeffrey Tevebaugh Ehmsen
619 S. Streeper Street, 21224
443-756-0413
jehmsen@jhmi.edu

Please add the following new members to your directory:

Harley A. Perkins
615 S. Hanover Street, 21230
harleyaperkins@verizon.net

WANTED:

Organ to rent or a loaner from mid-April to October 1st. Immanuel Episcopal Church, Glencoe, MD. Call John Holland, 410-323-3322.

Here's MORE about our BaltiMORE Convention

One MORE month to get your program book ads in

LAST CHANCE to advertise in the Convention Program Book! It is not too late to submit an advertisement – **the deadline is March 1.**

You may wonder why you or your church should submit an ad. This is an opportunity for you to showcase not only the assets of your church or organization but also your support of the Baltimore AGO.

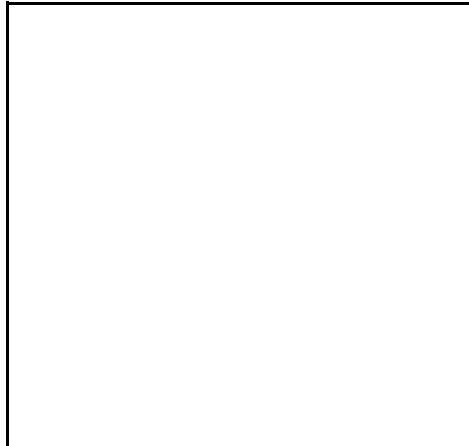
Numerous advertising spaces are available at a wide range of costs. Download the contract form from our convention website (www.BaltimoreAGO.org) or contact Jonathan Moyere, jonathanwmoyer@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

MORE of you needed to help

Our convention will only be a success if everyone volunteers! We are asking each guild member to volunteer for at least 2 hours during the convention. Thanks to all who have stepped up so far. If you have not signed up for something yet, here are some options.

- + Bus captains (to ride buses to and from events, making sure the proper route is followed)
- + Ushers (to seat, take tickets, and be available when needed at concerts and worship services)
- + Drivers (to shuttle competition contestants to and from Grace U.M. Church on Monday)
- + Registration (to be at the registration desk to process incoming participants)
- + Hospitality (to be at the hospitality desk assisting participants, handing out water bottles, etc.)
- + Workshop assistants (to help presenters with equipment, handouts, etc.)

Please contact Joy Bauer at 410.825.1725 x107 or music@ascensiontowson.org and let her know when and where you would like to help.



One MORE warning about March 1 Early Registration deadline

Have you made your registration for our July 2-5 Region III Convention? Yes? That is great! We can't wait to see you there.

No? You still have until March 1st to get a Baltimore Chapter Member early registration discount.

These are the rates:

Early-bird registration (before 3/1/07) for Regular AGO/RCCO members	\$215
Regular AGO/RCCO members (After 3/1/07)	\$245
Baltimore (host chapter) early Registration	\$200
Baltimore chapter regular Registration (after 3/1/07)	\$245
Special registration: over 65, spouses/ Partners, disabled, full-time student	\$200
Non AGO/RCCO member	\$280

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website: www.BaltimoreAGO.org. Further information is available from Diane Luchese, our Registrar, at GrosNazard@yahoo.com

MORE parking opportunities

The Shrine of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Mt. Washington extends an invitation to Baltimore AGO members to use its parking lot during our Region III Convention. The church is just a short walk to the Light Rail station in Mt. Washington. This will enable members to take the Light Rail to the convention hotel without having to pay for downtown parking!

The church is located at the corner of Smith and Greely Aves. in the heart of Mt. Washington.

More details will be provided in future newsletters. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Douglas Barclay, Minister of Worship at the Shrine for making these arrangements

Noteworthy

Notices of events sponsored by AGO members will be given priority as space is limited

SUNDAYS

Vespers sung every Sunday night by the Vespers' Schola
Old St. Paul's Church
Charles and Saratoga Sts.
5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

The Tuesday Music Series
12:15-12:45 p.m. each week
Old St. Paul's Church
Charles and Saratoga Sts.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Joyful Music with the Pans
Catonsville Steel Band
Grace United Methodist Church
5407 N. Charles St.
10:00 a.m.

Jean Shaffer Blair, soprano, Leslie Kight, soprano
Beth Miller Ryan, mezzo-soprano
Rebecca Jones Trout, piano
\$10 adults, \$5 students
St. Matthew United Church of Christ
3400 Norman Ave.
4:00 p.m.

31st Annual Baltimore Bach Marathon
schedule: www.stdavid.ang-md.org
St. David's Church
4700 Roland Ave.
12:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Chamber Music by Candlelight
Community Concerts at Second
4200 St. Paul St.
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Maryland State Boychoir
African-American Celebration
Douglas Memorial Community Church
1325 Madison Ave.
4:00 p.m.

Michael Britt accompanies Buster Keaton and favorites on Valentine's theme
1931 E.M. Skinner organ
Tickets: \$10
Brown Memorial Park Ave. Pres. Church
1316 Park Ave.
Free on-street parking: 410-523-1542
4:00 p.m.

Jazz Mass
Church of the Redeemer
5603 N. Charles Street
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Chamber Chorus of the Baltimore Choral Arts Society
Catonsville Presbyterian Church
1400 Frederick Road
3:00 p.m.

Monarch Brass Quintet
Central Presbyterian Church
7308 York Road
4:00 p.m.

Katherine Needleman, oboe
Amy Klosterman, piano
Community Concerts at Second
4200 St. Paul Street
3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Maryland State Boychoir
 Old Savior Lutheran Church
 13611 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel
 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

High Tea with Handel
 Handel Choir of Baltimore's benefit
 Tickets: \$50 - 410-366-6544
 Cloisters Castle
 10440 Falls Road, Lutherville
 2-5 p.m.

Bach Concert Series Benefit Concert
 Selections from cantatas and Brandenburg Concerti
 Christ Lutheran Church
 701 S. Charles Street
 4:00 p.m.

Megan Amoss, mezzo-soprano
 St. Matthew United Church of Christ
 3400 Norman Ave.
 \$10 adults, \$5 students
 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Westminster Choir (Westminster Choir College)
 Ascension Lutheran Church
 7601 York Road, Towson
 free will offering
 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Choral Evensong
 St. Bartholomew Choir
 Ted Davis, choirmaster
 featuring canticles for double choir by Charles Wood
 St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
 4711 Edmondson Ave.
 410-945-7263
www.stbartholomew.ang-md-org
 4:00 p.m.

Anne Carter-Smith, soprano
 Theodore Feldmann, organ
 St. Mary of the Assumption Church
 5502 York Road, Govans
 4:00 p.m.

Chamber Music by Candlelight
 Community Concerts at Second
 4200 St. Paul St 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Actress Linda Loving presents *Julian of Norwich*
 Reception following
 First & Franklin St. Pres. Church
 210 West Madison Street
 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Lura Johnson, piano
 2nd place winner 2005 Garrison Piano Comp.
 Grace United Methodist Church
 5407 N. Charles St.
 4:00 p.m.

Sara Stewart, soprano
 Saint Cecilia Society
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 1900 St. Paul Street
 2:00 p.m.

Stephanie Ho & Saar Ahuvia, duo-piano
 Catonsville Presbyterian Church
 1400 Frederick Road
 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Esther Hardenbergh, soprano
 Ross Berentyn-Truluck, piano
 celebrating Women's History Month
 Community Concerts at Second
 4200 St. Paul Street
 3:30 p.m.

Handel, Bach & Before
 Pro Musica Rara, Peabody Early Music Dept.
 and Handel Choir
 Peabody's Friedberg Concert Hall
 1 E. Mt. Vernon Place
 4:00 p.m.

King David - Arthur Honegger
 Symphonic Psalm after drama by Rene Morax
 Church of the Redeemer
 5603 N. Charles Street
 5:00 p.m.

Baltimore Symphony Chamber Players
 Central Presbyterian Church
 7308 York Road, Towson
 4:00 p.m.