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From the Dean. . .

December greetings to all!

With December upon us and holiday festivities in full swing, I send to you wishes of peace and joy. May we all find a sense of peace and happiness in the midst of Advent and Christmas practicing, choir rehearsals, and last minute preparations. May it be at this time of year that we all are mindful of the job we have at hand – to share our music and love of music with all those we meet.

At this time I have a wonderful announcement to make. Dan Fortune has agreed to become the Sub-Dean of our Baltimore Chapter. In cases as this – where I was elected Sub-Dean and subsequently became Dean to fill a vacancy, the Executive Board is able to appoint an able and willing individual to the vacant post of Sub-Dean.

Stay tuned here next month for information regarding our upcoming Spring 2009 programs!

Paul J. Carroll, Dean



Bruce Eicher honored for 50 years at Grace UMC

Bruce R. Eicher was honored for 50 years of service as organist and director of music at Grace United Methodist Church, Baltimore, on Sunday, November 9. The service of worship that morning included a performance of Gounod's *Messe Solennelle* (St. Cecilia) with choir, soloists and 35-piece orchestra, directed by Jed Gaylin. The choir from Beth El Congregation also joined the Grace Choir in C. H. Parry's anthem, "I Was Glad. " The "Praise Ye The Lord" *Laudate Dominum* theme was dominant in the prelude variations composed and played by Kenneth Lowenberg, Potomac, MD, organist for the service, and in the concluding hymn, arranged by Michael Britt, Baltimore, for his former teacher and colleague.

Bruce was honored by the congregation and friends with the establishment of the Bruce R. Eicher Prize in Organ at the Peabody Conservatory. Representing Peabody at the service was Donald Sutherland, coordinator of the organ department and past national AGO secretary. A festive reception followed the service and then a catered dinner for his family and friends with "roasting/toasting" in word and song by members of the Grace Church choir.



A native of Wayland, Iowa, Mr. Eicher took his first church organ job at the age of 13 as assistant organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. He won a full scholarship to the a Curtis Institute of Music earning a bachelor's degree in organ with Alexander McCurdy. After a tour with the U. S. Army, he entered the Peabody Conservatory of Music's master's program to study with Arthur Howes. Mr. Eicher did additional study in conducting and organ with Mme. Nadia Boulanger at Les Ecoles Americaines de Beaux Arts Fontainebleau. He joined the theory faculty at Peabody and headed the ear training department, retiring after 28 years. He was hired by Grace Church in the fall of 1958. He also has served as organist at Beth El Congregation since 1964.

Directory Changes

New Address

Adele Haritonoff
13402B Manor Road
Baldwin, MD 21013
410-593-9757

Joanne Ibex
12 Greenwood Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21206-1311

Margaretta Gregory
now Anna Gregory
6808 Ridgewood Road
Towson, MD 21204

New Member

Francis X. Ritterman
8802 Shining Oceans Way
Columbia, MD 21045-5951

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Baltimore, MD 21218
410-235-8283
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Associate Director of Music
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Laura Garvin
3404 University Place
Baltimore, MD 21218
lgarvin@mcdonogh.org
Lgarvin1@peabody.jhu.edu

New e-mail

paulrswank@comcast.net
Now back as organist/choirmaster at
Christ Lutheran Church-LCMS, Dundalk

New phone: Renata O'Reilly: 410-300-2710

NOTEWORTHY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Maryland State Boychoir
Fallston United Methodist Church
1509 Fallston Road
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Advent Concert of Lessons and Carols
St. Mary of the Assumption
5502 York Road
4:00 p.m.

Concert of Music for Advent and Christmas
Grace United Methodist Church
5407 N. Charles Street
7:00 p.m.

Consecration of the Church-40th Anniversary Mass
Adult Choir, Brass and Timpani
Thomas Bozek, organ
Immaculate Heart of Mary
8501 Loch Raven Blvd.
4:00 p.m.

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

First Cantata from "Christmas Oratorio"
The Bach Concert Series
Colleen Daly, Leneida Crawford, William Edward Clark and
John Eisenhardt - soloists
Jonathan Parker, organ
Dayseye from Bryn Mawr
Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore
www.bachinbaltimore.org
4 p.m.

Choral Evensong
music of Stanford, Rachmaninoff, Archer
Organ recital - Mary Hamlin-Spencer
St. Bartholomew's Church
4711 Edmondson Ave., Ten Hills
www.stbartholomew.ang-md.org
4:30 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols
Johannine Music Series
St. John the Evangelist Church
689 Ritchie Hgwy. SE, Severna Park
7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 3:00 p.m.
"The Still, Still Warmth of a Soft Snowfall"
Choir, organ, orchestra
Central Presbyterian Church
7308 York Road

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Maryland State Boychoir
Ascension Lutheran Church
7601 York Road
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - 4:00 p.m.
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts
3400 Norman Ave.
Tiered seating: \$22, \$18, \$15, \$12
410-668-2003 - tickets/information

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Maryland State Boychoir
Calvary Lutheran Church
2625 E. Northern Parkway
7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
Healey, Wonacott, Victoria, Lakey, Rutter, Willcocks,
Darke, Jepson and Carter
Church of the Redeemer
5603 N. Charles Street.
5:00 p.m.

A Maryland Colonial Christmas
St. Cecilia Society of St. Mark's Church
1900 St. Paul Street
2:00 p.m.

Organ Recital
David Huggins
First English Lutheran Church
Charles & 39th Streets
2:00 p.m.

[Early January 2009 concerts on following page]

PLACEMENT SERVICE – December, 2008

BRUCE EICHER

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There is a non-refundable fee of \$15 for all church listings.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 8212 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, MD 21237. The congregation is seeking an Organist/Choir Director for two weekly services. Usually there are two rehearsal required; some seasons require additional rehearsals. Approximately 16-18 hours per week. M. P Möller Pipe Organ. Salary: \$12,000-\$14,500. Three weeks paid vacation. **Contact:** Jeff Frame, 410-780-7479. (Oct.08)

ST. JOAN OF ARC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 222 South. Law Street, Aberdeen 21001. The parish is seeking an Associate Organist/Director who for the present would be in charge of the 11:15 AM primarily contemporary Mass requiring one weekly rehearsal and service. This position will be available January 1, 2009. Other responsibilities would be to play the traditional Saturday, 5 PM and Sunday, 8:30 AM masses and one weekly rehearsal when the principal organist is on vacation, and to be available to him from time to time as his assistant. This part time position could ultimately lead to the principal position. Salary: \$18,000-\$20,000 and Health Insurance. **Contact:** The applicant should address his/her resumé with references to Father Samuel V. Young, 410-272-4535, Ext. 23. (Oct. 08)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 112 East Second St., Frederick, MD 21701. 4200-family congregation seeking an Organist/Director for three weekly Masses, 3-4 weekly rehearsals for adult, youth and bell choirs. Approximately 40 hours per week. M. P. Möller 12-rank organ rebuilt in 1990's. Salary: \$35,000 - \$40,000 dependent upon education and experience. Benefits: Health insurance (Medical, dental, vision), sick leave. Three-weeks paid vacation. **Contact:** Father Murphy, 301-662-8288. **E-mail:** Parish@stjohn-frederick.org (Oct.08)

SAINT CLEMENT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2700 Washington Avenue, Lansdowne, MD 21227. 500-family congregation seeking an Organist/Director for three weekly services and one weekly rehearsal. Approximately 15 hours per week. Rodgers Organ. Salary: \$16,000-\$18,000 with four weeks paid vacation. **Contact:** Paul Gifford, 410-242-1025. (Dec. 08)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5116 Wetheredsville Road, Baltimore, MD 21207. 115-member church seeking Organist and Director for one weekly service and brief rehearsal on Sunday morning. Approximately 11-12 hours per week. Rodgers 1982 two-manual organ. Salary: \$10,000-\$12,000 per year with six weeks of paid vacation. **Contact:** Phillip Branner, 410-486-4665. **E-mail:** philbranner@comcast.net (Dec. 08)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Fifth Cantata from "Christmas Oratorio"
Joy Greene, Bonnie Cuisforth-Huber, Vijay Ghosh,
David Dimmock - soloists; Jonathan Dimmock, organ
Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore
www.bachinbaltimore.org
4:00 p.m.

Epiphany Festival of Choirs
St. John the Evangelist Church
689 Ritchie Hgwy. SE, Severna Park
7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Dedication of 100 rank Walker Technical
Company Digital Organ
John Walker, organist
Church of Resurrection, Burtonsville, MD
www.resurrectionadw.org
dessert reception
6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Michael Britt, organist
accompanying a silent film
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
www.stbartholomew.and-md.org
6:30 p.m.

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS

Listing is for a period of one year and is free to AGO members, \$40 fee (non-refundable) to non-members. It is the responsibility of the individual to renew the listing at the yearly registration. Contact Placement Director Bruce Eicher, 410-561-9948. **Publication of the names is a convenience to users and does not imply endorsement of individuals by the Baltimore Chapter AGO.**

(The names listed are available for any service as Organist/Director for all denominations any day unless indicated otherwise.)

Clinton Adams	(410) 663-0161	Unavailable Sunday AM
Patricia Amato	(410) 391-8750	e-mail: pmcamato@comcast.net
David P. Beatty	(215) 518-1025	
Paul Binko	(410) 561-9928	e-mail: PaulBinko@comcast.net
Naomi Binko	(410) 337-0304	
Janet Bowen	(410) 252-5454	
Nelda Clelland	(410) 744-0809	neldaclelland@mac.com
Ted Davis	(410) 859-3236	Unavailable Sunday AM
Jeffrey Ehmsen	(443) 756-0413	
Theodore Feldmann	(410) 467-0443	No Sat eve or Sun AM. Cantor/Organist Mail4MrTed@aol.com
Larry Ford	(410) 529-1892	lafitd@comcast.net
Richard Foss	(410) 823-8708	
Dan Gleckler	(410) 243-5313	e-mail: adg2726stpaul@msn.com
Warren Glock	(410) 661-1004	Unavailable Sunday AM
Aaron Goen	(760) 703-5619	e-mail: aaron@osp1692.org Unavailable Sunday AM
Stephen Heaver, Jr.	(410) 235-6144	Unavailable Sundays from Sept.-May
John Holland	(410) 323-3322	Funerals, weddings, weekday services.
John Igoe	(410) 869-8590	e-mail: jmidad@comcast.net
Jonel Jones	(410) 889-8688	
Diane Kline	(410) 337-4948	Unavailable Sunday AM
Melody Knight	(410) 790-6308	Org/Dir and Vocal soloist. Unavailable Sunday AM
Len Langrick	(443) 257-3300	Unavailable Sunday AM, RC Masses, weddings, funerals
		e-mail: llangrick@towsonpres.org
		e-mail: lauderdales2@verizon.net
Jack Lauderdale	(410) 531-2670	
Vernene Rodgers Lenz	(410) 833-4427	
Ruth Loyer	(717) 424-6739	Also plays Viola.
Diane Luchese	(410) 435-3424	Weekends only
Kathryn Master	(410) 340-2212	(Also plays flute) e-mail: kmastermusic@aol.com
Louise Null	(410) 377-6164	
Renata O'Reilly	(410) 300-2710	Unavailable Sunday AM
Daniel Bennett Page	(301) 946-0919	Weekends and evenings. cell: 301-821-7230, Cantor/organ/choral
		e-mail: DanielBennettPage@hotmail.com
Michele Prokopchak	(301) 989-2238	e-mail: mepschell@hotmail.com
Lori Ramser	(410) 922-2290	(Flute, voice, Cantor, organ) not available Sunday AM
		e-mail: staccato@comcast.net
Bryan Rowe	410) 744-5260	e-mail: bbrowe4450@verizon.net
Susan Weisman	(410) 830-1791	Unavailable weekdays e-mail: 3weisman@comcast.net
Michele Prokopchak	(301) 989-2238	
George Sack	(410) 821-0244	Available weekends only
Eleanor Timberlake	(410) 730-3222	
Heather Traxler	(443) 929-0057	Pianist. Service playing, teaching. htraxler@hotmail.com
Brenda Weiser	(301) 865-6113	e-mail: brenda.weiser@comcast.net

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