

April 2009

Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter
American Guild of Organists



AGO Boston 2009: Regions I and II Joint Convention, July 1-4, 2009 Boston, Massachusetts

Lee Ridgway, Boston Chapter Dean
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Friday night Gala Concert: Music for Organ and Brass at Trinity Church (Aeolian-Skinner)
Barbara Bruns, organ, Nicholas White, conductor
Polychoral Music with Double Brass Quintet

Featured Artists:

- James David Christie with the New Philharmonia Orchestra, Ronald Knudsen, conductor, at Symphony Hall (Aeolian-Skinner)
- Hatsumi Miura at Old West Church (Fisk)
- David Briggs at The Church of the Advent (Aeolian-Skinner)
- Christa Rakich at First Lutheran Church (Richards & Fowkes)
- Peter Sykes at The Church of the Covenant (Welte)
- Diane Belcher at The Christian Science Mother Church (Aeolian-Skinner)
- Peter Krasinski at Old South Church (E. M. Skinner)
- Barbara Bruns, organ; Nicholas White, conductor: Polychoral Music with Double Brass Quintet at Trinity Church (Aeolian-Skinner)

Registration is up on the website:

www.agoboston2009.com/index.html

\$345 Regular Member after March 1, 2009
 FREE Student with ID
 \$395 Non-member after March 1, 2009
 \$125 Daily

Springfield Chapter Leadership

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Stay over in Boston for the famous July 4th Celebration with the Boston Pops!

Chapter News...

Robes Available! Music/Choir Directors: Large selection available of adult red choir robes with detachable white v-neck collars in good condition, some like new. For more information, contact Bill Lucia, 413-783-4111, ext.146, or email wplmusicloft@comcast.net.

A Comment from one of our members:

Dear Editor, While reading Noah Adams' book "Piano Lessons", I came across a quote that rang true. Noah is a host with NPR. He was interviewing a concert pianist, Tori Amos. He asked her if she could love a digital piano. She replied, "No, impossible. An acoustic piano breathes. I think of it as a living, breathing woman. It's all about the breath, the air." - Pat Kapitzky- currently playing a top of the line digital organ at Our Lady of the Hills (St.Mary's) in Haydenville, MA. *Editor's note: I asked Pat how she felt about the digital instrument she plays in Haydenville. Her response:* Playing a digital instrument is kind of like playing a toy - not the real breathing thing. It is fun. It leads the congregational singing, keeping them on pitch and on beat. It's cheap to keep up. There is something missing emotionally, however...It does not have the natural wood and metal pipes and flutes and horns and air that make you feel like you have a living orchestra at your finger tips. And for sure my Super Digital Organ has no different personality than many thousand other Super Digital Organs EXACTLY like it around the country. It's very fine but not a real organ.

Position Open: Central Baptist Church, an influential witness for Christ in Westfield, MA is seeking a gifted individual to play organ and possibly step into the role as choir director. Candidate would play regular preludes, offertories and postludes and accompany the chancel choir and possibly other ensembles during regular Sunday services and other occasional events. Position begins in June. College level training preferred. Please send cover letter, resume and if available, recordings to: Ann Angell, chairman of music; anangell@verizon.net, or PO Box 95, Westfield, MA 01086. www.centralbaptistchurchwestfield.com

Chapter Events

Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. The Members Recital will be held at St Mary's Church, 30 Bartlett Street in Westfield. The members who are performing are: Lori Bourret, Quentin Faulkner, Mary Murrell Faulkner and Richard Matteson. Thanks go out to our hosts, organist Joseph Geehern and choir director Rob Lepage.

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (Please note that this is a change in day, time and venue!) Year-end banquet at Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Hays, Executive Director and founder of Drama Studio, who was also Producing Director of Stage West from its inception in 1967 until 1984. He has directed Doors, Ozma of Oz, Wiley and the Hairy Man, Mother Hicks, The Secret Garden, Ordinary People, Ramona Quimby, The Birds, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Anne of Green Gables, The Italian Straw Hat, The Tempest, Very Good Eddie, and The Boy Friend for the Drama Studio. He is also a playwright and musician, with three of his plays, The Snow Queen, The Little Match Girl, and Me and Ruth, premiering at the Drama Studio.

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**New Membership rates for 2009-2010:** Many of you may already have received notice from the national office of rate increases for next year, which can also be found on page 86 of the January TAO as well here:

| Membership Category | National | Chapter | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Regular             | \$55.00  | \$37.00 | \$92.00 |
| Special             | \$37.50  | \$29.50 | \$67.00 |
| Student             | \$24.00  | \$13.00 | \$37.00 |
| Partner             | \$30.00  | \$37.00 | \$67.00 |
| Dual                | \$0.00   | \$36.00 | \$36.00 |
| Student Dual        | \$0.00   | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |

## Upcoming Events

### April 2009

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.** The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents Mary Brown Bonacci, mezzo soprano, Clifton Noble, accompanist, and Margarita Nuller, piano at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. They will perform a program featuring Boys, Men, Painted Ladies, and the Girl Next Door: Opera Arias for Mezzo Soprano, and the Sonata 3 in b-minor, Opus 58 of Chopin. \$10 non-member admission.

**Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** The traditional Good Friday service of Tenebrae will be performed by the Cathedral Choir of Boys and Adults with string accompaniment and soloists Don Johnston, Paul Knaplund, and Michael Cremonini in the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street, Springfield. The main feature of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of all lights and candles throughout the entire cathedral during the seven cycles of music, readings, and prayers, until all are left in darkness. The service will include chants, spirituals, and choral music by Billings, Handel, Mendelssohn, and others. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact 413-452-0839 or [worship@diospringfield.org](mailto:worship@diospringfield.org)

**Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.** Western New England College Music Program Spring Showcase Concert "Imagination, Pure and Simple." Performances in Rivers Memorial Hall by the WNEC choirs and bands, John Cavicchia and Ted Levine, directors. 413-796-2270 or [wnec.edu/arts](http://wnec.edu/arts).

**Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.** The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents Sudie Marcuse, soprano, Emily Samuels, recorder, Grant Moss, organ and Margaret Irwin-Brandon, organ and harpsichord at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield. \$10.

**Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** Novi Cantori performs works of Bach, Tallis, Palestrina and Stanford at Grace Episcopal Church, 55 New Park Avenue, Hartford. Free-will offering.

**Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** (Springfield Chapter event) Member's recital at St. Mary's Church, 98 North Maple Street, Westfield. The program will inaugurate the installation of the 1897 Casavant organ, opus 78.

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**Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Mt. Holyoke's *Collegium*, under the direction of Bob Eisenstein, will present a concert of early music at Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham; 413-596-2511. Free-will offering.

### May 2009

**Sunday, May 3, 2009 4:00 p.m.** Novi Cantori, directed by Allan Taylor, sings at Wilbraham United Church, 500 Main Street, Wilbraham; 413-596-2511. Free-will offering.

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 10:30 a.m.** Tuesday Morning Music Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Guest Artists *The Pioneer Consort*, Micheal Nix, guitar, Chris Devine, violin and Greg Snededker, cello. Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. \$10 non-member admission.

**Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.** Larry Schipull performs organ works of Bach and Mendelssohn at St. Theresa of Lisieux, 9 East Parkview Drive, South Hadley. 413-532-3228.

**Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** Grant Moss in recital at Second Congregational Church, 487 Western Avenue, Westfield. 413-568-7557.

**Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.** The New England Ringers present a handbell workshop and concert at South Congregational Church UCC, 45 Maple Street in Springfield. Dual workshops are available to area ringers and directors at 1 & 2:15 p.m. The ensemble will then present a formal concert in the church at 7. Ringers, directors and/or choirs who would like to participate in the workshops should contact Larry Picard, 413-732-0117 x28 or [lpicard@sococho.org](mailto:lpicard@sococho.org). The concert is a rescheduling of the event that was cancelled in December by a snowstorm, so if you still have your ticket from that event it will be honored on May 30.

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## *Chiff Chat Newsletter*

To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email [newsletter@springfieldago.org](mailto:newsletter@springfieldago.org). Submissions for the November 2008 issue are due October 15, 2008.

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