

# Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter  
American Guild of Organists  
March 2011



## A message from the Dean...

Dollars are votes. Most of us know this. How we choose to spend our dollars is a direct vote for that product or service. If you are reading this, you've chosen to belong to an organization whose mission it is to enhance, support, educate and further the community of those who play the organ. In these uncertain times with churches closing and attendance down, every vote counts and your membership is important and meaningful. It helps to provide assistance to young beginning organists like our own Griffin McMahon, Monica Czausz and Emelyn Bashour. Your dues support the national magazine, national and regional conferences, and the local chapter. While the local chapter is volunteer-run, the programs need financial support and you have underwritten so far this year the opening tea at the home of Lesniak and Finnegan, the magnificent David Briggs concert, the humorous organ Phantasmagoria and the most delicious and educational Pastor-Organist dinner. Nice job. Your dollar votes will also underwrite the young organist Quimby competition taking place this month by giving money toward a scholarship for the winner. Your dollars will sponsor the Members' Recital reception (March 20), help bring Peter Krasinski back to Holyoke for another wonderful silent movie (April 9) and give us all a chance to socialize with one another at Charlie Page's home at the end-of-the-year cookout (June 5).

Bodies are votes, too. Your attendance at organ related events is a vote that is just as

important as the dollars, maybe even more so. Behind every event is someone or some committee that has put in many hours organizing, rehearsing, preparing and advertising it. These events need audiences and organists need to attend such events in order to encourage and support their colleagues. I recently attended a benefit concert at St. Michael's cathedral which Lad Pfeiffer and his choir had organized so beautifully. There were four different choral groups with an interesting mix of styles and age, including a Jewish chorus from Longmeadow and a high school chorus from Agawam. The proceeds (suggested donation \$10) amounted to \$1100 which went to support the Head Start Healthy Relationships program. It was a lovely evening and so much good came of it. This is only one example of the many that are listed monthly in Chiff Chat. So mark your calendars and go to a concert--may I suggest the upcoming Members' Recital? Our own members could use your vote!

- Martha

**Still looking!** Are you good at Desktop Publishing? The Springfield Chapter AGO is looking for a volunteer to edit the annual yearbook. We're also looking for two people to serve as Members-at-Large on the Chapter Board. Contact [martha@sienkiewicz.org](mailto:martha@sienkiewicz.org).

**Springfield Chapter Leadership**

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***Next Chapter Event: Members' Recital at All Saints Episcopal Church, South Hadley. Ian McKee, Emelyn Bashour, Roberta Morkin and Scott Bailey will perform. Reception to follow. A poster is included with this newsletter - you are encouraged to post it at your church or on any public bulletin board.***

***And more chapter events...***

**April 9** (Saturday) 7:00 PM, **Peter Krazinski** accompanies the silent movie "The General" at United Congregational Church of Holyoke.

**June 10** (Friday) 4:00 PM, **End-of-year cookout** at the home of Charles Page, Enfield, Ct.  
**Note: this is a possible date and time change from the one originally planned for Sunday, June 5. Keep watching this space for updates, as the date is not yet confirmed!**

***Christopher Houlihan,  
organist***

*playing music by Sweelinck, Bach, Mozart,  
Vierne and Mendelssohn*

*on the  
Richards, Fowkes organ, op. 13*

*Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 3 p.m.  
The First Church of Deerfield  
71 Old Main Street, Deerfield  
Suggested donation \$10. Reception to  
follow.*

**Living Liturgy Event!**

[www.livingliturgy.com](http://www.livingliturgy.com)

**With Mary Preus, Tom Witt, Ben  
Stewart, Marty Haugen, Susan Briehl**

**May 5 – 7, 2011**

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
1817 Warwick Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02889**

**401-739-2937  
parishasst@pilgrimlutheranri.org**

## Upcoming Events

### March 2011

#### **Friday, March 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Organ Recital by Peter Beardsley, FAGO Music of Franck, Duruflé, Alain, and the Saint-Saens *Carnival of the Animals* Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield  
[www.christchurchcathedralspringfield.org](http://www.christchurchcathedralspringfield.org)

#### **Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents a program by the Junior Extension. Meghan Wallace, Luiza Korobkova, Alex Li, Connie Dai, Tulsi Mali, Lior David, Angela Wu, and guests from East Longmeadow High Chamber Group perform. Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield.  
[www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org](http://www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org)

#### **Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

Christopher Houlihan plays at First Church of Deerfield, 71 Main Street, Old Deerfield. See page 2 for more info.  
[www.firstchurchofdeerfield.org](http://www.firstchurchofdeerfield.org)

#### **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.**

The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents Tamila Azadaliyeva, piano, Neal Humphreys, cello and Eileen Ruby, mezzo-soprano. Trinity Methodist Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield.  
[www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org](http://www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org)

#### **Friday, March 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Organ Recital by Griffin McMahon Music of Bach, Franck, Duruflé, Widor, Messiaen. Christ Church Cathedral, 35 State Street, Springfield  
[www.christchurchcathedralspringfield.org](http://www.christchurchcathedralspringfield.org)

#### **Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

**(Chapter Event)** Members' recital at All Saints Church, South Hadley. See page 2.

#### **Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

Mostly Baroque will be a concert in the chapel of St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. Voices, strings, harpsichord and organ will be heard in works of Buxtehude, Handel and Mozart. Donations accepted.  
[worship@diospringfield.org](mailto:worship@diospringfield.org)

#### **Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

An afternoon of organ music on the Hook & Hastings organ at Trinity Church, 17 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls. Grant Moss, Larry Picard, Thomas Pousont, Larry Schipull and Hedley Yost perform. Donations for the organ maintenance fund.

#### **Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 4:00 pm**

Novi Cantori sings Britten's *Te Deum* and *Jubilate in C*, and the *Hymn to St. Cecilia*. Also music by Howells, di Lasso, Palestrina, and Schumann, and solo organ works performed by organist John Anderson. Granville Federated Church. Tickets \$10 (\$8 student and senior). [www.novicantori.org](http://www.novicantori.org)

### April 2011

#### **Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 4:00 pm**

Novi Cantori sings at Granville Federated Church, Granville. See March 27 entry for more info.  
[www.novicantori.org](http://www.novicantori.org)

#### **Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**(Chapter Event)** Peter Krasinski accompanies the silent classic "The General" at United Congregational, Church, Holyoke. See page 2.

#### **Thursday, April 14, 2011, time TBA**

Schola Nova sings at Hampshire Regional High School, Westhampton, Mass., in a *Collaborative Concert*, with area high school choirs. Music of Eric Whitacre, William Dawson, Norman Luboff, Algidas Martinaitis. [www.scholanova.org](http://www.scholanova.org)

#### **Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Schola Nova sings *Tenebrae--the Passion of Christ* at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Easthampton. Music for the service from Gregorio Allegri's "Miserere."  
[www.scholanova.org](http://www.scholanova.org)

#### **Friday, April 22, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.**

Schola Nova sings *Tenebrae--the Passion of Christ*. The service (not a concert) will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow. See April 19 entry.  
[www.scholanova.org](http://www.scholanova.org)

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## *Chiff Chat Newsletter*

**Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
Celebrating 62 Years as a chapter!**

To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email [newsletter@springfieldago.org](mailto:newsletter@springfieldago.org). Submissions are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Also, visit our website at [www.springfieldago.org](http://www.springfieldago.org)!

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