

Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter
American Guild of Organists

March 2010



A Message from the Dean...

March comes in like a lion, and well, as the Rodgers & Hammerstein song implies, sometimes it goes out the same way. It certainly roars for the entire month if you're a musician as churches, concert halls and other venues seem to present scores of concerts. Many of us can't even attend most of those events because we're too involved with those we're directing or performing ourselves. Take a look at our events calendar on page 3. There are six different listings for March 21, one of which is our own chapter's members' recital. While the other five promise to be well worth attending, I certainly encourage you to attend our wonderful event which will showcase the newly-renovated Southfield-Estey organ at St. Patrick's Church, Monson. I also hope to see you the previous weekend at two events at the First Church of Deerfield when Stephen Hamilton of New York City will present a lecture and demonstration (March 13) and recital (March 14). Details are on the next page.

It was encouraging to see so many of you at the mini-convention on February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral. While our chapter may seem relatively small we seem to show our strength in our sense of community. Besides for gleaned some interesting information from the presenters, there was a jovial mood throughout the day and everyone seemed to enjoy connecting with other chapter members, as well as a few welcome outsiders who came from as far away as Vermont. Special thanks to Karen Banta for organizing that event, which was no easy feat. Thanks also to the presenters, Larry Picard, Chris Thornley, Becky Isaacson, Lad Pfeiffer and Peter Beardsley, who

all prepared informative and interesting presentations.



Lad Pfeiffer leads a workshop on Catholic Liturgy at the February 14 mini convention.

The R&H song goes on to say that April cries and steps aside, and along comes pretty little May. If you haven't figured out what song I'm talking about yet, the chorus begins "June is bustin' out all over." I can't tell you how ready I am for that to happen, but let's not distract ourselves too soon with thoughts of green grass and sunny weather. Keep your eyes on the big event coming up at the beginning of April, by which of course, I mean Passover, Holy Week and Easter. Stay rested and don't sweat the small stuff. Take time for yourself. I mean it. See you at the next event! - *Grant*

Tell your friends! New AGO Chapter memberships available at ½ price until March 31. Regular, \$42.50; special, \$29; partner, \$23; student, \$18.50. Contact Karen Banta: kdbanta@gmail.com.

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Chapter Events 2010

March 13 (Saturday) 10:00 AM at the Brick Church in Old Deerfield, **Lecture and Demonstration on Organ Repertoire with Stephen Hamilton**. Mr. Hamilton is a New York City recording artist, recitalist, lecturer and organist who will present creative and innovative ideas on presenting organ music each week in the church setting. Coffee, donuts and socializing will begin at 9:30 AM.

March 21 (Sunday) 4:00 PM, **Members' Recital** (see below).

April 24 (Saturday) 7:00 PM, **Peter Krasinski accompanies the silent movie "For Heaven's Sake"** at United Congregational Church of Holyoke.

June 7 (Monday) 6:30 PM, St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield, **Annual Banquet**.

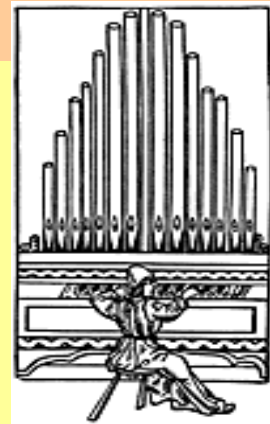
The Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents the

2010 MEMBERS' RECITAL

featuring a 14-rank Estey organ newly rebuilt by
Southfield Organ Builders, Inc.

Keith Richardson, Elizabeth Dawson, Monica Czausz &
Griffin McMahon perform at **St. Patrick's R. C. Church, 22
Green St., Monson, Sunday, March 21 at 4 pm.**

Reception to follow—all are invited!



From the University of Michigan: The complete organ works of Bach, recorded by James Kibbie on original baroque organs in Germany, are now available as free internet downloads. The University of Michigan's Block M Records label is offering free downloads of all 270 Bach works in MP3 and high audio-quality formats at www.blockmrecords.org/bach. James Kibbie recorded the series on seven historic organs by Silbermann, Schnitger, Trost, Bielfeldt, and Hildebrandt.

Upcoming Events

March 2010

Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Monica Czausz performs on an organ recital at Providence Place, Holyoke.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

(Chapter Event) Lecture and demonstration at First Church of Deerfield by New York City organist Stephen Hamilton on the Richards, Fowkes organ. See p. 2 for details.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The Brick Church Music Series presents Stephen Hamilton, recitalist, recording artist, lecturer and church musician from NYC. Suggested donation \$10.00. Information: 413-774-2657.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The South Hadley Chorale presents its 25th anniversary concert with works by Brahms, Haydn, Rutter and Bach. \$15/\$10, 413-533-3833 or www.southhadleychorale.org.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Anita Cooper, soprano, David Cid, piano, Zeke Hecker, oboe, Tamara Field, English Horn, and Diane LePartitto, bassoon, perform for the Tuesday Morning Music Club. Asbury Hall, Trinity United Methodist, Springfield. www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (Chapter Event) Members' recital at St. Patrick's Church, Monson. See page 2 for more details.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The Pioneer Valley Symphony performs Bach's St. John Passion at John M. Greene Hall, Smith College, Northampton. www.pvso.org

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The Mat-tunes House Concert series presents "A Marimba Equinox" with Fumito Nunoya, marimba. Concert takes place at a historic Springfield residence with desserts by the host. Reservations 413-348-3729.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. David Kidwell will give a free organ recital at the Ed-

wards Church of Northampton. Music by Franck, Kidwell, Gwyneth Walker, and others.

Premiere of Gwyneth Walker's "The Promised Land" with Mary Annarella, soprano. 413-584-5500.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Morris Robinson, Bass, at South Church, New Britain, CT. www.southchurch.org.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ/Saxophone duo Luca Massaglia and Isabella Stabio perform at UCC Second Congregational Church, 487 Western Avenue, Westfield. \$10 – 413-568-7557.

Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn Averill, soprano, and friends in recital accompanied by Larry Picard at Wilbraham United Church. www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org

Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Organist Peter Ludlow plays works of Bach, Mendelssohn and Dupré at Wilbraham United Church. www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Schola Nova sings a service of Holy Tenebrae at Immaculate Conception Church, Easthampton. Music of Byrd, Pärt and others. www.scholanova.org

April 2010

Friday, April 2, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Schola Nova sings Holy Tenebrae at St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow. See March 30.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. South Church Chamber Society, South Church, New Britain, CT. www.southchurch.org.

Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. (Chapter Event) Peter Krasinski returns to United Congregational Church Holyoke to accompany the silent film "For Heaven's Sake." See page 2 for details.

Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Novi Cantori sings at Granville Federated Church. www.novicantori.org

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