

May/June 2007

Chiff Chat

Springfield, MA Chapter
American Guild of Organists



A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

Once again, thanks to all of your support and the publicity effort led by board member (and director of music) Michael Gilman, we packed the pews of Holyoke United Congregational for a performance by Peter Krasinski. On March 24, 2007, Peter improvised to the 1921 film *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* and left us spellbound. The generosity of the church and a private donor resulted in over \$2200 contributed to our *Pipe Organ Encounter!* We have already engaged Mr. Krasinski for the 2007/08 season (announced elsewhere in this issue). He is also generously volunteering as a faculty member and performer at our *Pipe Organ Encounter (POE)* at Smith College July 22 – 27, 2007.

We have begun our renewal period and Peter Beardsley, Treasurer, has included a form with this newsletter. Please return this form with your check prior to July 1, 2007 in order to insure your name is included in the annual directory.

It is not too late to make plans to attend our Region I convention in Providence, Rhode Island. The Providence chapter has done a fabulous job of planning recitals and events for June 24 – 27, 2007. They have put up full details and registration information on their web site at www.2007ri-ago.org.

The other major event this summer is our POE. We have closed the registration at forty students and have a wonderful week planned including a recital by Paul Jacobs, Peter Krasinski's improvisation mentioned above, field trips to Hartford and South Deerfield, seminars, private lessons, and fun! Most of the evening recitals are open to the public and I hope that you will be able to attend as many as possible. We will have a detailed schedule up soon on our POE website,

www.springfieldago.org/poemain.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about our annual meeting and cookout at Charles Page's lakefront home at 6 pm on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Amanda Mole, our student member currently at Eastman, will play a brief program on the Austin residence organ. This is always a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and end our year together. Please try to attend if possible.

After serving on the board for many years, the last four as Sub Dean and Dean, I am completing my elected service to the Chapter. The new team officially takes over July 1, 2007. I have many of you to thank for making my work so satisfying. In addition to my colleagues on the Board, I want particularly to acknowledge Charles Page and Bill Czelusniak. These two good friends represent so much of the corporate history and values of the Chapter, and constantly helped me keep us pointed in the right direction. I also want to express gratitude to all the members who faithfully renew their membership year-after-year and, even if you are not able to attend too many events, recognize the value of our mission. Your support is vital to the continued success of the Chapter.

Thank you for the honor to have had this brief time of stewardship of the Chapter and for your help, guidance, and support. We have a wonderful Chapter and I will soon be wearing my *Past Dean* pin proudly.

With continued kind thoughts,
E Lary Grossman

2007 Annual Chapter Meeting and Cookout!
Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 6:00pm
Charles Page's home - One Bridges Road, Enfield, CT

Join your friends and colleagues for our final meeting and barbecue at the home of Charles Page in Enfield, CT! The menu will include:

- Appetizers
- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Veggie Burgers
- Cold Salads
- Dessert
- Wine & other cold beverages

Please RSVP to Ron Trunzo at rtrunzo@comcast.net, or Martha Sienkiewicz at marthas@fastmail.fm by June 5, 2007.

Amanda Mole, one of our student members, will present a short recital on the Austin residence organ. Amanda is currently an organ performance major at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.



Directions to One Bridges Road, Enfield, CT

From the North, take Exit 1 off I-91. Stay on US-5, Longmeadow Street to the First Congregational Church. Turn left onto Williams Street - MA-192. Take a right onto Laurel Street, still MA-192 South. You will come to a STOP sign. Proceed forward, crossing the CT/MA border. There will be a second STOP sign. Take your next left, this is Bridges Road. Continue on Bridges to the Stop Sign, proceed forward and park on the West side of Bridges Road. Look for the white house facing the lake.
Telephone 860-749-7829

From the South, Take Exit 48 off I-91 North (Elm Street) Rt 220. Take a right at the end of the exit ramp. Follow 220 to 192 North. You will see a small Mall on your right. Bridges Road is the first right turn following this Mall. Turn right on Bridges Road. Continue on Bridges to the Stop Sign, proceed forward and park on the West side of Bridges Road. Look for the white house facing the lake.
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Springfield Chapter 2007-2008 Program Schedule

The Springfield Chapter is happy to announce the 2007-2008 program season! Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming issues of *Chiff Chat*!

September 9, 3:00 pm

Organ Recital, Ian Watson
South Congregational Church, Maple Street, Springfield, MA
\$10 donation to benefit the Arcadia Players
Reception by the Springfield AGO Chapter

October 7 & 8, 2007

Organ Crawl to Albany, NY, with the Worcester, MA and Albany, NY Chapters

October 12, 2007, 8:00 pm

Organ Recital, Robert Lind
St. Paul the Apostle, Springfield, MA
Reception by the Springfield AGO Chapter

November 4, 2007, 4:00pm

YALE CAMERATA
Marguerite Brooks, conductor & Thomas Murray, organist
United Congregational Church, Holyoke, MA

January 27, 2008, 3:00 pm

Anthem Read
All Saints Church, South Hadley, MA

April 12, 2008, 7:00 pm

SILENT MOVIE "Flesh and the Devil" featuring Greta Garbo
Peter Krasinski, Organ
United Congregational Church, Holyoke
\$8 Suggested Donation

June 10, 2008 Dinner, Organ Crawl, & Mini Concert, 6:00 pm

Wesley United Methodist Church, 98 North Maple St., Hadley, MA, 6:00pm
Dinner at *Goten of Japan*, Rte. 116, Sunderland, MA, 7:00pm

Announcements/Notes

Worcester, Mass. – May XX, 2007 – The Preliminary Round of the **Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition** of Kaliningrad, Russia will take place at Assumption College on June 7 and 8, 2007. The event is presented by the American Guild of Organists and Assumption College Humanarts through a generous grant from the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation.

Contestants from around the country will compete to advance to the second round of the competition, which will take place in Kaliningrad, Russia in September. Each competitor will perform a program repertoire specified by the competition's organizers. The panel of five distinguished jurors, all of whom are music professors at noted universities and conservatories in the United States, will choose two finalists who will each receive an award of \$2000 to cover expenses of traveling to Russia for the final two rounds.

Performances will take place at the Assumption College Chapel on Thursday, June 7th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and on Friday, June 8th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The required repertoire will include works of the Russian composer Mikael Tariverdiev, whose widow Vera Tariverdieva, is the driving force behind the competition and who will be the guest of honor in Worcester for the event.

On Friday, June 9, 4:00pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, the 1999 winner of the competition, Jean-Pierre Steijvers from the Netherlands, will present a recital to conclude the event. The program, entitled "From Russia with Love," will include orchestral works by Russian composers transcribed for the organ. All events are open to the public at no charge. "It is a great honor to welcome such a talented group of musicians from around the world to Assumption College," said Frank Corbin, College Organist and Director of Chapel Music at Assumption. "This unique competition will help establish a connection between the musical communities in the United States, Russia, and the rest of the world."

"The Tariverdiev International Organ Competition is regarded world-wide as the most important of all Russian organ competitions. Having served on the jury in Kaliningrad for the finals two years ago, I can report that the level of the competitors is truly extraordinary," said James David Christie, College Organist at Holy Cross, Professor of Organ at the Oberlin Conservatory and president of the jury for the 2007 Tariverdiev International Organ Competition. "The Russians take great pride in this competition and it is conducted in a very fair, professional manner. The jury consists of internationally renowned artists from around the world. It is a most congenial event for the competitors as well - they are entertained and treated very well; they have a marvelous time socially as well as musically."

The preliminary round of the competition will be directed by Frank Corbin, College Organist and Director of Chapel Music at Assumption College with the assistance of James David Christie, College Organist at Holy Cross and Professor of Organ at the Oberlin Conservatory. Christie is also the Director of the Humanarts series and current Dean of the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Two years ago he spearheaded the recording project *Great Organs of Worcester*, a compilation of performances by Worcester organists on the city's many fine and historic pipe organs. Also sponsored by the Fuller Foundation, it has gained national visibility among enthusiasts of the pipe organ and its music throughout the country (more information at www.worcesterago.org.)

In Memoriam

Philip Buddington passed away on the Cape in December at the age of 90. He was an active member of the Springfield Chapter, AGO and served several churches in the Pioneer Valley as organist and choir director including the First Congregational Church, Westfield and the United Church, Wilbraham prior to moving to Cape Cod. He was also actively involved in Gilbert & Sullivan productions in the Pioneer Valley. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his family and friends.

Upcoming Events

May 2007

Sunday, May 20, 3:00 pm

Organ Recital by Allan Taylor, Granville Federated Church, 16 Granby Road, Granville MA 01034. free admission. Music by Buxtehude, Bach, Hindemith, Dubois. This is the first recital on this new instrument, built by Russell & Co., organ builders.

Sunday, May 20, 2007 - 4:00pm 80-minute Organ Concert, in celebration of the 80th birthday of Wesley United Methodist Church and the George Clifton Bryant Memorial Organ (Skinner IV/73), featuring organists Scott Lamlein, Marjorie Ness, and William Ness. Music Alive! Concert Series Series, Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester. Free, donations encouraged at \$8, \$80, or \$800. Info: 508/799-4191 x107 or www.music-alive.net

Sunday, May 20, 2007 - 4:00pm Carl Klein, organist. Works of Gigout, Messiaen & Vierne. MUSIC AT MISSION - Geo. S. Hutchings Op. 410 Organ Series. Mission Church (Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help), 1545 Tremont St, Boston - minutes from MBTA Greenline E / Brigham Circle stop. Wheelchair accessible. Suggested Donation \$15 (\$10 for students/seniors). (617) 445-2600, www.themissionchurch.com

Friday, May 25, 2007 - 8:00pm

Da Camera - Spring Concert
Spring Concert Da Camera Sheila Heffernon, conductor. Helen Hills Hills Chapel Corner of Rt. 9/Elm St. and Round Hill Rd. Northampton.
Memorial Day Program featuring the Charpentier Requiem; movements from When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed, Hindemith, Dona Nobis Pacem, Vaughan Williams, Stabat Mater, Pergolesi; Requiem Aeternum, Conelius and the New England premier of Simple Songs by William Bolcom (settings of poems by Donald Hall)

Sunday, May 27, 2007 - 3:00pm

Da Camera - Spring Concert
Spring Concert Da Camera Sheila Heffernon, conductor. Trinitarian Congregational Church, Main St, Northfield, MA. *Memorial Day Program featuring the Charpentier Requiem; movements from When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed,*

Hindemith, Dona Nobis Pacem, Vaughan Williams, Stabat Mater, Pergolesi; Requiem Aeternum, Conelius and the New England premier of Simple Songs by William Bolcom (settings of poems by Donald Hall)

June 2007

Friday and Saturday June 1 & 2, 2007 - 8:00 pm, & Sunday June 3, 2007 at 2 :00pm. Commonwealth Opera presents "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" Sweeney Concert Hall, Smith College. Ron Luchsinger, artistic director Clifton J. Noble, music director. Music and lyrics by Jacques Brel.

<http://www.commonwealthopera.org/musical.html>

Sunday, June 3 to Saturday June 9 The 5th St Paul's Music Festival featuring Worcester Collegium, Mastersingers of Worcester, New England Handbell Ringers, St Paul's Cathedral Choir, Salisbury Singers, Crispian Steele-Perkins, Pakachoag Community Music School, Novi Cantori, Jeffrey Wood, Sean Redrow, Joseph Policelli, Ian Watson and the first St. Paul's Young Musicians Competition. St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. Info: 508/754-9822 or www.stpaulsmusicfestival.org

Saturday, June 9, 2007 - 7:00pm Concert: AMERICAN TRADITIONS - NEW AND OLD. Master Singers of Worcester and Salisbury Singers, Directors Malcolm Halliday and Michelle Graveline. Premiere of NEW ENGLAND JOURNEY, a multi-movement work by Gwyneth Walker based on old New England hymn tunes. Also MISSA KENYA by Paul Basler, and American spirituals. St. Paul's Cathedral, 38 High St., Worcester. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors/students. Tickets at the door or call 508-799-3848.

June 12, 2007, 6:00pm, Springfield AGO End of Year Banquet/Cookout, Residence of Charles Page, One Bridges Road, Enfield, CT. Our closing event is also a social occasion! Join fellow AGO chapter members in welcoming the summer. Organist Amanda Mole will demonstrate the Austin residence organ.

Sunday, June 17 2007 - 3:00pm

HCS Presents Haydn's The Seasons, The Hampshire Choral Society, Allan Taylor, conductor, John M. Greene Hall, Elm Street, Northampton, MA.

And More Events!

June 24 to 27 - 2007 REGIONAL CONVENTION

The AGO Region I Convention will occur from Sunday, June 24, 2007 through Wednesday, June 27, 2007, in Providence, Rhode Island. AGO Region I members will receive a brochure with registration details before year-end. Accommodations will be at the Providence Marriott. The Convention will include recitals by Patricia Snyder, Mark Steinbach, Paul Jacobs, Brink Bush (in Middletown/Newport!), Andrew Galuska and Hope Davis, as well as a "grand finalé" recital on Wednesday, June 27 with Gillian Weir. If you need more details prior to receiving the brochure, contact the Rhode Island Chapter, Doris Alberg, Registrar, 665 Maureen Circle, Mapleville, RI 02839 dorisja@cox.net.

Sunday June 24, 2007, 8pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Providence - Community Hymn Sing titled "Sing for Peace and Justice." Co-sponsored by the RI Guild of Organists and the Providence Singers, directed by Andrew Clark and assisted by many of Rhode Island's talented organists and other instrumentalists. Free and open to the public.

Monday June 25, 2007, 8pm at First Baptist Church in America, Providence - Paul Jacobs, Chair of the Organ Department of the Julliard School plays the organ with charismatic style and showmanship. Called "A new prince for the King of Instruments" by Minnesota Public Radio. See <http://www.concertartists.com/PJ.html>. \$15 donation at the door.

Tuesday June 26, 2007, 8pm at Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Providence - A program remembering the works of the late Providence composer Alexander Peloquin, who reshaped church music in America with his compositions as the Catholic church changed from Latin to English. The program features the Gregorian Concert Choir and Orchestra. \$15 donation at the door.

Wednesday June 27, 2007, 8pm at Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Providence - Dame Gillian Weir, famed British organist who drew two million Britons weekly to her BBC television series will astound you with her skills. She is Prince Consort Professor of Organ, Royal College of Music, London. See <http://www.gillianweir.com/>. \$15 donation at the door.

July 2007

Sunday, July 22 – Friday, July 27, 2007

Springfield Chapter presents: Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) 2007, Smith College. For more information, see the brochure on the Springfield AGO website, or contact E Lary Grossman, Dean & POE Director.

95th SUMMER ON THE KOTZSCHMAR 2007 - Merrill Auditorium, Portland, Maine

Don't miss the spectacular line-up of great organists! All summer concerts begin at 7:30 pm, with Pre-concert talks at 6:30 pm. Admission \$10.00 suggested at the door.

June 12 - Ray Cornils, Portland Municipal Organist

June 19 - Cameron Carpenter, New York City, NY

June 26 - John Scott, St. Thomas Church, NYC, NY

July 3 - Dave Wickerham, Boca Raton, FL

July 10 - David Briggs, New York City, NY

July 17 - Carlo Curley, International Concert Artist

July 31 - Christa Rakich, Distinguished Artist in

Residence, First Lutheran Church, Boston

August 7 - Alan Morrison, Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia PA (John Weaver Celebratory Concert)

August 14 - Thomas Heywood, Melbourne, Australia

August 21 - R. Jelani Eddington, New York City, NY

August 28 - Raúl Prieto Ramírez, Barcelona, Spain

September 2007

September 9, 2007 3 PM

Ian Watson, Organist

Benefit Concert, South Congregational Church, Springfield

Positions

First Congregational Church of Stockbridge, Main Street, Stockbridge, MA, 01262. 413-298-3137.

Part-time Director of Music (15-20 hours per week) at historic church in historic village of Norman Rockwell fame with a rich tradition of good music and talented musicians in a relatively small parish. The Director of Music will provide organ/piano music at weekly Sunday service and seasonal and special services; recruit, direct and rehearse adult and children's choir; work with existing hand bell choir and coordinate their participation in the Sunday worship service; meet weekly with church staff to integrate music into Sunday morning service; maintain music library and annual music budget; hire soloists and guest musicians, be available for weddings and funerals. Church has two manual Johnson organ and Steinway B grand piano. 16 voice chancel choir. Salary is commensurate with experience, skill, and education, with four weeks paid vacation and potential for individual health insurance compensation. Send resume and two references to Rev. Steve Bridges at First Congregational Church of Stockbridge.

Director of Music/Organist Somers Congregational Church - Somers, CT

Friendly and active Congregational Church seeks energetic and experienced person for the position of Director of Music/Organist. Part-time (12-15 hours per week). Two services on Sunday 8:15 and 10 a.m. Candidate must be proficient in playing a Casavant Pipe Organ (22 ranks II) have excellent manual and pedal skills. Must have experience in cultivating and directing a 20 member Senior Choir and seasonal/ Bell and Youth choir. Be available for weddings, funerals and special services throughout the year. Would work with Senior and Associate Pastor. Starting Salary \$14,000. For more information about the church, visit our website at www.somersnow.com/somerscong. Interested parties may send resume via email to Baumjam@aol.com or Somerscong@somersnow.com or by snail mail to church at 599 Main Street, Somers, CT 06071 Att: Mary Baum, Chair - Search Committee.

Organist * Choir Director * Musician Position Profile

The Church of S. Mary the Virgin

Denomination: Episcopal

43 Foreside Road, Falmouth, ME 04105, (207) 781-3366

Service Times: Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Priest's name: Father James P. Dalton-Thompson

Contact: Father Dalton-Thompson

Contact Phone Numbers:(Church) 207-781-3366, (Rectory) 207-781-2371

Position: Organist & Choirmaster

Salary: \$15,000

Instrument: 1979, 2-manual Casavant; tracker with flat pedal board.

Position opens: September 1, 2007

Closing date: not yet determined

Additional Notes: Please contact Fr. Dalton-Thompson for complete job description. S. Mary's is a wonderful, vibrant, and growing parish where music is given major emphasis.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, MA 01106. (413) 736-2324.

Interim Music Director (Choir Director and Organist) Half-time position for August 27, 2007 - June 15, 2008. The UUSGS enjoys a music program emphasizing the quality and variety of musical style and genre based on historical and contemporary expressions of faith. The congregation is a singing congregation, and the choir, averaging 18-20 volunteers, adds vitality to the worship experience, as do other members of the congregation who contribute their talents on their respective instruments. The Society's organ is a three manual, 38 rank Aeolian Skinner, and the sanctuary piano is a Steinway the choir sings twice a month, rehearses weekly from September to June. Rehearsals are held Thursday, 7:30-9 p.m., and prior to the 10:30 service on Sundays when the choir sings. We would like to fill this position by June 1, 2007, but will accept applications until the position is filled. The salary range is \$15,000-18,000, depending on qualifications and experience. For complete job description and additional information, please access our website at www.uuspringfield.org <<http://www.uuspringfield.org>>. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information of three references to the Society, or by email to: uusgs@uuspringfield.org

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To submit information regarding positions, upcoming concerts, recitals, or area events, please email newsletter@springfieldago.org. Submissions for the August/September issue are due July 15, 2007.

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