

# The Trompette

*The Newsletter of the Westchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists*

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## *From the Dean's Bench...*

Dear Colleagues,

We had an extremely informative workshop on March 6<sup>th</sup>, focused on improving several technical skills for the AGO Certification examinations. **Dr. Jan-Piet Knijff, FAGO** did a superb job in guiding the participants through, using his performance and teaching skills to great effect. **Donald Butt**, Director of Music at the Church of St. Barnabas in Irvington-On Hudson was our very special host, and provided us with the interesting history of the III/36 American Classic Organ, 2001. This program was co-sponsored by the Fairfield West (Connecticut) Chapter, and was also attended by members of the Central Hudson Valley and the New York City Chapters. Many thanks to our Sub-Dean, **Alice Avouris**, for coordinating the very well-received lunch that we enjoyed between the two morning and afternoon workshop sessions.

An election ballot containing the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee for the 2010--2011 term is enclosed. Please complete and send it to the Secretary.

There is still time to participate in our season-concluding Member's Concert by planning to play one of your favorite pieces. Please contact Alice with the details. For those who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend a Chapter program this year, I hope you will arrange your schedule so that you can take this last opportunity this season to come out and re-introduce yourself to your Guild colleagues, all of whom would love to see you.

Sincerely,

*John*

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# ABOUT OUR FINAL PROGRAM OF THE SEASON.....



## Members' Choice Recital

May 23, 2010, SUNDAY, 4PM

*The Members' Recital is shaping up beautifully. It looks to be a varied and interesting program. A few performers still need to send me specifics about their choice, and I'll be getting in touch with everyone after Easter for any program notes you would like to include. When you are ready to rehearse on the Austin organ, contact Andrew Sheranian for a rehearsal time. He will be happy to meet with you at the church. And, if anyone not performing would like to coordinate the reception after the concert, please give me a call. Thank you to everyone who contacted me to be included in the program!*

*Alice Avouris*

# READS & MIXTURES

***Please welcome our newest member:***

**Wells, Christopher** BM, MM

Director of Music / Organist Christ Church, Bronxville

***The new telephone number for Henry Brooks is***

Please take a moment to set your browser for [www.agowestchester.org](http://www.agowestchester.org) and check out our Chapter's Website! It's a handy place to find a list of our current officers, our program schedule, photographs from meetings and local organs. We should all acknowledge Virginia Bender for creating and maintaining a website to be proud of.

## EMPTY BENCHES



Organist/Choir Director/Music Director – (Second Announcement) Responsibilities include two Sunday services: 9:30 Children's Service (Folk service with organ and other instruments) and 11:00 (a more traditional service). Other responsibilities include choir rehearsals as well as weddings and funerals (weddings/funerals extra fee). Salary: approximately \$1,000/month. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Mohegan Lake, NY. Please contact Mother Claire 914/528.3972

Organist – (Third Announcement) Active church with small, devoted choir needs a good organist/accompanist. Trinity Boscobel United Methodist Church, 275 Church St., Buchanan, NY 10511. Responsibilities: Sundays only, 8:30 to about 12:30. (Choir rehearsal 8:30 to 10:00. Church 10:30 to approximately 12:00.) Other obligations: Holy Thursday every year, Good Friday every other year, and two services Christmas Eve. Salary: \$10,675. Weddings and funerals at the discretion of the organist. Interview and resume required. Please contact Mary-Joe Matthias: [MJMatthias@optonline.net](mailto:MJMatthias@optonline.net), or 914/737.7095

# APRIL CONCERT CALENDAR

## **Sunday, March 28th, 3:00 pm**

*The Seven Last Words by Haydn* – offering by the Four Seasons String Quartet with narration by Father Michael Duggan. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY, in the Queen of the Apostles Chapel. No admission charge, but a free will donation accepted.

## **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm**

*Northern Westchester Flutes* -- ensemble including flutes ranging in size from piccolo to bass. Works of Alex Shapiro, Michael Rosiak, Enrique Granados, Kelly Via, Schickhardt, Handel and Tchaikovsky. Hendrick Hudson Library, 185 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, NY 914/739.5657. Free admission.

## **Saturday, April 17th, 8:00 pm**

*Benefit Concert* -- Hui-Mei Lin, piano and Peter Seidenberg, cello perform works by Dvorak, Chopin, and local composers Louise Beach, Jeremy Goldsmith, and David Macdonald. A reception will follow the concert. The Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY; 914/769.0458. \$15.00 suggested donation will benefit the church's music program.

## **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm**

*Three Organists Spectacular* – Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro and Thomas Zachacz perform works by Bach, Dupont, Duruflé, Guilmant, Held, Walther and others. Childcare provided and reception to follow. Huguenot Memorial Church, 901 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY. 914/738.3488. \$10.00 suggested donation will support summer mission trips to Maine and Nicaragua.



Can you play "*In A Gadda Da Vida*" by Iron Butterfly?

**WESTCHESTER CHAPTER AGO  
OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

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**// Vote by marking check box for individual names, or check "Entire Slate" //**

Terms will begin on July 1, 2010.

- Alice Avouris - Dean
- Judith Abel - Sub-Dean
- Kathryn Jones - Treasurer
- Ralph Burkhart - Secretary
- Kevin Walsh - Registrar
- Lowell Knauer - Director, Class of 2013
- Janine Wallour-Thwaite - Director, Class of 2013

**CHECK HERE TO VOTE FOR ENTIRE SLATE**

*Ballots must be signed:* \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*Tear off ballot and send via Postal Mail to:*  
**Ralph Burkhart, Secretary**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 10th, 2010**

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!!**

## **FROM YOUR NEWSPAPER EDITORS...**

Thank you all for your cooperation in getting your material **TO US** by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each preceding month**. We want to be able to deliver the Newsletter to you on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, and it takes a week or more to finalize the copy and layout, get it to and from the printer, and address, stamp and mail all of the copies.

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Kindly do not send in items more than once. For the Concert Calendar, include event, date, time, location, cost (if any) and an information phone number. (Incomplete or unclear submissions cannot be printed.) Due to space constraints, articles and notices are edited.

**If you have provided a notice for the “Empty Benches” section, please be advised that postings will be carried for 3 calendar months unless we are advised that the position has either been filled or is still active. Newest listings appear first. Listings carried more than one month will be arranged alphabetically by organization and will indicate the month they were first run. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping *The Trompette* accurate and up-to-date.**

Send your concert notices, articles, and other materials to:

E-mail: (preferable): (Compose in MS Word, if possible)

Postal Mail: T. Zachacz, *The Trompette*,

The Dean and the Executive Board encourage our Members to send informative articles and any other items of interest for publication in the Newsletter.

**Thank you!**

*Lois Simmonds & Thomas Zachacz*

Editors,

***The Trompette***

*Here is the LATEST issue of the  
Westchester Chapter AGO Newsletter.....*

*Inside:*

**Message regarding the Members' Recital; The Official Ballot  
for our New Slate of Officers; Extraordinary Concert  
Calendar; Nice Pix; Some familiar *Empty Benches*. Rock on.**

*Please mark your calendar now  
so you won't miss an important date!*

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