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Dean's Mixtures

Does time seem to be going faster for you than it did years ago? It seems like we just started our academic year at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, but the fall semester is almost half over. And sometimes, it seems as if the faster moving time leaves me ever further behind.

If that's true for you, I encourage you to step out of the busy-ness for times of reflection, relaxation, and re-creation. This is necessary for a healthy life, a well-rounded life, a thoughtful life.

Fortunately for us, music is one excellent way for this "stepping out".

For me, our September program turned out to be such an event. Although I was the coordinator of the event, and despite the last minute move of the concert to a different venue, when it was over I was very happy that I was able to be part of "Organ Plus" and to be attached to such a wonderful group of people.

Big thanks are due to Stephen Williams, who stepped in and hosted us at The Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem – and to the other staff and members of the Cathedral. Another big thank you to Gail Hanzl for coordinating the wonderful lunch that followed the program (I ate too much) – and to all the people who helped her. A final thank you to everyone who attended, despite the change in venue. We had about 20 more people than I thought would come, and for that I'm truly grateful.

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October Meeting

Friday, October 17, 2014
7:30 pm

A Night at the Movies
The Genius of Cavaille-Coll (Part Two)

Allen Organ Company, 3370
Route 100, Macungie

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Now for a look ahead. Our October program will offer another chance to step out of the routine of life for an evening of fun, refreshment, learning, and fellowship. There is more about our "Night at the Movies" elsewhere in this newsletter. I attended Part 1 of this program back in March, not really sure I would enjoy it or learn much, and I was very pleasantly surprised. I went home and changed the way I had been playing several pieces, which made the evening worthwhile. So don't miss this one!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Allen Organ Company in Macungie on October 17, and as always please be in touch if you have any suggestions, questions, etc.

Michael Krentz
Dean

A(nother) Night at the Movies

The Genius of Cavallé-Coll (Part Deux)

MOVIE NIGHT is going to be on Friday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at The Allen Organ Company in Octave Hall. The program will take a look at the life and accomplishments of **Aristide Cavallé-Coll**, 19th century French organ builder who almost single-handedly changed the course of organ building, organ playing, and organ music composition. We'll take another highlights tour through three of the five DVDs, talk a while, listen a while, ask questions, and keep it all pretty informal. Come, be a part of 'organ class.'



DVD 1: The Genius of Cavallé-Coll
Biographical information and historic influences.

DVD 2: The Organs of Cavallé-Coll
A survey of C-C's instruments dating from 1840 to 1894.

DVD 3: Après Cavallé-Coll
Learn what happened to C-C's instruments after his death.

Stephen Williams

Meet Our Members

Luke DiGiacinto is our newest member. Let's get to know him. Luke was born in Milwaukee, WI, but has spent most of his life in Bethlehem, PA. He belongs to Edgeboro Moravian Church in Bethlehem, where he has substituted on the organ and sang many times. He has substituted at various churches in the area.

He is a student at Moravian College where he is majoring in sacred music, with a vocal focus. He has studied voice since he was six years old. Luke has taken piano lessons for ten years and organ lessons for two years. He has studied with Michael Krentz and is now a student of Becky Owens at Moravian.

Luke's interests include classical music, world history, world geography including world music. He also likes to dance and is currently taking west coast swing dancing. He also likes German and Polish polkas.

Welcome, Luke, to the LV AGO.

Eleanor Focht

Previous LV Chapter Student Competition Winner Succeeds in LA

Chris Allen began studying organ with Pauline Fox in Stroudsburg while in 8th grade. As he had an excellent piano background and his family faithfully attended church, it was natural that he soon served as substitute organist for various local churches. His organ and piano playing won prizes from the Monroe County Arts Council, and after winning our LV Chapter student competition (about 2002) he continued organ studies with Michael Krentz, and piano with Eugene Albuлесcu of Lehigh University. Since graduating in 2008 from Manhattan School of Music, his career has extended and is rapidly rising in orchestral and operatic conducting.

You may read more about Chris in this article from the August 18 edition of the Pocono Record:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140818/NEWS/408180313/o/SEARCH>

Pauline Fox

Check out LVAGO activities on Facebook.



Remembering Eleanor Bender

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of long time LVAGO member Eleanor Bender. She passed Saturday, August 9, 2014 at the VNA Hospice House in East Stroudsburg. Over her 60 year career she played at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stroudsburg (12 years) the First Methodist Church in Blirstown, NJ (17 years), Stroudsburg United Methodist Church (25 years) and First Church of Christ Scientist (20 years).

Eleanor was also a singer. She performed with the Shawnee Choir, Pocono choral Society, various church choirs and the summer choir of East Stroudsburg University.

Additionally, Eleanor was past president and secretary of the Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs and member of the Music Teachers National Association and Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association. Over the years she taught hundreds of piano and organ students.

October Concerts

October 5 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Joan Lippincott, organ;** J.S. Bach, Tois Dances b Jehan Alain, Prelude and Fugue on BACH by Franz Liszt, more...; Admission: Freewill offering; First United Church of Christ, Reading

October 5 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **The Wandering Singers;** Admission: Freewill offering; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem

October 5 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Toccatas and Flourishes;** Aram Basmadjian, organ, Edward Bach, trumpet; Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem

October 5 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Mark Laubach, organ;** Dedication of 1921 Moeller pipe organ; Admission: Freewill offering; St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre

October 19 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Festival of English Hymnody;** Anthems of Vaughn Williams, Elgar, Parry and others; Central Moravian Church Choir, Mainstreet Brass, Rebecca Kleintop Owens, organ, Donald Spieth, conductor; Admission: Suggested donation \$10; Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem

October 19 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Hymn Festival;** David Cherwien, leader; Admission: Freewill offering; Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

October 19 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **QuintEssentially Brass Concert;** Admission: Freewill offering; Trinity UCC, East Petersburg

October 24 (Friday) 7:00 pm; **The Cat and the Canary;** Silent film with organ accompaniment; Don Kinnier, organ; Admission: Freewill offering; Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Souderton

October 29 (Wednesday) 12:05-12:30 pm; **Jill Haley, oboe;** Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

Looking Ahead, November Program

Our November program will feature Christine Clewell, Assistant Professor of Organ and Keyboard at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She plays wonderfully so you will be sure to want to hear her. The date and place for the recital is Friday, November 7, 2014 at 7:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown. The event is cosponsored by the Arts at St. John's.



Positions Available

Music Director (1)

Church: Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

Website: www.JerusalemLutheran.com

Contact: Pastor David Rowe, 570-385-2657 or Pastor-Rowe@JerusalemLutheran.com

Weekly services: 2 (1 in summer)

Ensembles: Adult Choir (12), Praise Team (work with and oversee)

Instruments: Schantz III/32

Music budget: \$1000

Weekly attendance: 140:

Position fill date: Interviews in October

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Total hours per week: 12

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Positions Available*Continued from page 3***Salary:** \$13,000-\$15,000**Weeks vacation:** 2**Benefits:** maternity leave, secretarial assistance, sick leave (1 week), continuing education, other dues**Organist/Choir Director (1)****Church:** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williams Township, 2745 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, PA, 610-252-3571**Website:** <http://www.stjohnswilliams.com/>**Contact:** Kathleen Mathews, 610-533-8133, kathleen.mathews@rcn.com**Weekly services:** 1**Ensembles:** Adult Choir (6)**Instruments:** 2 manual tracker, upright piano, keyboard**Music budget:** \$200**Weekly attendance:** 40-60**Position fill date:** ASAP**Deadline:** None**Total hours per week:** 4**Salary:** \$8,967.00 (starting)**Weeks vacation:** 4**Benefits:** secretarial assistance, music library assistance**Church Musician (2)****Church:** Morning Star Moravian Church, 234 S. Main St., Coopersburg, PA 18036 610-282-1908**Website:** None listed**Contact:** Nancy Snyder, 267-424-4522**Weekly services:** 1**Ensembles:** Adult Chancel Choir (10), Youth Choir (6)**Instruments:** M.P. Moeller II**Music budget:** \$50, Guest musicians \$300**Members:** 145+**Position fill date:** September**Deadline:** None**Total hours per week:** 9 1/4**Salary:** \$11,000-\$13,000**Weeks vacation:** 2**Benefits:** None listed**Choir Director/Musician (2)****Church:** Hope United Church of Christ, 1031 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103 610-439-8118**Website:** www.hopeuccallentown.org**Contact:** Dick Cipoletti, 610-439-1139, dick@rccassoc.com**Weekly services:** 1, 2nd contemporary anticipated**Ensembles:** Adult Choir (12), Bell Choir (10), Responsible for Adult Choir**Instruments:** Electronic organ, baby grand piano**Music budget:** TBD**Sunday attendance:** 85**Position fill date:** ASAP**Deadline:** None**Total hours per week:** 13**Salary:** \$10,000-\$13,000**Weeks Vacation:** Not listed**Benefits:** secretarial assistance, unemployment**Director of Music (2)****Church:** Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W. Emmaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103**Website:** tmlconline.org**Contact:** Rev. Carey Miller 610-797-4774**Weekly services:** 2**Ensembles:** Adult, Adult handbell, Youth chime, Praise, Sunday School, Women's choir**Instruments:** Rodgers 3 manual**Music budget:** \$400**Members:** 916**Position fill date:** ASAP**Deadline:** None**Total hours per week:** 15**Salary:** \$16,000**Weeks vacation:** 2**Benefits:** secretarial assistance, unemployment, FICA**Newsletter Editor & Webmaster****Mark Dennis**

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