

Lehigh Valley Chapter

# American Guild of Organists

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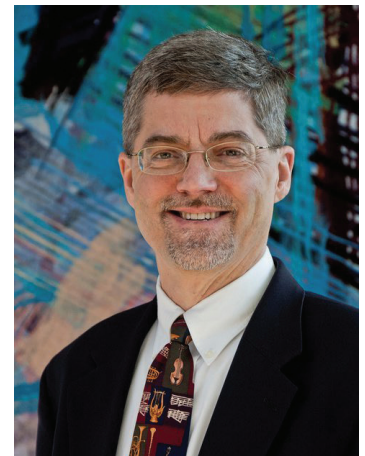
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## Deans' Mixtures

We are in the merry month of May, a month when many things wind down and we look forward to summer. This May includes the winding down of my two years as your Dean.

So the first thing I want to say this month is “thank you!” Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Dean, for your support and for coming to our chapter events. This “thank you” goes especially to the members of the Board who have served us so well. Some of them are finishing their terms this year, which brings me to the second thing I want to say.



Our chapter activities are not yet wound down! We have our final event of the season on Sunday, May 29 at First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. At 4:00 p.m. James Roman will play a recital (open to the public), and this will be followed by our banquet and Annual Meeting. Please do come — it's your opportunity to personally thank your Board for their service, and to elect

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## May Meeting

# Recital, Banquet and Annual Meeting

Featuring James Roman, organ

Sunday, May 29, 2016, 4:00 pm  
First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

### Dean's Mixtures

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those who will be coming into office.

The final thing is another “thank you,” this one to our nominating committee. Linda Maule, Lou Carol Fix, and Maria Prochnau have worked very hard to secure people willing to serve as officers and board members. The slate is listed in this newsletter.

Please return the banquet reservation form by the due date, so we can prepare for you to be with us on May 29.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Michael Krentz, Dean

## May Meeting



Our recitalist for our May 29th, 4:00 pm meeting is James Roman, a graduate of Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, NJ, where he earned a dual undergraduate degree in Organ Performance and Sacred Music and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Organ Performance. Previously a student of Joel Krott and Ken Cowan, he now studies with renowned organist Alan Morrison and has had additional studies with Grethe Krogh in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is currently the Church Music Intern at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown in Moorestown, NJ. In 2006, 2009, and 2015 he participated in the FPC choir tours of Denmark and Sweden. Recently, he has performed with the Westminster Symphonic Choir at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center and New York City's Carnegie Hall singing Verdi's Requiem, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Rachmaninoff's The Bells, Orff's Carmina Burana, Mahler's Symphony No. 2, Brahms' Ein deutsches

Requiem, and the NYC premiere of Christopher Rouse's Requiem. He is also a member of Westminster Williamson Voices under the direction of Dr. James Jordan. He has given numerous recitals in the New Jersey area as well as having performed in the 2013 AGO Region III Convention in Winchester, VA. In 2013, he was the co-winner of the Joan Lippincott Organ Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. He currently resides in Princeton, New Jersey.

Mr. Roman's program will include the following works: *Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist*, BWV 561, J. S. Bach; *Psalm-Prelude Set 1, No. 3*, Herbert Howells; *Deux Esquisses, Op. 41*, Marcel Dupré; *Scherzo, Op. 2*, Maurice Duruflé; *Sonata Eroïca, Op. 94*, Josph Jongen. Some additional works will be featured as well.

## Slate of Officers

The following slate of officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 29th.

Dean ..... Drew Long  
Sub Dean ..... Tom Dressler  
Secretary ..... Erin Petrella  
Treasurer ..... Stephen Bueker  
2017 ..... Matt Wary and Janice Butz  
2018 ..... Aram Basmadjian and Gloria Snyder  
2019 ..... Susan Hartney and Bob Richelderfer

## May Concerts

**May 1** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Thomas Dressler**, organ; Associate for Traditional Worship, FPCA; Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale; Freewill offering  
**May 1** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **SATORI**; Nora Suggs, director; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation  
**May 6** (Friday) 7:00 pm; **Wittenberg Gospelchor**; Gospel choir from the Castle Church, Wittenberg, Germany, Thomas Herzer, director; Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown; Freewill offering  
**May 6** (Friday) 7:30 pm; **Peter Richard Conte**, organ and **Andrew Ennis**, flugelhorn; St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown  
**May 13** (Friday) 8:00 pm; **The Nut**; Silent film accompanied by Don Kinnier, organ; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton; \$5 Donation  
**May 15** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **SATORI Youth Concert**;

Winners of April student competition; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation  
**May 22** (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **DeMarina Trio**; Clarinet, Piano and Violin; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem; Freewill offering  
**May 22** (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **The Cathedral Choir**; 2nd annual Spring concert; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

## Organ Student Scholarships

The Lehigh Valley Chapter is in the process of creating a fresh approach to the awarding of organ student scholarships. The scholarship is intended for advanced piano students who are interested in becoming beginning organ students. The chapter has a limited amount designated for scholarship funding. The process is now based on an application form and a letter of interest from the student and a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring private piano teacher. The scholarship application form is available on the LVAGO web site. As previously, the scholarship winner will receive 10 private organ lessons with a qualified LVAGO teacher and a one year chapter membership in the Lehigh Valley Chapter. A panel of LVAGO members will review the application and letters and decide whether or not to award the scholarship. If you have an interested beginning organ student, consider applying for the scholarship. Also - share the opportunity with other piano teachers who are not AGO members.

Gloria Snyder

## POE+ in Harrisburg

On July 10-14, 2016, the Harrisburg Chapter is hosting the only POE+ in the nation at the beautiful campus of Messiah College, Grantham, PA. For more information please see the accompanying flyer. You may also visit [www.harrisburgago.org](http://www.harrisburgago.org) or [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org).

## April Meeting

Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA was the location for a choral workshop and festival concert on Sunday, April 24 for members and friends of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Sally Reeser is the host musi-

cian for the church and offered a cordial welcome for the group. The event was enthusiastically led by Michael Kemp and organized by Andrew Long, Chapter Sub Dean. A volunteer choir of singers from several local churches prepared several anthems during the workshop that were then offered during the closing program. The closing festival concert included several hymns that related directly to the choir's anthems and created a very inspiring worship experience. Mr. Kemp introduced each hymn and then directed the anthems with an infectious energy and wonderful musical insight. Whether singing with or listening to the choir or participating in the singing of the hymns, it was an exciting and very worthwhile afternoon of lovely music.

Gloria Snyder

## Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; [sfbueker@rcn.com](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

Robin Bidwell	Saturday	302 593-0401
Ruthann Brandt	Mon-Sat	610 262-3304
Thomas Busteed	Mon-Sat	570-856-2078
Janice Butz	Mon -Fri	610 882-9388
Stephen Cable	Mon-Sat	484-866-6019
Kathleen Comito	Sun-Sat	610 866-4883
V. Mark Dennis	Mon-Sat	610 867-0385
Valerie Derstine	Mon-Fri	215 536-3020
Carol Dzurenda	Sun and Sat	215 538-7273
Ellen Erb	Saturday	610 837-7426
Muriel Folk	Sun-Sat	610 438-8556
Sr. Doris Gonzalez	Thurs-Sat	610-317-0695
Gail Hanzl	Mon-Sat	610 264-5859
Michael Huffman	Mon-Sat	610 433-6563
Joe Kaczmarek	Sun-Fri	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Mon-Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon-Sat	215-536-4345
Andrew Long	Mon-Fri	610 704-7805
Bud Martin	Sun-Sat	610 258-1196
James Matz	Sun-Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon-Sat	610 258-5006
John McEnerney	Sun-Fri	215 794-7338
Richard McIntyre	Mon-Sat	908-282-4691
Randall Perry	Mon-Fri	570 325-9688
Erin Petrella	Mon-Sat	484 863-9052

Shirley Platt	Mon-Sat	610 838-5202
Michael Pletcher	Sun-Sat	610 820-7554
Maria Prochnau	Sun-Sat	610 694-0525
Bruce Rohrbach	T,W,F and Sat	610 683-9496
Karen Scott	May-Sept.	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon-Fri	570 386-2378
Brian Snyder	Mon-Thurs	484 838-0977
Donald Vaughn	Mon-Sat	610 966-0682
Elizabeth Vaughn	Mon-Sat	610 966-0682
Matthew Wary	Mon-Fri	610 473-8777
Stephen Williams	Mon-Fri	610 737-5196
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**Website:** [gsucc71@ptd.net](mailto:gsucc71@ptd.net)

**Contact:** The Rev. Scott M. Sanders, 610-966-2991, pss75@ptd.net

**Weekly services:** 1

**Ensembles:** Senior Choir

**Instruments:** 2 manual Fritzsche pipe organ

**Music budget:** \$0

**Weekly attendance:** 120

**Position fill date:** September 2016

**Deadline:** June 1, 2016

**Total hours per week:** 3

**Salary:** \$10,500 – \$12,500

**Weeks vacation:** 3

**Benefits:** None listed

**Notes:** None listed

## Positions Available

### Organist (1)

**Church:** First Presbyterian Church Ambler, 4 South Ridge Ave, Ambler PA 19002, 215-646-3030

**Website:** [www.fpcambler.org](http://www.fpcambler.org)

**Contact:** Bob Nance, (610) 5847258, rdnance@verizon.net

**Weekly services:** 2 (Organ used in 1 service)

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 21, Adult Handbells — 12, Praise Band — 6-8, Youth Bells — 10, Directs Adult Choir

**Instruments:** 2015 Rodgers Infinity 361 organ

**Music budget:** \$3250

**Weekly attendance:** 200

**Position fill date:** ASAP

**Deadline:** None listed

**Total hours per week:** 8+

**Salary:** \$13,000 – \$18000

**Weeks vacation:** 4

**Benefits:** secretarial assistance, pension 403b, sick leave, continuing ed

**Notes:** With 2 Sunday services, our church's current musical offerings include traditional and contemporary. It is our plan to expand the music offerings within the church as well as to the community. We are seeking a new Organist who has a high level of technical competence and creative versatility on both organ and piano; one who has the ability to master our 2015 Rodgers Infinity 361 organ and skillfully navigate a variety of musical styles. This is a part-time position reporting to the Music Director and Senior Pastor.

### Organist/Choir Director (1)

**Church:** Church of the Good Shepherd UCC, 135 Quarry Road, Albury, PA 18011, 610-966-2991

### Director of Music (2)

**Church:** Jordan UCC. 1837 Church Rd., Allentown, PA 18104

**Website:** [www.jordanucc.org](http://www.jordanucc.org)

**Contact:** Carmine Gagliardi, 610-966-0213, gagliace@ptd.net

**Weekly services:** 2

**Ensembles:** Adult Choir — 18, Handbells — 12

**Instruments:** 3 manual Allen

**Music budget:** \$2,900

**Weekly attendance:** 250

**Position fill date:** May/June

**Deadline:** April 15, 2015

**Total hours per week:** 20

**Salary:** \$25,000 – \$28,000

**Weeks vacation:** 2, 3 wks @ 5 years, 4 wks @ 10 yrs

**Benefits:** book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, sick leave, continuing ed

**Notes:** None

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### Placement Service

See the Placement page on [www.lvago.org](http://www.lvago.org) for information and the Placement Service Information Sheet.

### Newsletter Deadline

June/July edition: Thursday, May 26, 2016