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Invite an organist, choir director friend to join the Guild. We'll be happy to send them information.

Chapter Calendar Highlights

SEPTEMBER

Concert by Juilliard Students Daniel Ficarri and Raphael Vogl and Reception

90th Anniversary Event

Fri Sept 18, 7:30 PM
Congregational Church of Manhasset, 1845 Northern Blvd, Manhasset

from the dean... 

Greetings:

I hope that all of the members of the Nassau Chapter and their families are staying safe and healthy! I'm sure we are all anxious to get back to our regular church music jobs, and we hope that we will be able to start opening up soon.

Due to the coronavirus, we have had to postpone our 90th anniversary concert with Peter Conte, which was originally scheduled for May 15. We are working with Mr. Conte's concert manager and the staff at St Agnes Cathedral to reschedule this event. Our June chapter event, the Pennsylvania Youth Choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville, has been cancelled.

Our second 90th anniversary event, the recital by Daniel Ficarri and Raphael Vogl, is still scheduled for September 18th. We hope that we will be able to go ahead with this event. We also hope to schedule a chapter social sometime during the late summer or fall.

The national AGO office has not been idle during this time. Elizabeth George, Director of Member Engagement and Chapter Development, has conducted two zoom meetings with deans of the chapters.

In the first of these meetings, she described a Member Care Initiative, in which each AGO member will receive a member care telephone call. She also described some resources for musicians who are dealing with unemployment as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Go to the national AGO website, <https://www.agohq.org/responding-to-covid19/>, to check out these resources, which include information about unemployment, recovering from job termination, online educational resources, and the AGO career hotline. There is also a COVID-19 survey which the national office requests members to take.

The second zoom meeting was a webinar entitled Identifying Meeting Tools for Your Chapter. The pros and cons of several online meeting tools (Zoom, GoToMeeting, WebEx, Google Chat and Group Face Time) were discussed. By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have received an email from the Nassau Chapter that contains a pdf attachment summarizing the information that was presented. If you did not receive this email, let me or Den

know and we will resend it. A couple of things that I remember hearing about using Zoom to do music-related meetings:

1 - Don't expect your organ to sound as good on zoom as it does in your church. The software does not transmit the wide range of frequencies that an organ produces.

2 - The videos you see online in which people in separate locations appear to be perfectly synced are not live. These videos have been carefully produced ahead of time. Therefore, trying to hold a choral rehearsal through these software packages can be a problem because syncing may be different for different participants in the session. (My family found this out firsthand when we tried to sing Happy Birthday together on a zoom session. Let's just say it did not sound impressive)!

The national AGO convention in July has been cancelled.

For most chapter members, annual dues are due on July 1st. Please renew your membership if your financial situation permits. Due to the current situation with the coronavirus, the national AGO office has extended the grace period until October. Donations are also welcome if your circumstances permit it.

Leonard Lehrman has duplicates of the following issues of TAO: Nov of 2005, Dec of 2007, and Jan, Mar, July, Sept and Nov of 2008. He is offering these to the members of the Nassau chapter. I will pick them up from him, so send me an email at dean@nassauago.org if you are interested in them.

Our former Pipeline Editor, David Hairston II, is now at APEX Piano Showroom/Allen Organs Virginia, located in Roanoke, VA, where he will represent the Allen Organ Co and the Yamaha Corporation. His service area includes 30 counties and cities around the Roanoke area! We wish him the best of luck at this new position.

-Elizabeth Bailey

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of John P. Hartofil, who passed away recently. He graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with a degree in engineering and worked as a civil engineer for New York State. He was a longtime resident of Levittown and the organist at St Bernard Church for 33 years, from 1974 to 2007. In 1985, he provided St

Bernard Church with a new organ at his own expense. The J.S. Paluch Company published several hymns that he composed. He was a member of AGO and the Nassau Chapter from 2015 until his death. He donated his vast collection of organ music and CDs to the Nassau; these resources were given away to our members at our chapter social last September.

Rising Stars Recital

At the Rising Stars recital sponsored by the Suffolk Chapter at St Patrick Catholic Church, Huntington, on Sunday, March 1, four of the participants had connections to the Nassau Chapter. Shubin Joseph, student of Elizabeth Bailey, opened the recital, playing Processional by William Matthias. Joseph Scarpa, student of dual chapter member Gene McCoy, played the Toccata from Gothic Suite by Léon Boëllmann. Dr Joseph Woo, Nassau member, played Marche Religieuse by Alexandre Guilmant and dual member Matthew Koraus closed the recital with an improvisation based on a hymn tune selected during the recital.

Organ Instructor List

Occasionally the chapter receives inquiries from people who want to find an organ instructor. I know of a few people who give organ lessons. Since I have never asked our membership this question, our chapter may have members who give organ lessons of whom I am unaware. We would like to develop such a list of our chapter members to be provided to people who inquire. Please send an email to Liz at dean@nassauago.org if you would like your name and contact information to be included on this list.

Chapter Directory Correction

Elizabeth Bailey: The street address should be: 37 Chestnut St.



Nassau Substitute List – May 2020

Denominations: B=Baptist, CS=Christian Science, E=Episcopal, L=Lutheran, P=Presbyterian, RC=Roman Catholic, T=Temple, O=Other

Time of Day: M=Mornings, A=Afternoons, E=Evenings

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