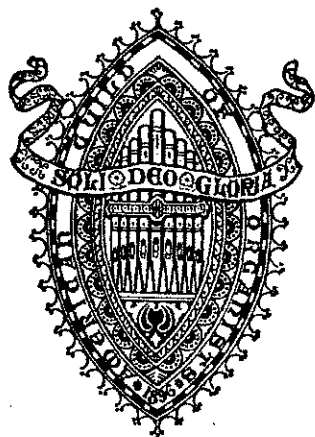


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2005-2006 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FALL CRAWL - Monday, October 10, 2005

Pioneer Valley

Cost per person: \$50 - includes bus transportation, lunch, snacks, and program book

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Registration Fee: \$12 (includes lunch). To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org, or call Frank Corbin: 508-799-9701.

TEACHING BEGINNING ORGANISTS WORKSHOP with WAYNE LEUPOLD

Saturday, March 4, 2006, 10:00am to 1:15pm at Assumption College Chapel
 Registration Fee: \$12 (includes lunch). To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org or call Peter Stoltzfus Berton: 508-752-3766.

ANTHEM READING SESSION with CLIFF HILL

Saturday, April 29, 2006, 10:00am to 12:00pm at Christ Church, Rochdale
 Registration Fee: \$12 (includes lunch). To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org or call Peter Stoltzfus Berton: 508-752-3766.

ANNUAL MEETING and MEMBERS RECITAL

May date to be determined, 2006, 6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting, 8:00pm Members' Recital
 Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Lancaster & Salisbury Streets, Worcester.....
 Registration Form will be available in the next edition of the newsletter and on the web site.

DEAN'S MESSAGE – THE YEAR AHEAD

As can be seen from the list of events for 2005-06, it promises to be an exciting year for our chapter. With new operating procedures, a new web site, and a new compact disc showcasing both the enormous amount of talent and the wide variety of instruments in the Worcester area, we plan to celebrate our work in concert halls, churches, and schools. We will focus this year's efforts on reaching out to both the general public as well as to current and future members of our profession through a wide variety of concerts, social events, seminars, workshops, meetings, and publications.

While operating procedures can be dreadfully dull and tedious, it is important for an organization like ours to base its activities on firm foundations and clear rules and guidelines. With that behind us, however, we can now focus on much more interesting things, one of which is our new web site. Thoroughly revised and updated, www.worcesterago.org should provide much helpful information to current and prospective members as well as many new ways in which to communicate with each other.

As stated in the feature article on page 5, the new compact disc, *Great Organs of Worcester*, is nothing less than spectacular. Our week of events celebrating its release, October 23rd to 30th, will encapsulate in one way or another most of the roles the organ plays in our society today: a recital at Holy Cross by one of the brightest young stars of the new generation of organists, Brett Maguire, recent winner of the Andre Marchal International Organ Competition in Biarritz, France; a recital at All Saints Church by world-renowned concert organist, John Scott; an encounter with a pipe organ by 5th and 6th graders at Assumption College; a workshop for young people, Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, at Pakachoag Church and Pakachoag Community Music School; and a Halloween Bash with organ-accompanied silent movie at Worcester's premier concert and event venue, Mechanics Hall.

During the course of the year, the chapter will host three workshops as part of its on-going educational outreach efforts: one on vocal technique for volunteer choir members and their directors, a pedagogy seminar for teachers of beginning organ students, and an anthem reading session in the Spring as music directors begin planning their programs for the following season. The year will conclude with the election of new officers at the annual meeting and dinner, to be followed by a Members' Recital further showcasing the talents of our chapter members.

To get started, however, we welcome the return of the ever-popular Fall Crawl, which will take place on Columbus Day, October 10th. Our program committee is still working out the final details, but it looks like participants will enjoy a beautiful trip through the Connecticut River valley, visiting instruments in Northampton, Amherst, and other towns in the area.

To conclude with a matter of business: with a year like this coming up, how could one not renew their membership in the Worcester Chapter AGO? If you have not already done so, please send in your registration form and dues payment to Worcester Chapter AGO, P.O. Box 20208, Worcester, MA 01602. The membership renewal form is now available online. It is also included with this edition of the newsletter, as are ticket order and registration forms for all of the Fall 05 events and Spring 06 workshops. Let's have a great year by coming together as often as possible to celebrate our profession, and as the Mission Statement of the AGO says, "to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

- Frank Corbin

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FOR NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS –
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 1ST.**

In order to be included in the 2005-2006 Membership Yearbook, please send in your membership registration form postmarked no later than October 1.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Executive Committee Meeting:

The Executive Committee will hold its Fall Quarterly Meeting in September to discuss:

- Dean's nominations of members to various committees
- Report and recommendations of the Finance Committee
- Report of the Program Committee
- Membership Update
- Establishment of Nominating Committee for 2006 election
- Attendance by Officers and Members-at-large at Executive Committee meetings

Finance Committee Meeting:

The Finance Committee will meet in early September to discuss:

- The 2005-06 and 2006-07 program years
- The Bank North Investment Account
- Funding of special projects and grants for educational outreach

ANNOUNCING THE CHAPTER'S NEW WEB SITE: www.worcesterago.org

In an ongoing effort to better fulfill our mission as AGO members, our chapter recently adopted new Operating Procedures that made significant changes in the way we organize our activities. This year we launch a new web site which reflects this new organization and seeks to help us "provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members." (*AGO Mission Statement*). Take a few moments to look around it. The site should be easily navigable as you can get to any page from any page (almost). Where appropriate, links are provided to other sites containing useful information, including the AGO National website. If there are any suggestions for the web site, such as items you may wish included, ways to better organize the information, or just corrections and updates, please feel free to email Frank Corbin at frank.corbin@verizon.net. **Please continue to send all Calendar listings to Karin Gustafson (see page 8) and all Placement listings to Debra LeBrun (see page 15).**

LOSSES IN THE WORCESTER AGO FAMILY

Eleanor Hilton, July 31, 2005 at age 82

Eleanor Hilton was organist for many years at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Auburn, and more recently was organist at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Main Street in Worcester. She was a long-time member of the Worcester Chapter AGO.

FEATURE ARTICLE – THE COMPACT DISC, GREAT ORGANS OF WORCESTER

The Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the completion and release of the compact disc recording, *Great Organs of Worcester*. Featuring sixteen of the city's finest instruments, the CD will be available in October at Tatnuck Bookseller & Sons, Borders, and Mechanics Hall's gift shop. The CD may also be ordered directly from the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org. To celebrate, the Chapter has decided to go all out and host a celebration week, October 23rd to 30th. Five events will mark the release of the CD and showcase the organ in a variety of settings. There will be opportunities for everyone to experience the instrument in all its glory and to learn more about the organ and its music through fun and accessible programs. The CD will be available for purchase at all of the week's events.

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The compact disc recording, *Great Organs of Worcester*, has been made possible by a generous grant from The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. By fully funding this project, the Fuller Foundation has made it possible for all proceeds from sales of the CD to benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Worcester Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Not only does the two-disc compilation capture the sounds of the many different styles of instruments to which Worcester is home, it is also a wonderful record of the musical life of the community for the past 25 years. In addition to the performances recorded especially for this project, many recordings of live performances from the extensive archives of Dr. Charles A. Paquette have been included. The Chapter is indeed extremely grateful to Dr. Paquette, who has donated his services free of charge to engineer, record and compile this extraordinary collection. Many thanks are also due Joseph Chiorio who engineered and provided the archival recordings of the Worcester Memorial Auditorium and Mechanics Hall organs.

The disc set, containing over and two and one half hours of music is as beautiful visually as it is aurally. The Chapter is especially lucky to have as a member the multi-talented Will Sherwood, Director of Music at First Unitarian Church, who designed the graphics and program booklet, using his stunning photography of the Mechanics Hall organ façade for the cover. The Worcester Chapter AGO owes a huge *THANK YOU* to all the artists who donated their time and talents in bringing this project to fruition. Not only is this a recording of great music on great instruments, it is an historic civic document of which the entire city of Worcester can be proud.

Repertoire, Organs, and Organists featured on the CD, *Great Organs of Worcester*:

All Saints Church - Peter Stoltzfus Berton

1 Leo Sowerby: Requiescat in Pace, H. 159

Assumption College - Frank Corbin

2 Julius Reubke: Fugue (Allegro) from Sonata on the 94th Psalm
3 Samuel Barber, arr William Strickland: Adagio for Strings, Op. 11
(live recital performances, 11/16/95 & 4/29/90)

Cathedral of St Paul - Jonathan Sittard

4 Herbert Howells: Master Tallis's Testament

College of the Holy Cross - Brett Maguire

5 Georg Boehm: Praeludium in D minor (live recital performance, 2/3/02)

First Baptist Church - William Ness

6 William Bolcom: Free Fantasy on O Zion Haste and How Firm a Foundation
7 Olivier Messiaen: Transport de joie from L'Ascension
(live recital performances, 11/12/04)

First Unitarian Church - Will Sherwood with Bruce Hopkins, trumpet

8 J. S. Bach: Concerto in D major, BWV 972
9 Charles Callahan: Sicilienne von Paradis

All Saints Church

10 Irving Street, Worcester
The Rice Memorial Organ
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA
Op. 909, 1933, 1943, 1951, 1963, 1976, 2000

Assumption College - Chapel of the Holy Spirit

The Gilbert and Anna Chabot Memorial Organ
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT
Op. 18, 1995

Cathedral of Saint Paul

38 High Street, Worcester
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, Op. 38, 2000

College of the Holy Cross

Saint Joseph Memorial Chapel
1 College Street, Worcester
Taylor and Boody, 1985

First Baptist Church

111 Park Avenue, Worcester
Reuter Organ Co., Lawrence, KA
Op. 1378, 1962
Tonal revisions: Theodore Gilbert, Wilbraham, MA:
Console & digital voices: Russell & Co.,
Cambridgeport, VT, 1997

First Unitarian Church

90 Main Street, Worcester
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA
Op. 1433, 1964
Tonal revisions, digital voices, and refurbishing:
Theodore Gilbert, Wilbraham, MA
Russell & Co., Cambridgeport, VT, 2004

Mechanics Hall - James David Christie

Alexandre Guilmant: Sonata I in D minor
(live recital performance, 9/16/84)
10 Pastorale
11 Final

Our Lady of the Angels Church - Barclay Wood

12-20 Pierre Phalèse: Suite of Dances (ca. 1583)
(live recital performance, 12/7/90)
Almande Poussinghe – Schiarazula Marazula – Ballo Anglese and
Saltarello – Ungaresca and Saltarello – Ballo Milanese – Premiere
Branle de Gay – Branle 2 – Branle 5 – Almande Poussinghe (reprise)

Pakachoag Church, UCC - Patricia Snyder

Felix Mendelssohn: Sonata VI in D minor
1 Choral – Andante sostenuto – Allegro molto
2 Fuga: sostenuto e legato
3 Finale: Andante

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church - Lois Toepfner

4 Dan Locklair: In Mystery and Wonder
(The Casavant Dypfich): I. Aria
(live recital performance, 11/7/04)

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church - Jonathan Bezdegian

5 J. S. Bach: "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele" (18 Leipzig Chorales),
BWV 654

Trinity Lutheran Church - Donald Meineke

6 Dietrich Buxtehude: Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

United Congregational Church - Lucia Clemente-Falco

7 Mark C. Jones: Trumpet Tune in D major
Louis Vierne:
8 Berceuse, Op.31, No. 18 (24 Pièces en Style Libre)
9 Communion, Op. 8

Wesley United Methodist Church - Scott Lamlein

10 Paul Halley: Outer Hebrides:
A Fantasia on Three Celtic Melodies

Worcester Art Museum - Mark Dwyer (11); William Self (12)

11 Louis Couperin: Chaconne in G minor
12 Joseph Bonnet: Romance sans Paroles
(live recital performances, 11/22/92)

Worcester Memorial Auditorium - Earl Miller

13 Maurice Ravel: Pavane pour une infante défunte
14 Isaac van Vleck Flager: Alpine Fantasy and Storm
(live recital performances, 6/27/83)

Mechanics Hall

321 Main Street, Worcester
E. & G. G. Hook, Boston, MA
Op. 334, 1864
Restoration: Fritz Noack, Op. 92, 1982

Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church

1222 Main Street, Worcester
J.W. Walker & Sons, Ltd., Brandon, Suffolk, UK
1984

Pakachoag Church, UCC

203 Pakachoag Street, Auburn
Dobson Organ Co., Op.69, 1997

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church

35 Hamilton Street, Worcester
Casavant Frères, St. Hyacinthe, Québec
Op. 1239, 1928

Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church

929 Main Street, Worcester
Casavant Frères, St. Hyacinthe, Québec
No. 2934, 1967

Trinity Lutheran Church

73, Lancaster Street, Worcester
Noack, 1969, 2005

United Congregational Church

6 Institute Road
Schantz, Berkshire, Op. 144

Wesley United Methodist Church

114 Main Street, Worcester
The George Clifton Bryant Memorial Organ
Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA, Op. 615, 1927
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA
Op. 615-A, 615-B, 1955
Berkshire Organ Company, Inc., 1972.
Console Refurbishing: Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal,
Inc., Northampton, MA, 2000

Worcester Art Museum

55 Salisbury Street, Worcester
The Morgan Memorial Organ
Aeolian Skinner Organ Co., Boston, MA
Op. 1036, 1942

Worcester Memorial Auditorium

Lincoln Square, Worcester
W.W. Kimball Company, Chicago, IL
Op. 7119, 1933

CALENDAR LISTINGS

To have an event listed in the calendar, send all information by the 15th of the month to Karin Gustafson, Karinj.gustafson@worldnet.att.net, 508-879-7262
1296 Worcester Road, Apt 2411, Framingham, MA 01702

Saturday, September 10, 2005, 7:30pm

Humanarts presents Sandip Burman, tabla player
North Indian drums with sax and strings

Assumption College, Atrium, Testa Science Center, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts

Saturday, September 10, 2005 -- 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Sunday, September 11, 2005 – 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Methuen Young People's Theatre. Gilbert and Sullivan "Iolanthe". Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Adults \$6; children \$3. www.mmmh.org

Sunday, September 18, 2005 – 3:00pm

Scott Lamlein, Organist. Halley Outer Hebrides, Bach Prelude and Fugue in D Major, Durufle Meditation, and Kodaly Organoedia ad Missam Lectam. St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, MA.

Friday, September 23, 2005 – 8:00pm

Silent Movie: "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1920). Chandler Noyes, Organ accompanist. Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Adults \$10; children \$3. www.mmmh.org

Sunday, September 25, 2005 – 2:00pm

Music Alive! The Hot Cat Jazz Band, Ross Tucker, bandleader. The Hot Cats have been called the most versatile jazz band in New England – their talents excel in styles of jazz, swing, and rock & roll. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x 107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, September 25, 2005, 3:00pm

Humanarts presents Chongyo Shin, pianist

Works of Mozart, Beethoven, Albeniz, Debussy, and Chopin

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts

Friday, September 30, 2005 – 8:00pm

Fall Scholarship Fund Organ Recital. Rosalind Mohnsen, Organist. Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Adults \$10; Students \$5. www.mmmh.org

Sunday, October 2, 2005 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Scott Lamlein, organist. Kodaly Organoedia ad Missam Lectam (A Mass for Organ Solo). Concert is followed by an informal demonstration of the 73 rank, 1927 E. M. Skinner organ.

Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 7:30pm

Humanarts presents Stephen Burns, trumpeter

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Tuesday, October 4, 2005 – 7:00pm

Timothy E. Smith, Organist. Saint-Saens, Carnival of the Animals; Buxtehude; Renaissance Dances; Guilman; J. S. Bach; Calvin Hampton. First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street, Worcester. www.pipeorgancerts.com

Monday, October 10

WORCESTER CHAPTER AGO EVENT: Fall Crawl to Pioneer Valley

Cost per person: \$50 - includes bus transportation, lunch, snacks. To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org, or call Frank Corbin at 508-799-9701

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 – 7:00pm

Angelo Castaldo, Organist (from Italy). Gustaf Adolph Mankell (To concertallegros and one adagio); Aladino DiMartino (Theme and Variations); Alfredo Cece (Fantasia e Fuga in Do minore); Henrich Andriessen (Toccatà). First Unitarian Church, 90 Main Street, Worcester. www.pipeorgancerts.com

Sunday, October 16, 2005, 3:00pm

Julian Milkis, clarinetist with Sima Kustanovich, pianist

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts

Sunday, October 16, 2005 -- 3:00pm

Scott Lamlein, Organist. This will be a concert in celebration of the life of the late Phil Beaudry, former organist at Hudson Unitarian. Hudson Unitarian Church, Hudson, MA. Tickets: \$10.00.

Sunday, October 16, 2005 -- 3:00pm

Westminster Abbey Choir, James O'Donnell, Director. Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. Tickets \$40/\$20, students/seniors \$10. E-mail for further information to heinrich_Christensen@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 16, 2005 – 4:30pm

Half-hour concert by KAIROS Vocal Ensemble, followed by Taize worship service. All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street, Worcester. Admission free (free-will offering received). For further information e-mail pefer@allsaintsw.org, or 508-752-3766 x17.

Saturday, October 22, 2005 – 8:00pm

English Choral Treasures. Elgar Psalm 48 – Great is the Lord, Warlock Capriol Suite, Elgar Te Deum and Benedictus, Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Greensleeves; Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus, Holst Hymn to Jesus. The Worcester Chorus, Ian Watson, Guest Conductor, Peter Stoltzfus Berton, Organist, Instrumental Ensemble. St. Paul's Cathedral, 19 Chatham Street, Worcester. Admission \$25, Students \$18. 508-754-3231, www.musicworchester.org

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Monday, October 24, 2005, 7:30pm

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Tuesday, October 25, 2005 – 7:30pm**Celebration Week Event 2: John Scott, organist**

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Friday, October 28, 2005 – 8:00pm

Avatar Brass. First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA

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Celebration Week Final Event 5: HALLOWEEN BASH AT MECHANICS HALL

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Marjorie Ness, Organist, in Recital. Rodgers-Ruffati organ. Memorial Congregational Church, 26 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA. Information: 978-443-3885 or www.mccsudbury.org

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Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Lois Toepfner, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworcester.org

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BSO Community Chamber Concert. First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA. For free tickets, call the BSO.

Sunday, November 6, 2005 -- 5:00pm

Rutter's Requiem and music by Charles Stanford, presented by All Saints Choirs, Peter Stoltzfus Berton, director, Ian Watson, organist, with instrumental ensemble. All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street, Worcester. Admission \$10, \$8 seniors and students. For further information e-mail peter@allsaintsw.org, or call 508-752-3766 x17

Saturday, November 12, 2005 -- 8:30am -- 3:00pm

Springfield Chapter Mini Convention

All Saints Episcopal Church, South Hadley Center, MA. Workshops, Recital by Peter Stoltzfus Berton (11:30am), Presentation by Greg Bover on the Fisk magnum opus in the Cathedral of Lausanne (Abbey Chapel of Mount Holyoke College). www.springfieldago.org

Sunday, November 13, 2005 -- 2:30pm

Scott Lamlein, Organist, Works by Vierne, Goemanne, MacDowell, Bach, Cruger, Smith, Manz, Karg-Elert, Murrill, Durufle, Mendelssohn, Purvis, Maggs, and Diemer. United Congregational Church, Holyoke, MA

Sunday, November 13, 2005, 3:00pm

Humanarts presents Claire Stadtmueller, soprano

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts

Sunday, November 13, 2005 -- 4:00pm

Cathedral Music in Worcester: Thomas Tallis 500th Birthday Concert. St. Paul's Cathedral Choir and the New Vermont Chorale, conducted by Ian Watson. Program includes the 40-part motet Spem in alium as well as motets and organ music by Bach and Schutz. St. Paul's Cathedral, Chatham & High Streets, Worcester. Admission free. Information: 508-754-9822.

Friday, November 18, 2005 – 7:30pm

William Ness, Organist. Great Organ Works of the Nineteenth Century – Mendelssohn, Widor, (6th Symphony) and Liszt (Ad Nos). 4-manual Ted Gilbert Organ. First Baptist Church, Park and Salisbury Streets, Worcester. MA. Free, reception follows.

Friday, November 18, 2005 – 8:00pm

Silent Movie: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (1923). Chandler Noyes, Organ accompanist. Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Adults \$10; children \$3. www.mmmh.org

Sunday, November 20, 2005 – 3:00pm

Marie-Claire Alain, Organist. This concert will celebrate Marie-Claire Alain's 80th birthday year and will mark her fourth appearance at Holy Cross. Her program will include works of Muffat, J. S. Bach, Bohm, Pachelbel and Jehan Alain. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College of the Holy Cross, College Square (off Route 290 at exit 11), Worcester. Free admission, open to the public; handicap accessible. Information: 508-793-2296.

Sunday, November 27, 2005 – 4:00pm

Cathedral Music in Worcester: Lessons and Carols for Advent. St. Paul's Cathedral Choir directed by Ian Watson. St. Paul's Cathedral, Chatham & High Streets, Worcester. Admission free. Information: 508-754-9822. Admission free. Information: 508-754-9822.

Friday, December 2, 2005 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Holiday Open House. Music and Displays. Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Admission free. www.mmmh.org

Saturday, December 3 2005 – 8:00pm

G. F. Handel's Messiah. 106-Year Worcester Tradition. The Worcester Chorus, Andrew Clark, Guest Conductor, Worcester Symphony Orchestra. Amanda Forsythe, soprano, Paula Murrhy, mezzo-soprano, Byron Grohman, tenor, David Kravitz, bass. Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester. Admission \$34, \$31; Students \$20. 508-754-3231, www.musicworchester.org

Saturday, December 3, 2005 – 7:30pm & Sunday, December 4, 2005 – 3:00pm

"A Merry Music Hall Christmas." Brass Ensemble and Organ. Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28) Methuen, MA. Reserved: \$15.00, Adults: \$10.00, Children \$3.00. Advance ticket orders via Website or 978-682-8674 after October 1st. www.mmmh.org

Sunday, December 4, 2005 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Will Sherwood, organist. A concert of holiday favorites. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Wednesday, December 7, 2005 – 7:30pm

Assumption College Chapel Choir: Annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Directed by Jane Shivick, accompanied by Frank Corbin. Free and open to the public. Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609. www.assumption.edu/choir 508-767-7508

Saturday, December 10, 2005 – 4:00pm

Fifth Annual Boar's Head Festival, presented by the Master Singers of Worcester. Medieval pageant with a cast of nearly 100 costumed performers, including singers, bell ringers, dancers, and story-teller. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Tickets: \$15, \$18.

Saturday, December 10, 2005 – 8:00pm

J. B. Bach Christmas Oratorio, Parts I, II & III. Assabet Valley Mastersingers, with orchestra, Robert Eaton, Artistic Director. Roberta Anderson, soprano; Krista River, mezzo; Stanley Wilson, tenor; Philip Lima, baritone. Immaculate Conception Church, Prospect Street, Marlborough. Assistive Listening systems, large print programs. Tickets \$15; \$12 students/seniors, advanced sale discount \$1. Information: 978-562-9838 or www.avmsingers.org.

Friday, December 16, 2005 – 7:30pm

Music Alive! Festival of Lessons and Carols. The Wesley Choir and Great Organ, Scott Lamlein, organist-choirmaster. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, December 18, 2005 – 3:00pm

Cathedral Music in Worcester: Annual Christmas Concert presented by St. Paul's Cathedral Choir. Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA. Information: 508-754-9822.

Sunday, December 18, 2005 – 3:30pm

Messiah Sing, Christmas portion. Assabet Valley Mastersingers, with audience participation. Robert Eaton, Artistic Director. Andrea Ehrenreich, soprano; Paulette LaBarre, alto; tenor TBA; Thomas Dawkins, bass; Lois Toepfner, organist. Scores available to share. Evangelical Congregational Church, West Main Street (Route 30) at Church Street, Westboro. Accessible to the physically challenged. Suggested \$5 donation. Information: 978-562-9838 or www.avmsingers.org

Sunday, December 18, 2005 – 5:00pm

Christmas Choral Evensong. First Baptist Church, 111 Park Avenue, Worcester, MA.

Sunday, January 1, 2006 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Scott Lamlein, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, January 8, 2006 – 5:00pm

Annual service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, presented by All Saints Choirs. All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street, Worcester. Admission free (free-will offering received). For further information e-mail peter@allsaintsw.org, or 508-752-3766 x17.

Sunday, February 5, 2006 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Peter Stoltzfus Berton, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, February 5, 2006, 3:00pm

Nigel Coxe, pianist

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts

Saturday, February 11, 2006 – 7:30pm

Boston Community Chorus present a concert celebrating Gospel music. All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street, Worcester. Admission \$10; \$8 seniors and students. For further information e-mail peter@allsaintsw.org, or 508-752-3766 x17

Saturday, March 4, 2006, 10:00am to 1:15pm**WORCESTER CHAPTER AGO WORKSHOP: TEACHING BEGINNING ORGANISTS**

with WAYNE LEUPOLD at Assumption College

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA

Registration Fee: \$12 (includes lunch). To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org or call Peter Stoltzfus Berton: 508-752-3766.

Sunday, March 5, 2006 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Scott Lamlein, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, March 19, 2006 – 3:00pm

Karel Paukert, Organist. Karel Paukert has just been named Curator of Musical Arts Emeritus of the Cleveland Museum of Art. This will mark his first appearance on the Holy Cross Chapel Artists Series. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College of the Holy Cross, College Square (off Route 290 at exit 11), Worcester. Free admission, open to the public; handicap accessible. Information: 508-793-2296.

Sunday, March 19, 2006, 3:00pm

Allen Barker, pianist

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts**Sunday, March 26, 2006, 3:00pm**Assumption College Chapel Choir: Lenten Messiah Concert; selections from Part II of Handel's *Messiah*. Orchestra and chorus directed by Jane Shivick with soloists Diana McVey, soprano & Ray Bauwens, tenor. Free and open to the public. Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609. www.assumption.edu/choir 508-767-7508**Sunday, April 2, 2006 -- 2:30pm**Music Alive! Requiem by Maurice Durufle. The Wesley Choir and the Wesley Festival Singers, Scott Lamlein, conductor, Larry Allen, guest organist. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org**Sunday, April 2, 2006, 3:00pm**

Humanarts presents Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt, piano duettists

Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Admission is Free. 508-767-7508, www.assumption.edu/humanarts**Saturday, April 8, 2006 – 8:00pm (pre-concert talk at 7:00pm)**Verdi La Forza del Destino Overture, Stravinsky Firebird, Verdi Requiem. The Worcester Chorus, Springfield Symphony Chorus, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Kevin Rhodes, Music Director. Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester. Admission \$42, \$39; Students \$20. 508-754-3231, www.musicworchester.org**Sunday, April 9, 2006 – 3:00pm**

A 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Master Singers of Worcester: Handel's Israel in Egypt. Soloists include Marina Shemesh, Daniel Mutlu, Robert Osborn, D'Anna Fortunato, and Virginia Sory Brown. Temple Emanuel, Worcester, MA. Tickets: \$20, \$25.

Sunday, April 9, 2006 – 3:00pm

David Heller, Organist. David Heller is considered one of the finest young organists in the United States and he serves as Professor of Organ at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX. In addition, Dr. Heller is the 2005 Catherine Crozier Visiting Artist in Residence at Cathedral of Portland, Oregon. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College of the Holy Cross, College Square (off Route 290 at exit 11), Worcester. Free admission, open to the public; handicap accessible. Information: 508-793-2296.

Sunday, April 23, 2006 – 3:00pm

Jeffrey Wood, Organist. Jeffrey Wood is the 2005 Holy Cross Organ Scholar and was the First Prize winner of the 2004 Augustana Organ Competition in Denver, CO, the 2004 First Prize winner of the Boston Chapter's AGO Regional Competition for Young Organists. This past summer he won First Prize at the 2005 AGO Regional Convention at Hartford, CT; Jeffrey will play one of the "Rising Stars Concerts" at the 2006 AGO National Convention in Chicago, IL. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, College of the Holy Cross, College Square (off Route 290 at exit 11), Worcester. Free admission, open to the public; handicap accessible. Information: 508-793-2296.

Friday, April 28, 2006 -- 7:30pmMusic Alive! New England Ringers. Premier handbell ensemble in New England. Sixth annual Sundberg Memorial Concert. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org**Saturday, April 29, 2006, 10:00am to 12:00pm****WORCESTER CHAPTER AGO EVENT: ANTHEM READING SESSION**With **CLIFF HILL** at Christ Church, RochdaleRegistration Fee: \$12 (includes lunch). To register, use the enclosed form, visit the chapter's web site, www.worcesterago.org or call Peter Stoltzfus Berton: 508-752-3766.

Sunday, May 7, 2006 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. William Ness, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

May date to be determined, 2006**WORCESTER CHAPTER AGO ANNUAL MEETING and MEMBERS RECITAL**

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting, 8:00pm Recital; Trinity Lutheran Church, corner Lancaster & Salisbury Streets, Worcester. Registration Form will be available in the next edition of the newsletter and on the web.

Sunday, June 4, 2006 -- 12:15pm

Pipes Alive! Wesley's Organ Series. Donald Meineke, organist. 1927 E. M. Skinner organ. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

Sunday, June 4, 2006 -- 3:00pm

"I Could Have Danced All Night" A Salute to Lerner & Lowe. The Worcester Chorus, Robert Page, Guest Conductor, Guest Soloists. American choral conducting icon and multiple Grammy-winner Robert Page offers an enchanting and exciting evening of Lerner and Lowe classics featuring highlights from Brigadoon, My Fair Lady, Camelot and others. Alden Hall, WPI, 100 Institute Road, Worcester. \$25, students \$18. 508-754-3231. www.musicworchester.org

June 4 - 11, 2006

4th Annual St. Paul's Music Festival, Celebrating Mozart. Final concert on Sunday, June 11 at 4:00pm: Mozart Requiem, with St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, New Vermont Chorale, Worcester Chorus, and St. Paul's Festival Orchestra. St. Paul's Cathedral, Chatham & High Streets, Worcester. Information: 508-754-9822.

Friday, June 9, 2006 -- 12:00 noon

Scott Lamlein, organist. Closing recital of the 2005-06 season of "Fridays on the Square". Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston, MA.

Sunday, June 11, 2006 -- 2:00pm

Music Alive! Hymn Festival. Wesley Choir, Wesley Ringers, Ghanaian Choir and Children's Choirs, Scott Lamlein, Leslie McBrayer and Thomas Ofori, choirmasters. The great hymns of the faith are celebrated in an afternoon of praise and glory. Wesley United Methodist Church, 114 Main Street, Worcester, MA. Admission free, donations accepted. 508-799-4191 x 107; www.wesleychurchworchester.org

PLACEMENT**Position: Organist: First Church of Christ Scientist**

One Monument Square
Concord, MA 01742

Organ: Austin Pipe Organ, over 60 years old, well-maintained.

Responsibility: Play for Sunday and Wednesday services. Accompany soloist; no choir.

Salary: \$125 per service

Contact: Randall Bashta

10 Notre Dame Rd, Acton, MA 01720, day: 978-263-4936, eve: 978-264-0494, fax: 978-263-4936,

Randall_Bashta@Stratus.com

Position: Minister of Music: First Baptist Church

1580 Massachusetts Ave
Lexington, MA 02420

Organ: 16-year-old Rogers - Oxford 945, electronic with pipes, 3 manuals, 11 ranks. 2-manual Rogers electronic in chapel. 6 pianos: 7' Yamaha, Steinway L, 2 Baldwin Acrosonic spinets, 1 upright, 1 Rogers electric.

Responsibility: Organist/Choir Director. Direct Senoir choir; responsible for youth ensemble (vocal and instrumental, Children's Choirs).

Salary: \$18,500-\$19,500, FICA, Continuing Ed., Health Ins., 4 weeks vacation, use of instruments for teaching.

Contact: Truman Netherton

1580 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA 02420, 781-862-9050, fax: 781-861-0142, fbcl584@rcn.com

Position: Organist/Choir Director: The First Parish of Bolton

P.O. Box 250

Bolton, MA 01740

Responsibility: 8-10 hours per week. One 10am worship service. Adult Choir - One rehearsal every other week, Oct - May, and rehearse on Sunday prior to worship.

Organ: 1928 Estey, 10 ranks

Salary: \$13,000 plus additional income for holiday services, weddings and funerals

Contact: Richard F. Jones, Minister

The First Parish of Bolton, P.O. Box 250, Bolton, MA 01740 , 978-779-6427, fax: 978-779-2938

admin@firstparishofbolton.org

Position: Minister of Music: Trinity Episcopal Church

33 Linwood Ave

Whitinsville, MA 01588

Responsibility: Adult Choir (September - Mid-June) and Junior Choir (September - April)

Organ: 1946 Aeolian-Skinner, 14 ranks; Pearl River piano in chancel; Lester piano in choir room.

Salary: \$10,000-\$12,000; 15-18 hours per week; 4 weeks vacation; additional Sundays off can be negotiated.

Contact: Rev. Charles Sutton

Trinity Episcopal Church

33 Linwood Ave

Whitinsville, MA 01588, day: 508-234-5303, eve: 508-234-7222, fax: 508-234-5202,

trinitywhitinsville@juno.com

To place an ad for an available position, contact: Debra LeBrun

debra@lebruns.com; 978-692-1309

68R Stony Brook Rd., Westford, MA 01886

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