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May Pipings

2014 – The Year of the Organ

A note from the Dean:

Passover and Easter for 2014 are now behind us, though many of us have yet to deal with further religious and secular feasts and holidays. For some, the regular choir year is coming to an end until late summer and many of our choir programs will move now into the ‘pick-up-choir’ mode for the summer, which adds a different layer of responsibility. Also, ‘wedding season’ is upon us. So, though our responsibilities are changing for the next several months, when you also add planning for the coming year, we will most probably be as busy as ever!

From notices here, and in our ‘The American Organist’ magazine as well as our denominational publication, there are lots of workshops and training sessions available throughout the year, not the least of which is the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, held this year in my old stomping grounds – Boston. I know that a few of you are planning to be there the last week of June to hear a plethora of fine pipe organs and to attend sessions throughout that week.

So, summer winds down for some and cranks up for others!

A quick look over the last year of LCCAGO programs and activities reminds me that we have had a busy and successful year – and if you look back through the Newsletters from last August through today, you’ll be reminded of all of the events that we have had throughout the year. I won’t list them here, but we have been a busy and growing chapter during the 2013-2014 program year!

The 2014-2015 program year promises to be just as varied and busy! I sincerely hope that more and more of you will mark your calendars for the entire year as soon as the list of programs is sent to you – right now it is being passed through the pricing process so that the Executive Board can pass a final budget for the upcoming year.

As always, please know that we appreciate your thoughts and ideas, and your input helps us to shape the programs that we produce and the places where we produce them. So, feel free to give us feedback – if there are specific topics or programs that you’d like to address, let us know. The names and email addresses of all of our Executive Board members are on the front page of the Website lccago.org.

At our upcoming May 5 meeting, we will be installing the officers for the next two years. On behalf of the Chapter and the Executive Board, I’d like to thank a couple of outgoing Board Members: Randy Wallace - Sub Dean, and Pat Gould – Member-at-Large, for their service to the Chapter and especially for their work on the 2014-2015 Program Committee. And, I’d like to welcome to the Board: Nina Rodman as Sub-Dean, Tom Fierro who will be filling her place as Member-at-Large and Beth Corry who will be following Pat Gould as Member-at-Large.

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I really hope that all of you will be able to join us on May 5 at Saint Helena, Beaufort for a catered dinner followed by Choral Evensong and the Installation of Officers. This will complete our 2013-2014 program year and be a wonderful time to socialize as chapter members before the summer.

Even though our regular Chapter Meetings will not occur in June, July and August, please remember that the Second Fridays at Noon concerts continue during those months. Keep track of our summer events, as well as news from other chapter members, in our website lccago.org – your continued presence at those concerts is always appreciated and, at least for me, always interesting – I hear so many works for organ that I want to purchase and learn!

Wishing you a safe, peaceful and relaxing summer!

Jonathan C. Davis, Dean
Low Country Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

A note from the Treasurer:

Give the Gift of LCC AGO Membership!

Have you considered giving someone the gift of a friend membership in our Low Country Chapter...perhaps your spouse, your minister, your best friend, a choir member, or a music enthusiast in your congregation? Do you know a piano teacher who, by reading our monthly newsletter, would be enlightened about our work and would become interested in bringing piano students to our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza presentation next January? Do you know a colleague who is not currently involved in our chapter?

Rather than waiting for potential friend members to “discover” our chapter, perhaps you could “take the bull by the horns” and connect others with us. A friend membership of only \$20 per year brings roughly half the amount of dues of a full member into our chapter’s treasury. With greater financial resources, our chapter will be able to present quality programs and events in our area.

The current number of members of Low Country Chapter AGO is nearing 60. What if we could have 100 members for our next fiscal year that begins July 1? Is there a way you could help us achieve that number? The more people we have connected with our chapter, the more we connect with our community at large to fulfill the mission of AGO.

Grow the Guild! Grow OUR CHAPTER!!!

See the last page for a Chapter Friend Membership Form.

Good News!

You are reading this ‘May Pippings’ because of our new Newsletter Czar, Linda Hamilton (Holy Family Church – HHI) who agreed last month to take on the responsibility of assembling and mailing our Monthly Newsletter.

Also, effective as of May 1, our Chapter is pleased to announce that our website, **lccago.org**, now has an official WebMaster – Gary Rakestraw.

Please send submissions for Newsletters directly to Linda Hamilton, (liturgicalinda@hotmail.com) and for our Website to Gary Rakestraw (graketrw@hotmail.com).

Upcoming events

May 5, 2014 – Monday at 5:30 pm

The Parish Church of St. Helena
505 Church Street
Beaufort, SC

5:30 pm – Catered Dinner (*Reservation required – \$10*)

6:30 pm – Evensong and Installation of Officers

*Featuring the Adult and Youth Choirs of the church
Pat Gould, Organist and Director
(Reception following)*

May 9, 2014 – 2nd Friday at Noon

St. Luke's Church
50 Pope Avenue
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Guest Organist TBA

2 of our Members in Concert
Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston
(as part of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival)

JooSoo Son: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 10:00 am

Richard Gray: Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 10:00 am

Member, Richard Gray in Concert
Friday, August 29, 2014 at 7pm

The Parish Church of St. Helena
505 Church Street
Beaufort, SC

Providence Presents

May 15, 2014 -- Thursday, at 5:30 pm
Providence Presbyterian Church
171 Cordillo Parkway
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

The Chants of Russian Orthodox Church and folk songs from Russia

LYRA, an a cappella group of four professional singers from St. Petersburg, Russia, will present a concert of Russian choral music. The first part of the concert - sacred music of Russian Orthodox Church, includes ancient songs to works of famous masters and little-known but remarkable Russian composers of 18 - 20 centuries. The second part of their program is made up of Russian folk songs: comic, lyric, dancing, love songs. The duration of the concert is 60 - 70 minutes.

All Providence Presents Concerts are free of charge, and childcare is available upon request.

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