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FROM THE DEAN

DAS ALTE JAHR VERGANGEN IST

As far as I am aware, "The Old Year is passed away" is the only New Year's hymn that is widely known, chiefly by its beautifully moving and somewhat mournful chorale prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach. While contemporary New Year's Eve celebrations are joyous occasions, Bach's chorale is mindful of the passing of time and with it those things which are gone from our lives forever.

A few weeks ago, a small group of musicians and music educators converged on the last day of operation for Axelrod Music, which has served our community for many generations. While almost anything can now be found online, there was a certain nostalgic feeling "browsing" through the organ section, originally down-city on Weybosset Street across from Avery pianos, and more recently in Johnston. I did so for the very last time, picking up the few more esoteric pieces that were left behind as the few remaining sheaves of music were being bundled for the final auctioning off. While the Axelrod family has not owned the store for some time now, I did personally know them, and now that the store is gone, it is like losing a good friend.

Still, a New Year is beginning, and we look forward with fresh and invigorated new eyes and ideas. For those looking for music and music resources, there are many Internet sites to go to. For educational resources concerning the organ in particular, use the AGO national website, while our cousin-organization OHS (Organ Historical Society) has a large catalogue of organ music and compact disc recordings. Much of the music of the great composers is now public domain, and as such is available for free or for a nominal fee from a great many sites as PDF files. Usually by entering a Google search for your composer plus the words "sheet music download" a host of sites appear. A more diligent search will produce public domain records. Some composers like Bach and Victoria have their complete works available as public domain downloads. For a small fee, "CD Sheet Music" puts complete sets of work on a CD-R, which they will mail to you.

Happy hunting,
Steve

MEMBER MATTERS

ADD TO DIRECTORY:

Everett Salisbury, organist at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, P.O. Box 617, Narrangasett, RI 02882; 458-9499

Mary Strachan, substitute, 45 Huguenot Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818; 884-5671

FAREWELL TO:

Mark David Johnson, moving to St. Petersburg, Florida: 10623 3rd St. No. Apt. H, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

EVENTS

Sunday, January 10, 7:00 pm:

Choral Evensong in celebration of the Feast of The Epiphany presented by the Choir of St. Paul's, Wickford. **Mark Steinbach**, DMA, Director of Music. Works of Morley and Cornelius. The Old Narragansett Church, Church Lane, Wickford. Dress warmly and bring flashlights. Reception. 401-294-4357

Sunday, January 31, 2:00 pm:

Concert at Central Congregational Church (see ad on page 3). Free. Donations accepted for RIAGO Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, February 27, 7:30pm:

Harpichordist **Paul Cienniwa** in recital: music of Bach, Couperin, Scarlatti and the world premiere of a work by Larry Thomas Bell. Hawes Room at Trinity Church, One Queen Anne Square, Newport. \$25 General Admission (\$22.50 online); \$22.50 Students/Seniors/Military; \$10 Ages 6-18; handicapped accessible. Tickets/directions/parking/info: www.newportbaroque.org, 401-855-3096.

Friday, February 26, 8:00 pm:

Acclaimed organist **Stephen Hamilton** performs Marcel Dupré's *Le Chemin de la Croix* with the poems read in French. The performance will take place at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence on the mighty Casavant.

ELSEWHERE IN NEW ENGLAND:

Sunday, January 3, 3:30 pm:

Church of the Transfiguration, Orleans, MA
Gloria Dei Artes Organists, **David Chalmers**, **James Jordan**, and **Sharon Rose Pfeiffer**, perform in concert on the E.M. Skinner organ. This concert celebrates the Feast of Epiphany, and includes masterworks by Bach, Reger, Duruflé, and Buxtehude. Tickets are \$25, \$20 seniors, 18 and under free. Call 508-240-2400 for reservations.

AGO CERTIFICATION

Those interested in taking an AGO certification exam and who would like some preparatory classes should contact the Dean steve.fbc@verizon.net. Applications are due March 1 for exams given in April and following. More information on the certification program at <http://www.agohq.org/education/index.html>.

PLACEMENT LISTING

Contact *Howard Phelps* (821-8475) for more information.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) 11/09
24 Berwick Street, Norwood, MA 02062
The Rev. Edward Saling: 781-762-9457; 781-762-9057
O/D \$24-25/hr (20 hrs) Wicks 2 Man 12 Ranks

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

REPORT ANY CHANGES TO HOWARD PHELPS

AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Clarke, Margaret: 401-726-4128 (all)
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Phelps, Howard: 401-821-8475 (no RC)
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Zimmermann, Amy: 301-529-0136 (all)

NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

Allard, Jeff: 401-447-9035 (funerals)
Boucher, Paul: 401-837-4802 (weddings, funerals, including RC)
Bush, Brink: 401-245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Cienniwa, Paul: 508-676-8483 (\$150 min)
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Hart, Kathy: 401-837-8873 (weddings, funerals, accompanist)
Johnson, Mark D.: 401-996-9796 (no weddings; \$150 funerals)
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Teitelbaum, Kajsa: 401-965-3304 (Org./Soloist-weddings, funerals)
Yoreo, Dorothy: 401-246-1223 (all)

SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 20th of each month
Submissions: Send Word or Text files to aallard@ccri.edu or to Althea Allard, 166 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861.
Advertising: Word doc, PDF (print ready), JPG (high resolution), TIFF, or EPS. All files should be grayscale at 300 dpi resolution.
Email to camacphee@gmail.com.

ADVERTISING RATES

1/4-page ad (3.5"W x 5"H): \$18
1/8-page ad (3.5"W x 2.5"H): \$10
Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10
Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.

PATRICK AIKEN, ORGAN

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**Orchestra and Choirs of Central Congregational Church and
The First Baptist Church in America**

Josef Rheinberger: Organ Concerto in F

Hubert Parry: I was glad

Mack Wilberg: Requiem

**Central Congregational Church
296 Angell Street, Providence
Sunday, January 31, 2010, 2:00 PM**

Free and open to the public.
Donations accepted for RIAGO
Scholarship Fund