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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The first weekend in May is going to be a spectacular weekend for our chapter. Guest artist and clinician, Stephen Hamilton, will be here from New York City to teach a masterclass on Saturday, May 6th, 10-12 noon, and play a recital on Sunday, May 7th at 4:00 PM.

I am happy to announce that the performers for the masterclass are David Cranmer, Adam Schneider, Pamela Steurke, and Laya Varghese, playing works of Bach, Brahms, Dicks and Selby. This is a learning opportunity for all of us to observe Stephen, a faculty member at both Hunter College and Queens College, coach these organists. We should all gain new insights about teaching and in the performance of organ literature.

Sunday's recital will feature *Partita Sopra la Aria della Folia de Espagne* by Pasquini, *La Romanesca con Cingue Mutange* by Valente, Franck's *Pastorale* and *Chorale No. 1 in E Major*, Mendelssohn's *Sonata VI, Prelude and Fugue in c minor*, BWV 546 by Bach, *Hymne d'action de Grace "Te Deum"* by Langlais, and *Finale* from *First Symphony* by Vierne—a wonderful program for the Angerstein organ at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church.

Both events are free and open to the public at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston. To learn more about Stephen Hamilton, log on to www.stephenjonhamilton.com. To read about the organ at Phillips, go to www.phillipschurch.org.

Martha

VIRGIL FOX ORGAN METHOD

Brink Bush, the leading authority on the music of Wilhelm Middelschulte and German Romantic organ music, student of David Craighead and Russell Saunders at the Eastman School of Music, is teaching the Virgil Fox Method of organ playing. Brink has studied this method intensely with T. Ernest Nichols, former student of Virgil Fox, virtuoso organist and author of *The Innermost Secrets*—technique and performing styles along with keyboard, pedal, and registration concepts used and taught by America's foremost concert organist, Virgil Fox. (<http://www.cafepress.com/virgilfoxmusic>)

This technique combines the piano technique of Theodore Leschetizky used by Wilhelm Middelschulte and pedal technique of Louis Robert, famed Dutch organist who taught Virgil Fox at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. The goal of the method is maximum relaxation at the keyboard and pedal board. Virgil Fox would perform three hour concerts of the most complex organ music completely from memory without fatigue.

In addition to an international performing career, Brink Bush also has 10 years of experience in Roman Catholic Church music and liturgy. If you want to experience the utmost security in performance and improve your skills in church music, hymn playing or concert organ music, this method is for you. For more information, contact Brink Bush at St. John's Episcopal Church, Barrington, RI., (401) 245-4065 or at brinkbush@hotmail.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

AGO RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER 2006-2007

Dean Dr. Martha Sobaje
Sub-Dean Julie Tagen
Secretary David Cranmer
Treasurer David Clyde Morse
Executive Committee
Lois Conboy
Brink Bush

(Look for ballot next month.)

Meribeth Bowden,
Nominating Committee

FROM THE SUB-DEAN

ANNUAL DINNER

The final event of the year is a catered dinner at St. Michael and Grace Church, 1336 Pawtucket Ave., Rumford, on Monday, June 5. We are thankful to Laura Brion, organist, for her willingness to host the event. Appetizers at 6, dinner at 6:30PM. Election and installation of officers and presentation of the Anna Fiore Smith Award will follow, along with a musical presentation by **The Three Amigos: Brad Logan, Bruce Dearnaly and Rob Walsh**. They have prepared an evening of 50s, 60s and 70s popular music, gospel and humor for your enjoyment. They offer voice and the occasional percussion instrument for original interpretations of familiar tunes.

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL BY MAY 15:

CATERED DINNER

Please **mail by May 15** to: Julie Tagen,
30 Huguenot Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Name: _____

no. attending: _____

_____ chicken marsala

_____ baked stuffed sole

_____ baked ziti

The cost of the dinner is \$17 per person. Please make checks payable to RIAGO.

EVENTS

Monday, May 1, 8 AM:

Morning Munch at Cinnamon Cafe, Warwick.

Saturday, May 6, 10AM-12 Noon:

Guest artist **Stephen Hamilton** teaches a masterclass at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston. Free and open to the public. (See Dean's message.)

Sunday, May 7, 3 PM:

Dedicatory Organ Concert: **Geoffrey Greene** playing works by Bach, Buxtehude, Daquin, Handel, and Vierre on the new Ahlborn-Galanti organ at Church of the Immaculate Conception, 111 High Street, Westerly, RI. Free will offering. (401) 596-2130.

Sunday, May 7, 4PM:

Recital by Guest Artist **Stephen Hamilton** at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston. Free will offering; open to the public. (See Dean's message and flyer.)

Saturday, May 13, 7:30 PM:

Music at Park Place, a new concert series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pawtucket, presents **Boston Brass** in concert. This nationally known brass quintet presents an eclectic program of classical music and jazz. \$25 general admission (\$20 advance); \$20 seniors; \$10 students. 50 Park Place, Pawtucket. Tickets, info: 401-72-MUSIC or visit www.musicatparkplace.com.

Thursday, May 18, 7 PM & 7:45 PM:

"Special" Gallery Night Providence Organ Concert
The monthly organ concert series features a special *Kids On Keyboards - Organ!* presentation. This fun and informative event is a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages, but particularly for young people. It is a great field trip for a children's choir or Sunday school class or a time for parents and grandparents to bring children. **David Clyde Morse** and **Koko the gorilla** will be ready to meet and delight everyone. It's free! Mathewson Street United Methodist Church, 134 Mathewson St., Providence. (401) 331-8900.

Friday, June 9, 7:30 PM:

Newport Baroque Orchestra, **Paul Cienniwa**, director *Bach Cantatas and Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Cellos*; Emmanuel Church 42 Dearborn Street, Newport \$25 preferred seating/\$20 general admission. (401) 855-0687; info@newportbaroque.org

CHECK IT TWICE

Substitutes are advised to check their listing for accuracy and report any changes to Howard Phelps.

SUBSTITUTE LISTINGS

Laura Brion: 578-4491 (weddings, funerals)
Ron Brown: (508) 643-9062 (all), \$125 min
Brink Bush: 245-4065 (weddings, funerals)
Paul Cienniwa: (508) 676-8483 (\$150 min, No Sundays)
Margaret Clark: 726-4128 (all)
Lois Conboy: 658-3838 (weddings, funerals)
Joan Daly: 943-5191 (weddings, funerals)
Donald Dame: 647-4564 (weddings, funerals)
Richard Funk: 351-7299 (all)
Christopher Gage: 632-1863/ 438-2730 (all, no weddings/funerals)
Andrew Galuska: 233-1363 (weddings, funerals, no RC)
Diana Norton Jackson: 783-0402 (no RC), \$150 min.
Mark D. Johnson: 709-3983 (weddings, funerals, no Sun. AM)
William Jones: 848-4327 (weddings, funerals)
Brian Larkin: 272-8318 (all), \$150 min.
Mary Jane Lide: 245-8331 (all)
Philip Martorella: 885-3431 (weddings, funerals)
Elsie McNeill: (508) 673-2583 (all)
David Clyde Morse: 486-0244 (all, no Sun. AM)
Nancy Nicholson: 521-9097 (all)
David Norfrey: 521-2839 (weddings, funerals)
Howard Phelps: 821-8475 (no RC)
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Mary Strachan: 884-5671 (all), \$125 min.
Pamela Stuerke: 884-4648 (no RC, no funerals)
Julie Tagen: 885-7438 (weddings, funerals)
Terry Taylor: 253-9030 (no RC; pipe organs only)
Verna Westhaver: 682-2636 (sub/interim)
Jerry White: 884-2924 (West Bay area, no Catholic), \$150 min.
William Wiant: 683-3178 (all)
Mary Worman: 886-9404 (no RC)
Dorothy Yoreo: 246-1223 (all)

BOARD MEETING

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, May 8, 7:30 PM
at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Cranston.

PLACEMENT LISTING

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

First Baptist Church of East Greenwich 12/05
Peirce & Montrose Streets, PO Box 551, East Greenwich, RI 02818
Jan Fletcher 884-2322; 885-1224
O/D \$10000-\$13000 Casavant 2 Man/24 St

Wesley United Methodist Church 12/05
55 Woodland Avenue, Lincoln, RI 02865
David Phillhower (800) 992-6422; 726-8906
O/D \$12000 Mongrel-Arnold 2 manual 15 ranks Electric Action

Phenix Baptist Church 3/06
2 Fairview Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893
Linda S. Martin 294-6318 X103; 397-7154
O/D \$100/week (4 hrs) Adams 2 Mn Tracker 15 stops

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 4/07
383 Old North Road, Kingston, RI 02881
Rev Juliet S. Bongfeldt (401) 789-7776; (401) 295-8638
O/D +/- \$14000 Moeller Pipe/Digital 2 man. 26 stops

CONGRATULATIONS

The organist/director position at the United Parish of Fall River was filled by Danielle Desmarais. She studies organ with Mary Jane Lide. Congratulations, Danielle and Mary Jane!

CONDOLENCES

We received this note from Janet L. Robinson, daughter of Muriel Robinson-Edgar.
“...She passed away after a heart attack on March 2, 2006. Although she had not been a member of the RI chapter for very long, she was active in several chapters on the east coast and served as Dean of the Metropolitan New Jersey chapter the 1960's. She was active locally in the summers always attending the St. Dunstan Choir Conference at Brown University and then at Salve Regina University.” No doubt St. Dunstan alums remember her. We extend condolences to the family.

WEBSITE: www.riago.org; Password: brooks

FROM THE EDITOR

Submissions for the June newsletter are due by May 20, by e-mail or snail mail, with e-mail preferred:
aallard@ccri.edu

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Althea Allard