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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer filled with musical, spiritual and re-creational pursuits! I am in "rehearsal mode" for a performance with the choral ensemble Ecclesia, directed by Pierre Masse, of the *All-Night Vigil*, op. 37, of Sergei Rachmaninoff (Vespers), at the Newport Music Festival on July 10. The old-world ambience and stunning acoustics of St. Joseph's Church in Newport will lend the appropriate air of mystery to this masterpiece of the a cappella sacred choral repertoire. My "Russian bass" persona is gradually taking hold, and while correct Russian pronunciation is definitely a challenge, fortunately my low C's and B-flats are not!

In July I shall be returning to England for the Three Choirs Festival at Gloucester Cathedral to enjoy Elgar's majestic oratorio, *The Kingdom*, and the Mahler 8th Symphony, *Symphony of a Thousand*, as well as staples of the choral repertoire, including Mozart's Requiem, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and gems of Parry, Stanford, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Holst, Howells, Britten, and currently active composers, for which the Three Choirs has always been famous. There will also be chamber music, commissioned works, song recitals, organ recitals, lectures and workshops and daily Evensong sung by each of the three cathedral choirs. We should all have musical and spiritual experiences like this in our lives now and then!

We offer congratulations to our new AGO President, Dr. Michael Bedford. A professional church musician since 1973, Dr. Bedford has been Organist and Choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma since 1990, and is a widely published composer of music for children's, youth and adult choirs, handbell ensembles, organ, and instruments. He has led workshops, hymn festivals and choir festivals across the country. Here is a church musician who truly practices what he preaches! For our first program of the 2016-17 season, we will host a *PLAY THE ORGAN* day at the First Baptist Church in America, Providence, courtesy of **Stephen Martorella**. Piano and organ students from across the state will meet on Saturday September 24, for a lively hands-on demonstration, play their favorite piano pieces on a "real" organ, watch the intriguing film "Pulling Out All the Stops," and enjoy a pizza lunch. We also hope to re-activate our chapter organ scholarship program and need your support and participation to make this day a success!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and productive summer, and see you in September!

John Brooks, Dean

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A gentle but urgent reminder to all members: We are in the season of renewals, and we need you to renew promptly. If you have received an email from National AGO, find it and follow the directions to renew online. If you prefer to renew in the traditional "paper" manner, contact Membership Chairman Chris Souza (401.368.2758), who will send you the necessary form. In any case, please do this NOW, while you think of it. We will be putting together our Directory for 2016-17 in hopes of publishing it and distributing it in the fall. We want your name and information to be included. *Thank you heartily for your prompt action on this request!*

MEMBER MATTERS

Additions to the Directory and welcome to new and rejoining members:

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EVENTS

Sunday, July 10 at 3:00 pm: Philip Martorella presents an All Chopin concert featuring the complete Preludes, Op. 28, and the four Ballades. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI. Tickets \$20. 401.782.1018; courthousearts.org

Sunday, July 17 at 3:00 pm: Philip Martorella continues the All Chopin Concert, featuring the complete Etudes, Op. 10 and 25. Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI. Tickets \$20. 401.782.1018; courthousearts.org

SUBMISSIONS

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Flyers you provide (for RIAGO members): \$10. Make checks out to RIAGO and mail to Althea Allard by the 20th.