



THE WINDLINE

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The online newsletter of the
Clearwater Chapter, American Guild of Organists
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

It was indeed a thrill to see the wonderful attendance at Adam Brakel's recital at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 15. Adam played with incredible technical and musical skill! We are indeed fortunate to have Adam as a member of the Clearwater Chapter. I know all that were there were thrilled with his performance! He is indeed an ambassador for the organ and its literature.

This month's meeting will be our workshop with Dr. Victoria Meredith. Many of you will remember that she was with us a few years ago and left such a positive impression. I'm sure you and your choir members will not want to miss what she has in store for us on this visit. It will be helpful if you can bring your own copies of the music that Victoria will be working on with us. Those two pieces are "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson, arr. by Paul Read and "There Shall a Star" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Kevin V. Johnson, Dean

Vocal Workshop for Choral Singers by Dr. Victoria Meredith

Betty Dethmers, Accompanist

Saturday, February 18, 2012

St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
1601 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor, Florida

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Session I	9:00
Break	10:30
Session II	11:00
End	Noon

Dr Victoria Meredith is the author of dozens of articles about choral music; and she has served as editor of choral octavos, books, and monographs. An experienced conductor and educator, she is a professor at the University of Western Ontario (Canada). Her choirs have received numerous national awards and her expertise is frequently sought as a clinician and guest conductor. As a leader in the field of choral music, she has served as President of the Association of Canadian Choral Conductors and on the Editorial Board of the American Choral Directors Association's Choral Journal. She is the founder of the innovative *choralconnections* Adult Choral Program for adult singers of all ages interested in combining vocal conditioning with choral rehearsal and performance.

Music:

"Hymn to Freedom" - Oscar Peterson, arr. Paul Read
"There Shall a Star" - Felix Mendelssohn (Schirmer edition preferred)

Copies will be on loan for those unable to obtain them.

Pre-registration:

\$10 per person (Your check must be received by February 15!) Mail your check payable to Clearwater Chapter AGO to:

William Rockenfeller
25 S. McMullen-Booth Road
Clearwater, FL 33759

Registration at the Door: \$15 per person



2011 - 2012 PROGRAMS

February 18 <i>Saturday, 8:30 a.m.</i>	Dr. Victoria Meredith, Vocal Workshop St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
March 2 <i>Friday, 7:30 p.m.</i>	Elaine Funaro, Harpsichord Recital First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin
April 22 <i>Sunday, 4 p.m.</i>	Student – Teacher Recital Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Dunedin
May 20 <i>Sunday, 6 p.m.</i>	Banquet and Installation of Officers Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo

STUDENT CORNER

Congratulations to Laina Bennett and Patrick Burke, who have been granted scholarships for the Spring term.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Clearwater Chapter has a long history of supporting young organ students through our two scholarship funds. Both the Grom Education Fund and the Peterson Scholarship Fund exist primarily to offer financial assistance to middle/high school students studying organ with chapter member teachers. A typical grant would cover half the cost of the teacher's normal lesson fee for a semester. Other requests are considered by the board and might include full fee coverage, printed music, organ shoes, costs for a student or chapter member/officer to attend a workshop, convention, Pipe Organ Encounter, or other educational event.

Grant requests are reviewed and teachers are notified of the board's decisions in advance of the semester of study. The application form, as well as the lesson log form, is available on the website www.clearwaterago.org. The application must be submitted to the dean prior to the semester and the lesson log at the completion of the study. At that time the grant is paid directly to the teacher.

The application deadline for the summer semester (June-August) is May 15. Send it to the Dean:

Kevin Johnson, Dean
St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
1601 Curlew Road
Palm Harbor FL 34683

Any questions or need for more information, contact the Scholarship Funds Chairman:

Tom Huffman 727-409-8726 hufftom@aol.com



AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2012 AGO National Convention will be held July 1-6 in Nashville, TN.

Registration is now open! Register by February 15 to take advantage of lower rates.

To register online:
<http://www.ago2012.org/registration/convention-registration-online.html>

To print form and mail in registration:
<http://www.ago2012.org/registration/convention-registration-pdf.pdf>

For more information:
<http://www.ago2012.org/>

CLEARWATER AGO 2011-2012

OFFICERS

Dean: Kevin Johnson
Sub-Dean: Tom Huffman
Secretary: Denny Smith
Treasurer: Bill Rockenfeller

BOARD MEMBERS

2012: Priscilla Ortoski, James Biggers
2013: Carol Alexander, Robert Shone
2014: Robert Kirchner, Harryette Williams

*Board Meetings are held at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor.
 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.*

GROM EDUCATION FUND

Tom Huffman, Chair
 email: hufftom@aol.com

PLACEMENT COORDINATOR

Harryette Williams
 email: hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com

SUBSTITUTE LIST

ORGANISTS / DIRECTORS / ACCOMPANISTS / VOCALISTS

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator **Harryette Williams** by calling **727-596-5968** or emailing her at hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com.

*Note: Inclusion in the two lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills,
 and thus it encourages interviews with all prospective substitutes.*

James Biggers	727-784-8450	Organist
Edi Evans	727-446-3739	Organist
Betty Dethmers	727-726-7816	Organist or Organist/Director (Not available May-Sept.)
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	Organist or Organist/Director
Roberta Hoopes	727-442-8333	Choir Director
Dorothy Olsen	727-784-8620	Organist (Winter Resident)
Dr. Sandra Rogers	727-937-9780	Organist//Director
Rhoda Young	727-535-2125	Choir Director/Vocalist

SUBSTITUTE ORGANISTS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS (Other than Sunday mornings)

Stephen Allen	813-968-7095	Tom Huffman	727-409-8726
James Biggers	727-784-8450	Robert Kirchner	727-674-5118
Cheryl Brouette	727-785-8081	Faye Monroe	727-260-3990
Edi Evans	727-446-3739	David Owens	727-595-8196
Grayce Hillman	727-642-7322	Dr. Linda Pointer	727-441-1099

FOUR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Church of the Isles UCC in Indian Rocks Beach is looking for an Organist. Please contact Harryette Williams, our Placement Coordinator, for more information: hwilliams79@tampabay.rr.com.

St. Matthias Lutheran Church in Clearwater is looking for an Organist. Please call (727) 796-2200 or send an email to stmatthiaslutheran@yahoo.com.

St. Justin, Martyr Catholic Church in Seminole is looking for a Director of Worship to oversee both Music and Liturgy. The church has 800 families and is located at 10851 Ridge Road, Seminole, FL 33778

Are you searching for a parish family that is committed to MISSION? Are you seeking a MINISTRY and not a job? We are seeking a Jesus Centered Musician with a minimum BA degree in Music, Liturgy or related fields. Candidate needs to have vocal ability to lead congregational singing, and skills in piano, organ, and choral conducting. Full time position, great benefits and will help with moving costs. Salary range: \$24,000-\$42,000. INTERESTED? Please send a letter describing your vision of parish along with a complete resume to: Director of Search Committee. Our current Director is moving to New York in February. e-mail: jgraf@stjustinmartyr.net.

First UMC of Spring Hill, FL is looking for a full time Music Director who believes him/herself to be called to church music ministry. Responsibilities include all phases of the music ministry, but is not limited to children's choirs, youth choirs/ensembles, adult choirs, vocal and instrumental ensembles, hand bells/chimes, and soloists. Specific responsibilities and requirements can be found at <http://www.fumcsh.org/>. Compensation, including benefits, is negotiable. Those interested in applying should send resume to Music Director Task Force, First UMC, 9344 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL. 34608.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The St. Justin, Martyr position listed above was recently vacated by Amy Hartsough, a member of our chapter who is currently in the process of moving to New York to further her opera career! While Amy is already terribly missed by colleagues and church family, we enthusiastically cheer her on and wish her great success in this exciting new endeavor. -Lynn Vera

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT ORGANIST PAUL JACOBS

Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 3 p.m.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Avenue, Largo, FL 33770
(NOTE: the Concert poster is on the next page.)

WINTER CHOIR FESTIVAL

Friday, February 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.
Come hear the area Choirs!
St. Jerome Catholic Church, 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo, FL 33774

THE DUNEDIN COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS "FANTASTIC FOOTLITE FOLLIES"

Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3 p.m.
Dunedin Community Center, Edinburgh Hall, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin
Are you ready for a delightful afternoon filled with beautiful music? Then plan to attend the "Fantastic Footlite Follies" performed by the 75-voice Dunedin's Community Chorus. This talented and enthusiastic group will thrill you with old favorites, including selections from "Phantom of the Opera", "Camelot", "Showboat", "The King and I", and others. The concert is directed by Jan O'Connor Sharkey and Don Jones. Accompanists are Melanie McWilliams and Betty Dethmers. The show is free. An offering will be accepted. Being an audience favorite, come early to be guaranteed seating. The concert is sponsored by the Dunedin Parks & Recreation Department.

EARLY MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

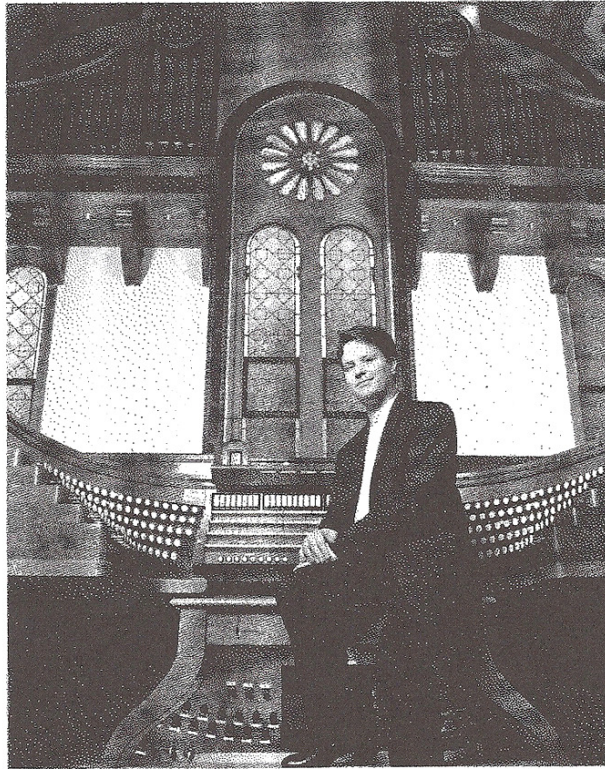
The Early Music Student Recital will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin beginning at 9:30 a.m. Students will play music from the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical periods on harpsichord, fortepiano and organ. Students of AGO members are especially encouraged to participate. Please email the student's name, age, piece, composer, and length of piece to Carol Alexander. Her email address is calexan1@tampabay.rr.com.

LENTEN EVENSONG

Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 4 p.m.
Choirs of St. Alfred's Episcopal Church
1601 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

To advertise your concert please email Lynn Vera at hauptwerk@yahoo.com before the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication, using a meaningful title on your email so I don't miss it! Thank you. -Lynn

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