

# MIXTURES

November 2021



## DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Even though the pandemic still looms over us, our chapter, at long last, is planning live events for the rest of the year and for the spring. The first one is this coming Saturday. We had started viewing *The English Organ*, issued by Fugue State Films, but had to stop the series due to the pandemic. This Saturday, November 6, 10:00am at Main Street Baptist Church, we will see the next documentary and watch some video performances on various English organs. It will be held in the sanctuary instead of the chapel. There will be no refreshments. Please plan on wearing masks. The next event will be an organ recital, *A Christmas Fantasy*, by Jean Henssler, at United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 pm. Check the calendar below for other upcoming events of interest.

Congratulations to Tim Smith for the completion of the rebuilding of the organ at Central Methodist, Endicott, and for his wonderful inaugural recital/demonstration on it this past Friday. (Link:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8kCtCOF7W0> \*starts at 11:13) Our thanks to Jeffrey Heald, Lay Leader and host of the recital, Sean Stafford, who recently joined our chapter, and is pianist/organist at Central, and to the congregation at Central for supporting the organ's rebuilding. It should enhance worship at the church for many years to come...AND to

Robbie Oldroyd (aka J.S. Bach), for a delightful and fun live-streamed show on Halloween night at First Presbyterian Church in Troy, PA, during which he appeared in the guise of J.S. Bach, and, in addition to playing organ solos, accompanied himself playing the French horn. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/TroyPAPresbyterian/videos/380537567105206> ...AND to

Jim Ford, whose two compositions, *Ehre Sei Gott in der Höhe* for SATB choir and piano, and *Irish Blessing* for a cappella SATB choir, are to be published by

J.W. Pepper Co. Also, congratulations to Craig Johnson, who led BRIO, with Jean Henssler accompanying, in a recorded performance of Jim's pieces which will be available online at J.W. Pepper as demonstrations of the two pieces.

We welcome our new member, Robert (Robbie) Oldroyd, to our chapter.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

John

## From the Registrar...

The long-awaited chapter directory/yearbook should be mailed to you this coming week. The staggered membership renewal has contributed to the delay but also allowed 5 new members to be included. The delay also allowed the inclusion of possible programs for 2022! The chapter's active membership is 64!

Richard

## Your Editor's Message...

It was All Hallows' Eve. Today is All Saints' Day...to be followed quickly by All Souls' Day. I may have mentioned last year that this is part of the Church year that has very special meaning for me. All Saints and All Souls make me reflect on the present and the past. The people, relationships, ambitions, failures and accomplishments and the events of life, all spin in my head during this time of year. All good, but the thoughts can be overwhelming at times.

Add to this the change of the season, next week's changing of the clock...and moving All Saints' music and service to the 7<sup>th</sup>...I feel like Sheldon on the Big Bang Theory, who has trouble dealing with change.

It's a good kind of overwhelming. The self-reflection is good for the soul. It's healthy.

May you all enjoy the last of our beautiful Fall and have your own reflections on your very special lives. Thank you for what you do for all people with your talents.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Your humble Editor,  
Patti

## NEWS and NOTES...EVENTS...

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am:** Continuing the viewing of the English Organ DVD, issued by Fugue State Films. Meet at Main Street Baptist Church in Binghamton. Masks and social distancing required. No refreshments provided.

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm:** Free Concert presented by The Binghamton Virtuosi at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton. Music of Poulenc, Alain and Pinkham. Organ, Voices and Orchestra. <http://www.trinitymemorial.org>. Tim Smith will be performing the Poulenc Organ Concerto.

**Sunday, November 14, 3:00 pm:** Organ recital by Dominic Fiacco. This is his first recital since the pandemic started! It will be held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Utica, NY. The Church is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish.

### **BTOS Event –**

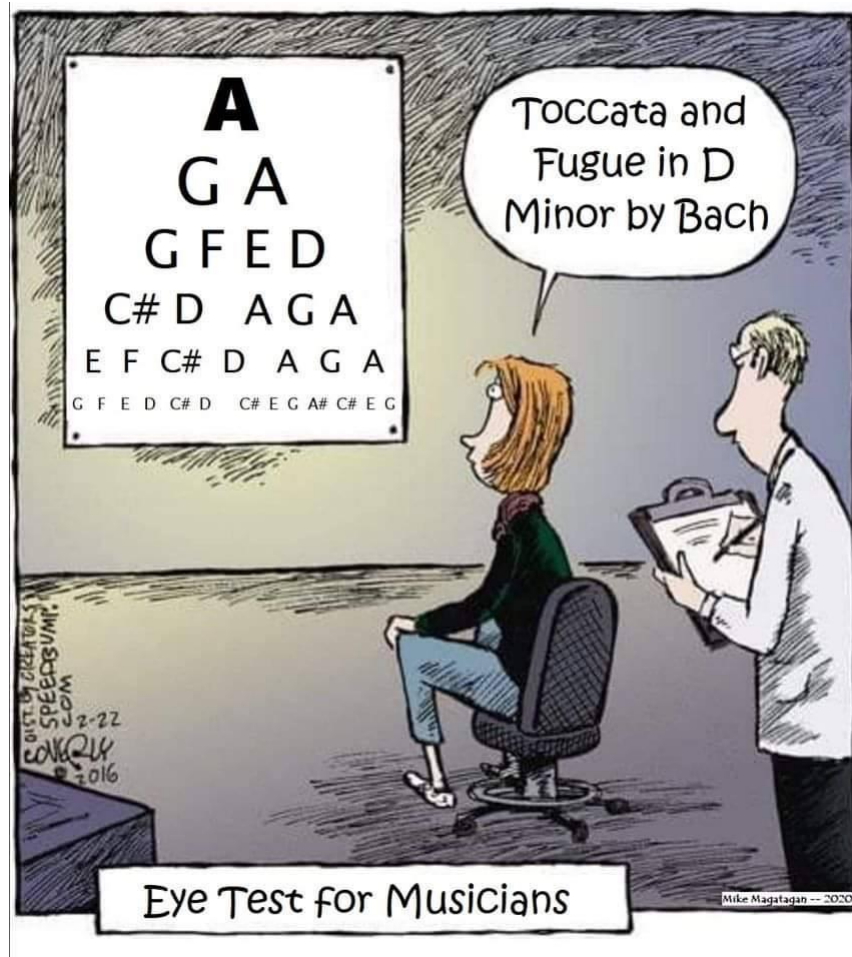
**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 pm:** *True Heart Susie:* A Tribute to Lillian Gish (Silent film 1919) Dennis James, organist. info at [www.BinghamtonTOS.org](http://www.BinghamtonTOS.org)

**Saturday/Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 3pm and November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm:** *Lessons and Carols for Christmas* Presented by The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton. Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Binghamton. Free Performance. Masks required.

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm:** “*A Christmas Fantasy*” Organ recital by Jean Henssler. It will be held at United Presbyterian Church, Binghamton. A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm:** Concert by BRIO will be held at the Endwell Methodist Church. Craig Johnson, Director. There will be good parking and good social distancing.

## MUSICIAN HUMOR...



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