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2023

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Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Autumn is upon us. There are plenty of things to do in October, including some organ concerts, an organ crawl in central PA with the Chemung chapter, and an opportunity for fun with pre-soundtrack film music. And looking further ahead, two chapter-sponsored events in November. You will find information on our Young Artist Series November Concert on page 6 of this issue.

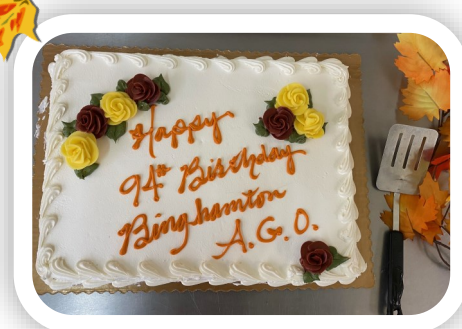
I have been collecting responses from the survey I started this summer, and they reflect creative and thoughtful consideration of the chapter's past and future (as well as that beyond our chapter). If you haven't responded yet, you can still contribute. (See page 2). I will share details of the responses with the executive board as we start planning programs for next year. I hope this will lead to activities and events which are even more helpful and rewarding to chapter members, and also effective outreach to new members as well.

As I write this, I have learned that someone I see almost every week has tested positive for COVID. And flu season is coming. By the time you read this I will have had my annual flu vaccine, and will be scheduled for a COVID vaccine soon. Vaccines may not be perfect, but they reduce the chances of serious illness for most people. A nurse I know encourages people to get both vaccines, but not at the same time - give your immune system a chance to respond to one before "hitting it" with another. In any case, please be safe!

Hilton



Our Official '23 - '24 Kickoff
September 15
Good Food & Good Company!



UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ Sunday, October 8 - 4:00 pm - Organ Recital by William Lawson, Main Street Baptist Church, 117 Main Street, Binghamton. (See page 3).
- ♦ Saturday, October 14 - 9:30 am - Organ Crawl to Williamsport & Muncy, PA, hosted by the Chemung Valley AGO Chapter (See Separate Attachment).
- ♦ Saturday, October 14 - 5:30 pm/Dinner and 6:30 pm/Organ recital by Yancey Moore and Erich Machan Howd, Newark Valley United Church of Christ. (See page 5).
- ♦ Sunday, October 22 - 2:00 pm - Theater Organ Concert by Nathan Avakian at Broome County Forum (See page 5).
- ♦ Sunday, October 22 - 4:00 pm - Trinity Episcopal Church, Binghamton, *The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton, American Reflections: Music for the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and Beyond.* (See page 4).
- ♦ Saturday, November 4 - 9:30 am - 3rd session of the Fugue State Films "Bach and Expression." Gathering at 9:30 am with coffee/refreshment with the program beginning 10:00 am at Central Methodist Church, 17 Nanticoke Avenue, Endicott.
- ♦ Saturday, November 11 - 2:00 pm - Young Artist Series organ recital by Joseph Maxwell Ossei-Little. (See page 6).
- ♦ Tuesday, December 5 - 11:30 am - Luncheon get-together at Needful Things and Vintage Vibes Café, 136 E. Service Road, Binghamton

THE DEAN'S SURVEY...



- A. What do you value most about AGO membership?
- B. What chapter events or programs have you especially enjoyed or benefited from?
- C. Are there any events or programs that you would like to see our chapter sponsor?
- D. Any ideas for getting young people interested in the organ and its music?
- E. How often do you check the chapter's website?

Please send responses to our dean, Hilton Baxter at hiltonb@binghamton.edu.
If you want to respond anonymously, please print your answers and mail them to
Hilton Baxter
47 Grand Boulevard
Binghamton, New York 13905

POSITION OPENING...

The Tully United Community Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Road, Tully (I-81, Exit 15) has an opening for a pianist (and/or organist) to play a one hour church service Sundays (9:30 AM) and one adult choir rehearsal Wednesdays (7:30 PM - 8:30 PM). Very fine established music program with a grand piano, pipe organ and handbells (3 octaves). The church is octagonal in the round with good acoustics, instrumentalists and vocal soloists. Concert series includes the annual Messiah with paid orchestra. Socially minded congregation, cheerful atmosphere and fine minister.

To hear the choir: <https://www.facebook.com/100064588306773/videos/758268719046161> and

<https://facebook.com/100064588306773/videos/628543395563058>

Instrumental soloist (also sings in choir): <https://www.facebook.com/100064588306773/videos/1375073436323959>

Bell Choir: <https://www.facebook.com/100064588306773/videos/390895515920019>



SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST NEEDED...

The Catholic Community of the Epiphany, Sayre, PA is seeking a substitute organist for Saturday, October 28 at 4:00 pm, and Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. All masses have assigned cantors.

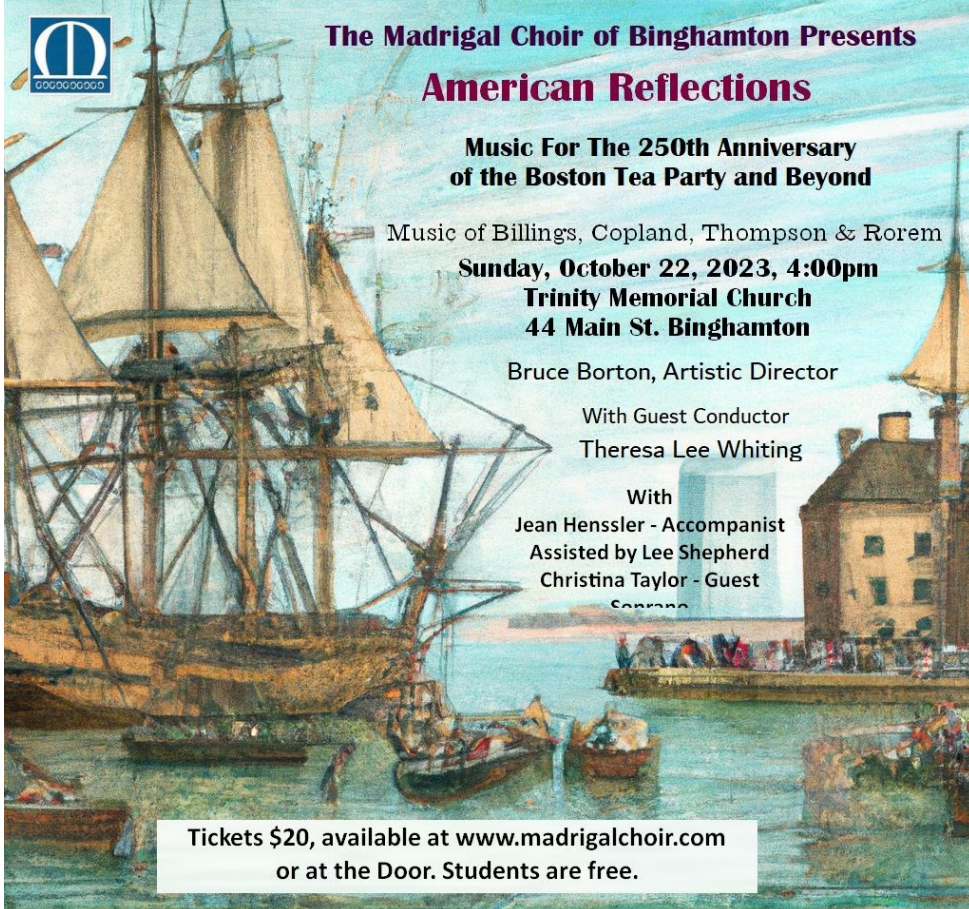
Organist must be familiar with the Catholic liturgy, the "Heritage Mass" setting and the "Respond and Acclaim" Responsorial Psalm and Gospel responses.


Interested organists may contact Larry W. Hoey directly for further information at larryhoey.music@gmail.com.

ORGAN RECITAL...

On Sunday, October 8 - 4:00 pm - Chapter member, William Lawson will be performing an organ recital at the Main Street Baptist Church, 117 Main Street, Binghamton. The program will consist of four suites for organ by composers Francis Jackson, Peter Hurford, David Schelat, and Craig Phillips. William currently teaches organ at Binghamton University and also holds the position of organist at Main Street Baptist Church. Our chapter applauds him as he celebrates 50 years in church music ministry!





 **The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton Presents**
American Reflections

**Music For The 250th Anniversary
of the Boston Tea Party and Beyond**

Music of Billings, Copland, Thompson & Rorem
Sunday, October 22, 2023, 4:00pm
Trinity Memorial Church
44 Main St. Binghamton

Bruce Borton, Artistic Director

With Guest Conductor
Theresa Lee Whiting

With
Jean Hensler - Accompanist
Assisted by Lee Shepherd
Christina Taylor - Guest
Soprano

Tickets \$20, available at www.madrigalchoir.com
or at the Door. Students are free.

FROM THE REGISTRAR...



The Binghamton Chapter Yearbook/Directory for 2023-2024 has been distributed - either at the Kick-off dinner or by USPS. Following are some corrections that should be made:

- ◆ The phone number for Richard VanAuken is incorrect. His number is still the same as Evelyn's.
- ◆ Music for a Sunday Afternoon presented by David Jackson will be in May 2024.
- ◆ Joseph Kosik has accepted the position of Organist/Music Director at St. Patrick, Owego and St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin.
- ◆ Donna Frye has renewed her membership. Frye.donna@rocketmail.com
- ◆ Sean Stafford 's email is sstafford1@stny.rr.com

Richard



**A Binghamton Theater Organ Society at
the FORUM Theater CONCERT EVENT**



**NATHAN
AVAKIAN**




October 22, 2023 at 2:00 PM
**Broome Co. Forum Theater. Tickets: Adults \$20,
 Students \$5 at door & [www. BinghamtonTOS.org](http://www.BinghamtonTOS.org)**

*Virtual instruments; film and tv music themes, short films
 by students. Truly an innovative show! This program is made possible with*

DINNER AND ORGAN CONCERT...



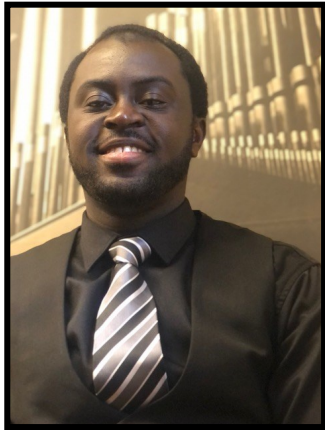
On Saturday, October 14, Community Connection at the United Church of Christ, 32 South Main Street, Newark Valley, NY, will host a Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by an Organ Concert at 6:30 pm. Dinner and concert tickets are \$20 per person.

There are a limited number of reservations available for dinner which will include Chicken Marsala, Parmesan Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Shallots and Dessert.

The organists for the concert are Yancey Moore and Erich Machan Howd playing the historic Hook and Hastings pipe organ.

Concert reserved seating for dinner guests. Remainder of seating will be General Admission. Email newarkvalleycc@gmail.com or call (607) 308-1503 for reservations or more information.

COMING SOON!...



YOUNG ARTIST SERIES CONCERT

Joseph Maxwell Ossei-Little

Saturday, November 11 - 2:00 pm

United Presbyterian Church
42 Chenango Street
Binghamton

We are pleased to welcome Joseph as this year's Young Artist! Joseph, an international student from Ghana, is finishing his second year in the organ performance master's program at Syracuse University.

Read about his incredible life journey and hear his joy filled playing by clicking on the links below.

<https://chapel.syracuse.edu/bringing-joy-from-ghana-joseph-maxwell-ossei-little-has-big-plans-as-inaugural-hendricks-chapel-organ-scholar/>

and

<https://youtu.be/kx9M2i3O7ng?si=-htB8WaIkC-4-xoE>

CHAPLAIN DAVID WERLY...



Our chapter's chaplain, Rev. David Werly, will be having surgery on Wednesday, October 11 at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester. He is hoping to be released by Monday, October 16. At that time, he is in need of someone to drive him home to Binghamton and, also someone to bring his car home from Rochester. He may be contacted at dcwrev3@gmail.com or at (607)648-8104. Grateful for his enduring support of our chapter, we wish him well as he faces this health challenge. Our prayers are with you, Chaplain Werly!

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