

MIXTURES



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DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Greetings,

Normally, about this time of year, we would be gathering at Cortese for a post-holiday chapter dinner. Instead, we have been zooming and face-booking while riding out the pandemic. I know we are all looking forward to the new year with hopes of returning to normal and getting to see each other again. While we were able to get Jean's, recital completed (without audience) and uploaded to YouTube, all the rest of the events that the executive committee planned for the year were put on hold, and, as conditions allow, we hope to reschedule them in the spring. In the meantime, included below is a list of links that you can enjoy at your leisure. Some of them have been publicized before, while others are new. Some might be out of date.

Before the list of links is the obituary and a recorded performance by Will Headlee, professor of music for decades at Syracuse University. He was a close friend of Jonathan Biggers and had attended many of our Binghamton events over the years. Aside from being a renowned professor and organist, he was one of the nicest people that God put on the earth.

You will also notice in the list of links a message from Joe Kotylo informing us of the status of the huge Aeolian-Skinner organ at Andy's church in Philly, which has been removed and sent to Russell Organ Company for renovation. Russell is the company that rebuilt the organ at Main Street Baptist.

Notice that #9 on the list of links is a Jonathan Scott performance on a Lewis organ. Had we been able to hold the third of our three sessions on The English Organ, you would have seen and heard a Lewis organ.

Prayers are welcome for Johanna Masters who is dealing with the challenges of her treatments, which include radiation and chemotherapy. She is being treated by the Yale New Haven Medical Center in CT. She concluded her last update by saying: "The prayers have helped already! We are all very hopeful now. I'll be here for quite a while, but it's a good place to be, from every aspect - from medical care to the

comfort of having a house to live in and Sara and family next door. Thank you all, who have been following my situation and saying prayers for a good outcome. Just knowing that you all care means everything. I will certainly continue updates. Miss you all!”

We welcome our newest member, Rudy Sumpter who is in Kingsley, PA.

Have a Happy New Year. I hope we will be able to gather soon for our events. In the meantime, keep safe.
John

SADLY...

We mourn the loss of Will Headlee. Here is his obituary and a performance at Syracuse:

--Obituary: <https://obits.syracuse.com/obituaries/syracuse/obituary.aspx?n=william-headlee-will&pid=197095989&fhid=18435>

--Performance at Syracuse U: <https://www.pipedreams.org/episode/2020/12/28/an-organists-yearbook>

RECENT EVENTS ... RECITALS and CONCERTS GONE VIRTUAL...

1. Andy Kotylo's Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's in Philly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uP0PBvUZGiY>

Notes on the organ by Joe Kotylo: St. Paul's organ is really interesting. Yes, the whole thing is in Vermont for renovation. The instrument you hear is a Walker digital copy playing from the old console. It's truly remarkable. Walker already had most if not all the organ sampled. They have been using those samples for years. They were able to provide a digital copy within a relatively short period of time. Andy tells me it's not perfect but pretty convincing. Russell is also building a new console. I think completion of the project is a good two years off.

2. Mark Laubach's Lessons and Carols with Northeast Pa

choirs: [A Virtual Service of Lessons and Carols 2020 on Vimeo](#)

3. Jean Henssler's recital at UPC: upcbgm.org/youtube/organ-recital

4. Johanna Master's Meditation: <https://youtu.be/JrxZDylxLPI>

5. David Jackson's December 6th concert at Christ the King in Spencer: David Jackson, Jewel Griffith and Brenda Yeier will present a virtual program of Christmas selections from Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Spencer. [The program will be available on the Christ the King Presbyterian Facebook page or Zoom: ID: 837 5398 6747 Password: 050850](#)

6. Washington Cathedral Christmas Day concert: Tom Sheehan and George Fergus,
organists: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHaq-4zCb4w>

7. Methuen Hall Christmas Concert with Ray Cornils and trumpets:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1myZiqBM1o&t=2312s>

8. (from Rich Sheasley) Jonathan Scott on a Lewis organ:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6NHbqsYEbg>
9. (from Mike Hudak) J.S. Bach documentary titled "Encountering Bach"
<https://youtu.be/iOMZHmk15e4>
10. Roberta Rowland Raybold's "Winter Solstice" https://youtu.be/g3JXiv_3nzQ
11. Sean Stafford and Roger Richards, Organ and Piano Christmas Songs, December 6th, 2020.
Central United Methodist Church Concert: The live-stream for the concert can be found on Central's video page at www.youtube.com/user/videoCUMC



This certainly was SOME snow!!

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