

# MIXTURES

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE...

THANKS to:

**Peggy Sniezek**, who worked many hours this summer on reviving our chapter website: [binghamtonago.org](http://binghamtonago.org)

CONGRATULATIONS to:

**Paulette Fry**. The Cultural Council of Cortland County established a new award: Lifetime Achievement for a Musician. Paulette was its first recipient...

**AND to Barb Garges**, on her retirement from Tabernacle Methodist Church after serving as its organist for 39 years...



**Barbara Garges , Honored at Tabernacle**

**AND to Roberta Rowland-Raybold**, whose piece, “Promise” was published in a new collection, EASTER, Set II, issued by Augsburg Fortress...

**AND to Dan Lemieux:** on the completion of the four manual Hauptwerk organ for Indian Hill School of Music in Groton, MA ( <https://indianhillmusic.org/new-music-center/>). On August 21<sup>st</sup> about 30 people, including seven members of our chapter, and several ENYAGO chapter members, gathered high in the hills of Northeastern NYS on the lawn at Dan’s house and shop, under tents in the pouring rain, with an adjacent back room of the house full of stacked electronics and speakers...to hear a masterful recital by Randy Steere

([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_85XR21Wscz0ybCQhENXJg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_85XR21Wscz0ybCQhENXJg)). The original contract for this instrument was awarded to Richard Hedgebeth, and after his death in 2019, the project was taken up by Dan Lemieux. The project will end up being an addition of a significant organ in a new multi-million-dollar concert hall and will be installed there sometime in 2022. We are pleased that it was accomplished in large part by two Binghamton chapter members...



**Binghamton Chapter Members**

**AND to Emmanuel Sikora**, whose concertos for piano and orchestra in E major and e minor will be performed in Ukraine this month, and whose composition for organ was performed in this recital by a young Utica-based organist, Dominic Fiacco.

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WHY8MXjdNfq1EBlrhYn-eF55gt\\_7A-cG/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WHY8MXjdNfq1EBlrhYn-eF55gt_7A-cG/view))

OUR CONDOLENCES: to the family of **Janet Misulich**, who passed away recently. The Executive Committee has sent a contribution to the National AGO Young Artist Fund in her memory.

PRAYERS: for **Johanna Masters**, who continues to face her challenges in overcoming her illness.

Our next chapter event is a picnic scheduled for 2 pm, Saturday, September 11, tentatively to be held at Dan and Peggy Sniezek's house in Owego. The event will be catered by Phil's Chicken House, \$10 per person. If you plan to attend, e-mail me at [jholt@stny.rr.com](mailto:jholt@stny.rr.com) or call me at 607-770-9865 (leave a message if I don't answer) BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. It may be that we will hold the event at another location, but I will keep everyone updated closer to the event. Given the concern for the increase in COVID activity in our area, this event, and any others planned for the fall will be subject to change.

Stay safe.

John



**Summer Outing to hear Randy Steele playing the new Hauptwert organ**

## Your Editor's Message...

Greetings and Salutations to all!

Welcome to a new year for our AGO Chapter, Schools and Church Musicians!  
Well, kind of a new year...some things are still the same due to this pandemic time.

That said, look at how much we have learned from working to continue making music for our worship services! We have graduated from zoom to facebook live and there is even limited live singing happening in our churches. Personally, I have learned to record the choir live then play through the sound system for our services, and many of our members love singing in groups from solos to quartets *in person* in the service! Of course...we observe safe protocols of masking and distancing ourselves.

I hope you have come up with creative ways to share your musical talents with your parishes. Please share your creativity with us in the next Mixtures.

My Best to all...  
Your Editor

PS... if you come to hear Jim Ford on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Forum, be sure to stay and hear me play in the "What Fun Music" Festival Orchestra!! It will be (for many of us) the first time playing in an orchestra in over 18 months!

## FROM the REGISTRAR...

I anticipate that the Yearbook/Directory will be available for the September 11<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Picnic. Because of the staggered membership renewal process, the Yearbook will have a specific date for the active membership roster. It is noteworthy and appreciated that more of the chapter renewed thru the National Oncard System than in previous renewal periods.

I talked with Laura Nancy Kennedy today and learned that she is doing well and unaffected by the floods that soaked New Jersey where she has resided since her retirement from her Binghamton activities. Now 89, she sends her greetings to each of the chapter's members.

Richard

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

### **News of Member Jim Ford – Theatre Organ Prelude...**

**Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, at the Forum.** “What Fun Music” Festival Orchestra presents **Jim Ford at the Robert Morton Theatre Organ** for an hour prelude of organ music. The Concert “This One’s On Us” is a free concert of fun music. Sponsored by Guthrie and Music Performer’s Trust Fund. Tickets are free by going to the Box Office at the Arena, or call 607-738-1528.

### **From Member David Jackson – Organ Recital**

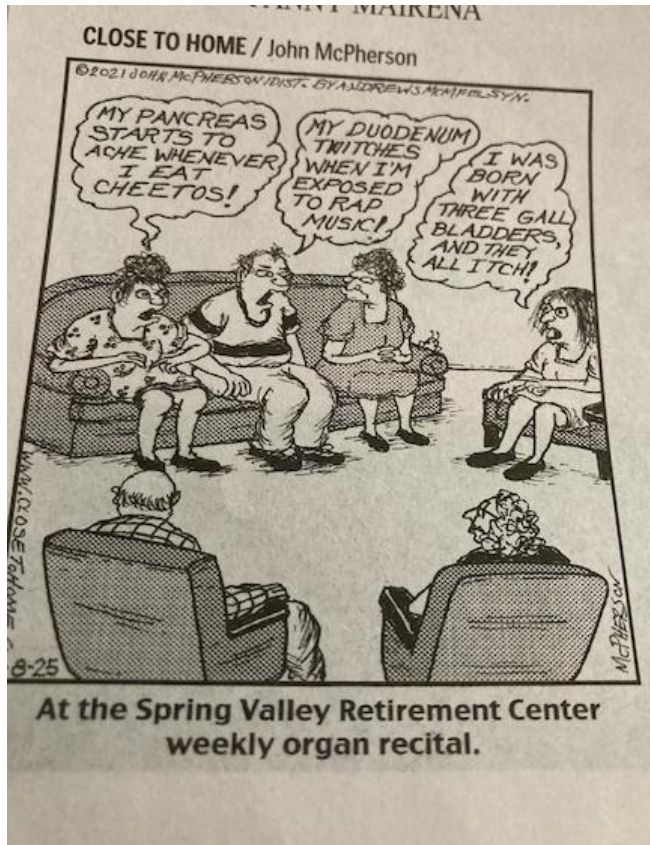
**Sunday, September 19 at 4:00pm.** The recital is on! It will be at Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Spencer, NY and will be live as well as live streamed to the Church's Facebook page. Non vaccinated people are encouraged to but not required to wear masks. \*If the Covid situation deteriorates like it did last fall, we might have to make some revisions.

### **From Trinity Memorial Church and Tim Smith –**

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.** Concert presented by The Binghamton Virtuosi and TMC. Music of Poulenc, Alain and Pinkham. Organ, Voices and Orchestra.

## ANNUAL BINGHAMTON AGO PICNIC:

**Saturday, September 11, 2021, 2:00pm.** At the home of Peggy and Dan Sniezek. See Dean John’s message above.



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