

MIXTURES

JULY 2021



DEAN'S MESSAGE...

I hope you are all enjoying the summer, despite the heat. There have been no chapter events scheduled for July but note that we have two events coming up in August and September that should be fun. On Saturday, August 21, at 1:00 pm, Randy Steere (see poster below) will be performing a recital on the new Hauptwerk organ built by two of our members, Richard Hedgebeth and Dan Lemieux, (see last month's Mixtures for more details).

On Saturday, September 11 at 2:00 pm, we will have a catered chapter picnic (\$) at Dan and Peggy Sniezek's house in Owego.

For both of these occasions, we will need to get a head count of who will be attending. I will be sending out reminder notices ahead of each event so you can let me know then that you will be attending.

Even though Randy's organ recital is not an official Binghamton chapter summer outing, it is reminiscent of two other all-day trips we took: Albany (2016 organ crawl arranged by Roberta), and (2015) Canandaigua trip, arranged by Ellie Rugg (Parsons Organ Factory visit). Each required a long drive each way, and we got home late, but each was memorable. Argyle, NY, northeast of Saratoga Springs, is 200 miles from here. It will take three hours travel each way, with lunch and the recital there, and dinner (somewhere) on the way back. For this trip, it would help if you could let me know soon (jholt@stny.rr.com) if you are planning to go and are willing to drive.

Continuing with my retrospective on our Young Artist Series, Nick Capozzoli performed a recital on September 11, 2015, at UPC and gave a workshop at BU on Saturday on Baroque performance practice. Nick is a graduate of Oberlin and McGill and is currently Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal.

His program was:

Rhapsody for Organ (2014)

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Rubrics

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

IV. "The peace may be exchanged"

Sonata in B-flat, op. 65, no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

I. Allegro con brio II. Andante religioso III. Allegretto IV. Allegro maestoso

Évocation II

Thierry Escaich (b. 1965)

Prélude et Fugue No. 1

Sonata Eroïca, op. 94

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

See pictures below of the event.
John



Nick Capozzoli and Jonathan Biggers



Nick Capozzoli workshop attendees



Nick Capozzoli with Richard Sheasley and Peggy Sniezek at the reception



Lunch at UNOS after the workshop

Your Editor's Message...

Greetings and Happy Summer!

That was some heat wave this week, eh? Hope you all take care going out in it...lots of water, a hat and limited time outside! I tried pulling a few weeds, but I had to quit when my eyes stung from perspiration running off my forehead into them! It didn't take more than 5 minutes to have that happen! My small pile of weeds can stay there til it cools down! Maybe today!

Playing the organ can be a bit challenging too in this heat. Church is very warm and then my hands and fingers get sticky! I don't need any more handicaps than I already have...LOL.

To blow my own horn once again, I receive the Helen H. Hosmer Award for Excellence in Music Teaching next Friday, July 9th, in a virtual setting. It will be on FaceBook live at 5 pm, on the Potsdam Alumni page, I believe.

Anyway, take care of yourselves so we can see each other at Chapter events!

Your Editor,
Patti

FROM the REGISTRAR...

Here are the renewal Standings for the Binghamton Chapter. While the final results are not in, no current member has told me "No".

26 - paid Oncard

12 - paid locally

11 - awaiting response

9 - come up for renewal later this year

2 - no response – may be cancelled

Richard

NEWS and NOTES...EVENTS...

From Member David Jackson – Organ Recital

The recital is on! It will be Sunday September 19 at 4pm. 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

Summer Organ Listening and Learning Opportunities:

LIVE-STREAMED organ recitals from **Methuen Memorial Music Hall**, Methuen, MA, every Wednesday evening, 7:30 pm through Aug. 25

<https://www.mmmh.org/event-calendar>

The **Organ Historical Society** presents a "**Kaleidoscope of Colors.**"

Five online streaming organ recitals (15 instruments from 14 different states) will include stoplists and a brief history of each organ. 5 pm, each Sunday evening in August. **FREE** Details at <https://organhistoricalsociety.org/kaleidoscope-of-colors/>

Event from the National AGO...

There is still time to encourage young organists to register for our virtual Pipe Organ Encounters, ages 13-18. Full details can be accessed here <https://agovirtualpoe.org/>



The Eastern New York American Guild of Organists & Meta Organworks present an *organ concert on the lawn*

Saturday, August 21st, 2021
 Rain Date Saturday, August 28th, 2021
 Picnic Begins 12 noon
 Concert Begins 1pm



We're excited to welcome you to the Meta Organworks studio for the first in-person ENYAGO sponsored event in over a year!

Pack a picnic lunch*, chairs or a blanket for the lawn, and head on over to our studio for a brief program performed by **Randy Steere** including works by Mendelssohn, Bach, Widor, Whitlock, and Guilman. Following Randy's performance, there will be an **open console** session of the Meta VPO that is slated to be installed into the newly constructed 1,000 seat concert hall at the Indian Hill Music School in 2022. Have a friend considering joining the AGO? Bring them, too! We'll all surely have a great time!

Since this is an outdoor event (yes, we're seriously bringing the console outside!), we've scheduled a rain date for the following weekend. Check the weather forecast and keep an eye out for an email notification in the event of a weather postponement. **Please send your RSVP to George Schiller, schilleg@union.edu, to get on the notification list.**



Organ Stats

- 12 Hauptwerk Organ Sample sets of exciting organs from around the world
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- 42 speaker cabinets including 16 sub-woofers
- Capable of producing 64' tone!

Randy Steere received a BM from Barrington College (studied with Alan Brown), an MM from Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale School of Music (studied with Dr. Robert Baker), an Mdiv from Yale Divinity School and a Masters in Computer Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



He was the full-time Minister of Music at First Church in Glastonbury, CT for 9 years before becoming an IT director in a law firm for 7 years and running his own consulting and software company for 20 years.

During that time he moved to Boston and was the Assistant Organist at Old South Church in Boston for many years before moving to Westford, MA where he now resides.

Randy has taken several study tours to Europe, and concertized on and off around New England and beyond. He has also taught organ performance and church music courses at the undergraduate level for several years.

Address of Concert:
 Meta Organworks Studio
 615 Coot Hill Road
 Argyle, NY 12809

*You bring what you want for a main course and we'll provide light hors d'oeuvres and dessert!

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS...

Ithaca AGO:

Dear Friends of Music at St. Luke!

Bastille Day beckons! We are thrilled to be able to offer an in-person audience for this year's event, which will be at 7pm on Wednesday, July 14th. At this time, guidance from the St. Luke governing council requires masks of all, regardless of vaccination status, so we ask your understanding of that. The recital will also be livestreamed and available after the event on the "Music at St. Luke Ithaca" Youtube channel.

The program features music by the usual suspects of Guilmant, Franck, Langlais, Vierne, and others, performed by our amazing local organists Stephanie Ortolano, Samuel Smith, Gerald Wolfe, Mary Holzauer, Jeff Snedeker, Caleb Bates, Matthew Hall, and Patrick McMullen.

And, it will look a bit different, but a reception will follow the recital.

If you need parking AT the church, please reply; our roof will be in the process of replacement at that point and the driveway will be largely blocked. We'll find a way to help anyone out who needs it.

Erik Kibelsbeck

ORGAN POSITION...

Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Binghamton: Creative worship team seeks Church Musician for choral accompaniment and leadership of community singing. Keyboard experience required; organ proficiency preferred.

One service at 10:30 a.m. Organist provides prelude, postlude, possibly offertory (or accompanying a vocal solo) and accompanying the choir. Choir rehearsal Sunday mornings (ca. 9:15 am). Extra services/rehearsals around the holidays (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, etc.) We are a reconciling congregation. Competitive salary. Contact Barbara Krongold at: bvanatta@hotmail.com; 785-8997; cell: 727-5279

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