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Mixtures



Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

DEAN'S MESSAGE...

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we were able to resume our Young Artists Series on November 20 with a wonderful performance by Katherine Jolliff at Central United Methodist Church. Katherine definitely upheld the level of performance excellence that we enjoyed from all the previous guests in the series. The performance was live streamed and is archived at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4y5GLs74NqU>

This was not only the first YAS recital in two years, but it was the first we have held at Central Methodist. Our thanks to the church for hosting the recital. In particular, thanks to Jeffrey Heald who was such a big help in organizing the event. My personal thanks go to Jean, who not only wrote the (Sub)-Dean's message in November's issue of Mixtures, but took care of several things while I was in the hospital that I normally would have handled, including many of the details regarding Katherine's visit. Thanks also to Peggy who turned pages for Katherine's performance.

With the upcoming holiday season upon us, there are several events planned for the next few weeks. Check the calendar below for a list of events. Our next chapter event is our traditional end-of-year dinner, which will be held at Cortese Restaurant (117 Robinson Street) on January 15 at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendar now so you don't forget. I will be sending out a notice to everyone closer to the event to get the number of people that will attend the dinner, but feel free to contact me any time (jholt@stny.rr.com or 607-770-9865) to let me know you plan to attend.

One of the best programs we have ever sponsored has been the viewing of the excellent series of DVDs issued by Fugue State Films. Previously we have seen the DVDs on Cavaille-Coll, Franck, Reger, The English Organ, and Widor. The much-anticipated DVD on Bach is now complete, and we will be viewing it in two parts on February 4 and March 4 at Central Methodist. As with the previous DVDs, our chapter is listed as a "recognized subscriber" of the project.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

John

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ **Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 - 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm** - Advent Luncheon Concert Series, United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church Street, Cortland
- ♦ **Saturday, December 3 - 4:00 pm** - Lessons and Carols for Christmas by The Madrigal Choir at First Presbyterian Union Church, Owego.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 4 - 4:00 pm** - Lessons and Carols for Christmas by The Madrigal Choir at Trinity Episcopal Church, Binghamton. Tim Smith, organist. <https://madrigalchoir.com/>
- ♦ **Saturday, December 10 - 2:30 pm** - Nancy Wildoner's Theater organ 1/2 hour 'prelude' to the BPO's 3:00 pm Winter Wonderland concert at The Forum, Binghamton.
- ♦ **Saturday, December 17 - 5:00 pm** - Saint-Saëns Christmas Oratorio, Endless Mountain Choral Society in Troy, PA. Rob Oldroyd - director/Jean Hensler - organist.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 18 - 3:00 pm** - BRIO Vocal Ensemble Christmas Concert at Endwell United Methodist Church, Endwell. Craig Johnson - director/Carolyn Corse - accompanist/organist.
- ♦ **Saturday, January 7 - 4:00 pm** - Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton **and**
Sunday, January 8 - 4:00 pm - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Greene, NY - **Ceremony and Celebration for Twelfth Night** - The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton bids farewell to the old year and welcomes the new with readings, early instruments and costumed singers. <https://madrigalchoir.com/concerts/>
- ♦ **January 15, 2023 - 5:00 pm** - Our post-holiday dinner at Cortese Restaurant, 117 Robinson Street, Binghamton.

PBS NEWS HOUR...

On November 15, 2022, the PBS Newshour Report was about the installation of the pipe organ in St. John's Benedictine Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota with Stephen Tharp and Michael Barone. It is an insightful report giving the organ and organists some wonderful PR!

Please check out the video of the Newshour below.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/monastery-invests-in-craftsmanship-by-expanding-its-hand>

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS...

BRIO VOCAL ENSEMBLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm

Endwell United Methodist Church



Guest Artists: Kathy Karlsen, oboe and English Horn
Martha Weber, bassoon
Janell Shriver, Percussion

Students: Abhiram Kandanati, piano
Aashrita Kandanati and Anuha Bondalapati, sopranos

A variety of musical styles with ensemble pieces, solos, duets and a trio

An organ prelude played by Tim Wetherbee

Congregational carols sung by all.

Free will offering

Craig Johnson - Director Carolyn Corse - Accompanist and Organist

FROM YOUR REGISTRAR...

My aging computer failed to include Dr. Andrew Kotylo as a chapter member in the yearbook/directory. Andy is an active renewed member and has had a busy past summer taking a choir to England to perform in various cathedrals. His contact info can be found in last year's printing. Also, Linda Stanley has reminded me that "I'm available for funerals, weddings and Sundays." She also has a Service Playing Certificate. That info was not printed.

Perhaps this is the time to remind everyone that, in this digital age, the AGO website, www.agohq.org, is continually being updated and has a wealth of material available for your safe surfing during these long winter nights. Why not give it a try! Personally, I do it in small segments just like learning a new piece of music.

Esther Wilcox sends her thanks to each of you who sent her a card. She received about 15 cards! The Manor gave her a birthday cake and party attended by the other residents of her floor. She even received a bouquet of fresh flowers containing her favorite color of flowers.

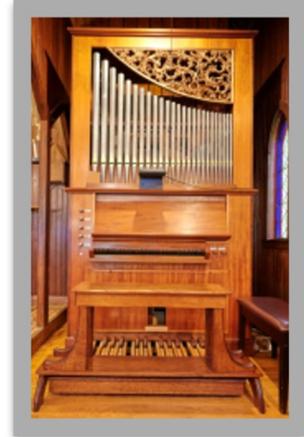
Richard

JOB OPENING...

Christ Church, Episcopal in Cooperstown, NY (607) 547-9555 currently has a job opening for Director of Music. The position is permanent, part-time with four weeks of paid vacation with a competitive compensation package which includes housing. For a complete detailed job description please email rector@ceccoop.net or call 607-547-9555.



Main Organ, a Gilbert Adams, purchased from Grace Church in Utica and installed in 1983 with a new console from Austin Organ Co. State trumpets and chimes were added in 2006.



WEEKLY ADVENT CONCERT SERIES...

From Paulette Fry

If anyone finds themselves in the Cortland area on Fridays during Advent, I play half hour programs at United Presbyterian Church (25 Church Street) from 12:15 - 12:45 pm and invite folks to bring their lunch and enjoy music and atmosphere of the season. Tables are set up in the balconies of the sanctuary. Organ and instruments. Free admission. December 2, 9, 16 and 23.

FROM OUR YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT...



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