

NOVEMBER 2022

# Mixtures



Binghamton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

## SUB-DEAN'S MESSAGE...

**BREAKING NEWS!** The return of the Binghamton Chapter's Young Artist Series after a 3 year pandemic pause!

Organist Katherine Jolliff, Indiana native and sophomore organ performance major at the Eastman School of Music, will present an organ recital at Central United Methodist Church, 17 Nanticoke Ave, Endicott on **Sunday, November 20, 3pm**. The Sniezeks and Rich Sheasley suggested Katherine after having heard her play at the Seattle AGO National Convention this past summer.

Katherine's eclectic program (see below) will be performed on the 1952 Moller organ, recently refurbished/expanded by Tim Smith. Although there will be no formal reception following the recital, our guild members are fond of gathering spontaneously for food and fellowship! :-). Please refer to the October Mixtures for Katherine's bio. <https://www.binghamtonago.org/>  
Open to all. Free will offering. For those unable to come in person, the recital will be live-streamed. A link will be forthcoming.

Nancy Wildoner has been/will be busy! Her entertaining October 16 BTOS **Pop Pipes: Seasons** program delighted theater organ fans with the addition of slides, season-appropriate stage decorations, Nancy's costume changes, and door prizes! She included 'oldies, but goodies' like *Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head*, *The Green Leaves of Summer*, and *Lara's Theme*. Nancy will once again command the Mighty Morton before the BPO's Holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Please note the long list of upcoming concerts below. A very unique event will be Tim Smith and the Women of Trinity Choir's **Autumn Organ and Candlechant: the Swirl of Leaves, the Movement of Spirit, the Flicker of Candles** in the beautiful, candlelit sanctuary at Trinity Episcopal Church, Binghamton, Sunday, November 13.

Our Dean, John, is recovering from a bout with several illnesses but hopes to return to the Dean's Message for the next issue. We send get well wishes for a full recovery, John!

Wishing a very Happy and **thank-filled** Thanksgiving!

Sub-Dean Jean



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ♦ Friday, November 4 - 7:30 pm - Mark Laubach recital (See Below).
- ♦ Sunday, November 13 - 6:00 pm - Autumn Organ and Candlechant at Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton. Tim Smith, organist with the Women of the Trinity Choir. <https://trinitymemorialchurch>
- ♦ Friday, November 18 - 7:00 pm - Syracuse AGO Chapter will host Mormon Tabernacle Organist, Richard Elliott, for a 75 minute organ recital at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. Tickets available at the door - \$20/General Admission. Online presale tickets at [Syracuseago.org](http://Syracuseago.org)
- ♦ Sunday, November 20 - 2:00 pm - BTOS Silent Film, **Blood and Sand** (1922, Rudolph Valentino), with Dennis James, organist at The Forum, Binghamton. <https://www.binghamtontos.org/>
- ♦ Sunday, November 20 - 3:00 pm - Organ recital in our Young Artist Series by Katherine Jolliff, an Eastman Student, at Central United Methodist Church, 17 Nanticoke Avenue, Endicott.
- ♦ Sunday, November 27 - 3:00 pm - Richard and Evelyn Van Auken will present a program of music for an Advent meditation at First Presbyterian Church, Montrose, PA.
- ♦ 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 Henssler - 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.

## FROM YOUR REGISTRAR...

Please note: David-Charles Campbell is still a member of our chapter. His bio was accidentally deleted during the printing of our new yearbook. Please refer to last year's yearbook for David's information.

## YOUNG ARTIST SERIES...

The American Guild of Organists, Binghamton Chapter



*Presents*

### **Young Artist Series Concert**

**Katherine Jolliff, organist**  
sophomore at Eastman School of Music

Sunday, November 20, 3 pm  
Central United Methodist Church  
17 Nanticoke Avenue, Endicott, NY

<https://www.binghamtonago.org>

Performing works  
composed by



**Percy Fletcher**

**J.S. Bach**

**Aaron David Miller**

**Felix Mendelssohn**

**Wagner/Liszt**

**Jean Langlais**

## FROM YOUR REGISTRAR...

The 2022-23 Yearbook/directory should have been received by each member recently. For its mailing, it seemed appropriate to use the Charles Schulz Centennial issue which features each of Charlie Brown's friends on a stamp. Like them, our members are individuals but together they form the chapter. I also treasure a teenage memory of Charles Schulz preaching from the pulpit for he was an ordained Methodist minister. His message that Sunday morning was why he created "The Gospel According to Peanuts."

Esther Wilcox (Elizabeth Church Manor, 863 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905) will have her directory hand-delivered. She is active at ECM and has reminded me that her birthday is November 12. and that she hopes to get some cards! She also thought members might be interested in sampling the "Joke of the Day" that she receives on her activity sheet.

- Q. Why was the corn so good at music?    A. Because it could play by ear!  
Q. Why was the broom confused?            A. It didn't know which witch was which!  
Q. How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?    A. With a pumpkin patch!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Richard

## ORGAN CRAWL SUMMARY...

On Saturday, October 15, the Chemung Valley Chapter AGO plus several members of the Binghamton AGO, attended an organ crawl in Auburn, New York, featuring four churches and five organs. Eight attended the crawl.



The crawl began at St. Mary's Church, a huge edifice in downtown Auburn with fabulous acoustics and two historic organs. A Carl Barkoff from 1890, recently restored by Parsons Organ Company, resides in the rear balcony and an 1872 one manual Garrett House tracker, restored by David Fedor and David Jackson is in the front of the church. Both instruments were ably demonstrated by the resident organist, an Eastman graduate and native of Croatia.

Next stop was Westminster Presbyterian, home of a 1926 E. M. Skinner. In the 1950's it was modified somewhat. Kerner and Merchant Organ Company from Syracuse have restored the organ completely and returned it to its original specifications.

After lunch, we went to St. Alphonsus Church, another building with fabulous acoustics. A 1930 Marr and Colton organ was located in the rear balcony. Marr and Colton basically was a theater organ builder but this organ was one of their few attempts to build a church organ. Judging from the amount of junk piled on the organ bench, it's likely the organ rarely gets used and was not in the best playing condition. It sounded quite grand however in the church.



Our last stop was St. Frances of Assisi, a modern A frame building containing a 1948 Aeolian - Skinner organ which had originally been in St John's Episcopal Church, Auburn. It was a small instrument with some delightful sounds.

Many thanks to David Lenington for arranging to see all these instruments and for doing beautiful color handouts about each of the organs and the churches they were in.



Written by David Jackson

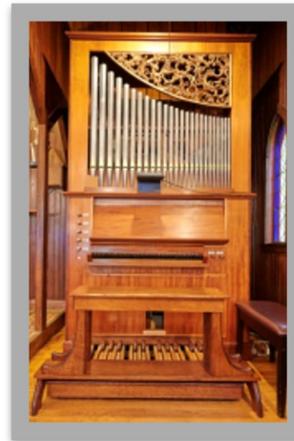
Photos & Drawing  
by Daniel Sniezek

## 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](mailto: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.



## ORGAN WORKS OF CÉSAR FRANCK...

A NOTE FROM CANON MARK LAUBACH, ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER  
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WILKES BARRE, PA

Some time ago I talked with Erika Funke at the WVIA FM Public Radio studio about my upcoming recitals of the complete major organ works of César Franck. Erika edited our conversation and it was played on Monday's "ArtScene" program at 11:00 am. Fortunately, the program is available on the ArtScene website.

[https://soundcloud.com/wvia-public-media/mark-laubach-october-31-2022?in=wvia-public-media/sets/artscene-1&utm\\_source=clipboard&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=social\\_sharing](https://soundcloud.com/wvia-public-media/mark-laubach-october-31-2022?in=wvia-public-media/sets/artscene-1&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)



Thanks for listening ... I hope some of you can be at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 for the first of my three recitals **this Friday, November 4 at 7:30 pm!** The program should last between 60 to 75 minutes. This is a 3-part recital series: **Part 1 - November 4 at 7:30 pm/ Part 2 - Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 pm/ Part 3 - Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 pm.** Free will offering. The series will be livestreamed on the church's website as well. [www.ststephenswb.org](http://www.ststephenswb.org)

## IN MEMORIAM...



**Jean Radice...** A life long Episcopalian organist and choirmaster...member of the AGO and AAM... adjunct professor of organ and harpsichord at Ithaca College... a life of service to the church and to her students...



Jean,  
"Into paradise may the angels  
lead you.  
At your coming may the  
martyrs receive you,  
and bring you  
into the holy city Jerusalem."  
*...From Burial Rite II*



For Jean's complete obituary  
<http://www.bangsfuneralhome.com/obituary/Jean-Radice>

## FROM YOUR EDITOR...

Greetings AGO Members,

With November, many faiths are ending their liturgical year. The scripture readings and music seem to parallel the changes in nature around us. For some, November is a time to remember all those who have gone before us and to contemplate our own mortality. Above all, however; I think November is a time of gratitude - for our lives, for our families and friends, living and deceased, for our veterans, for our music, and for all the gifts we have received.

In last month's newsletter I neglected to include the notice of our dear colleague's death, Jean Radice. The positive impact that Jean made through her educational and church work is without measure. Also, our chapter is deeply grateful for Jean's tremendous life time contributions to the AGO.

Thank you for your continued support of our local AGO chapter. May you and yours have a very happy thanksgiving!

Nancy

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