

MIXTURES

SUMMER 2022



DEAN'S MESSAGE...

Whether elected or appointed, all of us that are involved in managing the responsibilities and programs related to the Binghamton Chapter do so voluntarily and cheerfully. During the years I have been involved with the chapter, it has been a pleasure and an honor to have met and worked with so many of our fellow members that have worked tirelessly to help make our chapter a success. One of those people is Patti O'Connell, who has served as our newsletter editor for many years. Patti has overseen the monthly publication of Mixtures despite her demanding career responsibilities and in the face of relentless and persistent deadlines that the editor position requires. Patti has decided to turn over the duties as editor of Mixtures to someone else, and, in so doing, retires with our undying gratitude for all the years of excellent work she has done on our behalf. Happily, Nancy McNamara has agreed to become our new Mixtures editor, and she and Patti are co-editing this issue. We look forward to working with Nancy in continuing the high standards that Patti has set for our newsletter.

Our executive committee has once again put together a variety of programs and events for the coming year that should be both entertaining and educational. These will be included in the calendar of our chapter directory due out in September, and in both Mixtures, and in individual notices that I will be sending out closer to the time of each event. Note that the next event is the celebration of the life of Johanna Masters, on Saturday July 23 at Salt Springs State Park. (See Tim Masters' description below), and not that long afterwards, our organ crawl to Oneonta, hosted by John Jurgensen.

What makes our events a success is our members' and friends' attendance. I hope you will all mark your calendars and join us in our activities throughout the year.

John



Johanna Masters Fiddle Party



June 2022 Member Recitalists: John Jurgenson, Sean Stafford, Peggy Sniezek, Richard and Evelyn Van Auken, Roger Richards and David Jackson



Richard Sheasley and Peggy Sniezek
Pictured with Amanda Mole, our 2017
Young Artist, at the AGO 2022
Convention in Seattle, WA.

Your Editor's Message...

Greetings AGO Members,

I have had the privilege of editing the Mixtures for quite a few years. And tho' I have not become the organ player I would have liked to have been, I have been able to feel like an organist through spending time with you and publishing this newsletter for all of you. You know I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for all you do, whether playing church services, accompanying other musicians, or playing a full-blown recital. The "King of Instruments" is a true task master, and you all are up for that challenge!

So, I will retreat to my "single line instrument" ... (as I once complained to my teacher, Jean Radice, how could she expect me to read all those staves and notes at once and move all my fingers plus march my heels and toes up and down the pedalboard?) ...and turn the Editorship over to fellow AGO Member and "Crane", Nancy McNamara. The Mixtures needs a fresh face and fresh ideas, and Nancy is up for that challenge.

I am not going away, just stepping back. It is my desire to continue to write about the music, the organ, the church, and anything else that might pop into my little head that I think you might find interesting.

God Bless each and every one of you as you continue your work for your congregations, your friends and most of all – do it for yourself.

Cheers to all,
Your Outgoing Editor,
Patti O'Connell, French hornist, Organist Wannabee ☺



When the Outgoing Editor
Plays the pedals.....

UPCOMING EVENTS...

***Pertinent information for future events will appear in future Mixtures editions.**

Saturday, July 23rd at 2:00pm: Johanna Masters Memorial Service, being held at Salt Springs State Park. Near Montrose, PA. Food, Music and Memories. See Tim Masters' message Below.

Saturday, August 6th time TBD: Organ Crawl in Oneonta, including St. James (Holtkamp), St. Mary's (Sid Chase), and First United Methodist (Moeller). John Jurgenson is coordinating this event.

Saturday, September 17th at 10:00am: *In the Footsteps of Bach*; presentation by Jean Henssler at Park Church, Elmira. 10:00am Coffee, Program at 10:30.

Friday, September 23rd at 5:30pm: Binghamton AGO Kickoff Dinner at Holy Trinity, Chenango Bridge. Program will be Richard Sheasley and Peggy Sniezek commenting on the National AGO Convention in Seattle, WA. The meal will be catered by the Red and White.

Sunday, September 25th at 4:00pm: David Jackson, Organ Recital at Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Spencer, NY.

FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS...

October 15th: Chemung Chapter Organ Crawl. Places being considered are Auburn, Williamsport, and Binghamton.

November: Young Artist's Series

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January 8th, at 5:00pm: Post-holiday dinner at Cortese Restaurant

February: Part 1 Bach DVD Series.

March: Part 2 Bach DVD Series

May: Binghamton AGO Organ Workshop

June: Members' Recital TBA

MESSAGE from TIM MASTERS...

Hi all. It's still early, but I want for all of you to get Johanna's memorial service on your calendars if you possibly can. It is Saturday July 23 at Salt Springs State Park, very near us, in a covered pavilion. There is a traditional service at 2 PM, followed by what I hope will be a monumental folk jam. I've ordered a catered chicken dinner for 120 people to arrive at 3 PM, so come hungry. I trust that Johanna will be looking down from heaven (she really was a good girl, at least most of the time) and playing her celestial fiddle along with us. There are many picnic tables, but if you want to be comfortable in your own special chair, please bring it.

If you have not read her obituary and watched the 8-minute video, and would like to, here is a link:

<https://bartronmyerfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2415/Johanna-Masters/obituary.html#content-start>

I have put together a playlist of her fiddling. If interested, here is a link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZssjo7TZL4&list=PLtS_SPdaswGDBdfrwLxowaVG_cZRWEoSZ

Tim

MUSICIAN HUMOR >>> LOL

**WHEN YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO PLAY
THOSE NOTES IN THAT PASSAGE**



Your Editor's Second Message...

Many thanks to Nancy McNamara for volunteering to take over the publishing of the Binghamton AGO Mixtures. Nancy has a wealth of experience with publishing programs and will bring a fresh face to our newsletter!

Welcome *new members to the Binghamton AGO Board...

Welcome to Polly Wendling as our new Secretary; Newsletter Editor and Member at Large, Nancy NcNamara plus Members at Large: Janet Hammond and Becky Mebert.

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