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A Message from the Dean

Greetings!

Our annual Potluck Supper was a success. Many thanks to Janet and Tom Pinto for hosting what was a lovely evening of food and fellowship. Dr. Martin Tel's presentation on psalms of lament was insightful and compelling. For more information on Dr. Tel's work, please visit <http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/martin-tel-on-psalms-for-all-seasons/>.

We have two great events scheduled for this month, a masterclass on "Organ Technique for Pianists" and our annual Organ Expo for youth. While both of these programs are geared towards those new to the world of the pipe organ, I highly encourage all of our members to attend! Dr. Katie Meloan's presentation will no doubt offer plenty of new pedagogic ideas to our teacher-members, and perhaps even new practice techniques to the most experienced among us. Additionally, your presence at Organ Expo demonstrates our unified support as a Guild for the youngest organists among us, and gives encouragement for them to pursue further study.

As some of you may have noticed, the proposed Chant Workshop has been removed from this year's program calendar. Our chapter sub-dean, Ray Henderson, is working on what promises to be an outstanding, instructive, and ecumenical presentation with America's leading chant expert, Fr. Columba Kelly. Scheduling issues have eliminated the possibility of the event occurring this fall, but we are hopeful for rescheduling sometime in 2015. Look to the future editions of the newsletter for more updates on this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Best wishes, and see you soon,

Matthew Koraus

Next Chapter Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14th at 7pm

ORGAN TECHNIQUE FOR PIANISTS

**a Masterclass with Dr. Katharine Meloan
at St. Kilian's RC Church,
485 Conklin St. Farmingdale, NY 11735,**

**Registration fee paid at the door,
\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members**



Chapter Programs at a Glance

Tues., 10/14, 7pm:

Organ Technique for Pianists

Katie Meloan, DMA, presenter
St. Kilian RC Church, Farmingdale

Sun., 10/26, 3:30pm:

Organ Expo - an introduction to

the organ for children and adults
St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

Mon., 1/19, 1pm:

Hymn Workshop

Presenter TBA
Congregational Church, Manhasset

Fri., 2/6, and Sat., 2/7:

Children's Choir Festival

Andrea Baxter, clinician
St. James Lutheran, St. James NY
(more info on page 7)

Feb., Date and Time TBA:

Member's Recital

a joint program with Nassau Chapter
Congregational Church, Manhasset

Sat., 3/7, Times TBA

East End Organ Crawl

East Hampton Presbyterian Church
and the Whalers' Church, Sag Harbor

Fri., 3/20, 3pm:

Scholarship Auditions

St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

Sun., 5/3, 3:30pm:

Scholarship Recital

Scott Montgomery, recitalist
St. Patrick RC Church, Huntington

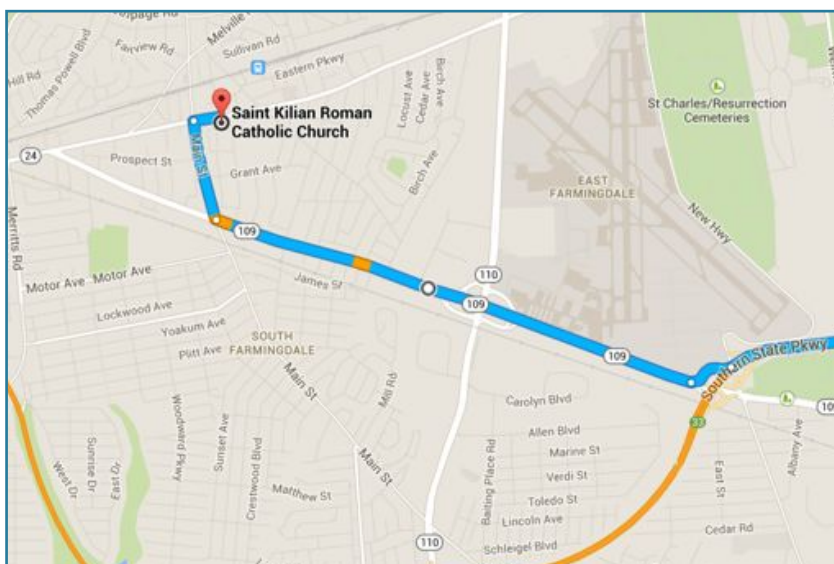
Chapter Programs In-Depth

Tuesday, October 14th, 2014, 7 pm

Organ Technique for Pianists

Katie Meloan, DMA will present a masterclass geared for pianists who are transitioning to the organ. This will include demonstrations on both the piano and the organ, hands-on work with select masterclass students, and discussion of different methods of study and resources. Katie's doctoral dissertation was on this very subject, and this is presentation an excellent opportunity for organists of ANY skill level.

The masterclass will be held at St. Kilian's RC Church, 485 Conklin St. Farmingdale, NY 11735. Registration will be paid at the door; \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Co-sponsored with the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.



Directions:

From the east, take the Southern State Parkway west to Exit 33 west to Route 109 to Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn right at Conklin Street and proceed one block to St. Kilian's on the right.

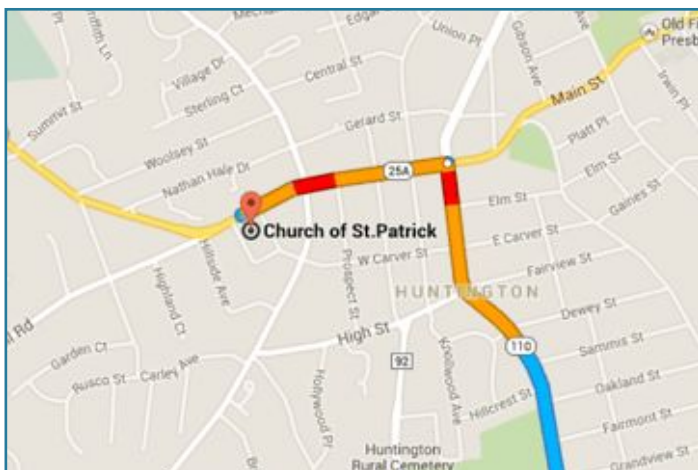
From the west, take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 28A North to Route 135 to Exit 7E. Proceed 1 1/2 miles to St. Kilian's on right.

Membership Directory, 2014-2015

The 2014-2015 Members' Directory will be published in November. All current members as of October 15 will be included. Please be sure to renew your membership as soon as possible so that the Directory will be accurate. **Please also consider supporting your chapter by purchasing an ad in the Directory. Advertisement forms may be found on page 8 of this month's Suffolk Soundings.**

Sunday, October 26th, 2014, 3:30pm
ORGAN EXPO - Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Adults and children of all ages are welcome to learn about the King of Instruments, hear performances and demonstrations, and sit at the console for a hands-on experience. Pizza to follow the program.



Cos-sponsored with Nassau AGO and the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. At the Church of St. Patrick, 400 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. For more info, contact the program coordinator Christopher Cusumano at (631) 271-4635 or chapelcus@optonline.net.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To meet the needs of our host church, this event this season will take place in October and not in March as it has in years past. There will be no Organ Expo in March of 2015.

Directions: Take the Northern State to Exit 40 North (Rte. 110/New York Ave.) for approximately 6 miles. Left on Rte. 25A heading West (Main St., Huntington). Follow for 5 blocks. St. Patrick Church is on the left, directly opposite Rite Aid Drug Store.

Other Programs of Note

Fri, Sat, Sun; Oct. 17, 18, 19
Annual Choral Festival

Led by Gabriel Couch, from Princeton University. Concert, Sun. Oct. 19th at 4pm, First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St. Northport. For more info, please email musicministry@gmail.com. You must pre-register to sing in the Choir. Free-will offering.

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3pm
SOLI Choral Concert

The Singers of Long Island present the music of Daley, Lauridsen, Hogan, Sweelinck, and more. In the Rosary Hall Chapel of the Motherhouse of Dominican Sisters, 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville. Free concert.



Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8pm
Organ and Brass

The Long Island Brass Guild will perform with **Cindy Holden**, organ and Rachel Carter White, soprano, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 48 Greene Ave., Sayville. \$10 suggested donation. For more info, contact Cindy Holden at (631) 589-3202.

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4pm
Organ Recital

Vaughn Watson will play a recital for Reformation Sunday on the new Elsener organ, at St. James Lutheran Church, Woodlawn and Second Avenues, St. James NY. Call Don Reinertsen for more info, (631) 682-7210.

Sunday, Nov. 2 at 4pm
Evensong for All Saints

The Choir of St. Peter's-by-the-Sea sings music of Rose, Stanford, and Victoria. At St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, 500 South Country Rd, Bayshore. Free Will Offering.

Other Programs of Note (continued)

Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3pm *Organ Recital*

Featuring Ms. Molly Blancke, Rev. John Fleischmann, and others, at St. James Lutheran Church, Woodlawn and Second Avenues, St. James NY. Call Don Reinertsen for more info, (631) 682-7210.

Weds., Nov. 12 at 12:30pm *Organ Recital*

Given by Dr. Carol Weitner, at First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St. Northport.



Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3pm *VOXAQUARUM quartet*

Long Island's newest professional vocal quartet, with music by Bach, Bruckner, Palestrina, Purcell, Rheinberger, and others. Katrina Montagna, soprano; Chelsea Laggan, alto; Matthew Koras, tenor; and Brian Goff, bass. At St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, 500 South Country Rd, Bayshore. \$20/\$15

Sunday, Nov. 16 at 3pm *American Brass Quintet*

Concert at St. John's Church in Cold Spring Harbor (Rte. 25A, behind the fish hatchery). Suggested donation: \$20; students and children free.

Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4 pm *Illumine in Concert.*

Chris O'Hara, trumpet; Sarah Moyer, coloratura soprano; and Mark Engelhardt, Organ / Harpsichord. At St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, 500 South Country Rd, Bayshore. \$20/\$15

Member News

Welcome!

A special welcome to our new member:

Maren Carlsen.

Suffolk AGO also thanks the following colleagues who **have renewed** their memberships as of 9/12, since 8/15:

If you still have yet to renew, there is still time! Please contact our registrar, Eleanor Gould at (631) 234-3342 or email elegould@verizon.net.

Virgil Barkauskas
Anne Bergeron
Jessica Chen
Lynne Hoffmann
Deborah Jenks
Helen Kegerris
Christine Kenny
Katharine Meloan

Deanna Muro
Scottie Owens
Terence Purtell
Bolivar Reamy
Donald Reinersten
Jonathan Riss
Margaret Sargent
Rev. David Ware

Substitute List

The 2014-2015 Substitute List is still being compiled at this time. We anticipate that it will be completed by early November, and will be distributed with the Member's Directory. Thank you for your patience!

Competition Results

Congratulations to dean Matthew Koras on his winning of the 3rd Prize and Audience Prize at the 2014 University of Michigan Competition in Organ Improvisation! The audience was wowed by his sparking rendition of DARWALL'S 148TH in the form of a 18th century baroque toccata-concertato. For more information on the competition, visit <http://www.music.umich.edu/departments/organ/ImprovisationCompetition.htm>

Scholarship News

Suffolk AGO Expands Scholarship Program (again!)

The American Guild of Organists, Suffolk Chapter is delighted to announce the inauguration of The Peragallo Pipe Organ Company Scholarship for High School and Middle School Students. This scholarship program is open to students in grades 6 through 12 who live in Suffolk County. Through Peragallo's generosity, winners may be awarded up to \$1,000 for organ lessons. Auditions will take place on March 20, 2015 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Huntington, N.Y. Applications must be received absolutely no later than February 23. Repertoire requirements and an application can be found on the Scholarship Page of the Suffolk Chapter, whose web address is suffolkago.org/. This page also describes the Chapter's two other scholarship programs for college students and for students of any age who are new to the organ. Awards will be made at a Scholarship Recital on May 3, featuring recitalist Scott Montgomery. For additional information, please contact Scholarship Chair, Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis at jdalylew@optonline.net or 631-928-5669.

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Placement

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

First Congregational Church of Essex Junction

1 Church St., Essex Junction, VT 05452

Position: Part-Time Organist/Choir Director

Salary: between \$17,000 and \$23,000

Direct the Adult Choir & Women's Choir, and play the organ and piano for two weekly services. The church features a beautifully refurbished 1928 Estey organ as well as Young Chang baby grand piano. Send cover letter & resume to Pat Seaver care of First Congregational Church, at address above, or email to musicdirectorfccejsearch@fccej.org.

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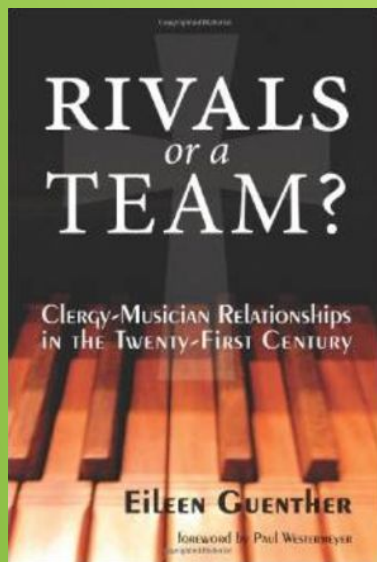
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Professional Development

IN REVIEW: Eileen Guenther, “Rivals or A Team: Clergy-Musician Relationships in the the Twenty-first Century”



- Review by Helen Kegerreis

I found this book packed with good information concerning healthy, cooperative relationships between clergy and musicians and other staff of churches of numerous denominations and styles.

Eileen Guenther, immediate Past National President of AGO, has used her personal successful experience as church musician, performer, educator, workshop leader, and administrator to draw descriptive information, experience and advice from numerous musicians and clergy colleagues.

Two sections that especially grabbed my attention were “What Clergy Want Musicians to Know” and “What Musicians Want Clergy to Know.” The ten chapters of this 174 page paperback book help us understand things we all want to know to function well and

understand our world of making music in church. An extensive Table of Contents, bibliography and index send you right to what you want to find.

At our recent Suffolk Chapter potluck dinner, I found myself telling of the helpfulness and interest topics of this book to a fellow chapter member. It is practical, economical at \$18.95, easy reading, funny at times, and helpful. You’ll find yourself saying “Yes, that’s right. That’s just what happens. I can use that advice.” It brings you help in your real world.

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Announcing the Suffolk Chapter, American Guild of Organists
2015 CHILDREN’S CHOIR FESTIVAL
ANDREA BAXTER, GUEST CONDUCTOR



February 7, 2015 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Directors Workshop – February 6, 2015 7:30 pm
 St. James Lutheran Church, St. James
 You and your Children’s Choir are invited to participate in Suffolk AGO annual
 Children’s Choir Festival under the direction of conductor Andrea Baxter

Andrea Baxter currently serves as the Associate Director for Music at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansdale, PA. Her primary responsibilities include direction of the children’s music ministry, which provides opportunities for children ages three through twelfth grade, direction of the handbell program, and leading one of Trinity’s four weekly worship services from the piano. She received a Bachelor of Music degree in music education from Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, PA, and a Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Ms. Baxter has contributed devotions and articles to *The Chorister* and other publications such as *Cross Accent*, the journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. She also regularly conducts children’s choir festivals and provides workshops, particularly around the topic of the importance of children in worship.

The festival features music chosen to be useful in your local church throughout the liturgical year:

- “I’m going to Sing with Over My Head” – Terry Taylor, CGA1326
- “Good News is in the Air” – Hal Hopson, Augsburg Fortress, ED004387
- “Hodie Christus Natus Est – Michael Bedford, CGA 421*
- “My Song is Love Unknown” – Carolyn Jennings, CGA559
- “Easter Song” – John Horman, CGA768*
- “Song of Hope” – Robert Hobby, Morning Star Music, MSM-50-8112A

*These pieces were done at a previous festival; past participants may already have the music.

The festival will include rehearsals from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and a festival service open to the public at 3:00 p.m. Each church is asked to help fund this project with a registration fee of \$75.00. All choirs are invited, regardless of size! If you are interested in participating please return this registration form to: Helen Kegerreis, #1 Craig Drive, Huntington Station, NY 11746, by November 30, 2014. More detailed information about the festival will be sent to you later or you may call Helen (631-423-0701) or Deanna Muro (631-361-3393).

Suffolk AGO 2015 Children’s Choir Festival Registration Form

Name _____ Yes, we will participate in this year’s festival.
 Please send info.

Church _____

Address for mailings _____ We are interested, send more information.

_____ Email address _____

Phone _____ Approximate number in choir _____

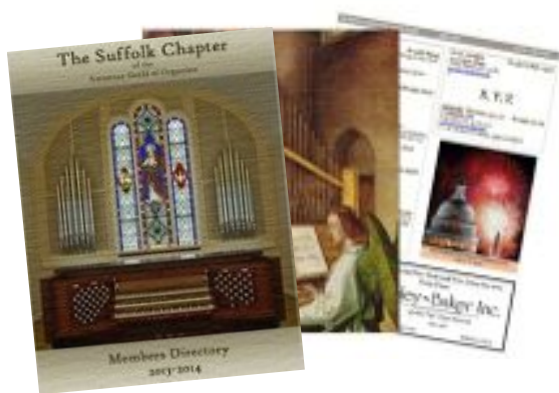
If you know of a church choir who might be interested in participating, please list the church, pastor or choir director, and their address, phone number and/or email address so we might send them information about the festival.

The Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (Suffolk AGO) 2014-2015 Members' Directory Advertising

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Phone _____ *Email* _____



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Please note that for the **Members' Directory**, **all materials and payment in full must be submitted no later than November 3, 2014.**

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Koraus, at matthewkoraus@gmail.com or (516) 672-9939.

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Full page	@ \$110 _____	@ \$900 _____	7.5 inches wide X 10.0 high

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