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Hidden Gems of Philadelphia

**Saturday, 25 April 2009
10:00 AM**

Many of us have had the experience: driving down a street or the expressway, seeing an impressive church building in the distance, and wondering "What is inside? What are the acoustics like? Do they have an organ?" Over the past few months Jonathan Bowen has been sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of many of those edifices and instruments on these pages. These "hidden gems" deserve to be heard and known. On Saturday, 25 April, we'll get to explore a handful of those riches in the Germantown, Mt. Airy, and Manayunk areas, with our "Jeweler" Jonathan showing us the many facets of these treasures.

We'll begin the organ crawl at St. Luke's, Germantown (5421 Germantown Ave, at Coulter Street) at 10 am on Saturday, 25 April 2009. After exploring that instrument, we'll follow Jonathan on to venues in the area, with a pause for lunch along the way. Join us for what will be a unique and memorable excursion in our own backyard!

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**Kimmel Center Presents:
James David Christie
Saturday 2 May 2009**

**Pre-concert "Artist Chat"
2:15 pm**

Concert 3:00 pm

Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center
Broad and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia

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D E A N ' S L E T T E R

I am constantly being asked about the state of the organ world. Is it really dying? Is there hope? Is it becoming extinct?

The answer is no, yes, and no. Far from it. In the last seven years there has been an increase in application numbers both at Curtis and Westminster Choir College of Rider U. Not only that, the level of playing seems to get better and better. I can't help but believe these student applicants are the direct result of Pipe Organ Encounters we have all become familiar with. We have hosted two of these in Philadelphia. Many of you have served on the faculties of these summer camps either here or elsewhere and can vouch that they are worthwhile and motivating. Schedule problems prevent me from serving this summer at the Lehigh Valley POE, but I am delighted we will be helping to sponsor two students from Philadelphia. Elizabeth and Andrew Dierkes are the recipients of our scholarship assistance. and both are students of our own Dennis Elwell. Congratulations to these two talented young organists, and we look forward to hearing from them in the future!



Alan Morrison

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Easter

*Rise, heart; the Lord is risen.
Sing his praise without delays, who takes thee
by the hand, that thou likewise with him
may'st rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold,
and much more, Just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings,
what key is best to celebrate
this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute,
and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied,
and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
and make up our defects with his sweet art.
— George Herbert*

tion of King James I and served in parliament for two years; became a priest in 1630; and was known for his pastoral care to his parishioners and providing food and clothing to those in need.

The poem "Easter" comes from his collection *The Temple* written in 1633. It is reported that on his deathbed he gave this collection to Nicholas Ferrar, telling him to publish the poems if he thought they might "turn to the advantage of any dejected poor soul", and otherwise burn them. It is interesting that Vaughan Williams used this poem and 2 others to write *Five Mystical Songs* when he himself was an agnostic.

As I write this, we are in the midst of Lent and have just had our first major snowfall, and it is extremely cold. When you read this, we will be going through one of our most intensive times in the church year, Holy Week and Easter. Hopefully the snow will be gone and new life will be rising.

Take some time to read this part of the Herbert's Easter poem and listen to Vaughan Williams's setting. Allow our hearts to rise through the music that we share, that other hearts may rise and celebrate new life.

Chaplain Bruce.

On March 1 the ELCA commemorated George Herbert, a poet, orator and priest. He was born April 3, 1953 in Wales and died March 1, 1633 in England. In his 39 years of life, he grew up without a father, who died when George was three; went to school at Cambridge; and then held positions there. George caught the atten-

REGISTRAR'S CORNER

JOE LEWIS, REGISTRAR

As a reminder, please note the slight increase for this coming year, which begins July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

New rates:

Category	National Portion	Chapter Portion	Total Dues
Regular	\$55	\$37	\$92
Special	\$37.50	\$29.50	\$67
Full-time Student	\$24	\$13	\$37
Partner	\$30	\$37	\$67
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Our membership renewal drive will begin later this spring. Please contact me if you have any questions: 610-935-0895 or registrar@agophila.org. Thank you.

The Chapter Friend category includes non-organists who support the chapter and wish to attend chapter events. Organists and choral conductors, whether currently active as performers or not, are not eligible to be Chapter Friends. Chapter Friends do not receive The American Organist. Dues rates for this category will be announced shortly.

Dues forms for the upcoming membership year (July 1st, 2009 to June 30th, 2010) will be mailed some time late this month or early in May. If you are interested in joining us to help in the mass mailing of dues forms, please contact Loretta Hartnett to volunteer your time! She can be reached at lph1612@verizon.net or at 610-352-5441. We truly appreciate all the help we can get, since hundreds of envelopes must be stuffed with forms, letters and other details. You can start sending the completed forms in to me as soon as they arrive to you in the mail. Remember that the current membership year for all of us ends on June 30th 2009, so please renew AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. Remember, dues forms received after June 30th could possibly affect the TAO subscription included in your membership. IMPORTANT: If you do not receive an AGO renewal form by the end of May 2009, please contact me as soon as possible!

In addition to our regular members, membership forms are also sent out to prospective new members who have contacted either me or another officer in the past and expressed interest in joining. Please send me names and addresses of friends or colleagues you think would benefit from joining the Guild. Our Membership Committee is planning a major drive in the next few months to reach those many musicians in our area who still may not know about the Philadelphia Chapter AGO. With your help we could easily add new members who could soon enjoy the benefits of membership.

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Sunday 21 September, 2008, 5:00 pm
Guild Service and Installation of Officers
 ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WAYNE

Sunday 19 October, 2008
ORGAN SPECTACULAR! Multiple events, all free and open to the public, throughout the area including:
 AGO Members and Students of Alan Morrison
 VERIZON HALL AT THE KIMMEL CENTER
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 ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ABINGTON
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Saturday, 15 November, 2008, 9:00 am
Organ Music on Hymns Modern and Ancient
 Gary Garletts, Abigail Palmisano, Bruce Tonkin
 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AMBLER

Sunday, 28 December, 2008, 4:00pm
 "And what happened at YOUR Christmas Pageant?"
Pot-luck Dinner and Christmas Convivialty
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Saturday, 17 January, 2009, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
January Jumpstart
 BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tuesday, 10 February, 2009, 7:30 pm
Music in the Reformed Synagogue
 KENESETH ISRAEL, ELKINS PARK

Monday, 2 March, 2009, 8:00 pm
Legends of Philadelphia: First Baptist Church
 Alan Morrison
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, 25 April, 2009
Hidden Gems of Philadelphia
 A LOCAL ORGAN CRAWL, WITH JEWELER JONATHAN BOWEN

June (TBD)
End of the Season Celebration

Kimmel Center Presents
Master Musicians: Organ
 co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Saturday, 25 October, 2008, 3:00 **Vincent Dubois**
 Saturday, 7 March, 2009, 3:00 **Jane Parker Smith**
 Saturday, 2 May, 2009, 3:00 **James David Christie**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00 PM

"Day of Devotion - The Seven Sorrows of Mary". Cathedral Singers directed by Dr. Riyehong. Music by Rheinberger, Brahms, Taverner, H. Thomas, A. R. Thomas. Includes Dupre's *Le Chemin de la Croix* and Messiaen's *Livre du Saint Sacrement*. Philadelphia Cathedral (Episcopal), 3723 Chestnut St (38th & Chestnut), Philadelphia PA 215.386.0234 x104 www.philadelphiacathedral.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 4:00 PM

Choral Evensong for Holy Week sung by the Philadelphia Biblical University Chamber Singers, David Shockey, director. Charles Stanford: Evening Service in G. All Saints Episcopal Church, 535 Haws Ave., Norristown, PA 610.279.3990 www.allsaints535.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 12:30 PM

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2:00 PM

Choir and soloists of St. Mary's, with special guest tenor Ronald Naldi, from the Metropolitan Opera of NYC. Gordon Turk organist & director. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lancaster & Louella Aves, Wayne PA 610.688.1313 www.stmaryswaynepa.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 12:30 PM

Kyle Ritter, organist. After Noon Concert Series: 30-minute recitals on Wednesdays at 12:30p.m. Free. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu www.princeton.edu/~choir/

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 7:30 PM

Toronto Bach Children's Chorus and the Pennsylvania Youth Choral. They will team up to present a program entitled "Children Helping Children". The proceeds of this concert will go to benefit a local children's aid organization. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Edge Hill Rd at Limekiln Pk (rt. 152), Glenside PA 215.887.1074 www.presbycarmel.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 4:00 PM

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 9:00 AM

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 10:45 AM

The Children's Choirs of Abington Presbyterian Church present, in both worship hours, *David, The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits*. Free child care provided. Handicapped accessible. Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Rd, Abington PA 215.887.4530 www.apcusa.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 4:00 PM

Organ Concert, Michael Berman, Free-will offering. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 5720 Ridge Ave., Phila, PA 215.483.1529 www.sttimothydrox.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 7:30 PM

Gordon Turk in recital. First United Methodist Church, 446 Camden Ave., Moorestown, NJ. 856-235-0450

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 12:30 PM

Kathleen Scheide, organist and Zofie Vokalkova, flutist. After Noon Concert Series: 30-minute recitals on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Free. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu www.princeton.edu/~choir/

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St. John's is seeking a church musician to provide musical leadership to enhance our worship experience.

Responsibilities include:

- Playing the organ or electric piano for all services throughout the church year (one Sunday morning service, mid-week Lenten services and other festival services throughout the year)
- Selecting and preparing preludes, offertories and postludes appropriate to the day/liturgical season
- Planning, in consultation with the pastor and worship and music committee, special services (i.e. Thanksgiving, Good Friday, weddings, funerals etc).
- Selecting anthems for and directing the choir.

The position involves approximately 6-10 hours per week (Sunday morning along with evening choir rehearsal during the week). Interested candidates should contact Pastor Cindy Ray at the number above.

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Redeemer Moravian Church is seeking an organist. The church has one worship service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. There is a Senior Choir and a Men's Choir, one of which sings each Sunday. Interested applicants are asked to call Rev. George Richmond at 215-365-6448 (office) or 215-828-9929 (cell).

ORGANIST

Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church
300 South York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040
215-675-2110

Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time organist for approximately 10 hours a week, one practice and two Sunday services. The instrument is an Austin Antiphonal Organ. Send resume and three references.

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Church of the Holy Trinity
212 S. High Street, West Chester, PA 19382
610.696.4640 www.htrinitywc.com

The Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal) is seeking a Minister of Music. The position is currently two-thirds to three-quarters time. The church leadership has identified bringing this position to full-time in January 2010 as a priority. Responsibilities include two Sunday AM services (very limited music at the early service) and one adult choir rehearsal on Thursday nights. Special services include Holy Week, Christmas-eve and Christmas morning and other special occasions as identified. The Minister of Music is responsible for coordinating the complete music program of Holy Trinity including a Children's Choir, Handbell Choirs & Sunday School Music Program. All of these positions are currently directed by both paid staff and volunteers. Holy Trinity has an active and committed choir of eighteen adults as well as two paid section leaders (tenor & soprano). Compensation will be commensurate with AGO guidelines. Compensation package also includes health insurance, pension, vacation and continuing education time. Successful candidate will need to show ability to work closely with the Rector to coordinate music for the worship services and to plan regularly in light of our mission. As a merged congregation, experience with African American church music is beneficial. Instruments include a 3 manual digital Allen organ and a new Kawai 7' 6" Concert Grand Piano. For more information or to apply, contact The Rev. Paul S. Hunt at rector@htrinitywc.com. Applicants should send cover letter explaining interest and a current CV.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
877 Street Rd., Southampton, PA 18966
215-357-4791 www.gslconline.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Southampton, PA) seeks a Director of Music Ministry to oversee and coordinate the music program for 3 worship services (2 weekly AM; one bi-weekly Sun PM). We seek a person who works well with others, has an understanding of Lutheran worship, and an appreciation of all kinds of music. Position requires a degree in music education or music performance or equivalent experience. Person will be responsible for vocal choirs of children, youth, and adults, Praise band, Handbell choir and will be expected to work in cooperation with Pastors, staff, and Worship & Music Ministry Team and Community Concert Committee. Annual salary adjusted to experience and credentials- range \$18,000-\$20,000. Inquiries may be directed to the church address or to mike.carlson@gslconline.org

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Linfield United Church of Christ
P. O. Box 4, Royersford, PA 19468
610-495-6480 linflducc@aol.com

Linfield United Church of Christ is seeking a part-time Choir Director for our small but dedicated choir which seeks to learn and to grow. Linfield is a liturgical church and sings from the New Century Hymnal.

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Duties include:

- Directing the adult choir at weekly rehearsals and 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship services from September to May
- Coordinating music for worship on Sundays and for special services (Lent, Holy Week, Advent and Christmas, Taizé) and coordinating special summer music
- Maintaining and expanding the music library
- Working closely with the pastor and the Worship and Music Committee
- Providing support and assistance for the leaders of the children's choir.

Salary commensurate with duties. Send inquiries or resumé to the above address.

ORGANIST / ACCOMPANIST

North and Southampton Reformed Church
1380 Bristol Road, Churchville, PA 18966
215-357-5636

The North and Southampton Church is currently seeking an organist / choir accompanist. The church has a healthy and growing music ministry. The organ is a very fine 3 manual pipe organ, a combination of pipe and Walker digital. Preference will be given to someone who is a qualified organist, but most importantly a very strong accompanist on organ and piano. Excellent sight-reading skills and the ability to play open-score choral parts proficiently are required. The choir sings a wide range of musical styles, including the standard classical repertoire, spirituals, and contemporary works.

Job description:

- Accompany the choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings
- Play for one Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. (and two services on Easter)
- Play for special services during the year (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday)
- Occasional extra rehearsals in preparation for special times
- Accompany the children's choir once a month
- Choose, prepare, and play introit, offertory and benediction weekly

Salary within AGO guidelines.

Please contact the church office, 215-357-5636 or email nsrc1710@verizon.net.

ORGANIST

Nantmeal United Methodist Church
359 Nantmeal Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343

One Sunday service, no choir. Pipe organ. Contact church office at 610-469

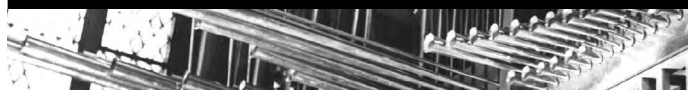
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Holy Spirt Lutheran Church
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane, Pa 19018
610-544-2707 e-mail: Holyspiritsecane@Verizon.Net

Organist/ keyboard player/choir director wanted for one Sunday worship service at 10:15 am. Additional services as needed, both seasonal and special occasions. The position includes directing a small adult choir, the opportunity to play at funerals and weddings, and the opportunity to use the facility for private music lessons. The salary is dependent on experience. Position available July 2009.

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