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Photo by Roy Harber

Philadelphia Legends First Baptist Church of Philadelphia

Friday, June 5, 2009 at 7:30pm

Alan Morrison, host and organist

(THIS EVENT RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH SNOW DATE)

17th & Sansom Streets (123 S. 17th St), Philadelphia, PA 19103

The annual presentation of Philadelphia Legends continues this month at the historic First Baptist Church of Philadelphia which was founded in 1698. Informally known in past years as the Sansom Street Opera House, FBC has a rich musical tradition which for many years was the home of the Philadelphia Oratorio Choir. Past music directors Frederick Maxson, Walter Baker, J. Earl Ness, Jr. and Jon Spong will be featured prominently in a presentation given by Alan Morrison. Those of you who haven't ventured inside the huge domed building at 17th & Sansom will be stunned at the interior restoration and acoustical improvement.

There are several parking garages close by, including one garage and one open lot on Sansom between 16th & 17th Streets. Street parking is also available on a first come- first served basis along Sansom and a few on 17th.

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

As we approach summer, remember to plan ahead and set goals for the coming year. It's never too soon. In the past I have written about how to tackle a project of learning music or researching topics with a realistic approach. I have also encouraged you to attend other colleagues' special services not only to be inspired but to hopefully find new music for the coming season. Write in your calendar reminders/goals on specific dates in each month and check them off as the days/weeks pass. This will help you to keep on track to make the best use of your time.

More importantly, I hope you can all have the opportunity for quiet reflection: a time away from telephones, computers and noise. We all need to recharge and regroup every once in a while. Without peace of mind we cannot achieve and function at optimum level. Take time for yourself even if it means being a little selfish. You all work hard, and if you don't see to it to make it happen, nobody else will.

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Alan Morrison

CHAPTER EVENTS IN REVIEW



Cantor Amy Levy, Organist Jonathan Bowen and the Choir of Temple Keneseth Israel at Philadelphia Chapter program.

Philadelphia, PA, – February 9, 2009.

Jonathan M. Bowen, Organist-Choirmaster, and Cantor Amy Levy of Temple Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA, presented a program exploring the history of music in the Reformed Jewish Synagogues. The professional choir, under the direction of Cantor Levy and Mr. Bowen, performed works by Rossi, Sulzer, Lewendowski, Helfman and contemporary composers writing music for synagogue worship. ---Elizabeth Cochran

REGISTRAR'S CORNER

JOE LEWIS, REGISTRAR

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS BEGINS AGAIN

For all members of the Guild, our current 08/09 membership year will end on June 30th, 2009. So, as in the past, the Philadelphia Chapter begins its own renewal drive in late April and May so that members can complete the process by July 1st, when the new 2009-2010 membership year will officially begin. Dues amounts have changed slightly from last year. We have truly appreciated your membership this past year and hope that we have offered you a variety of recitals, concerts, lectures, workshops, placement services, information and assistance to constantly broaden your musical interests and to help with your professional needs. We do hope that you will renew as soon as possible in this process to insure that there are no gaps in our services to you (both on a local and national level). Please consider taking the following actions at your earliest convenience:

1. As soon as your renewal form arrives, please give it your immediate attention.
2. Update/correct all your personal data that appears on the form (if it has already changed or soon will).
3. Determine the appropriate membership category for you, especially if your age or circumstances are different.
4. Consider supporting the chapter as a Patron, which allows a much greater scope of events to be considered by our Planning and Executive Committees.
5. Indicate on the form if you desire to be on the 09/10 Sub List.
6. Send the form to me at your earliest convenience, along with the check/money order (or school ID if required).

Note, however, that none of the above can take place if you do not receive a form from us to start. If no renewal form reaches you by May 30, PLEASE inform me as soon as possible so that I can send you another. Thank you for doing this sooner than later. If for some reason you cannot renew for 09/10, kindly give me a call or send an email to let me know your intentions so that we don't need to send you reminders or bother you with a phone call. Please only use the website form as a last resort, since it would not contain your personal data on file.

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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
 Rae Ann Anderson, David Furniss, David Beatty
 ST. JOHN'S UCC, LANSDALE

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
 HOME OF FRED HAAS AND DAN MEYER, 2012 DELANCEY STREET, PHILADELPHIA

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

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

Friday, June 5, 2009, 7:30pm
Legends of Philadelphia: First Baptist Church
 Alan Morrison
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA

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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BACH AND THE FRENCH; DAVID CLARK LITTLE, HARPSICHORD, works of Louis Couperin, François Couperin, Rameau, J.S. Bach, Jacques Duphy; Free-Will Offering; First Presbyterian Church, 502 N. Easton Rd, Willow Grove, PA 215.659.5938 <http://firstpreswg.org>

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 4:00 PM

Due Solisti - Zofie Vokalkova, flute and Kathleen Scheide, harpsichord. Music of Bach, Eben, Handel, Rameau and Roesgen-Champion All Hallows Church, 262 Bent Rd, Wyncote PA 609.712.3119

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 12:30 PM

Woosug Kang, organist. 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/

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 7:30 PM

Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Chester County Choral Society, Gary Garletts, conductor. Andrea Chenoweth, soprano; Sarah Fryer, alto; Timothy Bentsch, tenor; Jeryl Metzler, baritone. String ensemble and organ. For tickets: www.chestercountychoralsociety.org St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 Valley Forge Rd, Wayne PA 610.516.1130 www.stdavidschurch.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 12:30 PM

Practitioners of Musick. 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/

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 8:00 PM

Abington Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert. Soloist: Robert Bonfiglio, harmonica, playing the *Concerto for Harmonica and Orchestra* by Hector Villa-Lobos and an Elvis medley arranged for Mr. Bonfiglio. Child-care available. Free-will offering. Reception. Abington Presbyterian Church, 1082 Old York Rd, Abington PA 215.887.4530 www.apcusa.org/MusicatAbington

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 PM

Festival of Hymns and Anthems. Featuring Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*. The Wayne Oratorio Society, a ministry of Wayne Presbyterian Church. 180 voice choir & professional orchestra and soloists. Free will offering. Handicapped accessible. Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 610.688.8700 www.waynepres.org

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 7:30 PM

Festival of Hymns and Anthems. Featuring Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*. The Wayne Oratorio Society, a ministry of Wayne Presbyterian Church. 180

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 3:30 PM

Reunions Organ Concert, Eric Plutz, organist. Free. Princeton University-Chapel, Nassau and Washington Rds., Princeton NJ 609.258.3654 eplutz@princeton.edu • www.princeton.edu/~choir/

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MAY, 2009

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Andorra (Roxborough), Philadelphia
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Philadelphia, PA. 19128

ORGAN: Patrick Murphy and Associates; 2 manuals, 24 ranks

HOST ORGANIST: Wesley Parrott

RECITALISTS:

MAY 5: Andrew Heller
12: Terrence Farley
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The Lutheran Church of God's Love
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The Lutheran Church of God's Love is seeking an organist for the Sunday 8:15 am traditional worship service. The organist should have an understanding of traditional Lutheran liturgical worship. She/he is expected to choose and to prepare prelude/postlude music appropriate to the liturgical season/lectionary, lead the congregation in singing of hymns and liturgy, and accompany the Adult choir in worship and in rehearsal, which takes place Wednesday evening. Strong skill as an accompanist is required, as well as the ability to work together with the choir director. Interaction with the other church musicians is welcomed and encouraged, as well as involvement with the Worship and Music Ministry.

- The organ is a Rodgers Oxford 925. There is also a grand piano in the sanctuary.
- There are additional services during Lent, on Easter and Christmas Eve, and on other occasions during the year. The choir does not sing during the summer months.
- Salary is within AGO and ALCM guidelines.

Please send resume to Ms. Risé Kagan, Lutheran Church of God's Love, 791 Newtown-Yardley Road, Newtown, PA 18940 or e-mail to bellkagan@gmail.com

ORGANIST

Gloria Dei Church
570 Welsh Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
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Gloria Dei Church in Huntingdon Valley, PA is currently seeking a staff organist. The church has a strong and growing music ministry. The organ is a 3 manual electronic Allen and is a fine instrument. Responsibilities include providing prelude, offertory, postlude, hymn accompaniment, and occasional accompaniment of the Cathedral Choir. (There is a permanent staff accompanist.) The choir consists of about 30 members made up of volunteers and scholarship singers from Rowan and Temple Universities. This group sings a wide range of musical styles ranging from the standard classical repertoire, to spirituals and contemporary works. This season they presented three major works with orchestra including the Faure Requiem, Handel's *Messiah*, and Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*.

Job description:

- Play for one Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m.
- Play for special services during the year (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday, etc.)
- Accompany large works when necessary
- Play for scheduled weddings and funerals
- Salary is within AGO guidelines.

Please contact Ben Spalding, Director of Music at 913-226-5413 or benaspalding@aol.com if interested.

ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

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St John's Episcopal Church is looking for an Organist/Music Director to enrich our worship with music. We are a small, active, and progressive congregation, and we seek an individual who will enrich our worship and help us grow as a parish. St. John's has one Sunday service and one choir rehearsal per week (Sunday morning rehearsal negotiable), with additional weekly services during Advent and Lent. The successful candidate will be a person who is proficient in organ and piano performance, enjoys working with others, is able to assist the Rector in planning liturgies, and is enthusiastic about working with young children in worship. The job entails 10-15 hours per week, and a salary in accord with AGO guidelines. For more information visit www.stjohnshv.org or contact us by phone (215) 947 3212, or email: ruth@stjohnshv.org. Job Description available on request. Applicants should send a resume, letter of interest, and contact information for two references, to Organist Search, St Johns Episcopal Church, 1333 Old Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006. Position available immediately.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Folcroft, PA
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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.

ORGANIST

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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).

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
877 Street Rd., Southampton, PA 18966
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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

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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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- Maintaining and expanding the music library
- Working closely with the pastor and the Worship and Music Committee
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Salary commensurate with duties. Send inquiries or resumé to the above address.

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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