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The Dean's Message



As we approach the end of a year that has been filled with everyday life situations and circumstances that have far surpassed anything most of us could possibly have imagined, and having been confronted with unprecedented social and political buffoonery, we find ourselves searching for sensible answers.

Take Heart!

As musicians, we are, especially at this time of year, uniquely poised to use our talents and abilities to assist a population searching for truth, sincerity and common sense life options to transcend the dangers of reckless and out of control egotism.

The wonderful and beautiful musical offerings of this special time of year

are filled with messages of hope, humility and joy.

Our careful nurturing of these messages will provide an invaluable platform for spreading the most positive aspects of the human condition.

So, despite the seemingly untenable behavior emanating from some of our elected officials I would encourage you to continue to do good and honorable work as you practice your professions and relate to your peers and fellow human beings.

Go ahead and burn the midnight oil as you finish copying those special brass parts and realize that what you are doing really is making a positive difference in the spiritual and emotional life of our human family.

I hope to see you all as we celebrate 12th Night on January 8th.

Seasons Greetings!

Irvin

DCAGO, Co-Dean

2017-2018 DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events

*Monday, September 18 at 7:30 PM
Celebration of the Reformation &
Installation of Officers
Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Host Paul Leavitt
with the Potomac Chapter*

*Sunday, October 15 7 pm
Tri-Chapter Pipes Spectacular
Eric Plutz, Princeton University Organist
The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
Washington, DC*

*Monday, November 6 7 pm
Morales at the Monastery
The Choir of The Church of the Epiphany, DC
The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
Washington, DC*

January 8, 2017 Twelfth Night Service and Catered Dinner

6:30 Rehearsal
7:15 Service
7:45 Dinner

With members of the Potomac and NOVA Chapters

All Saints Episcopal Church
Chevy Chase, Maryland
See Page 6 for more information

Monday, February 19, 2017
Presidents' Day Organ Festival

Saturday, April 7, 2017
Road Trip to Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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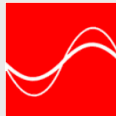
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Members' Events

Friday, December 1, 12:15 pm

Organist Chuyoung Suter
Music at Midday @ National City
Christian Church

Sunday, December 3, 5 pm

Advent Lessons & Carols
Christ Church Alexandria

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 pm

Advent Vespers
Messiah Lutheran, Germantown MD

Sunday, November 12, 4 pm

Organist Hector Olivera
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Frederick
MD

Friday, December 8, 12:15 pm

Organist Tyler Canonic
Music at Midday @ National City
Christian Church

Sunday, December 10, 4 pm

Christmas Choral Concert
Chevy Chase Presbyterian, Washington
DC

Sunday, December 10, 4 pm

Organist Russell Weismann
Music @ the Monastery
Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land,
Washington DC

Wednesday, December 13, 7:30pm

Advent Vespers
Messiah Lutheran, Germantown MD

Friday, December 15, 12:15 pm

Organist Neil Weston
Music at Midday @ National City
Christian Church

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30pm

Lessons and Carols
Messiah Lutheran, Germantown MD

Sunday, December 31, 6 pm

New Year's Eve Concert
Bach through Modern, ticketed event.
St. Columba's Episcopal, DC

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12th Night January 8, 2018

6:30 Rehearsal 7:15 Service 7:45 Dinner

All Saints Episcopal Church
3 Chevy Chase Circle
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Please make your reservation by using the emailed link or by sending your reservation to Gerald Piercey (see below). Emailed reservations must be made by January 1. Post-mail reservations must be post-marked by December 26. Contact John Widmann at (301) 788-2806 or jwidmann@yahoo.com

Cost: AGO members: \$25.00 Chapter covers additional \$18.00 for you. One guest may come at this price. More than one guest pays full \$43.00 cost.

Payment is not made on the link. Please bring payment with you to the event, and have the payment pre-written, or if possible with cash, exact change. It will make the line much shorter for your entry to the event and good fellowship with your colleagues! The cost for participants is \$25.00, and the meal is subsidized by your dues. Additional cost is being underwritten by your individual AGO chapter. The link will ask which chapter you belong to, and any dietary restrictions that you may have.

The payment is for dinner. If you wish to attend the service only, there is no payment due, and there is no RSVP needed.

If you need to pay by mail, or RSVP by mail, please make payment to "Potomac Chapter, AGO", and send that out in the mail before Christmas to: Mr. Gerald L. Piercey, 4008 Decatur Ave., Kensington MD 20895

MENU

Bubbly Hot Shrimp Dip
Artisinal Cheese Platter with Nuts and Dried Fruit
Beef Tenderloin with Horseradish
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Oven oasted Salmon
Wild Rice Pilaf with Dried Cranberries
Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings
Butternut Squash with Yogurt Sauce
Rustic Bread and Butter
Chocolate Mousse Cake
Old English Trifle

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Music @ the Monastery

Located on 42 acres, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land is a beautiful architectural gem hidden in the northeast corner of Washington, D.C. Dedicated in 1898, the church is in the shape of a Jerusalem Cross in neo-Byzantine architectural style. The church and extensive contemplative gardens include full-size replicas of shrines from the Holy Land (the Franciscans have ministered there for 800 years), plus catacombs and a Lourdes Grotto. The monastery also has two hermitages for personal retreats. The Monastery's Lively-Fulcher pipe organ was built in 1998 and contains forty ranks of pipes over three manuals and pedal.

Together with the Franciscan Monastery, the DC AGO is proud to support a series of community outreach musical events titled, "Music @ the Monastery". These events are free of charge and take place on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome!

2017 - 2018 Recitalists

- September 10 *Dudley Oakes (Shenandoah University)*
October 8 *Jeffrey Pannebaker (Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring)*
November 12 *Chris Betts (Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda)*
December 10 *Russell Weismann (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)*
January 14 *Jung Yeon Kim (Peabody Conservatory)*
February 11 *Samantha Scheff (University of Maryland)*
March 11 *Brass of Peace Ensemble (Sylvia Alimena, Director) with Lisa Galoci, organist*
March 18 *Commonwealth Brass and National Brass with Randall Sheets, organist*
April 8 *Carolyn Lamb Booth (Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Oxen Hill)*
May 13 *Carol Feather Martin (Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington)*

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