
THE COUPLER

The Dean's Message



Greetings!

Dear members -

Our chapter is growing!

Since May we have added almost 20 members to our roster. This list includes renewals, transfers, new and dual memberships. Thank you all for your show of support and trust in the functions and operations of the chapter. On behalf of the other officers and members of the executive board, we sincerely welcome you, one and all!

Our new season opened with a wonderfully inspiring service (with receptions) in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Hosted by the Church of The Reformation on Capitol Hill, music

director Paul Leavitt and the Reformation choir, our chapter joined forces with the Potomac chapter to highlight our service of installation of officers.

Last month the tri-chapters of DC, Potomac and NOVA united to present organist Eric Plutz as the featured artist for this year's Pipes Spectacular.

While Eric currently holds the position of Princeton University Organist, Eric had a long history of musical service to the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to his past collaborations with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Choral Arts Society of Washington and the Cathedral Choral Society, Mr. Plutz held the position of director of music at The Church Of The Epiphany in Washington, D.C from 1995 through 2004. On October 15th, Eric presented a program of all French music by composers Marcel Dupre, Nadia Boulanger, Louis Vierne, Olivier Messien and Maurice Durufle'.

The program, entitled "Paris in the early 1900's" was perfectly suited to the magnificent space and acoustic of

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The Franciscan Monastery and to the formidable Lively-Fulcher pipe organ in residence there. Mr. Plutz performed masterfully!

Our program season continues on Monday, November 6th at 7pm with "Morales at the Monastery" (same location) with the Schola of The Church Of The Epiphany, Dr. Jeremy Filsell, director. Organ improvisations by Dr. Filsell.

Looking forward we are planning a service of 12th Night in January 2018, our President's Day Organ Festival in February and a road trip to Longwood Gardens in April! Additional details can be found in this issue of the Coupler. Please consider joining your fellow chapter members in supporting these and other events as they offer excellent opportunities to meet, greet and get to know each other.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you all to consider attending and or supporting our upcoming AGO National Convention scheduled to be held July 2-5, 2018 in Kansas City! Keep an eye on TAO for more details.

Bountiful blessings to all in this season of harvest!

Irvin Peterson

DCAGO, Co-Dean

Welcome

to new DC AGO Member

Adam Graham

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 2017
Twelfth Night Service and Catered Dinner
With members of the Potomac and NOVA Chapters
All Saints Episcopal Church
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Monday, February 19, 2017
Presidents' Day Organ Festival

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

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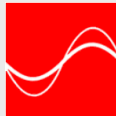
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Members' Events

Friday, November 3, 12:15 pm

Organist Phillip Lamb
Music at Midday @ National City
Christian Church

Sunday, November 5, 4 pm

Evensong for All Saints' Sunday
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College
Park MD

Sunday, November 5, 5 pm

Gabriel Faure's Requiem
Christ Church, Alexandria VA

Sunday, November 12, 4 pm

Organist Hector Olivera
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Frederick
MD

Sunday, November 12, 4 pm

Organist Samantha Scheff
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College
Park MD

Sunday, November 12, 4 pm

Reformation Hymn Festival and Organ
Concert
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick
MD

Wednesday, November 15, 12 pm

Organist Ken Lowenberg
Music in McLean, St. Luke Catholic
Church, McLean VA

Friday, November 17, 12:15 pm

Organist Derrick Ian Meador
Music at Midday @ National City
Christian Church

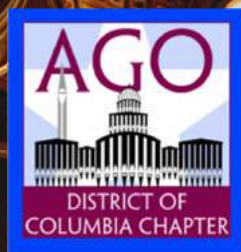
Sunday, November 19, 5 pm

Organ/Piano music of Rachmaninov
and Beethoven
St. David's Episcopal Church, Ashburn
VA

Sunday, November 19, 7 pm

Organist Nathan Laube
Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological
Seminary, Alexandria VA

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and concerts for public listing on the DC
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**The Schola Cantorum of
The Church of the Epiphany, Washington DC**

JEREMY FILSELL

Monday 6 November 2017 at 7pm

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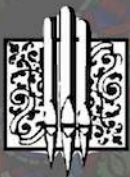
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All Saints Episcopal Church
Frederick, Maryland

Dedicatory Recital by Paul Jacobs

Next Recital: November 12th @ 4:00PM | Maestro Hector Olivera

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presents

Reformation Organ Vespers

J. Thomas Mitts, organ

*with a Schola Cantorum of Students from
Shenandoah Conservatory*



Tuesday, November 7, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Chapel

Virginia Theological Seminary
3737 Seminary Rd.
Alexandria, VA

Free admission & parking

novaago.org

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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