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The Dean's Message



It's the phone call that no Dean wants to receive – the 2:45 a.m. middle of the night phone call from the bus company cancelling the much-anticipated Presidents' Day Road Trip to Atlantic City. This was the call that I received in the early hours of Monday,

February 15. The unfortunate timeliness of a winter storm had triumphed over our attempts to experience the largest musical instrument on the planet.

We hope to be able to reschedule the trip, if not

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It's
HAPPY HOUR

COME & JOIN US

Evensong and Happy Hour

Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Church of the Epiphany
1317 G Street, NW (Metro Center)
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2015-2016 DC AGO Chapter Schedule of Events

*Monday, September 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Organ Recital and Installation of Officers
Mary Beth Bennett, Organist
First Congregational United Church of Christ*

*Sunday, October 4, 2015, 5:15 p.m.
Tri-Chapter Pipes Spectacular
Renée Anne Louprette, Organist
Washington National Cathedral*

*Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza
National City Christian Church*

*Monday, January 4, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Annual Twelfth-Night Dinner and Service
(with Northern Virginia and Potomac Chapters)
All Saints Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase*

POSTPONED
*Presidents' Day Road Trip
Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall
Steven Ball, Host*

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Wednesday, March 2, 2016

DC AGO Members' Evensong and Happy Hour
Church of the Epiphany

Friday, March 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Silent Movie with Organ

La vie et la passion de Notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ

Thomas Ospital, Organist (co-titulair of St. Eustache, Paris)

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church, Bethesda

Saturday, April 16, 2016

(Tentative – rescheduled from January 23)

AGO Certification Workshop

Jeremy Filsell, Clinician

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Theater Organ Concert

(Joint event with Northern Virginia and Potomac Chapters)

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this year, then next year. The board will also be deciding whether or not Presidents' Day is the most logical day of the year to undertake a road trip. Stay tuned for further details!

This was the second chapter event to have been postponed due to weather, the first being the AGO Certification workshop led by our Educational Coordinator, Dr. Jeremy Filsell. We are looking to reschedule that event on Saturday, April 16. Stay tuned for further details.

Not to let the weather hinder our chapter programming any further, I eagerly look forward to our March events. First, on Wednesday, March 2, we will gather for Evensong at the Church of the Epiphany in DC (Jeremy Filsell, host), followed by our second annual "happy hour". I hope to see many of you there. This is an excellent event to bring a friend along to as well.

Secondly, we will host the impressively talented young French organist, Thomas Ospital, on Friday, March 18 at Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Bethesda. Among his many talents at the organ, Thomas is an acclaimed silent film accompanist. Come hear him on his first American tour since being named co-titular organist of Paris' famed church of St. Eustache.

The movie will be the 1905 film, *The Passion and the Power of Christ*. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Silent movie screenings have proven to be popular events for our chapter in the past. Please bring a long a friend! *The Passion and the Power of Christ* is only forty-five minutes in length, making it ideal for younger audiences as well.

For our members who work in Christian churches, I wish you a stress-free and joyous Holy Week and Easter!

Your #1 fan -
Russ



The 2016 AGO National Convention will showcase vibrant performances, world-class instruments, enlightening workshops, creative new music, and inspiring worship. There will be many opportunities to meet fellow musicians and create dynamic connections. Come and experience a warm welcome at the Hilton Americas-Houston, at the various convention venues, and throughout this exciting city. This is a convention you won't want to miss! Registration and

Members' Events

Friday, March 4, 12:15 p.m.

Music at Midday
National City Christian Church
James D. Hicks, organist

Sunday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.

Organ Plus
St. Columba Episcopal Church
Various organists and instrumentalists

Friday, March 11, 12:15 p.m.

Music at Midday
National City Christian Church
Hans Uwe Hielscher, organist

Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Splendors of the Baroque, Jewels of France
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
James David Christie, organist

Sunday, March 13, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

39th Annual Bach Marathon
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church
Featuring Bach's mature masterworks

Sunday, March 13, 4:00 p.m.

Brass and Organ Concert
Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
Brass of Peace with Lisa Galoci, organist

Friday, March 18, 12:15 p.m.

Music at Midday
National City Christian Church
Jung-A Lee, organist

Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Silent Movie: *La vie et la passion de Notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ*
St. Jane de Chantal Church, Bethesda
Thomas Ospital, organist

Members are encouraged to submit recitals and concerts for public listing on the DC AGO website. Submit your event for web or newsletter listing to dcagochapter@gmail.com

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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 every month at 4pm, followed by a reception. All are welcome!

2015-2016 Recitalists

October 11: Russell Weismann (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)

November 8: David Houston (St. Andrew's Episcopal, College Park)

December 13: Sarah Bereza (Trinity Lutheran, Bethesda)

January 10: Ronald Butts-Boehmer

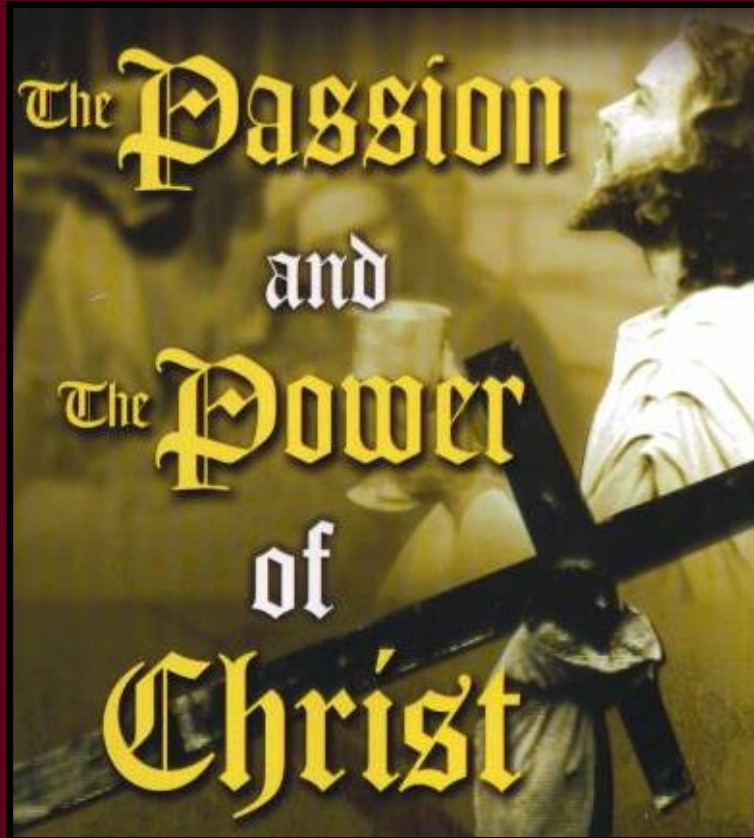
February 14: Russell Weismann (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda)

March 13: Brass and Organ (Brass of Peace Ensemble with Lisa Galoci, Organist)

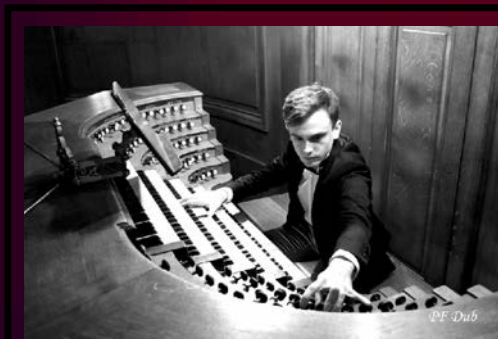
April 10: Carolyn Booth

May 8: Dr. J. Thomas Mitts (Shenandoah Conservatory and Augustana Lutheran Church)

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**The 1905 silent film directed by Ferdinand Zecca and
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Friday, March 18 8pm

**Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Church
9601 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland**

Free parking and admission



DC AGO Members' Happy Hour

Join us on **Wednesday, March 2**, for an evening of refreshments and camaraderie with your fellow DC AGO members! This our second annual "happy hour" and it will take place at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, NW (Metro Center), following a service of **Evensong that begins at 6:00 p.m.** The music for Evensong includes:

Responses: Richard Ayleward
Canticles: Thomas Weelkes First Service
Anthem: Clemens non Papa - *Domine, ne memineris*
Voluntary: Thomas Tomkins (1648)

POE +

From July 10 to 14, the Harrisburg AGO Chapter will be hosting the only POE+ in the nation at the beautiful campus of Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania. The event offers organ training for students 19 and older (beginners to advanced) who are interested in developing their service-playing abilities. The event is also open to pianists who want to learn the basics of organ playing.

Information about costs, housing, faculty, churches, and organs is available at www.harrisburgago.org or www.agoyq.org. Applications can be made online only, but payment must be sent to the Harrisburg Chapter Registrar (address on separate payment form). Deadline for early registration is April 1 (price reduced). The regular registration deadline is May 1.

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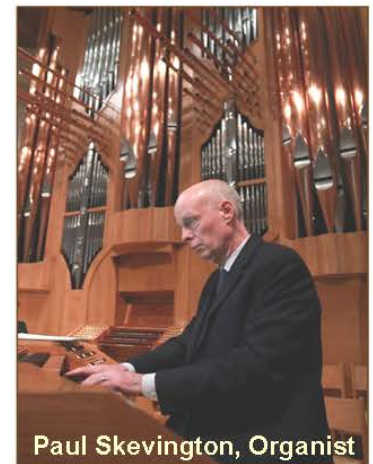
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