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September 21, 2008 Meeting

Pipes, Pasta and Peregrination!

~ A Summer's End Concert-Nosh in Norwich ~

4:00 – 4:20 PM	Lee Memorial Methodist Church mini-recital (Andover Organ)
4:30 – 5:15	Appetizers/Happy Hour at *The Harp and Dragon*
5:25 – 5:45	Central Baptist Church mini-recital (Rodgers Trillium Organ)
5:55 – 7:00	Dinner at *La Stella*
7:10	Cathedral mini-recital and dessert (Aeolian-Skinner Organ)

We will carpool from the Lee Memorial Methodist lot to the downtown locations in order to save gas and parking spaces.

A Notice from the Subdean…

Organ Spectacular

October 19, 7 pm

By now, everyone should know that this year 2008-2009 has been declared the Year of the Organ by National Headquarters of the AGO. Every chapter is encouraged to present an ORGAN SPECTACULAR EVENT on or near Sunday, October 19, 2008. Our chapter will sponsor a concert at 7 pm on October 19 at the Second Congregational Church in New London. The organ and the console at Second Congregational have recently been renovated. It should be exciting to hear and to play this instrument. The program will consist of choral selections, music for organ and brass and organ solos. I encourage you to put this on your calendar and spread the word!

The Dean's Decke

Dear friends,

It's been a productive and exciting summer for our board of directors – much planning has been done and many changes have been implemented during our meetings, and I'm quite excited to share these ideas and initiatives with you as our program year swings into motion.

First off, make sure to get online and check out our chapter website at www.agohq.org/chapters/newlondoncounty. Our new Webmaster, Grace Wiersma, has been working very hard over the summer to update and streamline our presence on the web. My sincerest thanks go to her for all her unflagging enthusiasm and know-how. Keep checking the site as the year progresses for calendar updates, news, the Dean's Decke, and more!

I'd also like to thank Maryann McCary for her work on the newsletter and her energetic partnering with Grace as we try to pull the New London County Chapter into the 21st century! Plans to offer the TG&S in an electronic format are underway, as is our chapter's new effort to eliminate scheduling woes and conflicts. A *comprehensive event calendar* is being compiled and will be published in the newsletter each month to not only keep us all abreast of what's going on in the area, but to give the membership an invaluable source of reference when planning their musical year. Please send your concert calendars to Maryann (mccarym@aol.com) as soon as you are able, and help up to create a master list of New London County's "goings on" – the more information we have, the more efficient we can be.

This year's program calendar is full of surprises and is marvelously varied. Topping the list are two big events: the International Year of the Organ Spectacular on the 19th of October, and "From Sea to Shining Sea", a fantastic multi-media organ concert at the Coast Guard Academy's Cadet Chapel, featuring the history of the American Organ and its music over the past 200 years – what better way to celebrate this *"Year of the Organ"*? Everything isn't all flash and glitter, however: we're also offering a workshop on practical organ repair techniques that *every* organist needs to know (think of last minute ciphers before a wedding…), as well as an inter-faith workshop geared to the interests of the church musician.

Lastly, I want to talk about our opening event, **"Pipes, Pasta and Peregrination"**, which is something entirely different! Beginning at Lee Memorial Methodist Church in Norwich at 4pm on **Sunday, September 21st**, our new take on the progressive recital will be a fantastic mix of music, food and fellowship. **Three churches, three mini-organ recitals, and three courses**…it's our Trinitarian nod to event planning. A detailed itinerary of the afternoon's layout will be published separately in this newsletter. This is something you don't want to miss, so please contact either Doug Green (DGreen860@aol.com) or me (jglaude@earthlink.net) by September 18th to let us know that you'll be attending. Bring your appetites, ears and *bon mots*…this promises to be an unforgettable opener to a wonderful year!

I look forward to seeing you all on the 21st, and to a truly celebratory season.

All best,

- Jesse

Membership News!

Elma Frysinger

Welcome back to a new year for the New London County AGO. Please plan to attend our first Chapter meeting on September 21. Renew old friendships, meet new members, catch up on summer happenings, and pick up your new Membership Directory in person. Every Directory which does not need to be mailed saves our treasury money, so thank you. I know you were busy this summer. Some that I know about:

- **Phred Mileski** spent time again in Romania.
- **Lois Bogue**, who now lives in Florida, has spent most of the summer in Connecticut.
- **Kathy Cooper** sailed with her family in Croatia.
- **Grace Wiersma** updated our New London County website.
- **Carol Hoyt** spent time in Wisconsin working on her Master of Church Music degree.
- **Andrew Howell** and his wife celebrated the birth of a baby girl.

If you are not mentioned, I'm sorry that I didn't know about it. Let's catch up in September.

Moving Into The Electronic Age

Last year, several members requested they not receive paper copies of the newsletter; but rather instead depend solely on email, the web site, or electronic newsletters for their information. The Board agrees, and this year we will take some steps toward that goal by increasing our use of electronic communications The advantages are many: information is real time, the web site is there when you want to look at it, individual emails can be saved or discarded based on subject matter and personal preference, and there is a potential $2,000 per year in cost reduction to the Chapter! We've added email addresses to the paper newsletter masthead, and contact information on the web site. Of course we will continue to publish the paper newsletter for those who wish to receive it in paper format.

Grace Wiersma has agreed to serve as our Webmaster. She has already updated the New London County AGO web site and is researching ways to expand its content and usefulness. She plans to add the membership and scholarship forms to the site as downloadable PDFs, and to post the local calendar of events.

Elma Frysinger took the initiative years ago to build the local email distribution and has served informally as email editor. Feedback on her efforts have been nothing but positive. She will now formally be Email Editor. Send your notices for broadcast to her personal email account.

If you would prefer not to receive the paper newsletter, contact Elma Frysinger and she will remove you from the paper distribution. Contact Maryann McCary to be added to the electronic version.

Maryann

Local Concerts and Events

Friday, September 19, 2008, 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, Madison, Nathan Bayreuther, Organ Recital

Sunday, September 21, 2008, 4:00 PM, Lee Memorial Methodist, Central Baptist, Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich, AGO Event, Summer's End Concert and Nosh

Sunday, September 28, 2008, 5:00 PM, Pequot Chapel, New London, Anglican Singers, Evensong

Saturday, October 4, 2008, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Connecticut Music Teacher's National Association Annual Convention, Elks Lodge,Westbrook,

Sunday, October 05, 2008, 3:00 PM, Christ Church, Norwich, Phred Mileski and Rob Humphreville, Chamber Music at Christ Church

Sunday, October 12, 2008, 3:00 PM, Central Baptist, Norwich, Nathan Laube, Organ Spectacular

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Toshiyuki Shimada, conductor, "Katahdin" (Myron), "Piano Concerto in G major" (Ravel), Symphony No. 9 in E minor", Op. 95 (Dvorak)

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 7:00 PM, 2nd Congregational, New London, AGO Event, Organ Spectacular

Sunday, October 26, 2008, 3:00 PM, St. James, New London, Anglican Singers, Evensong

Sunday, October 26, 2008, 4:00 PM, Emmanual Church, Killingworth, Douglas Bruce, Organ & the Fair Winds Ensemble, "Four Seasons Plus" autumn concert. Carefully selected works of the Baroque, Romantic and contemporary periods.

Sunday, November 09, 2008, 7:00 PM, United Congregational Church, 87 Broadway, Norwich, Choirs, Annual Norwich Area Choir Festival

Saturday, November 15, 2008, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Danail Rachev, conductor, "Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten" (A. Part), "Piano Concerto No. 5" (Beethoven), " No. 12" (Shostakovich)

Sunday, November 16, 2008, 3:00 PM, Central Baptist, Norwich, Diana Norton-Jackson, "From Bach to Boellman"

Sunday, November 16, 2008, 4:00 PM, St. Michaels, Pawcatuck, AGO Event, Do It Yourself Organ Workshop

Sunday, November 30, 2008, 7:30 PM, Noank Baptist, Noank, Messiah

Saturday, December 06, 2008, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Don Pippin, conductor, Bravo Broadway Pops

Sunday, December 07, 2008, 3:00 PM, Christ Church, Norwich, Mary King, Celtic Harpist, Chamber Music at Christ Church

Sunday, December 14, 2008, 5:00 PM, St. James, New London, Anglican Singers, Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 21, 2008, 7:30 PM, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich, Cathedral Choir, Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 04, 2009, 3:00 PM, Central Baptist, Norwich, Shoreline Ringers,

Sunday, January 18, 2009, 7:00 PM, Springfield, MA, Anglican Singers, Choral Evensong for Association of Anglican Musicians Regional Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2009, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Elizabeth Schulze, conductor, "Die Meistersinger Overture" (Wagner), "Piano Concerto No. 2" (Liszt), "Symphony No. 1" (Mahler

Sunday, January 25, 2009, 4:00 PM, 2nd Congregational, New London, AGO Event, AGO Children's Choir Festival

Sunday, February 08, 2009, 3:00 PM, Christ Church, Norwich, Classic Winds Trio, Chamber Music at Christ Church

Sunday, February 22, 2009, 5:00 PM, St. James, New London, Anglican Singers, Choral Evensong for Epiphany

Monday, February 23, 2009, 8:00 PM, Cadet Chapel, Coast Guard Academy, New London, AGO Event, From Sea to Shining Sea

Saturday, March 14, 2009, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, David Commanday, conductor, "Overture to the Barber of Seville" (Rossini), Symphony No. 41", K551, C major (Mozart), "Violin Concerto, Op. 14" (Barber), "An American in Paris" (Gershwin)

Saturday, March 14, 2009, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, David Commanday, conductor, "Overture to the Barber of Seville" (Rossini), Symphony No. 41", K551, C major (Mozart), "Violin Concerto, Op. 14" (Barber), "An American in Paris" (Gershwin)

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 3:00 PM, Central Baptist, Norwich, CJ Sambach, "The Pied Piper of the Organ"

Sunday, March 22, 2009, 5:00 PM, St. James, New London, Anglican Singers, Choral Evensong for Lent

Saturday, April 04, 2009, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Leslie Dunner, conductor, "Danzas del ballet Estancia" (Ginastera), Bachianas Brasilerias No. 5" (Villa-Lobos), "Carmina Burana" (Orff)

Saturday, May 02, 2009, 8:00 PM, Garde Arts Center, ECS, Sarah Harsuko Hicks, conductor, "Polovetsian Dances from Prince Igor" (Borodin), Piano Concerto No. 3" (Prokofiev), "Polonaise and Waltz from Eugene Onegin" (Tchaikovsky), "Firebird Suite: 1919" (Stravinsky)

Sunday, May 10, 2009, 5:00 PM, St. James New London, Anglican Singers, Choral Evensong for Easter

Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 4:00 PM, Central Baptist, Norwich, Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, America's Favorite Duo Organists

Sunday, May 31, 2009, 3:00 PM, Christ Church, Norwich, Genesius String Quartet, Chamber Music at Christ Church

Sunday, June 07, 2009, 4:00 PM, Location to be announced, AGO Event, Annual Meeting

Music Teachers

The New London/Middlesex County Chapter of the Connecticut State Music Teachers Association invites AGO members to their annual convention, to be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM At the beautiful Elks Lodge by the Sound in Westbrook, CT. The all day event includes a catered lunch.

The theme is "Solid Beginnings". Four very successful teachers will inspire you with their approach to making a solid foundation for unlimited musical progress. Keynote speaker will be Fei Xu—founder of the New Century Conservatory in Chandler, AZ, teacher of countless winning pianists, including 13 year–old Anna Han -- first, second, and third prize winner in three major international piano competitions Anna will give a short recital at the Convention.

For information or registration form, please contact John Metz at 860 437-7170, or JohnMetz@ct.metrocast.net. Non-member fee is $60, $55 if you pre-register. AGO members who are teachers are also invited to join their organization.

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MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

PRESENTS:

Nathan J. Bayreuther

Organist

Works include Fletcher's *Festival Toccata*, Handel's *Organ Concerto in G Minor*, and Hewitt's *Battle of Trenton*.

Recommended donation: $10.

Friday, Sept. 19th
7:30 pm

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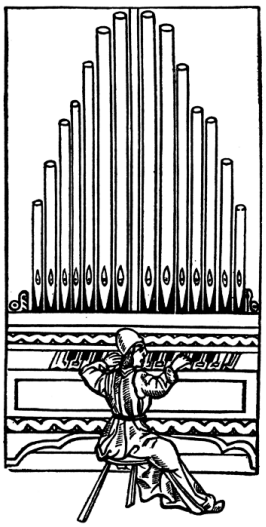
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