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LETTER FROM YOUR DEAN

Dear colleagues and friends,

Many thanks to Dr. Andrew ElRay Stewart-Cook for a great workshop on hymn-playing. In our November AGO event, ElRay gave a terrific lecture/demonstration on basic hymn leadership skills, as well as playing modern worship songs on the organ. The printed handout which he supplied will serve as a wonderful reference guide for all those who attended.

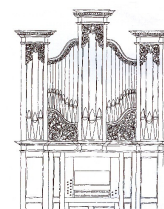
As our days grow shorter (and wetter), it seems that the musical activities of our community grow more numerous. Our Eugene AGO Chapter events in December are THREE! On Friday, December 7, the series of noontime Advent Organ Meditations at First United Methodist Church, Eugene, begins with a program presented by Dr. Paul Klemme from Salem, Oregon. Paul Klemme is presently the Director of Music Ministries at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, where he conducts four choirs at the church and serves as the parish organist. He is a member of the adjunct teaching faculty at Willamette University in Salem and conducts the Willamette Master Chorus of Salem. Paul's Advent program will include works by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Pachelbel and Purcell.

The noontime Friday, Dec. 14 program at First United Methodist is titled "Shepherds and Angels," and includes settings of Christmas Carols which tell the story of the Shepherds and Angels, as well as the four J.S. Bach Pastorales. This program will be presented by Dr. Barbara Baird.

On Dec. 21, Brad Schultz will present a program of Christmas music by French composers, Dupre (Variations on a Noel), Langlais (Nativite), Guilmant, Demessieux, and Messiaen. This beautiful repertoire is seldom performed, so mark your calendars for this "not to miss" event!

All three Advent Recitals are free and open to the public, so please come, and bring a friend!

Barbara Baird, Dean



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

One of Eugene's premier Advent choral music events returns to Central Lutheran Church on the First Sunday in Advent, December 2, at 4:30 pm.



Andrew ElRay Stewart-Cook leads all of the choirs and musical ensembles with vocal soloists Siri Vik and David Gustafson, violinist Andy Strieteimeir, cellist David Straka and harpist Martha Griffith.

A complimentary Soup Supper will be served following the service in the Parish Hall. Central Lutheran Church is located at the corner of 18th Avenue and Potter Streets in Eugene.

NEW ORGANIST AT FUMC

Congratulations to Barry Anderson, who is the new interim organist at Eugene's First United Methodist Church, beginning January 1st. Barry is a graduate of Cal State Fullerton and comes to Eugene from an extensive and varied career in southern California as a conductor of instrumental and choral ensembles, organist, organ builder, and trombonist. His previous appointments have included Christ the King Lutheran Church in Torrance, CA and the Church of Jesus Christ, Scientist in Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA

FREE QUALITY ORGAN MUSIC

A lot of church organists are always on the look out for new music, especially at little or no cost. Many churches don't have much of a budget for organ music, so we are left to prowl around looking for it ourselves. Most of us are aware of the tremendous amount of music available from IMSLP, the download source for music originals that are out of copyright... nice if you know who/what you're looking for.

The internet is a wonderful resource, and I want to share with you one that I've discovered that is really good. An Italian fellow by the name of Maurizio Machella has been very busy doing nice organ arrangements of music from the Baroque and Classical periods. Many are selections from Cantatas, or from instrumental concertos. His arrangements are easily accessible, without requiring a great deal of practice time, and are tastefully done. But the best thing is, you can hear the music performed by him on YouTube, and then if you like it, download a pdf file for free. He does accept donations. You can find him in the Organs, Organists & Organbuilders group on Facebook.

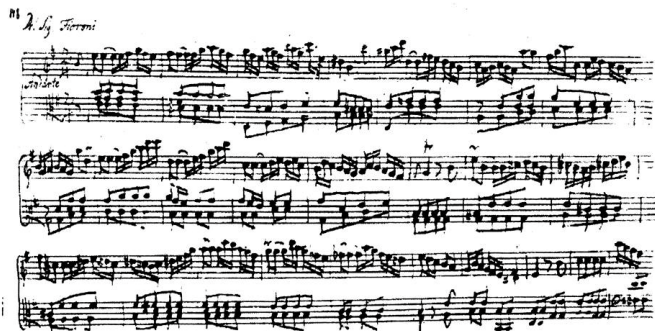
Here's a sample of his current posting (there are 100's available!):

Giovanni Fioroni (1704-1779): Andante (from ms. Wien, Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=21&v=A063Q390xeM

Download the score in: <http://www.free-scores.com/download-sheet-music.php?pdf=59101> [1216]

In this case, he has reset an old score in modern notation.



— Richard Guy

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If you are more comfortable sending a check, it can be sent by mail to:

American Guild of Organists
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260
New York, NY 10115

Please note that the check should be made out to the American Guild of Organists, NOT the Eugene Chapter.

Current member categories are: Regular Member (\$105), Young Organists (\$50), Special, 65 and older (\$80). Chapter Friends are \$35. All members receive The American Organist magazine by default. If you wish to opt out of receiving the paper copy by mail, you can do so by indicating ... and save \$8. The magazine can be read on-line at: <https://www.agohq.org/current-issue/>

CHRISTMAS SEASON ORGAN SUB

Michael Page, San Francisco AGO Chapter Treasurer and full-time organ sub in the SF Bay area, will be visiting family over Christmas holidays in Eugene and Springfield and would like to sub while he is in here. Please contact him by phone at (650) 274-1001 or you can e-mail at: michael.erwin.page@gmail.com

DIRECTORY ADDRESS CHANGE

Despite the best efforts of the editors, a change of address of one of our members managed to miss out being in the new AGO directory. Please update your directory with this info:

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ORGANIST POSITION OPEN

First Presbyterian Church of Medford is looking for an organist / pianist to provide organ and piano music for their worship services and other church functions. They have two worship services, one informal with piano, and the other traditional with organ.

The church has a 3-manual, 36 rank Schoenstein pipe organ which dates from 1992. For further info, contact:

Rita Reitz, Organist Search Committee
First Presbyterian Church of Medford OR
(541) 779 - 1711



The Organ Loft is a radio program about choral and organ music, particularly music of the Pacific Northwest. The program is hosted by Roger

Sherman, the Associate Organist of St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. The Organ Loft features music of Pacific Northwest choirs, organs, composers and organ builders. The programming is half organ, and half choral music.

This program is underwritten and sponsored by your Eugene AGO Chapter on KWAX-FM and the University of Oregon radio network (webcast: KWAX-FM Homepage) on Sundays at 6 PM.

Eugene, 91.1 KWAX-FM Redmond, 88.5 KWRX-FM
Florence, 91.5 KWVZ-FM Canyonville, 92.3 KWRZ-FM

and on these translators:

Bend 98.9	Cottage Grove 101.9	Corvallis 92.9
Newport 91.3	Reedsport 90.9	Salem 92.9
Sunriver 90.9	Sutherlin-Oakland 107.1	Roseburg 97.9
		Glide 105.3

AGO EUGENE CHAPTER

2018 -2019 Schedule

- Friday, December 7 - 12:00
Advent Recital, Paul Klemme, Salem performs
First United Methodist Church - Eugene
- Friday, December 14 - 12:00
Advent Recital, Barbara Baird performs
First United Methodist Church - Eugene
- Friday, December 21 - 12:00
Advent Recital, Brad Schultz performs.
First United Methodist Church - Eugene
- Sunday, January 27 - 3:00 pm
King of Instruments - members concert
First United Methodist Church - Eugene
- Thursday, January 31 - 7:30 pm
Organ Recital by U/O Alum Richard Benedum
2019 John Hamilton Visiting Artist– Beall Hall
- Friday, February 1 - 3:00 pm
Buxtehude's Influence on J. S. Bach
Presented by Richard Benedum. U/O alum
2019 John Hamilton Visiting Artist
Beall Concert Hall - U of O
- Saturdays in March 9, 16, 23, 30 - 4:00 pm
Lenten Recital Programs
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Eugene
- Saturday, April 6, 13 - 4:00 pm
Lenten Recital Program
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Eugene
- Friday, May 17 - time tba
Musicking Conference performance
Central Lutheran Church - Eugene

PIPE DREAMS ON KWAX-FM

Michael Barone, host of Pipe Dreams is heard on KWAX-FM on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and at 8 pm. This program's presentation on KWAX-FM is underwritten by the Eugene Chapter of the AGO. The program can also be heard anytime streaming on the world-wide web. More details at: www.pipedreams.publicradio.org.

WITH HEART AND VOICE

With Heart and Voice is a radio program that spans the full range of Western classical music from the Gothic period through the 21st century. There are occasional surprises from the non-western tradition. The program is hosted by Peter DuBois, an active organist who teaches at the Eastman School of Music. This program originates from Rochester, New York, and is broadcast Sundays, 11 am and 7 pm on KWAX-FM.

Upcoming Concerts

- Saturday, December 1 – 7:30 pm
University Singers and Chamber Choir Winter Concert. \$7 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors. Beall Hall
- Sunday, December 2 - 4:30 pm
Procession of Lessons and Carols for Advent. ElRay Stewart-Cook leads the choirs and musical ensembles of Central Lutheran Church in this Advent program. Followed by a free soup dinner in the Parish Hall. Central Lutheran Church, 18th and Potter, Eugene
- Sunday, December 2 – 5 pm
Gospel Choirs. General admission - \$8, Students and Seniors - \$6. Beall Hall
- Thursday, December 6 – 7:30 pm
Eugene Symphony: The Red Violin. Call 682-5000 for ticket information. Hult Center
- Friday, December 7 – 4:30 pm
Community Music Institute Chamber Players. Free admission. Beall Hall
- Sunday, December 9 — 3:00 pm
Organ Concert at the Abbey of Mount Angel by **Christopher Wicks.** Featured repertoire includes new pieces by Mr. Wicks, works by du Mage, 3 arias by J. S. Bach, and a noel by Dandrieu. Donations accepted. More info at www.christophermicks.com
- Friday & Saturday, December 14 & 15 – 7:30 pm
Ballet Fantastique presents Babes in Toyland. Call 682-5000 for ticket information. Hult Center
- Sunday, December 16 – 2:30 pm
Eugene Concert Choir, Orchestra and Vocal Arts Ensemble: A Dickens of a Christmas. Call 682-5000 for ticket information. Hult Center
- Friday, December 21 & Saturday, December 22 – 7:30 pm
also Saturday, December 22 & Sunday, December 23 – 2pm
Eugene Ballet: The Nutcracker. Call 682-5000 for ticket information. Hult Center
- Saturday, December 22 – 3 pm (*New this year: come at 2:15 for an interactive examination of Handel's Messiah led by Paul John Rudoi.*)
Annual Messiah Sing! There is a \$10 suggested donation and any non-perishable offerings for Food for Lane County. First United Methodist Church
- Sunday, December 23 – 3 pm
The Oregon Brass Society: A Brassy Christmas. There is a \$10 suggested donation and any non-perishable offerings for Food for Lane County. First United Methodist Church