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The Monthly Newsletter of the AGO Merrimack Valley Chapter April 2017

Dean's words

Happy Easter, MVAGO members!

I hope that all of you are enjoying this long-awaited Spring and experienced joyous Easter celebrations! We have two very exciting events coming up:

- on Saturday, April 29 we will gather for a social evening and open console at the home of Doug Sjostrom. Thank you, Doug, for hosting us and for rescheduling this event after our April 1 snow storm!

- we also have the opportunity to gather on Saturday, May 20 for our Member's Recital. Please consider playing a piece and attending this event.

I continue to be grateful to our amazing Executive Committee and membership for the combination of good work and fellowship our Chapter offers. There are more details about these two upcoming events in the pages that follow, our scholarship program and other future events. We also want to share a few words about the AGO's settlement with the FTC.

I look forward to seeing you in the next month!

Abbey Siegfried

April 29, 2017 5pm - Open Console and Reception

Due to the April 1 snow, the Open Console and Reception has been rescheduled to April 29.

Doug and Linda Sjostrom invite all MVAGO members to attend a demonstration and play the hybrid pipe/digital organ that Doug has built in their home. Everybody attending the previous open console at the Sjostrom's home four years ago really enjoyed the reception organized by Linda and Doug and were totally impressed by Doug's accomplishment. Since then, Doug has implemented many enhancements to his organ.

All members (old members and specially new members) are invited to attend this musical and social gathering at: Doug and Linda Sjostrom 403 TRULL ROAD, TEWKSBURY MA 01876

Please let Doug and Linda know if you plan to attend: ddsjostrom@comcast.net

May 20, 2017 7pm – Members' Recital

The Annual MVAGO members' recital will be hosted by the Groveland Congregational Church this year.

Here is the stop list of the organ:

Swell: 8' Oboe	Great: 4' Octave	Pedal: 8' Gedackt
1 1/3 Quinte	8' Rohr Flute	16' Bourdon
8' Stopped Diapason	2' Wald Flute	8' Principal
4' Gemshorne	8' Open Diapason	4' Choral Bass
8' Salicional		
Swell to Pedal	Tremolo	
Great to Pedal	Swell is under expression	
Swell to Great		

As in the past several years, the one hour program calls for 6 or 7 recitalists. If you would like to be one of the recitalists, please contact Linda Paulet (lindanne.paulet@gmail.com) now.

Update on the FTC Settlement

We wanted to share an update with all of you on the progress the AGO is making in revising it's Code of Ethics after it's settlement with the FTC. This process is still unfolding, but here are some updates.

This topic was also covered in details in the last issue of TAO.

From Michael Bedford, AGO's President:

As you know, the AGO has been negotiating for many months with the Federal Trade Commission to settle a complaint that the FTC initiated in 2015 alleging that the Guild may be violating Federal antitrust laws. Our negotiations with the Federal Trade Commission have now concluded, and with the approval of the National Council we are poised to execute a Settlement Agreement with the FTC thereby avoiding litigation of their complaint in Federal court. This agreement prescribes many steps that the Guild must undertake. Among them are discontinuing the publication of our salary guidelines and model contract provisions and removing them from our website.

There is a newly adopted [CODE OF ETHICS](#) which may read by following this link. We don't anticipate that this will have any affect on our Chapter's role as being, first and foremost, here to promote the organ and support organists. Rather, this is more about the FTC being concerned that language previously used by the AGO (in particular its "non compete clause") as being harmful for competition in the workplace. If any of you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to Cheryl Duerr, our Regional Councillor.

Open Positions

1. 1st Cong'l, Hopkinton, N.H. UCC o/cd 1-1 Simmons 2m rebuilt: Andover
letter, refs., resume

Rev. Dr. Jim Howard

jimh.nh@ren.com

or

Church

1548 Hopkinton Rd.

Hopkinton, N.H. 03229

603-746-4235

2. 1st United Methodist, No. Andover O/CD
Judy Birtles
\$8,000-10,000 firstunitedmethodist@comcast.net
resume + references

3. St. Anthony R.C., Somerville O only 2 masses
Harmonie (Parish Sec.) (Referred by Betsy Pesce)
617-625-4530
stanthonysumer@aol.com

4. Organist Position – St. John Lutheran Church, Sudbury, MA

Our musically invested congregation seeks a part-time Organist/Pianist for 2 Sunday services and feast day liturgies. St. John's music ministry is anchored by a 27 rank tracker instrument built by J.W. Walker and Sons in 1989. The organist also serves as rehearsal accompanist for the adult choir. This is a 12-15 hr/wk position involving close collaboration with the director of choirs and the pastor. Salary is competitive, negotiable based on guidelines and experience. The successful candidate will also be permitted to use the facility and its instruments for private teaching. While St. John is not accessible by public transportation, travel arrangements may be negotiable for the successful candidate who relies on it. For more information please contact Pastor Don Larsen at 978-443-8350 or pastor@stjohnsudbury.org.

5. Director of Choirs Position – St. John Lutheran Church, Sudbury, MA

Our musically invested congregation seeks a part-time Director of Choirs to provide creative leadership, direction and rehearsal of an adult choir and an adult handbell choir. The director of choirs will work with others in the congregation to develop opportunities for children and young people to enter St. John's music ministry. This is a 15-18 hr/wk position involving close collaboration with the organist and the pastor. Salary is competitive, negotiable based on guidelines and experience. The successful candidate will also be permitted to use the facility and its instruments for private teaching. While St. John is not accessible by public transportation, travel arrangements may be negotiable for the successful candidate who relies on it. For more information please contact Pastor Don Larsen at 978-443-8350 or pastor@stjohnsudbury.org.

6. Emmanuel Church, Episcopal Manchester-by-the-Sea \$200./350/service	O only Organist Search Committee Emmanuel Episcopal Church P.O.Box 705 Manchester, Ma. 01944 978-526-0085	2m Carlson
7. Triumphant Cross Lutheran, Salem, N.H. nego. letter & resume	DM/O Music Min. Search Committee Church 171 Zion Hill Rd. Salem. N.H. 03079 OR seklingler@gmail.com	Ahlborn-Galanti (electronic)
8. Trinity Episc., Hampton, N.H. Christ Episc., Portsmouth 3 refs.	(1 person for the 2 churches) Belinda Wilkes Search Comm. belindajwilkes@gmail.com Rev. David G. Robinson, Jr., Vicar vicarchip@gmail.com	1-1 2m Rogers 1-1 Hook & Hastings

The AGO Organ Library

The AGO Organ Library, housed in the School of Theology at Boston University, has lots of used organ music for sale at relatively inexpensive prices. At the moment our supply is large, and we are offering discounts on Bach Scores, especially if you are a student. The Library is physically open only on Sunday afternoons, but it's much easier (for you and for us) if you shop online anyway, so visit our website www.organlibrary.org and click on "Music Sales" in the menu along the right side of the picture. There are various categories to look in (individual composers; collections; method books; books about organ music.) Then send us an email with your order (don't try to call on the phone); We'll email you back with the total and the shipping cost. We're not fast (our staff is very tiny, often only 1 person) but we are cheap, very knowledgeable about the repertoire, and only charge necessary shipping costs. Our email is orglib@bu.edu

Happy music hunting,

Carl Klein, DMA

AGO Organ Library Administrator

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