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January Event

January Jumpstart

Philadelphia Chapter's educational & social event

Saturday, January 28, 2022 at 10am to 4pm
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

January Jumpstart

January Jumpstart, is returning in 2023! This day-long event of workshops, choral reading sessions, a hymn festival, and an organ recital will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on January 28 at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue in Bryn Mawr. Presenters include Nebraska's Tom Trenney, AGO National President Eileen Hunt, and Oklahoma University's Damin Spritzer. Other featured clinicians include Jeff Brillhart, Mark Miller, Shelly Moorman-Stahlman, Michael Smith, and David Storey. This event is planned and coordinated by the Philadelphia AGO Chapter, but our own Lehigh Valley Chapter has given a monetary gift to help support this educational opportunity. The cost (including lunch and music for choral sessions) is \$40 for AGO members and \$10 for students. We hope many of you will want to attend. Carpooling will be arranged from the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church in Allentown; watch for more information about this via email. In the meantime, mark your calendars and complete your registration at pcagoo.wildapricot.org/event-5037828. Registration fees and schedule can be found on the last page.

October Members' Recital

It was a delightful Saturday morning as our Lehigh Valley chapter members gathered at Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in Catasauqua for a members' recital on October 22. Host musician Ben Becker gave us a brief history of the church and of the three-manual Walker Technical Organ that

was installed in 2020. The varied program included a piano/organ duet based on the tune “Slane” and performed by Ben Becker and Mike Fister. Tom Busted followed with a transcription of a movement from Tchaikovsky’s Third Symphony. Dodd Lamberton offered commentary on “O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross” from Bach’s Orgelbüchlein prior to his performance of the chorale prelude. After sharing interesting and instructive information on the organist and composer T. Frederick Candlyn, who was his mentor, Charles Glandorf played two compositions written by Candlyn. Following the recital, a scrumptious buffet of breakfast treats was served in the fellowship hall. Those who attended enjoyed both the music and the fellowship. Special thanks to Ben Becker, organist at Holy Trinity Memorial, and to Mike Fister, who assisted in coordinating this event.



Bach Big Baroque Blast

Sunday March 19th at 3:00 pm

Come on out, and celebrate the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach, as we celebrate the music of the Baroque period. The event will be at my church, Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd Bethlehem PA 18017. Bring your favorite Baroque piece or pieces, and perform it on our 1956 2 manual and pedal, Moller/Viscount Hybrid organ of 47 ranks. Invite your friends and lovers of early music! Should be a real blast! If you would like to participate, please contact Luke DiGiacinto at lukedigi94@aol.com by February 28, 2023.

[View the stoplist and photos](#) of the Moller/Viscount organ on the website.

Got Used Organ Music?

Do you have duplicates of some of your organ music, or perhaps a stack of organ music you just don’t play anymore? If so, consider donating your discards to the Lehigh Valley AGO depository of organ music. After many years of collecting used organ repertoire, much of it was claimed by students who attended POE+ this past June. So now the chapter is looking to replenish the collection of used music that is housed at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown. If you have any music you wish to donate, simply take it directly to Christ Lutheran, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, or bring it with you to a chapter event and a Board member will be happy to deliver it for you.

Event Calendar

Saturday in January, 28, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. January Jumpstart, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA

Sunday, March 19, 3:00 pm Bach’s Big Birthday Baroque Blast (formerly the Bach Marathon), Advent Moravian Church, Bethlehem

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 p.m. Young Artist’s Recital, Banquet, & Annual Meeting, Featuring Amelie Held, a student of Paul Jacobs

Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

<i>Dale Bonenberger</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>917 328-9041</i>
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<i>Ellen Erb</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 350-0343</i>
<i>Charles Glandorf</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 416-1055</i>
<i>Eric Gombert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 435-1641</i>
<i>Gail Hanzl</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 264-5859</i>
<i>Susan Hartney</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 360-6934</i>

Michael Huffman	Sun–Sat	610 794-6056
Joe Kaczmarek	Mon–Sat	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Sun–Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon–Sat	215 536-4345
Cristina D. Makowicz	Sun–Sat	585 732-8017
James Matz	Sun–Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon–Sat	610 258-5006
Richard McIntyre	Mon–Sat	908 283-4691
Jeffrey Raub	Saturday	484 541-8322
Michael Seroka	Mon–Sat	570 516-7207
Barbara Thompson	Sun–Mon	908 591-4499
Bruce Tonkin	Sun–Sat	610 220-5457
Matthew Wary	Mon–Sat	610 743-0921
Stephen Ziminsky	Mon–Fri	610 417-2669
Freda Zimmerman	Mon–Fri	610 381-3089

Postions Available

Director of Music(2)

Church: Christ Episcopal Church, 205 N 7th Street;
Stroudsburg Pa, 18630, 570-421-7481

Website: christchurchstroudsburg.net

Contact: Fr. Bruce Gowe, 570-421-7481
bgowe01@gmail.com

Weekly services: 1–2

Ensembles: Adult Choir: 8–10 prior to Covid, Handbell choir: 5 and youth choir

Instruments: 2 manual pipe organ

Music budget: \$200 but also works with worship budget

Weekly attendance: 60

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 16–18

Salary: \$15,000–\$18,000

Weeks vacation: 1

Benefits: book/music allowance

Notes: This congregation values music in the life of its worship. We are looking for someone who knows or willing to learn our Anglican tradition but as well as works well across the board from classical to contemporary music. The music program in the past has really been part of the evangelism in the church especially with youth.

January Jumpstart Registration and Schedule

TO REGISTER:

AGO Members (any Chapter) - \$40

Non-members - \$60

Students (ID required) - \$10

Presenters - gratis

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome; Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney

10:00 First Session

a. Organ Masterclass — Damin Spritzer

b. Choral Reading Session for SATB
— Jeff Brillhart

c. Choral Reading Session for SAB/Small Choirs
— Mark Miller

d. Organ 101 — Basics of playing for the new organist — Shelly Moorman-Stahlman

11:00 Second Session

a. Then Sings My Soul: Vocal training
— Tom Trenney

b. Organ Technical Workshop on basics and simple repairs — David Storey

c. Choral Reading Session for SAB, 2pt, small choirs — Mark Miller

12:00 LUNCH

12:30 Keynote Speaker Eileen Hunt

1:10 THIRD SESSION

a. Choral Reading Session for SATB
— Jeff Brillhart

b. Improvisation — Tom Trenney

c. Panel Discussion — “Women and the Sacred Music Profession”

2:10 Chapter Awards

2:30 Recital by Damin Spritzer

3:30 – 4:30 Reception

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Placement Service

See the Placement page on www.lvago.org for information and the Placement Service Information Sheet.

Newsletter Deadline

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