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## October Event

# OCTIBIAFEST!

Featuring music by **Diane Taitt,**  
**Gary Raish and Bob Riday**

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

Home of Bob Riday and Gary Raish  
110 Meadow Run Lane, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

## From New Dean Susan Frickert

Happy Fall, Ya'll!

Tell me if this sounds familiar. You've spent the past summer re-searching and coming up with the perfect anthems and special music for worship services. You're enthusiastically starting to rehearse the music with your various choirs and musical groups, and then things begin to unravel. Your best soprano moves to another state to live with her children. One of your bell ringers walks into rehearsal with an arm cast, as yet another tells you they're going to spend Christmas Eve with their out-of-state family this year and can't play. Your Praise Band drummer will miss the next monthly Praise Service to attend his son's final College Parents' weekend. *Oh, the joys of working with volunteers!* But then you discover to your delight that the little fledging Junior Choir that you formed two years ago sounds ready to sing weeks ahead of schedule, and they're actually starting to "get" this whole singing thing. Out of the blue a new, talented singer joins your teenage choral group. One Sunday a member of the congregation stops you after worship to sincerely tell you how much your music continues to mean to them. *Those little miracles are what give church musicians true joy!* Treasure those miracles, give God thanks for them, and keep your heart open to recognize them in everyone and everything I pray God's richest blessings on your music ministry as you

seek to awaken and strengthen your congregation's faith through your music. *Never doubt that you have a high and holy calling!*

Susan

P.S. I look forward to seeing you at our first fun event - *Octibia*fest on October 13.

## October Event

**Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m. *Octibia*fest! (WHAT?!)**

Just in time to enjoy the beautiful autumn foliage in the Poconos, we're inviting you to take a short drive to Stroudsburg to the home of Bob Riday and Gary Raish for a fall soiree. Bring your favorite pot-luck side dish and enjoy fellowship with special music by vocal duo Diane Taitt and Gary Raish, accompanied by Bob Riday on the theater organ and the piano (not both at once!). You've worked hard to get your choirs in shape for fall worship. Now you deserve some time to unwind and have some fun! See more details later in this newsletter.

## November Event

**A Choral Workshop with Sun Min Lee**  
**Saturday, November 9, 1:30 p.m to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Union Lutheran Church**  
**5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078**

The program entitled, Church and School Choir Director As Musical Leader and Effective Communicator, is free and open to the public. We're looking for volunteers to form the demonstration choir! Do you have singers who would love to experience singing with Sun Min? Or would you?

**\* R.S.V.P. to [sfrickert2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sfrickert2001@yahoo.com)**

**\* if you plan to attend.**

**\* if you plan to sing, indicating your voice part and mailing address.**

(There will be at least one piece you will have to learn in advance)

## Calendar of Events

December

**No LVAGO Event**

January

## January JumpStart

**Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Bryn Mawr Presbyterian**

**Church Choral Clinician Maxine Thévenot**

February

**The one and only MARK MILLER**

(time, date and place to be announced)

March

**A Celebration of J.S.B.**

(time, date and place to be announced)

April

**No LVAGO event!**

May

**Organist/Clergy Dinner and**  
**The Rev. Dr. Karyn Wiseman**

(time, date and place to be announced)

## Upcoming Concerts

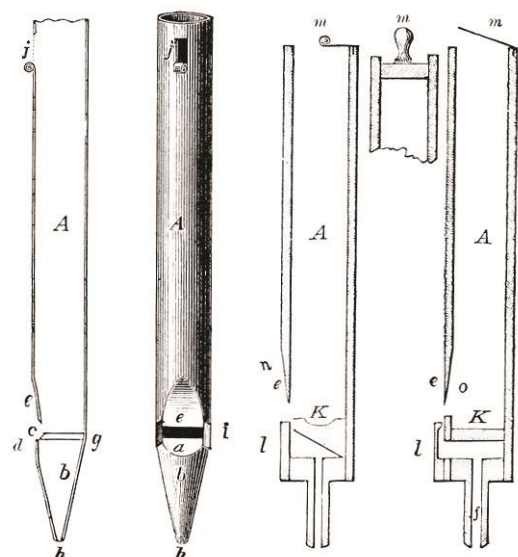
**November 10 (Sunday) 3 p.m.**

**Marisa Deshler, organ**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of organ music featuring music of Bach, Bedard, and Widor.

Grace UCC Church

902 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067



## Music Available

**Nancy Fennell**, St. Timothy Lutheran, Allentown, has quantities of free SATB Praise Anthems to give away. If interested, call her at 610-435-0628.

**Linda Maule**, our chapter's secretary, has multiple copies of quality sacred anthems from several church mergers, which are free. If interested, call her at 610-258-5006.

**Mike Krentz** is our official keeper of good condition used organ music and sacred piano music. If you have used music to donate, call Christ Lutheran's office, 13th & Hamilton, Allentown, 610-433-4271, to make drop-off arrangements. Mike will be bringing the collection to our LVAGO events and everything is free to a good home.

## LVAGO 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](mailto:sfbueker@rcn.com).

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### Placement Service

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### Newsletter Deadline

(October issue) Thursday, October 24, 2024





You're Invited To An  
**Octibiafest!**

A What?

An October social gathering at the Stroudsburg home of  
LVAGO members Bob Riday and Gary Raish

Sunday, October 13, 4:00 PM

This event will be centered on Bob and Gary's Allen theater organ. Bob will play some of his favorite old standards and show tunes, and all are welcome to hop onto the bench and delve into the related but different world of the theater organ. Well known Pocono chanteuse Diane Taitt will be making an appearance as well, singing with Bob at the organ and piano. The intention is for this to be an informal social gathering rather than a formal concert. Bob and Gary will provide the main course of the covered-dish buffet supper. Please bring a side dish, dessert or beverage of some sort.

Spouses/other halves are invited. How about inviting a church music friend who might consider joining our chapter to the party?

Contact Bob or Gary for further info  
and to let them know if you are coming.

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