

La Trompette

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From the Dean

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. One of the highlights of my summer was attending the National AGO Convention in Boston. Not only was it a wonderful opportunity to hear some great music played on top-notch instruments, but a new feature of the convention was to have scholarly research presentations as some of the workshops. I found the presentations I attended to be quite interesting. For me the convention was also an opportunity to spend time with many friends and colleagues and to enjoy being back in Massachusetts.

There was a lot happening right here in Roanoke over the summer with a recital by French organist, Sophie-Veronique Cauchefier-Choplin at St. Andrew's Church; the King of Instruments Recital series at Calvary Baptist, First United Methodist in Salem, and St. Andrew's; the Summer Festival of Organ Music at Christ Episcopal Church; and 4 Sundays @ 4 in Martinsville. There were plenty of opportunities to hear some great organ music in the area this summer. I enjoyed playing on some events and attending others. I wish I could have attended more, but I did enjoy the recitals that I was able to attend.

Attending programs presented by our colleagues is important. Listening to others can inspire us and improve our own work as musicians. Seeing colleagues in the audience means a lot to those performing and our attendance shows others that organists in our community are supportive of each other. Unfortunately, I received one disappointing e-mail this summer that said in part,

"Every time I attend an event of the Roanoke AGO, I think what a shame it is that most of the member organists are so provincial and non-supportive of each other. There are a few of you who seem to attend most events and support your fellow organists, but most do not."

I know that we all have valid reasons for not being able to attend as many programs as we would like, but I bring this to your attention to raise awareness of the impression that some in the general community have about the organist community. Please keep this in mind this year as you make decisions about attending concerts presented by your colleagues. I know I will definitely make an even better effort to attend programs when I can.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra LeBrun". To the right of the signature is a small musical note symbol.

Debra LeBrun

Dean

Roanoke AGO



AGO Membership Renewal

Thank you to those of you who have already gone online and renewed your AGO membership. So far, I have heard about very few glitches in the process. Many of you have still not renewed and I know that we have all been busy doing other things over the summer, like enjoying some well-earned vacation time. It is very easy and quick to renew online and you can still send in a check to the National office if you don't want to use a credit card. You should have received an email from the National office about renewing your AGO membership. If you can no longer find the email go to <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. Your login is your first initial followed by your last name. Your password is your membership number, which can be found on your TAO mailing label. Those members that do not have an email address on file with the National office should have been contacted by regular mail. Feel free to contact me if you have any problems.

One nice feature of the new online membership system is the "Find a Guild Member" menu option where you can now find contact information for any AGO member. Because of this feature we will be replacing our chapter's online membership list with a link to the National website's membership system. This will help protect our members' privacy since now their contact info can only be found by those who are able to log on to the national AGO website. Also, when you do have a change in your contact information you can immediately go online and change your information. This will help both the National office and the local chapter keep membership information up-to-date.

Please take the time this week to process your membership renewal. Thank you for your continued support of the Roanoke Chapter of the American Guild of Organists!

Roanoke AGO Upcoming Programs

We will be celebrating the rebuilding of two local instruments this fall. The organ at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, which is now an Allen/Moller hybrid organ, and the organ at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church, which had the console rebuilt and updated and has had a few Walker digital stops added.

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER PROGRAM



INAUGURAL ORGAN CONCERT

*presented by
Karen Jones Harwood
Sunday, September 21, 2014
2:00 pm
Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
3591 Windsor Road, SW,
Roanoke Virginia*

<i>Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	<i>David German</i>
<i>Prelude and Fugue in D Major</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
<i>Homage to Fritz Kreisler</i>	<i>Robert Hebble</i>
<i>Allegro (Fantasia in F Minor, K. 594)</i>	<i>W. A. Mozart</i>
<i>Good King Wenceslas</i>	<i>Richard Elliott</i>
<i>Fantaisie in Eb</i>	<i>Camille Saint-Saëns</i>
<i>The Moon Lady</i>	<i>Chelsea Chen</i>
<i>Rhumba</i>	<i>Robert Elmore</i>

Following the recital there will be an Open Console time for all AGO members. You are invited to explore the instrument and try it out.

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OCTOBER CHAPTER PROGRAM



Dedicatory Organ Recital

Presented by

Debra LeBrun

Sunday, October 19, 2014

2:00 pm

Raleigh Court United Methodist Church

1706 Grandin Rd. SW

Roanoke, VA 24015

Following the recital there will be an Open Console time for all AGO members. You are invited to explore the instrument and try it out.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER PROGRAM

HYMNS BY FANNY CROSBY WITH PIE

Sunday, November 9, 4:00 PM

Greene Memorial United Methodist Church

402 Second St. SW, Roanoke , VA



In November, we will enjoy two great southern traditions: singing hymns and eating pie!! Invite your friends and congregation to join you at this year's Hymn Sing. We will sing and learn about the prolific hymn writer Fanny Crosby and some of her most beloved hymns, like "Blessed Assurance" and "To God Be the Glory". Following the Hymn Sing we will be selling pies, by the slice and whole, as a fundraiser for our Chapter programs. If you are willing to bake a pie or even multiple pies please contact Debra LeBrun at debra@rcumc.org, or 540-344-6011. The pies were delicious last year!!



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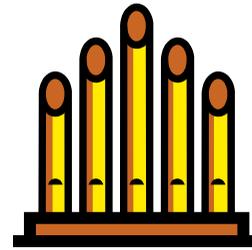
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Job Openings

Masons Cove Church of the Brethren near Salem needs a Pianist for their 11:00 am Sunday Services and occasional other services. Please contact Pastor Tom Powers at tom.powers.cob@gmail.com or 540-420-0847, 4609 Surrey Ave NW, Roanoke, VA 24017-2435. We are looking for someone to play piano for our services - mostly hymns and would be available for playing most Sundays of the month. We have a High School student from another church that helps out about one Sunday a month. We currently pay \$ 50 for playing the 4 hymns & 4 service music pieces, which could also be hymns or the pianist's choice: Prelude, Postlude, Offertory, and Doxology – presentation of offering. The pay is somewhat negotiable. We are a small church of about 20 - 30 in attendance, but want to be accommodating.

Summerdean Church of the Brethren, Roanoke VA is seeking an organist to play at our 11:30AM Sunday service and provide accompaniment at choir practice. Please express your interest to the Church Office at (540) 366-6835.

Bethlehem UMC Moneta is seeking a part time pianist to work collaboratively with the Choir Director/Organist to provide piano accompaniment on the Steinway for two Sunday morning services, Christmas and Easter cantatas, and Thursday evening rehearsals. There are opportunities to perform duets as well. An application for this salaried position is available at BUMCmoneta@gmail.com or by calling 540-297-7957.

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