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HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!

FAIRFIELD WEST COMPOSER'S FORUM

On January 22nd, Fairfield West Chapter is sponsoring a Composer's Forum at the Greens Farms Congregational Church in Westport, 71 Hillandale Road, Westport, Ct, 06880 at 4:00 P.M (snow date will be Feb 5th at the same time and place)

I encourage all our members who like to write to present examples of their work to our chapter members and any guests they may want to bring. We are also encouraging other non-member composers to join us in offering their new music for the church. Do you know someone?

We had a very successful forum last year, with a dozen or so presenters and with enough in attendance to be able to form a small choir for the choral music offered. It was fun, informative and artistically revealing of the off-times unknown gifts of our colleagues and musician friends.

Please contact me, david_b_johnson@snet.net, if you are able and willing to offer some of your music; or to suggest a non-member who would also be interested.

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FUTURE FAIRFIELD WEST CHAPTER EVENTS 2016-17

Sunday afternoon, April 2 at 4 p.m.

The chapter invites members to share your favorite organ and choral music for the liturgical year. First Congregational Church, Ridgefield.

Sunday afternoon, June 4 at 4 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting/social event at Bertucci's Restaurant in Darien.

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CALENDAR – January 2017

Sunday, January 22 at 5 PM

Choral Evensong-St Cecilia Choir of Girls. Music by Philip Moore, Sumsion, and Wesley.
Christ Church, Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT

Sunday, January 29 at 4:00PM

The Sperry Sisters in concert -Faith Ferry, Rachel Langdon, Elizabeth Brown, and Christine Sperry, sing many of their favorites from over the years, as well as some new pieces especially arranged for this afternoon's program. First Congregational Church, 103 Main St, Ridgefield, CT

Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM

Choral Evensong on the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Choir of Men & Boys, with the Christ Church Scholars, Music by Smith, Gibbons and Eccard.
Christ Church, Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT

Sunday, February 5 at 3 PM

Organ Recital by Jamie Hitel - Music by Bach, Tomkins, Sandvold, Alain, Franck.
Admission Free. Christ Church, Greenwich, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT.

LOOKING AHEAD

Young Organists Encouraged to Apply for Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival

(Minneapolis, MN) Lutheran Music Program has selected Kenneth Miller to serve as the Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Leege Chapel Organist at the 2017 Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 25th to July 23rd on the campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music and Organist and Choirmaster of the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Miller will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class, and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Miller will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

Lutheran Summer Music is a four-week residential training and performance program. Each summer, LSM brings together 150+ 8-12 grade band, orchestra, choir, keyboard and organ students from the U.S. and abroad in a supportive, intentional community.

AGO members from the Fairfield West Chapter are invited to refer students for the 2017 convening of Lutheran Summer Music Academy. All students using the application code AGO200 will receive an automatic \$200 tuition discount. Other merit and need-based assistance is available.

For more information, go to lutheransummermusic.org or contact Dietrich Jessen and Kristina Rodel, Admissions Directors at 888.635.6583 or email at admissions@lutheransummermusic.org.

Scholarship Competition

The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists would like to let you know about our plans to host a Scholarship Competition on Saturday, March 18th, 2017, in hopes that you might be able to connect us with prospective participants. This will be our chapter's second time hosting such an event, after a very successful 2016 competition in which we awarded significant prizes to three very talented young organists.

The competition is open to both high school and college organists, with no age or locational requirements. College applicants must be taking organ lessons for credit through their schools and high school applicants must be taking organ lessons with a private teacher. The application deadline is February 18th, 2017. The application and more information, including repertoire requirements, is available at www.brooklynago.org/ScholarshipCompetition We would tremendously appreciate any help you could offer in spreading awareness about this opportunity to any students, teachers, professional peers, or AGO members whom you believe may be interested.

Hartford POE July 23-28, 2017

Hartford is continuing their commitment to the region by hosting a POE next summer, based at the beautiful Trinity College. Registration will be open in January. Vaughn Mauren Coordinator, vmauren@gmail.com

Montreal Organ Festival - July 1-7, 2017

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Position Open

Salem Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Bridgeport, CT (on the Fairfield line)
Organist/Choir Director with skilled in all musical styles. Responsibilities include accompanying one Sunday worship service at 9:30, rehearsing an adult choir of 15-20 dedicated volunteers, working with the pastor, and meeting periodically with the Music and Worship Committee. Well-maintained 22-rank Austin organ, Korg synthesizer, multiple pianos, and hand chimes. Salary commensurate with responsibilities, experience, and expertise. Starting date negotiable. Please email resumes to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net. For more information, please contact Karl Kraft, Office Manager, at 203-336-3300, or email him at the above address.

Free choir robes

Blue choir robes available, sizes from children to adults. FREE! Washable and in good condition, academic type robes with a front zipper. If interested, please contact Rick Tripodi at Greens Farms Congregational Church, Westport, at: rick@greensfarmschurch.org.