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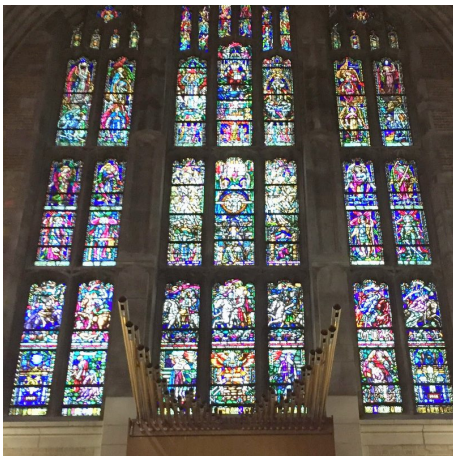
April 2019

March 17 Trip to West Point

Cadet Chapel organist Craig Williams talked about the organ before his recital and gave a tour of the instrument following.



Above, Craig Williams on the left with West Chester and Fairfield West Chapter members at dinner following Craig's Recital. Below, the trompette-en-chamade under the window on the north end of the Cadet Chapel.



FINAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 4 PM

Annual Business Meeting/Social at Bertucci's in Darien.
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CALENDAR –April 2019

Wednesday, April 3 at 12:15 PM

Lenten Organ Recital Series - Rick Tripodi, Director of Music, Green's Farms Church, Westport First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road • Fairfield, CT
203-259-8396. www.firstchurchfairfield.org

Wednesday, April 3 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments – Diana Benton, soprano
First Congregational Church of New Canaan, 23 Park St, New Canaan, CT

Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 PM

Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists - The purpose of these competitions is to encourage younger organists to pursue excellence, to gain performance experience, to develop service playing skills, and to receive recognition for their achievements. The competition in New Haven is co-sponsored by the New Haven and New York chapters of the American Guild of Organists. The winner of the New Haven competition will compete at the regional final, which will be held at the 2019 AGO Northeast Regional Convention in Buffalo, NY. Church of the Redeemer (185 Cold Spring St) in New Haven...

Sunday, April 7 at 3 PM

Mark Miller Workshop – a workshop on gospel and contemporary music in worship, led by the musician, Mark Miller. . He is Associate Professor of Church Music and Composer in Residence at Drew University in Madison NJ, and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. Mark's compositions are sung throughout the United Methodist Church and other denominations and his works can also be found at Hinshaw Press, Hope Publishing, and Pilgrim Press. The workshop will be held at the Great Hall at Yale's Institute of Sacred Music, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven. The event is free, but we ask you to sign up at info@sacredmusicct.org. Sponsored by the New haven Chapter AGO

Monday, April 8 at 7:30 PM

Choral Concert - Chamber Chorale Hobart and William Smith Colleges under the direction of Dr. Robert Cowles The program will include choral works by Janequin, Tomkins, Schütz, Paul John Rudoj, Eric Whitacre, and more. In addition the chamber ensemble Cantori will perform a newly commissioned work by Alex Freeman. The concert is free and open to the public; donations will be gratefully accepted. First Congregational Church of Greenwich 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich.

Wednesday, April 10 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments - Aram Tchobanian, tenor
First Congregational Church of New Canaan, 23 Park St, New Canaan, CT

Wednesday, April 10 at 12:15 PM

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Wednesday, April 10 at 7.30 PM

Music for Passiontide - Sung by The Choir of Lincoln College Oxford, England
Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT

Wednesday, April 17 at Noon

Lenten Musical Moments - Anush Avetisyan, soprano
First Congregational Church of New Canaan, 23 Park St, New Canaan, CT

Friday, April 19th at 7 PM

Behold the Darkness – A Tenebrae Service with music by Benjamin Harlan, Presented by the Immanuel Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 18 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT

Friday, April 19 at 7:30 PM

A Service of Music and Readings for Good Friday - The First Congregational Church of Greenwich Chancel Choir, Dr. Craig Scott Symons, Minister of Music, along with oboist Dorothy Darlington. Music by Rutter, Ireland, Brahms, Martin, and Stainer. First Congregational Church of Greenwich 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich.

May 2019

Sunday, May 5 at 4 PM

“At a Loss of Innocence” – Brian Giebler, tenor, and Steven McGhee, piano features British composers Ivor Gurney and Benjamin Britten who set some of their most intense life experiences to music as young men during wartime. These artists dealt with colossal shifts in their world by setting intensely intimate music to equally beautiful words. Free will offering. First Congregational Church of Greenwich Auditorium, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich.

Opportunity for Singers

The Village Singers of Westchester, Kathleen Theisen, Music Director, welcomes new singers of all voice types. Rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7-9PM at Atria, King Street, Rye Brook, NY (across the street from St Paul's Catholic Church in Greenwich). Repertoire includes Faure Requiem, Franck Psalm 150, and other works by Bach, Palestrina, Vecchi, and Gastoldi, as well as a variety of music around the theme of 'dancing through spring' from Broadway, TV, and popular music. Performances are in early June. Contact kathleentheisen@icloud.com or 203-561-6623 for more info. <https://www.facebook.com/TheVillageSingersOfWestchester/>

Other Events

AGO 2019



Registration is now open for AGO Buffalo Niagara 2019, the Northeast Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists! Please join us for an amazing week of world-class organs, organists, architecture and natural beauty.

Featured artists include **Nathan Laube** performing on the Hook & Hastings/Andover Centennial Organ at St. Joseph Cathedral, **Chelsea Chen** on the 151 Rank Möller/Parsons Organ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, **Katelyn Emerson** on the C.B. Fisk Organ at the University at Buffalo and **David Higgs** on the 81 Rank Aeolian-Skinner Organ at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Additional performances include outstanding artists **Michael Hey, Bruce Neswick, Judy Congdon, Abigail Rockwood, Stephen Price, Roland Martin** and **Joshua Stafford** and the choral groups **Vocalis** and the **Harmonia Chamber Singers**. Convention-goers will also be able to hear the Wurlitzer Theater Organ at historic Shea's Theater in a performance by world-renowned theater organist, **Richard Hills**. A commissioned anthem for choir and organ by **Carson Cooman** will be also premiered at the opening service.

The very affordable early regular registration fee of just \$350 includes the transportation package for the entire week and three lunches. The AGOYO (young organists under 30 years of age) registration fee is only \$50 to encourage as many of our young organists to attend as possible!

You will not want to miss this convention in Buffalo, a city in the midst of an amazing cultural re-birth. Please come join us!

More information and a link to register are available at www.Buffalo2019.org. We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo from July 1-4, 2019.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS - 2019

The 2019 Pipe Organ Encounters are open for registration! Enrollment is starting to fill up, with one event already half full. Early registration deadlines range from March 1 to March 31 across six POE sites. Scholarships are available for all POEs offered in 2019.

This year, for the first time, one of the traditional POEs is taking place in Europe, hosted by the Finland Chapter in Helsinki. Three other POEs are in the Northeast, North Central, and West Regions of the USA: Cape Cod, Mass.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Seattle, Wash.

Go to: <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/> for more information and to apply.