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## **Fairfield West Chapter Events 2019-20**

### **Saturday, October 19 at 1 PM and Evening Concert**

#### **Connecticut Choral Festival**

First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich  
Co-sponsored by Fairfield West Chapter AGO  
Details and music to be sung can be found on [Page 2](#)

#### **Date TBA – January** **Epiphany Party**

Site to be announced

#### **Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m.** **Conducting from the Console Workshop**

Featuring Dr. Andrew Henderson, from Madison Ave.  
Presbyterian Church, NYC, and the new Klais organ at  
Saugatuck Congregational Church  
Westport

#### **June 7, 2020 – Time TBA** **Annual Business Meeting and Social**

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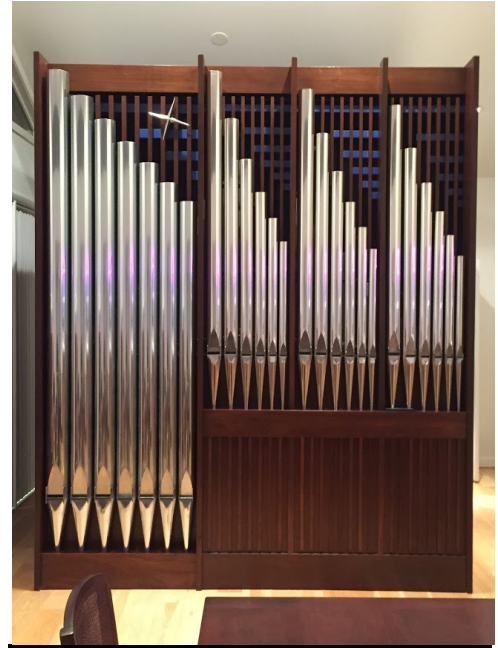
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## **WELCOME BACK PARTY**

On Saturday, September 28, 10 chapter members gathered for an evening of food, fellowship and music at the home of chapter member Lisa Martin and her Casavant Organ. Many of us took the opportunity to play the organ. It was wonderful to meet several new members and we invite them become involved in more chapter activities.



Lisa Martin discusses the work involved in renovating her house and making additions to the Casavant organ.

Many thanks to Lisa for hosting our group, and to members who brought refreshments.

## **! NEW WEBSITE !**

Please check out our new and updated website here: <http://fairfieldwestago.com/>  
Many thanks to Dr. Sean Jackson who has worked hard to put this together in a format that is more user friendly, allowing some of us to help update. Please check out all of the tabs and pages. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

## **CHAPTER EVENTS**

### **Saturday, October 19 at 1 PM and Evening Concert**

Our October event as co-sponsor with First Congregational Church of Greenwich will be The Connecticut Choral Festival. Here is more information from board member Craig Symons:

The Connecticut Choral Festival will be held at First Congregational Church in Greenwich on Saturday, October 19 from 1 - 5 p.m. for rehearsal, meal, and evening concert. Our guest conductor will be Tom Trenney, Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. This festival is sponsored by the United Church of Church Musicians Association and Fairfield West Chapter of the AGO.

The repertoire Tom has chosen is as follows:

- The Music of Living- Dan Forrest
- If Ye Love Me- Philip Wilby
- Let Us Not Become Weary- Benjamin Kornelis
- Love- Elaine Hagenberg
- Keep Your Lamps. arr. Andre Thomas
- Walk Together Children- African-American spiritual/ arr. Moses Hogan
- I Will Make a Way- Tom Trenney

Approximate cost for all works is around \$15 and should be purchased on your own through your preferred music distributor. Meal cost will be \$10. Tom may include another “war horse” public domain work, but that remains undecided right now. And there will be a couple of congregational hymns. Please come to the day having learned your music in advance so Tom can mold the choir with the mastery he brings to us.

Tom has been a personal friend since 2002, when he and I were serving congregations in suburban Detroit. For 9 years, I was privileged to sing with sounding light, a professional choral ensemble in Detroit that Tom still directs. During that time, his depth of the choral art combined with his humility as a conductor produced some of the most memorable musical experiences in my career.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me [atcraigs@fccog.org](mailto:atcraigs@fccog.org) or call the church 203-637-1791 ext 822

**Chapter members and their choirs are invited to take part in this festival.**

## **CALENDAR –October 2019**

### **Sunday, October 13 at 2 PM**

**Pipes, Stops & Bellows Through the Ages-** Experience the new handcrafted Klais Pipe Organ at Saugatuck Congregational Church. Hear music from the 1100s through today from Fairfield County Music Directors Heather A. Hamilton, Edward Thompson, Michael Burnette and Craig Symons. Saugatuck Congregational Church  
245 Post Road East, Westport

### **Sunday, October 13 at 5 PM**

**Organ Recital** - Nathan Lively will be joined by Peggy Brengle in keyboard duets on the Richard, Fowkes & Co. and Klopp organs, as well as the newly restored Mason and Hamlin AA grand piano. St. John's Lutheran Church, 884 Newfield Ave, Stamford

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### **Saturday, October 19 at 6:30 PM**

**Evensong** – Sung by the Chapel Choir from University of the South, Sewanee. Christ Church, 254 E Putnam Ave, Greenwich

### **Sunday October 20 at 4 PM**

**Concert** - A Two of Harps - Two harps played by Wendy Kerner and Teresa Mango will perform a Spanish and French program. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Donation: \$20. Reserve your seats at: [twoharps.eventbrite.com](http://twoharps.eventbrite.com) Emmanuel Church, 285 Lyons Plain Road, Weston.

### **Sunday, October 20 at 5PM**

**Choral Evensong and Organ Recital** – The choirs of Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport sing the choral music of living American composers – David Ashley White, Bruce Neswick, Craig Phillips, and Carson Cooman. Due to the ongoing restoration of CHT's sanctuary, the service and recital takes place at Saugatuck Congregational Church, just up the hill from CHT (245 Post Road East). Chase Loomer, a second year master's student of Martin Jean at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, plays the service and recital on Saugatuck's brand new Klais organ from Bonn, Germany. All are welcome to greet one another and enjoy refreshments in Hoskins Hall following the recital. For more information, call (203) 227-0827.

### **Oct. 20, Sunday at 7PM**

**Jazz&Musings** (formerly Jazz Vespers) - The Weather In Song, a program of classic songs by Harold Arlen, Johnny Burke, George Gershwin, Jimmy McHugh, Burton Lane, and James Van Heusen introduced by short humorous or serious readings. Leigh Henry, Vocals; Dave Savitsky, Saxophone; Martha Meyer, Keyboard; Matt Dwonszyk, Double Bass; Jim Royle, Percussion.

A reception follows. Suggested donation \$15 for adults. Students free. GPS address 184 Cross Highway, Redding, CT. Location at the corner of route 58 and Cross Highway.

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### **Tuesday, October 22 at 7 PM**

**Voces8 Concert** – Concerts at St. James’s will present the only New England appearance of VOCES8 when the famed ensemble makes a rare, limited tour to the United States in the fall of 2019. Tickets for the performance at ST. James’s Episcopal Church in West Hartford can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voces8-in-concert-tickets-59120498001>  
St. James’s Episcopal Church, 1018 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Saturday, November 2 at 5PM**

**The Kingdom Choir** – The London-based gospel choir, known to audiences around the world through their show-stopping rendition of Stand By Me at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, brings their message of love, hope, and inspiration to Westport on their first-ever North American tour. Tickets at [www.chtwestport.org/tickets](http://www.chtwestport.org/tickets). Reception follows in the Great Hall. Christ & Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport. (203) 227-0827.

### **Sunday, November 3 at 5PM**

**Choral Evensong** - Music of Howells (Gloucester Service), Philips, and Willan. Dr. Kola Owolabi, Nigerian-Canadian organist, currently the Professor of Organ at the University of Michigan, plays the service and a 30-minute recital on the Wilhelm Organ. Trinity Episcopal Church 651 Pequot Ave, Southport.

### **Encore Organ Scholarship 2019-2020**

The New Haven Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) strongly encourages and supports young people in learning to play the pipe organ. Succession planning is an important part of any profession and being an organist and church musician is no exception. We are seeking music students, ages 10 to 16, who are interested in studying with a qualified local organist. Scholarships will be given in an amount sufficient to pay for 10 hour-long organ lessons. More frequent, shorter lessons can be arranged if this is amenable to the teacher and scholarship recipient. Scholarship recipients will take part in a short recital at the end of the year of study. Scholarships will be awarded after the Chapter has reviewed the applications and auditions of all scholarship applicants.

## Requirements:

- Applicants should be between the ages of 10 and 16 as of September 1, 2019 and have had at least two years of piano/keyboard study. We expect applicants to be able to read music with reasonable fluency and play the keyboard equally well with both hands.
- Applicants will be asked to meet with our scholarship committee for a short interview and audition. Applicants will be asked to play two pieces of contrasting styles. The applicant may choose to play on either the piano or organ. At least one of the pieces should be from classical repertoire (Baroque – Modern). The second piece may be any of the following genres: Classical, pop, jazz or a hymn.
- Auditions will be scheduled after review of all applications received. They will be held in November and/or December of 2019.
- Applicants may not be high school seniors at the time of application.
- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.
- Scholarships are intended for study in New Haven County.
- Applications are due on September 30, 2019 along with a written recommendation by a music teacher.
- All questions should be directed to Jay Lindsay, Education Coordinator of the New Haven AGO Chapter. He can be contacted by email at [jaylindsay1@gmail.com](mailto:jaylindsay1@gmail.com).

## Other Events

**The Waterbury Chapter AGO would like to invite AGO members from adjacent chapters to participate in our Youth Choir Festival** with Gabriel Lovfall on **March 14, 2020**.

### **Repertoire list – Waterbury Chapter American Guild of Organists Youth Choir Festival – March 14, 2020**

Gabriel Lovfall, director

Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – Jodi Lindh (Chorister's Guild CGA583) (Unison and optional handbells)

Everywhere I Go – Natalie Sleeth – (Chorister's Guild CGA171) (2 pt)

Pie Jesu – Mary Lynn Lightfoot (Heritage Choral Series 15/1227H) (2 pt)

Tumefurahi – Dave and Jean Perry – (Chorister's Guild CGA1462)

This Little Light of Mine – Mark Patterson – (Chorister’s Guild CGA1108) (2 pt)  
God Is Always There – Toni Sullivan – (Chorister’s Guild CGA1590) (Unison)  
How Can I Keep From Singing? – Paul Halley – (Pelagos PEL2034) (SSA) You may contact Bill Degan to get this music ([dblopen32@gmail.com](mailto:dblopen32@gmail.com)) since there is a 40 copy minimum when ordering from Pelagos. Please contact Toni Sullivan ([sullivantt@gmail.com](mailto:sullivantt@gmail.com)) to express your interest in the festival.