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Message from the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It took me several days to “come down” following the OAS recital by Notre Dame organist Vincent Dubois. During the brief time that he stayed in our home in preparation for his recital at Saint Paul Cathedral, Lisa and I enjoyed his wonderful conversation about the Parisian organ scene, the Notre Dame renovations, and about his personal life. His recital was extraordinary, played completely from memory, and ended with an improvisation that he could have played for Mass in Notre Dame.

A week earlier, I had a wonderful conversation with theater organist Peter Krasinski at Keystone Oaks High School before his concert. We discussed double touch action, and he shared his enjoyment of sailing.

Often when chatting with visiting musicians, the most interesting conversation is about the non-musical activities that energize and relax them.

I mention this because as busy musicians, we all need some ‘time off’ or time to do ‘other things’.

During these hectic times leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas, I hope that you take some time to enjoy the season, rake some leaves, spend time on a hobby, and meet with cherished friends.

Then, come back rejuvenated and inspired to continue the good work that we do. So many people depend on us, especially in the weeks to come.

Ken

Kenneth Danchik, FAGO

Dean

Mark Your Calendars

Our January meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:30 PM at Saint Rosalia Church (now a part of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish), 411 Greenfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207. The program will be a demonstration of the newly refurbished instrument completed by Luley Organ Company. Several staff members of the Luley team will demonstrate the unique features and describe the challenges to upgrade and refurbish the organ.

From Joe Tuttle of the Luley Organ Company:

The organ at St. Rosalia Church was originally built by Fratelli Balbiani in 1925 for the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in New York City. When the organ was slated to be replaced in 1958 a portion of it was acquired and installed at St. Rosalia's in Pittsburgh. Over the years the organ deteriorated and was partially rebuilt in the late 1990s. In 2022 Luley Organ Company overhauled the instrument and carried out much needed repairs and revoicing. Several badly damaged ranks of pipes were replaced, the solid state relay was completely rewired, new electric swell expression motors were installed, and considerable repairs were carried out to the wind chests. The facade pipes were stripped of decades worth of paint and refinished. The console was also reprogrammed to afford organists with more color choices. The organ currently possesses a specification of 19 ranks and 45 speaking stops spread across three manuals and pedal.

Message from the Dean of Greensburg AGO Chapter
The memorial service for John Salveson will be held on Saturday,
Dec 3, at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg.

John was a vibrant, kind and talented man whose passion for the organ and the guild brought so much to our chapter. I am sure that many of us will plan to be there to remember our dear departed friend and colleague.

Most sincerely,
Kelly Doman, Dean

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m. organ prelude, 7:00 p.m. Concert

The Genevans Choir Annual Christmas Concerts: "The Blessings of Christmas"

Description: A beloved Christmas tradition in the Beaver Valley featuring 70-voice mixed choir of Geneva College plus a barbershop group and women's ensemble. Michael Kearney will accompany on organ and perform a 30-minute prelude. Admission is free.

Date: Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3

Time: 6:30 p.m. organ prelude, 7:00 p.m. concert

First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls, 1103 Eighth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Music in a Great Space, the concert series at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, welcomes the Pittsburgh Camerata, presenting the program "Christmas with the Camerata," on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

For this concert, the Camerata will be joined by special guests, the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School Women's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Marissa Ulmer.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.pittsburghcamerata.org or at the door.

For more information on the Music in a Great Space series, call 412.682.4300, or visit www.shadysidepres.org.

Event Location: Shadyside Presbyterian Church, 5121 Westminster Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Vespers: Candlelight Communion

Join us at Shadyside Presbyterian Church for vespers on Wednesdays in Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

These 45-minute candlelight Communion services include the Lord's Supper, a homily, and music offered by the Shadyside Strings, Chatham Baroque, and the Pittsburgh Girls Choir.

For more information, call 412.682.4300, or visit www.shadysidepres.org.

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Saturday, December 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

César Franck - The Three Chorales

Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of César Franck's birth

Edward Alan Moore, organist.

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 South Highland Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Advent Choral Concert

Shadyside Presbyterian Church presents an Advent choral concert on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

The Shadyside Chancel Choir, along with the Shadyside Strings and pianist Ellen Fast, will present music of composer Gerald Finzi, including *In Terra Pax*, *Magnificat*, and *Ecolgue for Piano and Strings*. No tickets are necessary for admission; donations are appreciated. Please consider arriving early to enjoy warm beverages and desserts as part of the church's community open house from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18, 4 p.m.

10th Annual Handel's Messiah Sing Along Concert- Calvary United Methodist Church

Featuring Calvary's Festival Choir and soloists Anna Singer, Kara Cornell, Kirk Dougherty, and Matthew Hunt

Ticket prices and all details can be found at Calvarypgh.com

Announcement for help:

Calvary United Methodist church is asking for volunteer organists to help with the Allegheny West Victorian House Tour on December 9th from 5-8 pm and December 10th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Choose a 1-2 hour time slot and play festive music as the guests enter and exit the church. Calvary will supply you with lunch from our Cafe and a chance to take the tour for free. If you would like the chance to play Calvary's 1895 Farrand & Votey organ and for more details please contact Brian Burns at BSBurns77@aol or 724-388-3246.

Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

On Sunday, December 18, at 11:00 a.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church invites you to a Service of Lessons and Carols. Based on the service begun at King's College, Cambridge, in 1918, the Service of Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of a Messiah, and the birth of Jesus through a series of Scripture readings, carols, hymns, and choral anthems. Please join with Shadyside Presbyterian Church's pastors and the Shadyside Chancel Choir as together we celebrate in word and in song the joys of the Christmas season.

For more information on the Music in a Great Space series, call 412.682.4300, or visit www.shadysidepres.org.
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Saturday, December 24, 2022, at 7:40 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Shadyside Presbyterian Church presents a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. The beloved traditional service is preceded by an extended prelude for choir and harp beginning at 7:40 p.m. and concludes with a ceremony of lights.

For more information, call 412.682.4300, or visit www.shadysidepres.org.

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