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Message from the Dean

Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope you enjoyed the March 20th program as much as I did! It was great to see our members’ interest in the art of improvisation with presenter Richard Fitzgerald, and to experience the hospitality of Shadyside Presbyterian Church and music director Mark Anderson. YouTube statistics indicate that over 230 people viewed the program.

A nominating committee composed of Christine Clewell, Bob Senay, Wayne Ernest, Frank Kurtik, and Ken Danchik is working to identify members for important chapter leadership positions. Soon you will be notified about the slate of candidates and the election process. A program committee will meet to plan for our next season.

Elected officers and committee chairpersons continue to organize and facilitate the many functions and programs that are vital to our chapter.

Thanks to all who make our home chapter a success. We need you and appreciate your talents and dedication!

Ken

Kenneth Danchik, FAGO

Dean

Message from the Sub Dean

Monday, April 24, 2023: “Accessible Contemporary Repertoire by Composers from Near and Far”

Greetings, PitAGO Friends and Colleagues,

On Monday, April 24, at 7:30P, please join us for another monthly opportunity to gather with your colleagues to learn and gather new literature ideas from our guest presenter. The April program is called, “Accessible Contemporary Repertoire by Composers from Near and Far.” Delivered by Carson Cooman, this informative presentation will include the discussion and performance of selections of unfamiliar repertoire that can be used in our weekly service playing duties. Carson Cooman is an American composer and organist who specializes in the performance of contemporary music. A graduate of Harvard University and Carnegie Mellon University, since 2006, Cooman is Composer in Residence at the Memorial Church, Harvard University.

The program will take place in the sanctuary at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 615 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219. In terms of parking, all are welcome to park in the US Steel Tower garage for a mere \$2.00. This garage is located near the church at 600 Grant Street, 15219. Those who choose to park in this location should bring their ticket to the church, and a sticker will be affixed to the ticket to ensure the discounted parking cost. When you exit the US Steel Tower garage, you should insert the ticket into the machine, at which time the large garage should go up for your departure. Bring your questions to the meeting.

What can you expect from this program?

Carson Cooman describes this program as such: “Musical selections will be shared of (likely!) unfamiliar repertoire. The focus will be on pieces that are practical for service playing and will include both American and foreign composers. Some are traditionally published, and others draw from newer online sources for self-publishing and direct availability. I will talk about the composers (all of whom I have closely worked with and know personally) and play excerpts from sample pieces to provide a taste for further exploration. A hand-out will be provided with information on the repertoire.” During the program, time will also be afforded for discussion—everyone is encouraged to ask about the music that Cooman will perform as well as regarding his own works and the state of the scene today for the composition of sacred organ and choral music.

As an organ recitalist, Carson Cooman specializes in the performance of contemporary music. Over 300 new compositions by more than 100 international composers have been written for him. Cooman has made many recordings as organist, including more than 15 complete CD releases of music

by Thomas Åberg, Paula Diehl, Carlotta Ferrari, Lothar Graap, Eva-Maria Houben, Marian Sawa, and Andreas Willscher, along with several multi-composer albums. His recordings of more than 5,000 additional contemporary organ compositions (representing the work of more than 650 composers) can be heard freely from YouTube and his website. Having worked in music publishing for various houses since 2000, he has been editor of organ publications for Lorenz Publishing Co. and Sacred Music Press since 2015. As a composer, Cooman has created a catalog of works in many forms—ranging from solo instrumental pieces to operas, and from orchestral works to hymn tunes. His work has been performed on all six inhabited continents and appears on over 60 recordings, including more than 40 complete Cooman CDs on the Naxos, Albany, Artek, Gothic, Divine Art, Métier, Diversions, Convivium, Altarus, MSR Classics, Raven, and Zimbel labels. For more information, visit **carsoncooman.com**

We wish to thank our host, Sr. Cynthia A Pock, n/OLF, AAGO, Cantor at First Lutheran Church. Cynthia’s dedication of time and service to the Program Committee are appreciated, along with that of Craig Dobbins and Frank Kurtik.

For further information about Carson Cooman and First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, see the links that appear below:

Carson Cooman

<https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/people/carson-p-cooman>

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church

<https://flcpittsburgh.org/>

Mark Your Calendars for the Members' Recital on May 22, 2023!

Event: This event will be hosted by Doug Starr, DMA, featuring the music of PitAGO Composers; a celebrative Centenary Anniversary reception will immediately follow the recital.

Performers: There is still room for additional performers—consider participating, preparing, and sharing the music of PitAGO Composers. Please contact Frank Kurtik and Sub-Dean, Christine Clewell with your interest, title of your selection (s), and the performance time(s). All are welcome to perform their own works, or those written by our chapter members. We can be reached at these email addresses:

Frank Kurtik, fkurtik@yahoo.com

Christine Clewell, orgel@iup.edu

Venue: Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

From the Registrar

Greetings! I have been informed of one directory listing which needs needs updated.

Please add to your records!

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Have a nice spring!

Jeff Gray

Registrar

Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church continues its observance of Holy Week with a Tenebrae service that includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper and music offered by Chatham Baroque.

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

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

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Good Friday Service of Music and Readings

Friday, April 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m., Shadyside Presbyterian Church continues its observance of Holy Week with a Good Friday Service of Music and Readings, featuring composer John Stainer's setting of *The Crucifixion*, offered by the Shadyside Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, organ, and strings, under the direction of Dr. Mark A. Anderson. In addition to the choral offering, the service will include prayers and hymns.

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

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

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Organ Recital by Pam Shaw

Church of the Ascension (Anglican)

4729 Ellsworth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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