

ENCHAMADE

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NEWSLETTER

"TO FOSTER A THRIVING COMMUNITY OF MUSICIANS WHO SHARE
THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND INSPIRE PASSION FOR THE ORGAN."



THE WINCHESTER CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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From the Dean...

The Music of Laughter

“Laughter is the closest distance between two people” quoted Victor Borge. Borge, the beloved Danish pianist/comedian, built a career as an entertainer. He developed skits from the tension between the artistry of serious classical music and situational, self-deprecating farce. He was known for his sharp wit and created some of the funniest comedic sketches about music. His punctuation skit remains a classic. And, I was sympathetic when he began to play a technical masterwork while accompanying a powerful soprano only to fall off the piano bench every time she started the piece and startled him. He eventually solved his troubles by attaching himself to the bench with a seat belt. It was hilarious! We forget just how much we need to keep our interludes of levity and have some times when we can just be with each other.

On Sunday, January 12th, 22 of our members and friends joined together at our annual Epiphany Dinner for a rollicking jolly good time. A sudden snowstorm made us move the party from Friday to Sunday afternoon. For several years we have been holding the dinner party at the community room in Daniel Hanneman’s neighborhood. We had a lovely fire, a bountiful feast to share (*I have chosen Patti Hershey’s chocolate peanut butter cake as my new birthday favorite!*), and endless laughter when playing games together. This was one gathering where being together was the theme of the program. We had many different games that were carefully researched by Marilyn Shenenberger and Melody Harmon. (*Never ask Vivian Lindgren to draw a snowman by blindly feeling your way by tracing it on a paper plate on the top of her head! She’s already a pro*). And, we ended up staying almost four hours before saying goodnight.

We are now planning for the next set of programs that will take us through June. February brings us member **Daniel Miller**, Music Director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville. Dan is going to present a program on the continuo organ. In March our big Fundraising Progressive Dinner and Concerts will be held. The theme is a salute to women composers. This topic is exciting because so much of the music by women composers has been lost or buried. The excellent research that has been done has discovered some masterful music of the quality and genius of any well-known composer. The location of the concerts will alternate between Market Street United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church. April is dark as most of us are involved with Easter events. In May or June there may be one more program on three of the historic chapels in Clarke County. The topic will expand on last year’s tour of Old Bethel Baptist Church. Dr. Cooksey will head a committee to structure the event. Look in next month’s newsletter for details.

Our large public events will have tickets sold by Ludus event ticket sales. You will be notified about when this will be up and running. The WAGO will need everyone’s full participation and help with publicity to get the word out. We count on every member to start the publicity.

Daniel Hannemann is almost through with the draft of a new Members’ Directory. It will be published in about a month. The directory will be of active paid members and designated “Friends” of the Chapter. It will have a section with the names of substitutes. This is a very small list but we hope to add to it. If you have someone capable of covering a service, please contact Daniel. Anyone who need ‘s the support of the chapter with covering the cost of an annual membership should see Linda Beville.

Last but not least I want to thank **George Donovan**, our Newsletter Editor and Board Member for his great ideas, his participation as a performer and director, and his hard work in designing what is the most professional *En Chamade* newsletter the chapter has had. George is planning on moving to Columbia, South Carolina. He will most likely make the move in early May. George’s shoes will be filled by our web Master, **Emily Bentgen**. Emily will be our media officer. Good luck, George and Thank You , Emily!

Blessings,

Linda

From the Program Committee...

**CONTINUO ORGAN PRESENTATION THIS SUNDAY AT
TRINITY, UPPERVILLE**

February 9 is a special program. Trinity Episcopal is the proud owner of the Washington Bach Consort's Continuo, which Conductor and Founder, J. Reilly Lewis, commissioned the German organ builder Alfred Führer to make in 1977. The 3 rank continuo has 8', 4' and 2' flute stops. Dan Miller was thrilled to help obtain the instrument for the Upperville church when Lewis's widow decided to sell the instrument.

Dan will present a Lecture Demonstration and Recital on the instrument Sunday, February 9, at 3 pm. The recital will feature the continuo accompanying both instrumental and vocal repertoire.

WAGO Celebrates Women Composers

March 21 -- a Dinner, Progressive Concert and Dessert Event

Participate in celebrating over 900 years of Women Composers! We are looking for organists, pianists, singers, instrumentalists, conductors, dessert extravaganza bakers, table decoration pros, organizers and muscle!

George Donovan is heading up the search for choir members to sing on the program, Marilyn is looking for organ, piano and instrumental performers and Melody is looking for bakers and set-up, clean-up help.

If you are willing to sing with us, please text, call, or email George Donovan at 540-313-0498 or george@bethelwinchester.com. (Music and rehearsal schedule TBA!)

If you would like to perform, please text, call or email Marilyn Shenenberger at 609-502-3642.

If you are willing to bake, decorate, or help with set-up and clean-up, text, call, or email Melody Harmon at 540-974-9753 or 1melody@comcast.net.

The dinner begins at 6 pm at The First Presbyterian Church, and will be catered by Sodexo. It will be followed by two 45-minute concerts at The Presbyterian Church and Market Street United Methodist Church, respectively. The evening is capped by delicious desserts at The Presbyterian Church in the room where we began with dinner. **Tickets will be available soon through LUDUS.**

The King of Instruments & The Instrument of Kings

~presented by Sacred Music at All Saints Concert Series featuring~

The Seipp/Fickley Duo

Chuck Seipp, Trumpet

The United States Army Band, *Pershing's Own* (SGM retired)

Todd Fickley, Organ/Piano

Recitalist / Organist, National Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C.

featuring **Louisa Loe, Flute/Piccolo**

All Saints Catholic Church / 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA

7:30PM Friday, February 21, 2025

Enjoy an entertaining program of music with the magnificent blend of TRUMPET ~ The Instrument Of Kings, and ORGAN ~ The King Of Instruments. A virtuoso concert of classical favorites with engaging video presentations, a hilarious silent movie, and special tributes to Veterans proves this to be a fun concert for all ages!



Program

Fanfare for the Common Man	Aaron Copland arr. Seipp/Fickley
Procession of the Nobles	Rimsky-Korsokov arr. Seipp/Fickley
Suite, <i>from 4 Seasons</i> Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer	Vivaldi arr. Seipp/Fickley
Rhapsody In Blue	George Gershwin arr. Seipp/Fickley
Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552 (<i>Todd Fickley, organ</i>)	J.S. Bach
The Swan, <i>from Carnival of the Animals</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns arr. Seipp/Fickley
Toccata	Robert Schumann arr. Seipp
Baroque Trumpet Duet ~ Early Music Tribute *Surprise Guest Baroque Trumpet Specialist*	
Mansions of the Lord (<i>Vietnam Tribute</i>)	Wallace/ Glennie-Smith
God Bless America (<i>featuring Louisa Loe, Flute/Piccolo</i>)	Irving Berlin
Teddy at the Throttle (<i>Silent Movie</i>)	directed by Clarence Badger

Website: www.cjseippmusic.com

Epiphany Dinner

2025 Highlights



W A G O C H A P T E R

Updates:



Our new address: we have a new address: WAGO or Winchester Chapter of the AGO, P.O. Box 1398, Winchester. FA 22601

DIRECTORY UPDATE INFO NEEDED

Your personal and church information as found in our chapter member directory, soon to be updated, is requested by Nov. 30 to **Daniel Hannemann** at misterdan51@gmail.com

Please check the 2023-24 issue and note any changes needed to the following: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/etc; spouse name, home address, phone, email address; church title, name, address, phone number, email address; and board affiliation.

Publication planned for spring of 2025. Many thanks for your help!



Substitutes needed: We are in great need of substitutes for our churches. Piano or organ. Wendy Oesterling is heading an initiative to get some students from SU to explore church music. If you or anyone you know of is willing to help out your fellow Music ministers, please send names to Wendy for publication. Need immediately.

Web Page upkeep: Our Web Page guru, Emily Bentgen needs your input. We post each month's En Chamade newsletter and archive some of the performances; go through Emily to post. Her email: maxtheoboe@mac.com.