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*"The deadline for newsletter submissions
is the 25th of every month!"*

ASHLEY PIATEK- NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

Dear Colleagues:

October's AGO event is a chance to appeal to a broad audience. Everyone is sure to enjoy our presentation of *The Phantom of the Opera*, complete with costumes and candy, and it's the perfect opportunity to reach out to friends who may not consider themselves lovers of organ music. (Hard to believe, but they do exist!) You've all seen the fabulous poster- please send it to as many people as you can! This family-friendly event is our only fall fundraiser, so it's especially important for us to spread the word. Let people know what AGO is doing! Get into the Halloween spirit, and come out and show your support!

See you all on the
30th ...

Visit your chapter website: <http://www.tallahasseeago.org/>

WEB NEWS: Websites of interest to Organists

YouTube: Trick or Treat?

By: Ashley Piatek

If you're like me, you sift through www.youtube.com with a feeling of trepidation. While looking for a specific clip, you'll page through scores of amateur videos with comments that range from negative to rude to obscene before finding anything useful. The payoff, however, always far outweighs the inconvenience of the search and the discovery of rare footage of a famous organist playing a beloved piece on a historic organ justifies many, many more future searches through the "world's largest online video community."

Below, I have compiled a list of Halloween-themed Youtube "Treats". Each link will bring you to a different organ performance of a piece popularly considered to be reminiscent of the spookiest day of the year. Enjoy, and Happy Halloween!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYhvXUqFTA>

Henri-Franck Beauperin plays Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saens at the Cathedrale d'Angers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1U2bc96Z3QU>

Boris Berezovsky performing his own adaptation of Chernov's piano transcription of Modest Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain" in a 2005 recital in Mexico City.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcAJpsWWuIY>

The Julian Rachlin Ensemble play a piano quintet arrangement of the movement, "Bones" from Saint-Saen's Carnival of the Animals.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd_olFy1mxM

Karl Richter plays J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue in d minor.

NATIONAL NEWS

From the National AGO Website: www.agohq.org

The AGO's Continuing Professional Education Webpage

<http://www.agohq.org/education/indexpeducate.html>

The American Guild of Organists' national webpage for its committee on continuing professional education now includes complete organ repertoire lists sorted by composer; lists of graded pieces by Bach, Langlais and Messaien; essays on history and mechanics of the organ; and links useful to both organ teachers and students. Once on the webpage, you can use the side bar to access information about Academic Organ Programs, Guild Professional Certification and a list of Pipe Organ Encounters held this year throughout the nation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Will Scarboro to Accompany Silent Film The Phantom of the Opera

Please attend our October Tallahassee AGO Event at Fellowship Presbyterian Church at 7:30 on October 30th. Will Scarboro, our chapter's website editor will accompany the classic 1925 version of the film directed by Edward Julen and starring Lon Cheney. Admission is free and light Halloween refreshments will be provided. Fellowship Presbyterian Church is located at 3158 Shamrock Street South in Tallahassee, FL. Children and costumed audience members are most welcome for an evening of Halloween fun!

Call for Organ Performers and Choir Members

The music director and organist of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church invites the Tallahassee AGO membership of the members of their choirs to be part of the church's upcoming concert in honor of the 20th anniversary of their unique J. W. Walker and Sons 2 manual, 9 stop organ. Specifically needed are organ soloists and accompanists for the concert.

The organ's specifications are as follows:

Manuals: 58 notes; Full pedal board

Great

Chimney flute 8'
Principal 4'
Fifteenth Half draw 2'
Mixture -(Full draw) III

Positive

Wood Gedackt 8'
Chimney flute 4'
Gemshorn 2'

Pedal

Bourdon 16'
Flute 8'

If you are interested in playing in the concert or would like to send one or a few of your choir members, please contact Olivia Ahyoung by calling 656-1071 or e-mailing divine_o@juno.com

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EMPTY ORGAN BENCHES

Church Organist Needed for John Wesley United Methodist Church

Organist needed for weekly 7pm Wednesday evening choir practices and 11am Sunday services. Please call Music Director Justin Cruz to inquire at (850)877-1738 ext. 30.

REGION IV Convention News: A Letter from Roy Roberts

Attached to the same e-mail that contains this newsletter is another newsletter put out by the Region IV convention planning committee. Here is a letter from Roy Roberts, co-chair of Psalm and Palms with a message for our chapter members who plan to attend the conference:

"Attached is the October 2009, edition of the Conference Crier. Please forward to your chapter members. Also, please have printed back issues for your chapter meetings as MANY AGO members do not have email access. Back issues are available at www.psalmsandpalms.org

Please note, the deadline for EARLY REGISTRATION ends on the 31st. Please advise everyone to send in their registrations now! Workshops are already filling seating in some will be a premium.

Also, please contact me by email at chairman@psalmsandpalms.org if your chapter is able to sponsor a convention event. Sponsorship donations may be less than you think. Many chapters have come on board since our last communiqué. Why not yours? Don't be missed. Be a part of our region's largest event of the past 2 years and Sarasota 's largest ever!!

Have a great autumn season. We hope to see you in January.

Sincerely,

Roy Roberts, Co-Chair - Psalms and Palms"

October Concerts & Musical Events

Oct. 30th **AGO EVENT! Silent Film The Phantom of the Opera**
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November Concerts & Musical Events

- Nov. 5th** **20th Anniversary Concert at Holy Comforter Church**
 On November 5, 2009 at 5 p.m., Holy Comforter Episcopal church will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its small pipe organ, with a concert of local organists and joint choirs of Holy Comforter, St. Michael's and members of other area churches. The organ is a unique 2 manual, 9 stop, instrument made by the British company of J.W. Walker and Sons.
- Nov. 17th** **AGO EVENT! Mendelssohn and the Organ**
 Dr. Douglass Seaton will present a lecture on Felix Mendelssohn at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30pm. First Presbyterian Church is located at 110 N. Adams Street, Tallahassee.



Don't see YOUR recital or concert listing? Be wise, advertise by sending the date, time, location and description of your musical event to Ashley Piatek at apiatek@jpiichs.org. Plan ahead-- the deadline for submissions is the **25th** of each month.

HUMOR

"Do you know your hymns?"

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
 Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
 Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
 The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
 The Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
 The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
 Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
 The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
 The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
 The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
 The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
 The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
 The Massage Therapists Hymn.... He Touched Me
 The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician