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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As the program-year draws to a close and your Chapter Board makes final preparations for the Spring Banquet, I want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all the Officers and Board members who administer this chapter. This dedicated group has cooperated diligently through many lengthy Board meetings, completed mountains of paperwork and correspondence and hashed out solutions to problems through many more hours of committee meetings. I am truly grateful to one and all for their generosity and teamwork.

The Board's efforts produced a truly interesting and useful slate of programming this year: our annual Bach to Brooklyn tour in September, the CAGO workshop in November, a Skype session with Dr. Godwin Sadoh in February, the Music of the Jewish Soul concert in March and our own Members' Recital in April – all that in addition to two very congenial banquets. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, a newly-formed Budget Committee worked to create a solid financial infrastructure upon which our 2015-16 program year will rest.

We will be busy during the summer as well. **Brooklyn's first-ever POE** will take place during the last week of July with a public **benefit performance on July 28th by organ virtuosa, Dr. Joyce Jones** at Our Lady of Refuge Church. The **Bach to Brooklyn** Committee will put together its itinerary for its **September 12th** tour. Your calendar committee will be creating the programming for 2015-16. And a new committee will work during August to start examining and codifying the chapter's operating procedures for the benefit of members and Board members to come.

Because the summer months in our profession often seem to promise a space of "breathing room," we are all inclined to use them, like your chapter Board, for planning and organizing and housecleaning. This is all to the good as, with any luck, our efforts will make the upcoming year run as smoothly as anything can in church music. But let us all remember to take some time for ourselves and our loved ones to enjoy some outdoor relaxation before these all-too-few warm and sunny days come to an end.

Summer blessings to all,

Ellen Wright

Ellen Wright, Dean

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2015 ELECTION RESULTS

As a result of the Brooklyn AGO Chapter Election on April 26th, 2015, the following officers will begin a one-year term on July 1st, 2015:

Ellen Wright – Dean
John A. Wolfe – Sub-Dean
John Klauder – Secretary
Dr. Stephen J. Danziger, MD – Treasurer
Gary Di Franco – Registrar
Keith Bigger – Archivist

Many thanks to Sophie Williams Johnson, who has resigned her position as Registrar, for her service.

As a result of the Brooklyn AGO Chapter Election on April 26th, 2015, the following members of the Class of 2018 will begin a three-year term on July 1st, 2015:

John Collis
Paul Olson
Sophie Williams Johnson

Many thanks to Don Barnum, Keith Bigger and Gary Di Franco, outgoing members of the Class of 2015 for their service.



Joyce Jones

*renowned organ virtuoso from Texas
to perform in Brooklyn*

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 -7:30 p.m.

**at Our Lady of Refuge Church
2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY**

Joyce Jones has devoted her professional life to making friends for the organ, through Community Concerts, countless organ dedications, children's concerts, and orchestral appearances in 48 states and 12 foreign countries. Her numerous engagements include such venues as the Riverside Church, the Mormon Tabernacle, Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral, and the Meyerson Symphony Center. Her professional life is also one of "firsts": the first woman to perform on the organ at the Crystal Cathedral, the first organist to play for the Grand Teton Music Festival, and the only woman organist chosen to play with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra at the inauguration of the Ruffatti organ in Davies Symphony Hall.

Advance tickets available at www.brooklynago.org/jjtickets

*100% of ticket sales benefit
the Brooklyn Pipe Organ Encounter 2015*

BROOKLYN PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER NEWS

by Eric Birk, FAGO, POE Director

The Brooklyn Pipe Organ Encounter has accepted 20 students, 12 male and 8 female, from nine states who will gather in Brooklyn the week of July 26th to 31st to learn about playing the organ. There are three major events to which the public is invited: a guest artist recital by internationally renowned concert organist Joyce Jones on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Refuge Church, 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, a master class by Dr. Jones the next day, Wednesday, July 29th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 3714 Avenue D, Brooklyn; and the student recital, Friday, July 31st at 6:30 p.m. (*location to be announced*).

GUEST ARTIST RECITAL

Be sure to make plans to attend and help spread the word about the Joyce Jones concert on Tuesday, July 28th. If you haven't heard Dr. Jones, this is an event you won't want to miss. (*She plays "Flight of the Bumblebee" with her feet at a tempo you can't imagine!*) She has donated her entire fee for this performance. This means that 100% of admissions benefits the Brooklyn Pipe Organ Encounter! Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased in advance online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1586816>. Brooklyn Chapter members can receive a special rate of \$15 with this **discount code: BKAGO2015**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

While we have a distinguished faculty and most of the arrangements settled, we do need a few volunteers to assist. If you can give a few hours a day the week of July 26th - 31st, or can help out one of those days or are willing to usher at one of our public events, please contact Eric Birk at (212) 870-2311, ext. 4304 (work); (212) 932-0551 (home), or by email at POEDirector@brooklynago.org. (*For those working directly with youth there are two simple forms for a required background check and 2 training sessions.*) Please help if you can!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to the following donors who have contributed generously to the Brooklyn POE:

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Ellen Wright

Donations in support of the Brooklyn Pipe Organ Encounter are still being accepted online at: <http://www.brooklynago.org/poecontribute/> or checks may be sent to John Klauder, Brooklyn POE Treasurer, 1020 Grand Concourse, Apt. 12J, Bronx, NY 10451.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BROOKLYN AGO

Our programming has recently expanded to include substantial efforts to improve young people's access and exposure to organ music. In addition to contributing to our General Fund, you can also contribute to our Scholarship Fund, scholarships for our upcoming Pipe Organ Encounter, and the Pipe Organ Encounter itself. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution towards assisting our programs through ONCARD or other means. You can contact our Dean Ellen Wright at dean@brooklynago.org or by phone at (718) 625-3903 for more information.



INTRODUCING OUR PERSON OF THE YEAR: SEBASTIAN M. GLÜCK

by Keith Bigger, Chapter Archivist



Sebastian M. Glück is Artistic and Tonal Director of Glück Pipe Organs. His clientele ranges from the Rockefeller family to small village churches, and he is now installing and voicing his opus 20, a 100-rank organ for Marble Collegiate Church, his third four-manual instrument on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue.

Mr. Glück began his formal studies in organ and church music at the age of 15 with Jack Ossewaarde at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, and at the age of 16, was invited to study at The Juilliard School with Olivier Messiaen's disciple Jon Gillock, who remained his teacher while he earned his AB in Architecture and MS in Historic Preservation from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; as well as the Colleague's Certificate of the American Institute of Organbuilders.

In graduate school, Glück worked as an architect until he established his organbuilding firm in 1985. He has served the Organ Historical Society as National Councilor for Research and Publications, as well as on their Guidelines for Restoration and Conservation Committee, and as the chair of their Historic Organ Award program. He is a member of the International Society of Organbuilders and the Professional Circle of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. In 2007, he was appointed chair of the AGO Region II Convention, and is Secretary of the Executive Board of the New York City Chapter.

Glück is an internationally-published author and lecturer about organ building, history, musicology, technology and tonal structure for professional organizations and academic institutions. A past editor of The Journal of American Organbuilding, he is presently completing an in-depth monograph on the history of the synagogue organ in the United States.

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“As a member of the Organ Historical Society, I was aware there was an historic 1890 Frank Roosevelt Organ in the Schermerhorn Street German Evangelical Lutheran Church, six blocks from my church. I knew the church property was owned by Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral across the street.

Around 2006, during their annual street festival, I got a chance to look inside and got a stop list of the Roosevelt. A year or so later, our Treasurer, Dr. Steve Danziger, MD made me aware that the church was being sold to a developer. I contacted organ builder Sebastian Glück who wasted no time in contacting the Orthodox Church and made arrangements to find a buyer for the organ.

After almost a year, Mr. Glück, bought the organ in 2008 and put it in storage at his own considerable expense. After a number of years, he was finally able to use a good portion of the pipe work in a new organ for the Church of St. Patrick, Huntington, NY.” - *Chapter Archivist Keith Bigger*

CLASSIFIEDS

RODGERS ORGAN FOR SALE

- 1975 Rodgers Scarborough 110 organ for sale. Self-contained speakers. Needs some repairs. Buyer to remove. \$500.00 or best offer. Instrument is located in a home in Floral Park, NY. Contact Vincent Alukonis via e-mail at brokenank@aol.com.

CLAVICHORD FOR SALE

- Built in 1969 by John Challis. Metal frame & soundboard. No reasonable offer refused. Contact: mw40love@gmail.com.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- ✙ **St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**, 417 Elton Street, Brooklyn NY is looking for a substitute organist for the month of August, 2015 to play one service, from 10am to 12noon each Sunday. The service consists of Hymns. For more information please contact, Marsha Powell at (347) 444-4585.
- ✙ **Grace United Methodist Church** in Valley Stream seeks Director of Music/Organist to lead its vibrant music program with the retirement of its current Director/Organist. Grace UMC is a dynamic and diverse congregation that values excellent music. Chief job responsibilities are: playing the organ (three manual Allen 7000 digital organ: 76 rank equivalent, antiphonal division) for one weekly traditional worship service, directing the Chancel Choir (currently 22 volunteer members), and supervising the music program of three vocal choirs, three hand bell choirs (five-octave Schulmerich bells and three-octave choir chimes), youth orchestra, and one employee. Additional performances include: Christmas concert, special services at Christmas Eve, Easter, Music Sunday, and during Lent and Holy Week. The successful candidate will have proven experience in church music as organist and choir director. Preferred candidate will also have successful directing experience in one or more of these areas: church orchestra, hand bell choirs, youth/children's choirs, contemporary and/or non-Western musical styles. Valley Stream is a thirty-minute commute on the Long Island Railroad from Manhattan or Brooklyn. This is a half to ¾-time position, with appropriate salary and benefits (including paid vacation, retirement contribution and right to first refusal for weddings and funerals). Applications will be received until the position is filled, and will be reviewed beginning May 29th. Questions can be addressed to the Rev. Matt Curry at RevMCurry@gmail.com or (516) 825-1182. To apply, send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to Music Search Committee at atvalleystreamjob@gmail.com or Grace United Methodist Church, 21 S Franklin Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580. Sending supporting documentation (recordings, letters of recommendation, statement of belief, etc.) is encouraged, but these may not be returned.

Employers and job seekers are invited to post and search listings of available positions on the Guild's national website.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

In order to create an issue that includes the interests and concerns of our entire membership, we are soliciting submissions in the following areas:

✓ **Concerts and Musical Events**

If you and/or your church are performing any concerts, please let us know so we can share this information.

✓ **Article Contributions**

Article contributions could include various educational topics, music reviews and recommendations, concert reviews, book reviews, etc. Articles need not be explicitly related to church and organ music but could even include such topics as poetry, gardening, crafts and recipes.

✓ **Classified Ads**

Classified ads could include items for sale or sought after, job openings, and anything else with which you believe our chapter could assist.

✓ **Submissions**

When emailing submissions to us, please send in Microsoft Word, Plain Text or PDF format. For photographic, graphic or clip art (with permission/credit to use), please send in JPG or GIF format.

Our email is bombarde@brooklynago.org.

We look forward to hearing from you, and we thank you very much for your participation in the Brooklyn Chapter. Have a blessed Summer.

Very truly yours,

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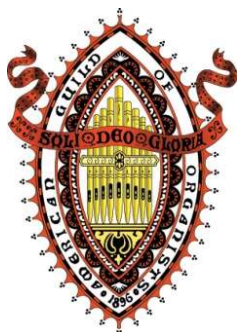
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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

- **July 26th to 31st (Sunday to Friday)** – Pipe Organ Encounter (POE).
- **July 28th (Tuesday) at 7:30 pm** – Dr. Joyce Jones POE Benefit Recital at Our Lady of Refuge Church, Ditmas Park, Brooklyn.
- **September 12th (Saturday) at 9:00 am** – Bach to Brooklyn

For the 2015 – 2016 Calendar of Events, please watch our website at www.brooklynago.org, where the upcoming Program Year will be posted during the Summer of 2015.

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*Fall Bus Tour Celebrating
Historic Churches and
Organs in Brooklyn, NY*

BACH TO BROOKLYN

September 12, 2015

Organ and Architecture Tour

presented by the Brooklyn Chapter, American Guild of Organists



Saturday, September 12, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

starting at

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
(Carroll Gardens)**

199 Carroll Street, Brooklyn

By Subway: F or G Carroll Street
By Bus: B57 (Court or Smith Sts.)

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Andrew Dolkart, professor of architecture at Columbia University and author of *Landmarks of New York City*, will speak about items of architectural and historical interest in churches of Carroll Gardens and Park Slope neighborhoods of Brooklyn. The resident organist (or a Brooklyn Chapter AGO member) will demonstrate the organ at each location, playing at least one work by Johann Sebastian Bach wherever possible.

Bus transportation, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch are included in the price of \$40.00 per person for members of the AGO Brooklyn Chapter, or \$45.00 for non-members.

To guarantee a seat on the bus, please complete the reservation form below and return with your payment by September 1. (For further information, please contact Dean Ellen Wright by email at: dean@brooklynago.org)

BACH TO BROOKLYN 2015 -- The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ ACH: ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about this event? ☐ Flyer ☐ Newsletter ☐ News media ☐ Other: _____

Would you like to join our events mailing list? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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