



The Bellows

*The Newsletter of the Greater Lansing Chapter
American Guild of Organists*



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ANNOUNCING OUR FALL 2007 OPENING EVENT

Potluck & Anthem Reading

All Saints Episcopal Church
Abbott Rd., East Lansing
Monday, September 24, 2007

*Reservations are required for this event so we can plan for food;
please RSVP to macrouchdom@sbcglobal.net*

Don't come alone, bring your choir director!

Schedule for the Evening:

5:45p Gathering Time

6:00p Tour of All Saints

6:30p **Potluck**

Lansing AGO will furnish chicken and ham; members are invited to bring the following, A-He salad, Hi-M dessert, N-Z hot vegetable or starch

7:30p **Anthem Reading**

feel free to bring 20 copies of 2-3 general anthems all voicings welcome — unison, 2-part, 3-part, SATB (please e-mail Michael Crouch, macrouchdom@sbcglobal.net, your choices so that we plan our time efficiently)

Dean's Message...

Dear Fellow Members,

September 24th, is our first gathering. This again is a potluck, and remember the wonderful food and fun time from last year. It was an anthem reading session, but it was much more — a reconnection of new and old friendships.

You know, your choir directors, choir members and guest are always welcomed and encouraged to attend. Whenever we have a program we want to invite guests. If the program is an organ-themed program, invite a musical guest. If the program is a concert, invite the whole church. Always post our offerings in your church newsletter and/or announce the program.

As the new year begins, if everything we do is an offering to God, everything else will fall into place.

Michael

YOUR EVENT IN PRINT

If you have an event you would like listed in The Bellows, please send the date, time, and a brief description to:

mike@mdulac-music.com

Be sure to put the word "Calendar" in the subject line. Info may also be sent to

Michael Dulac, 4865 Ohchi Court, Holt, MI 48842-1595, but e-mail is preferred.

MANO HARDIES RETIREMENT

NOTE: this article had changes made on 18 September.

Fifty years in music ministry, ten of them at Grace has earned Mano a celebration. Please save **Saturday, November 10, 2007** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on your calendar.

A program of choral music and various speakers honoring Mano and Judy will be presented at the Molly Grove Chapel of First Presbyterian Church. A catered dinner will follow the 4:00 p.m. program. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 per person. Contact **Meredith Hines**, lizzyh@peoplepc.com, for reservations.

The Planning Committee needs four things for this event:

1) We need a choir. If you would like to sing in the choir for this event, please call **Beth Weidenaar** at (517) 321-4973 or (517) 974-0571 (cell), or e-mail Beth at elsbethw@peoplepc.com

2) We need memories. If you have pictures or stories to tell, let the committee know.

3) We need sponsors. If you would like to donate \$25.00 to help with expenses, please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran Church and designate it for Mano Hardies Retirement or contact **Elmore Eltzroth** at elmore@aol.com

4) We need YOU. Please let the committee know if you can participate in any way. Connie Geissel will be the contact for your responses. Please call or e-mail Connie at gracelut@sbcglobal.net.

PLAN NOW TO MAKE AUTUMN POPS A SUCCESS!

Members, we need your help!

The Autumn Pops concert, which was a great success last year, is coming back again — same time and place (Sunday, October 28, 3:00pm).

To make this year's event a success we need your help to get the word out! Will you please place the following article in your church bulletin and newsletter as soon as possible? This is one way each member can do his/her part.

Article for church bulletins and newsletters:

The Greater Lansing Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Autumn Pops Concert II on October 28, 3:00PM., at the Presbyterian

Church of Okemos, corner of Bennett and Okemos roads. This concert will feature several very talented local area musicians performing a blend of pop, classical, and jazz. Some of the instruments to be featured will be saxophone, oboe, violin, cello, organ, (including an organ solo with a Latin flair), piano, clarinet and voice. Also included will be the woodwind quintet, which performed so beautifully at our Autumn Pops Concert last year. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the AGO's scholarship fund. You will want to put this date on your calendar now so you don't miss a wonderful afternoon of "easy listening" music!

W E L C O M E

to the Greater Lansing Chapter AGO 2007-2008 Season

**September
24
6:00pm**

Potluck & Anthem Reading
All Saints Episcopal, East Lansing

Our opening, get re-acquainted with your colleagues event. Food, food, food, oh yes, and anthem reading. See front page for more info.

**October
28
3:00pm**

Autumn Pops Concert II
Presbyterian Church of Okemos

Community event to benefit our chapter's Scholarship Fund. A varied program that will please lovers of all kinds of music. Invite your friends, neighbors, choir members. Everyone guaranteed a good time.

**November
16
5:00-7:00pm**

Chili Supper
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing

What better way to warm the autumn chill than with a nice bowl of chili and some corn bread. This event will benefit our chapter treasury and help support our March recital.

**January
13
12:30pm**

AGO January Brunch
MSU University Club

Kick out the winter blahs and swap Christmas war stories with your colleagues. Oh yes, did we mention excellent food?

**February
5
6:00pm**

**Clergy-Musician Potluck
Dinner**
University Lutheran Church
East Lansing

Been meaning to take your clergyperson out to dinner to get to know them better? What a great opportunity and light on the wallet, too. Our speaker will be Fr. Steve Mattson from St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing.

**March
2
4:00pm**

Recital: Jean-Baptiste Robin
Central United Methodist Church
Lansing

A chance to hear an up and coming French recitalist without leaving the neighborhood. The Diapason (May 2002) said of his playing of Marchand, that Robin exhibited "a stylistic competency and confident maturity... a true talent."

**May
12
6:00pm**

Annual Meeting and Banquet
St. Mary Cathedral Parish Center

Our last chance to meet before summer vacations and travel begin. For our entertainment this year we will have the SOMEKO Singers from Okemos High School under the direction of Frank DeWald.

Feel free to copy this page and share it with your choir, clergy, and parish. This information, together with links to venues (most with directions), artists, etc., may be found on our website at www.GLC-AGO.org

CHAPTER WEBSITE

Our website at: www.glc-ago.org is up and running and has been for some time. The latest announcements and any corrections are posted here. You can also find copies of the most recent newsletters in Adobe Acrobat format. This can be very handy when you've misplaced your *Bellows* and want to check an event date or time. You can also find links to some of our neighboring chapters should you wish to investigate their concert offerings. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a whole page devoted to the year's offerings with links to churches, artists, etc. Occasionally, photos of events are posted here as well. Check it out if you have not done so lately!

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address correction requested

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST...

- Renew your membership (*if you haven't already done so!*) in the Greater Lansing Chapter, American Guild of Organists. We can't offer great events like the March recital without **your** support! *If your mailing label has a green stripe on it, we have not received your renewal.*
- Make your reservations **NOW** to attend the opening *Potluck & Anthem Reading.*
- Take out your calendar and add the guild events listed here to your weekly planner, etc.
- Get information about the Autumn Pops Scholarship Concert to your parish secretary, bulletin editor, newsletter editor, etc.