Dear Friends,

Happy New Year, everyone. January is the month that is named for Janus, the Roman god who has two faces. One face looks forward to the future and the other ponders the past. It’s a time for resolutions, new beginnings, and resetting the course.

Are you a resolution maker? Many organizations are using volunteers these days. Are you interested in any of the Guild’s programs? Offer your help. Do you have students who are interested in playing the organ? Give them a boost by offering them a gift of a student membership to the Guild. There are many ways of helping, being kind, giving back.

The program committee’s work right now is in setting the course for us for the time ahead. While many programs in individual churches have restarted, many have not, and now there are many factors involved in how to move forward.

Blessings to all for a safe and happy year ahead.

Nancy Granert, Dean
PLEASE CHECK . . .

Please check the website Directory for corrections, especially if you have changed jobs or addresses/telephone number recently, and also, the Substitute Roster page, and then email corrections to the Editor, so that we can maintain good information for each other, and help churches find substitute organists as needed. Anyone wishing to be added to the regular substitute organist list, please also let me know. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST

Cathedral of St. John, January 16, 2022, 2:00pm (now, a virtual-only event; no in-person access)

https://fcmabq.org/tickets/
MEMBER RETIREMENT

Dr. James Yeager has retired as a church organist and as the Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. He will remain active though as a teacher of organ, and may be available occasionally, as a substitute church organist.

JOB OPENING

The First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque has a position opening for a permanent organist. The position is for 10 hours/week, and includes Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, Sunday worship, and occasional services. The church’s instruments include a 4 manual 50 rank Moller pipe organ in the sanctuary, and a 2 manual Moller pipe organ in our chapel.

- This is a 10-12 hour/week position with an anticipated salary range of 16-21K/ year, commensurate to degree and experience.
- The position does not include choir direction. We will be conducting a parallel search for a Music Director.
- The salary is inclusive of those services perennial to the church calendar (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday/Good Friday), as well as Weddings and Funerals with extra honoraria paid as dictated by Guild requirements.

Inquiries and applications can be submitted to the Senior Pastor: matthew.miller@firstpresabq.org. If you need further information, you can reach Pastor Matthew at this email, or the phone number below. Please contact him, with a resume, to apply for this position:

Rev. Matthew Miller, Senior Pastor

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FOR SALE

Rodgers Allegiant 698. 3-manual drawknob instrument in immaculate condition, built in 2009. Suitable for home or church use: internal speakers, prepared for external speakers and pipe interface. 184 stops. 8 MIDI/ORCH pistons; 50 orchestral voices. 20 memory levels; 10 generals; 20 divisionals; 10 toe pistons. Built-in sequencer for record and playback. USB memory storage. Dark oak color, includes bench. (See next page) Contact Rick Seaton, 303-828-7739.
TGIF CONCERTS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA FE

These concerts have now resumed in person – masks and proof of vaccination required at the door. Whether you’re ending your week or starting your weekend, every Friday evening at 5:30pm, First Presbyterian Church invites our Santa Fe neighbors and visitors from all over the world to our sanctuary to enjoy a half hour of music and reflection. All are welcome to come and listen to organ music, voice and choral concerts accompanied by various instruments, chamber music, and more.

**January 7, 2022**, 5:30pm (doors open at 5:15pm) Jared Aragon, organ
Music of Central Asian Composers – Organ Music from the Land of Fire

**January 14, 2022** 5:30 (doors open at 5:15) Robert Krupnick, piano
Mozart, Feldman and Ravel

**January 21, 2022** 5:30 (doors open at 5:15) Linda Raney, harpsichord
Herbert Howells Lambert’s Clavichord

**January 28, 2022** 5:30 (doors open at 5:15) Michael Tortorella, piano
Music if Charles Griffes and Sergei Rachmaninoff
"Your car has been keyed. The good news is that the damage appears to B minor."

...says she didn't mean for it to happen, but she caught him with a Stradivarius and she was tired of playing second fiddle to his girlfriends.

Another case of domestic violins.
HAVE YOU USED THE CHAPTER WEBSITE LATELY?

The whole year’s calendar is on the Calendar page (use Agenda tab). Please notify the webmaster (editor@agoabq.org) of events you would like to have advertised. Also, paid “Positions Vacant” or requests for volunteer musicians and singers can be advertised free of charge. Our website gets about 400 views per month. NOTE: our Facebook page has over 200 followers and can be used for posting notices about events, vacancies, etc. If you “Like” our page, you will receive new postings in your own News Feed.

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter due to be published for March and April 2022, will be **February 15, 2022**. Please email news, articles, or photos, upcoming events or reports, plus any other website items to the Editor, Evelyn Henson, at editor@agoabq.org