

# Chiff Chat

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Chapter  
American Guild of Organists



**April 2010**

**What we did in March...**



Martha Sienkiewicz, E. Lary Grossman and Jean Pitman Turner pose with Stephen Hamilton, guest lecturer at the chapter workshop held on Saturday, March 13 at the historic Brick Church in Old Deerfield.



Performers in the Member's Recital held March 21 at St. Patrick's Church in Monson were Keith Richardson, Elizabeth Dawson, Griffin McMahon and Monica Czausz.



Mr. Hamilton played many new organ pieces that he has found useful for church services. Many of the members shown here returned to the Brick Church the following day to hear him play a recital on the Richards, Fowkes & Co. tracker organ. A reception was held at the Deerfield Academy.



Peter Beardsley introduced the performers to an audience of about 120 people, who heard the 14-rank Estey organ recently rebuilt by Southfield Organ Builders, Inc.

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## Chapter Events 2010



**April 24 (Saturday) 7:00 PM, Peter Krasinski** accompanies the silent movie **“For Heaven’s Sake”** at United Congregational Church of Holyoke. The 1926 film stars Harold Lloyd as a carefree millionaire who falls for a girl from the other side of the tracks. It is love at first sight, so he tries to impress her missionary father through a wild scheme full of sight gags and a wild chase scene. Peter Krasinski plays original accompaniment to the film on the historic E.M. Skinner organ.

**June 7 (Monday) 6:30 PM, St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield, Annual Banquet.** The event actually begins at 5:30 p.m. with an open console at the 1959 three-manual, 27-rank Moeller organ. Social time is at 6:30 and the 7 p.m. dinner will include soup, salad, braised chicken tenderloin, penne pasta with vegetarian sauce and dessert. The evening will conclude with entertainment by Bob Sparkman, clarinetist, and Jerry Noble, pianist, playing jazz favorites. A registration form is included in this issue.

### Positions open:

**Organist/Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA 01040.** Permanent part-time position beginning July 1, 2010 to provide instrumental and vocal music to an ethnically diverse congregation. Ability to perform competently on both organ and piano. Familiarity with choral repertoire, both classical and contemporary composers. Ability to rehearse and lead a choir. Knowledge of Episcopal liturgy helpful. Salary is based on AGO guidelines. See website ([www.stpaulsholyokema.org](http://www.stpaulsholyokema.org)) for more information about the position and the instruments. 413-532-5060 or [stpaulsholyoke@yahoo.com](mailto:stpaulsholyoke@yahoo.com).

**Organist/Choir director**, part time, 15 -20 hr/wk. Choirs: Adult with 24 members, bell and youth choirs also. Church has 200+ members with Sunday attendance 125 average. Salary negotiable. Walpole is in southern NH about 3 miles off I91. Contact: Judy Spinella, 603 756 9221.

Peter Beardsley quotes Max Miller (a.k.a. Uncle Max), quoting his own teacher Leslie Spelman, from the current TAO: "Any fool could get through college if he goes slowly enough, where if you have a Guild certificate, it says what you can do on a particular day, within a particular time limit, against a backdrop of a national standard."

## Upcoming Events

### April 2010

**Friday, April 2, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.** Schola Nova sings Holy Tenebrae at St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow. Music of Byrd, Pärt and others. [www.scholanova.org](http://www.scholanova.org)

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.** The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents a concert by pianist Margarita Nuller and clarinetists Paul Surapine, accompanied by Beth Surapine, pianist, playing music of Rachmaninoff and Hindemith. Trinity Church, Springfield. Admission is \$10. [www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org](http://www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org)

**Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** Evelyn Harris and the Ku'umba Choir in concert at First Congregational Church, 165 Main Street, Amherst. Tickets \$12, \$10 & \$6. For more information call 413-253-3456.

**Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** The UMass/Amherst Chamber Choir and the Children's Chorus of Springfield sing Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine, as well as Britten's Jubilate Deo. St. John's Episcopal Church, Northampton.

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.** The Tuesday Morning Music Club presents Marc Winer, tenor, Amanda Burr, violin, Karen McCarthy, flute and Allan Taylor, organ in a concert of works by Bach, Mozart, Widor and Langlais. St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow. Free admission. [www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org](http://www.tuesdaymorningmusicconcerts.org)

**Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. (Chapter Event)** Peter Krasinski returns to United Congregational Church Holyoke to accompany the silent film "For Heaven's Sake." See page 2 for details.

**Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** A concert in celebration of Richard Matteson's fifty years as a church musician at First Congregation Church, Amherst. Music for organ, organ & piano and massed choir. For more information or to be in the massed choir call 413-315-3440, or

email [rmatteson@comcast.net](mailto:rmatteson@comcast.net). Free-will offering to benefit the church's music program.

**Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Novi Cantori sings music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century at Granville Federated Church. Choral works by Brahms, Elgar, Rheinberger (Stabat Mater), Schubert (Mass in Bb) and Widor. Tickets are \$8 & \$10 at the door. [www.novicantori.org](http://www.novicantori.org)

### May 2010

**Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** Novi Cantori sings music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century at Wilbraham United Church. See April 25 entry. Free-will offering. [www.novicantori.org](http://www.novicantori.org)

**Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.** The Children's Chorus of Springfield and the South Hadley Children's Chorus perform under the direction of E. Wayne Abercrombie and Catherine Melhorn at Providence Place, Holyoke. No admission charge.

**Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.** The Children's Chorus of Springfield performs songs of many cultures at Trinity United Methodist Church, Springfield. Free-will offering.

**Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** Quentin & Mary Murrell Faulkner will play an organ recital, "Old & New, Pink & Blue," at St. James Episcopal Church, Federal at Church Streets in Greenfield. Works by J.S. Bach, Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel, Ethyl Smyth, Antonio Soler, Felix Mendelssohn, Dan Locklair, and Charles-Marie Widor. Free will offering to support St. James' music budget.

**The Children's Chorus of Springfield** is having auditions for the 2010-2011 season during the week of April 26-30. The chorus is made up of children grades 4 to 8 representing 24 Springfield schools and the home-schooled community. Call Vera Baker at 413-782-2224 for more information.

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