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NEXT EVENT: ANN LABOUNSKY MASTER CLASS and RECITAL
Saturday, April 25 –10:00 AM Master Class & Sunday, April 26 – 4:00 PM Recital
University Presbyterian Church, 3330 Main Street at Niagara Falls Boulevard



Ann Labounsky (b. 1939) is widely known, both in the United States and in Europe, as a virtuoso performer and improviser at the organ and particularly as a leading American disciple of Jean Langlais. From 1962 to 1964 she lived and studied in Paris as a Fulbright scholar. There, as an organ student of André Marchal and Jean Langlais, she immersed herself in the French organ tradition, studying many of Langlais's organ compositions with the composer, and playing them for him on the organ at Sainte-Clotilde. In 1964, as Langlais's student at the Schola Cantorum, she was awarded Diplôme de Virtuosité with Mention Maximum in both performance and improvisation, the first American organist to be so honored.

Ms. Labounsky has been a frequent concert performer on two continents, including a number of recitals on the organ at Sainte-Clotilde. Her performances have been broadcast over the French National Radio, as well as public radio stations in the United States. Her undergraduate and graduate degrees in organ were earned at the Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan. She also holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Musicology from the University of Pittsburgh. She is the author of a biography of Langlais, *Jean Langlais: The Man and His Music*, (Amadeus Press, 2000).

In celebration of the centennial of Jean Langlais in 2007, the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists produced a DVD entitled *Life and Music of Jean Langlais* for which she was the narrator and performer at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, California.

She serves as a professor of music and chairman of the Organ and Sacred Music degree programs at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she oversees undergraduate and graduate programs in sacred music. Labounsky holds the position of Organ Artist in Residence at First Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh.

THE RECITAL

Deo Gratias (Six Pieces)
Fête
L'Orgue mystique, Office No. 31 — Pentecost VI
Introit, Offertory, Elevation, Communion. Sortie
Allein Gott in die höh sei ehr, BWV 662
Final (Six pièces), op. 21
Improvisation on submitted themes

Joseph Willcox Jenkins (1928-2014)
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
César Franck (1822-1890)

The Master Class will begin Saturday morning, April 25, at 9:45 with coffee and donuts. There are four organists who will play for Dr. Labounsky. All chapter members are welcome to attend the Master Class even if you are not playing, and you are encouraged to do so. These classes are always a wonderful time to learn from the "master." And this will be a rare opportunity to have this time with Ann Labounsky.

The Recital on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM will be performed on the church's Kegg Organ. The Kegg Pipe Organ (3 manuals, 25 ranks) was installed in 2001. This organ enjoys a fine room with almost 3 seconds of reverberation. The Great speaks with authority and the complete Swell chorus is the perfect foil for it, being of different character and equal volume. The very effective swell boxes, for which Kegg is known, allow complete control of the fiery full Swell. This organ has been proclaimed a significant recital instrument by Dr. David Fuller, retired from SUNY at Buffalo. Complete organ specifications are available at: www.upcbuffalo.com/Kegg_Pipe_Organ.html.

A reception will follow the recital catered by Christine Snyder — baker extraordinaire!

University Presbyterian Church is located at the intersection of Main Street and Niagara Falls Boulevard. There is a parking lot behind the church that is entered from Niagara Falls Boulevard. See you there !



COMING EVENT

Our next event will be our **Annual Meeting and Brunch on Sunday, May 31, 1:30 PM** at **The 31 Club**, 31 North Johnson Park in Buffalo. This will be a very special event because the immediate past President of the AGO, **Eileen Guenther will be our speaker**. Dr. Guenther is also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a national womens' music sorority. So we are inviting the local members of that organization to join us. Don't miss this . . . put it on your calendar now if you haven't already done so. We want to have a large number of our members attend this event to show our support for Eileen Guenther. Complete information about this event will appear in the May *Bombarde*.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

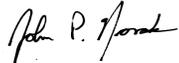
The next board meeting will be April 26 at 3:00 PM preceding the Ann Labounsky recital at University Presbyterian Church. **PLEASE BE SURE to let Caryn Lawler know if you are unable to attend this meeting** (lawler.caryn@gmail.com / 838-2385).

FROM THE DEAN . . .

I hope this issue of the *Bombarde* finds you well following Holy Week, a very busy time for many of our members. I also hope you are able find some time for some rest and relaxation in the coming weeks.

Please take a few minutes to read about our upcoming events including a masterclass and recital by Ann Labounsky from Duquense University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Labounsky is the leading scholar on the life and music of French organist Jean Langlais.

In the coming weeks most of you should be receiving renewal notices from AGO headquarters in your email or mailboxes. The AGO has instituted a new rolling dues policy so there will be no more partial-year memberships available. All membership will now be for one complete year from the date a new member joins or from the date an existing member renews following their membership expiration. If you have any questions regarding your membership renewal, please do not hesitate to contact one of the chapter officers or AGO headquarters.

Looking forward... 
John P. Novak, Dean

NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 – 2016

A Nominating Committee for this year has been appointed. The committee members are: Curt Holmes, Chair, John Novak and Jeffrey Thompson. They are at work selecting members to run for the Executive Committee (6), and Secretary and Registrar. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Curt Holmes at 689-3861 or cfhol@aol.com ASAP. Names of the candidates will be emailed to you shortly, and the biographies and Ballot will be published in the May *Bombarde*.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED
FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
If you can help with this please contact
Marilyn Pfisterer at

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POSITIONS OPEN . . .

Note: Only churches providing F.I.C.A. and Workers' Compensation as well as Unemployment and Disability Insurance are listed, and a written contract will be provided for all positions listed unless otherwise noted.

New Positions

Organist-Director/Organist: Trinity Lutheran Church [LCMs], Lockport: two Sunday morning services, 15 extra services, weekly Adult choir and Bell choir rehearsals, seasonal planning meetings; 1999 Tellers Organ (renovated in 2005); 5 weeks paid vacation and mileage paid; Salary \$7,620 – 11,420 [Evaluation = Good for Service Playing level] contact Paul-Joseph Struckmann at (716)474-8400 / pjstruckmann@hotmail.com

Organist-Director: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Orchard Park: one Sunday morning service, six extra services, weekly choir rehearsal, want to develop a childrens choir; staff meetings; 40 yr. old Carlson pipe organ (just updated to digital); 4 weeks paid vacation and AGO or other organization dues paid; Salary: \$12,000 – \$15,000 [Evaluation = Good]; contact Fr. Sean Leonard at 662-4418 / sean.leonard@stmarksop.org

Organist-Director: First Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NY: one Sunday morning service and choir rehearsal, monthly Celtic Vespers Service (3rd Thursday), three extra services [SUNY Fredonia students are part of the choir], Worship & Music Committee meeting (1st Wednesday of month); 1879 Jensen pipe organ; 4 weeks paid vacation, no other extra benefits; Salary: \$8,500 [Evaluation = Minimum – Adequate]; contact Pastor Dana Vaughn at 716-326-2643 / onestpresby@fairpoint.net

Previously Listed Still Open

Organist-Singer: Infant of Prague RC Church, Snyder: Organist with ability to play and sing and work with the Music Director

PLEASE NOTE: For information about Roman Catholic Church positions please call Alan Lukas at 652-6565

IMPORTANT: You are reminded that listing of positions in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by the Buffalo Chapter A.G.O. or any of its committees. Appropriateness of a position must be judged by the applicant him/her self. For help with this, you may wish to contact the Placement Chair for additional information about a position and/or consult with a member who previously held the position. You are also reminded to be very cautious about accepting a position without a written contract.

DATE DOCKET . . . a listing of members events

All events are free unless otherwise noted

ORCHARD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—EVENTS:

Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 PM – The Sanctuary Choir, Soloists and Wilson Memorial Handbell Choir Concert ~~WAS RESCHEDULED FROM APR. 26~~

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, BUFFALO – EVENTS:

Friday, April 24 at 7:30 PM – Organ Recital by **Stephen Price** – a Triumphant Return concert (don't have information about a charge)

Friday, May 8 at 7:30 PM – **Dr. Dale Adelmann** in a Triumphant Return concert with members of his choir from Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Georgia (no information about a charge)

- Recitals every Wednesday at 12:30 –1:00 PM – Apr. 15- Saxophone Duo, Apr. 22- Performing Arts Choirs, Apr. 29- Andre Rakus, organ [new Chapter member –Welcome Andre!]



LISTEN TO PIPEDREAMS
SUNDAY NIGHTS – 10:00 PM
WNED-FM 94.5 / WNJA-FM 89.7

BOMBARDE DEADLINES

Please note these dates for your articles and Date Docket material:

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Deadline Date</u> |
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| May | May 1, 2015 |
| September/October | TBA |