

The Greater Bridgeport Chapter AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS Presents

8th Annual "PIPESCREAMS!"



An entertaining concert of Halloween-themed, Broadway, & other recognizable musical pieces, by our own very gifted church musicians.

United Congregational Church Park Avenue and State Street Bridgeport, Connecticut



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009 4PM



Welcome

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Program

John Michniewicz Toccata in D Minor J. S. Bach

Norma Pfriem Windy Nights D. Schultz

Children's Choir A Robert Lewis Stevenson poem

Combined Choirs The Phantom of the Opera A. Weber/ Arr. E. Lojeski

Title Song from the Phantom of the Opera

4-Heart Harmony The Music of the Night A. Weber/Arr. E. Lojeski

Joe Utterback Daddy Get Your Kicks on Route 66 B. Troup
Piano

Allison Fay Glitter and Be Gay L. Bernstein
Solo From the Operetta Candide

University of Bridgeport Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered R. Rodgers

Chamber Singers

University of Bridgeport West Side Story Medley
University Singers L. Bernstein/Arr. L. Thomas

Program Sponsors

Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra – a musical treasure with concerts for music lovers of all ages. Come join us at our exciting lineup of concerts featuring a brilliant symphony orchestra under the leadership of Maestro Gustav Meier, with internationally renowned soloists in the newly restored Klein, Bridgeport. For more information on the 2009–2010 concert series pick up a brochure here at the church on the back table, contact the office at 203.576.0263, or visit www.bridgeportsymphony.org. Don't wait, you can still be a season's subscriber!

Westport Steinway Piano Gallery – see advertisement and how to receive a special offer as a friend of the American Guild of Organists.

Costume Parade Raffle & Gift Sponsors

Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra - 2 Tickets to any of the 4 remaining 2009–2010 concerts. November 14, Russian Roulette, featuring 15-year old Alexander Beyer, Piano. December 12, Seasonal Sensations, Harolyn Blackwell, Soprano. March 6, Magic Mozart, David Shifrin, Clarinet. April 17, Hollywood Classics, Alexander Markov, Violinist. Saturdays - 8pm. The Klein, Bridgeport, www.bridgeportsymphony.org, 203.576.0263.

Connecticut Valley Theatre Organ Society – 2 Sets of Tickets for 2 to the Saturday, November 28, 2pm Holiday Concert presented by John Lauter, organ, with a special appearance of the Waterbury Youth Symphony, at the historic and Victorian Thomaston Opera House, Thomaston. A wonderful way to start the holiday season. www.thomastonoperahouse.org

Fry's Westport-Fairfield Piano & Organ - one piano tuning by a certified piano tuner.

A special thank you to several anonymous gift card donors to make this evening special for our Costume March winners.

Songs of Thanksgiving

Join us again here at United Church, Sunday, November 22, 4:00pm when the United Chorale, and Norma Pfriem Children's Choir will present: *Music for Thanksgiving*, featuring exciting traditional, contemporary and intercultural music to celebrate and give thanks. Tickets are \$10, Call 203.335.3107 for more information.

Special Thanks

The performers and our Greater Bridgeport American Guild of Organist (AGO) chapter want to thank United Congregational Church for the use of this wonderful facility and to the many volunteers that lovingly give of their time with the reception, video, lights, staging, all required to make this a special Halloween musical treat. *Keep coming*!

Net proceeds from today's concert will benefit the Louise Miller Organ Music Scholarship Fund. Every year the Greater Bridgeport AGO awards a young organist a scholarship to help defer some of their education spending. We would like to be able to increase this annual scholarship through programs like this today. *Thank you for your support!*

Norma F. Pfriem Children's Choir

Founded in 2007, the choir was made possible by an endowment left by Norma Pfriem, whose trust also funds the Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center and the Norma F. Pfriem Institute at Bridgeport Hospital.

The ensemble is made up of auditioned singers in grades 4–11 from Bridgeport, Trumbull, Monroe, Fairfield, Shelton, Stratford, and Easton. Rehearsals are every Wednesday afternoon during the school year, with participation in the weekly Sunday 10:00 a.m. service at the United Congregational Church, as well as special events throughout the area. This is a paid choir that prepares young singers to perform alongside of adult singers and musicians. For more information, please contact the director, Traci Galla at United Church 203–335–3107 or email unitedchoir.bridgeport@gmail.com.

Teen Pipe Organ Encounter Music Education Week

The Greater Bridgeport AGO is proud to host the 2010 Pipe Organ Encounter for the AGO New England state regions, June 27–July 2, 2010. This jam–packed week will use as it base, Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, including the new Chapel and its Casavant pipe organ. 40 students, ages 13–19, will use 20 of area church pipe organs for practice, give a student recital, enjoy a teacher's recital, tour the organs of Yale University, play the Shelton High School Theatre organ, and be taught by 20+ area musicians, plus 2 noted headliners. Concerts will be open to the public. For students interested in this program please contact John Michniewicz, Michniewiczl@sacredheart.edu . Admissions will begin in January 2010.

Galen Tate Ride of the Valkyries

Jeffrey Wood (4-hands at the organ)

Organ

David Harris The Itsy Bitsy Devil with the Blue Dress On

Piano & Solo Arr. D. Harris

4-Heart Harmony The Ballad of Sweeny Todd

S. Sondheim/Arr. A. Beck

R. Wagner

Elina Christova Suggestion Diabolique S. Prokofiev
Piano

Costume March and Best Costume Prizes

March Medley - arr. David Harris (organ) /Joe Utterback (piano)

David Harris 1927 Silent Film "Love'em and Weep"

Organ

Laurel & Hardy

Reception in Pilgrim Hall!

Come join us for wonderful refreshments, meet our performers and to show off those costumes downstairs right after the concert.

We hope that you have enjoyed this concert as much as we have enjoyed choosing pieces to illustrate the many sounds and dynamic ranges available from the organs and pianos we use to accompany our congregations.

Some of the artists will have CDs available for sale at the reception.

About Our Performers

Dr. Elina Christova - Director of Music, Holy Cross Church, Trumbull; Adjunct Professor of Piano, Music History and Music Theory, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; teaches piano at Suzuki Westport Music School; Recitalist, multiple national and international prize winner; www.elinachristova.com

Allison Fay – Lyric coloratura soprano. Soloist, First Congregational Church of Stratford; frequent soloist with the Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut, Summer Festival Chorus, Stratford Oratorio Society, Stratford Sister Cities Chorus, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra.

David Harris - Director of Music, Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Church, Fairfield; Music Director for shows at various venues throughout Fairfield County; Recitalist; Entertainer; www.davidharrisproductions.com

Frank Martignetti – Director of Choral Activities & Adjunct Professor of Music, University of Bridgeport; Director of Music, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, and High School in the Community, New Haven; Artistic Director, Mystic River Chorale; Choral conductor, educator. www.frankmartignetti.com

Dr. John Michniewicz - Minister of Music, United Congregational Church, Bridgeport; Assistant Professor and Director of the Academic Music Program, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; Recitalist; Composer; Choral Conductor; Past-Dean, Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Traci Galla - Conductor, Norma F. Pfriem Children's Choir; Assistant Conductor and Soprano, United Congregational Church, Bridgeport.

Galen Tate - Director of Music, Saint Thomas More Church, Darien; Adjunct Professor of Music at Sacred Heart University; Accompanist for Sacred Heart University, United and New Haven Chorales, and the Hartt School of Music; Recitalist.

Dr. Joe Utterback - Director of Music, First Congregational Church, Stratford; Grammy-nominated Composer; Jazz Pianist and Entertainer; Adjunct Professor at Sacred Heart University; www.joeutterback.com

Jeffery Wood - Director of Music, St. Mary Church, Milford; Accompanist, Connecticut Chamber Choir; Recitalist.

4-Heart Harmony - Sacred Heart University Chamber Choir. Dr. John Michniewicz, Director; Galen Tate, Accompanist. Jeffrey Barrett, Lauren Beier, Alexandra Broderick, Lauren Candee, Allegra DeVita, Elizabeth Dowling, Karin Escobar, Amanda Favretto, Ryan Filippi, Morgan Frawley, Jesse Gatten, Lindsay Hammell, Jo-Marie Kasinak, Trevor Kelly, Jeremy Leonard, Nadia Najm, Chelsea Rees, Kristin Reinwald, Regina Scafariello, Geoffrey Shupp, Stephanie Taglianetti, Mark Uyeno, Alex Zeller.

Norma F. Pfriem Children's Choir - Traci Galla, Director. Shea Ashmore-Scianna, Andrew Collins, Anderson Colón, Marc-Anthony Colón, Amber Davis, Diamond Davis, Olivia Doolittle, Allie Eastus, Caroline Eastus, Mia English, Sade English, Sarah Gonzalez, Emilia Hernandez, Maia Hernandez, Miah Hudler, Imani Jean-Gilles, Delia Motavalli, Leighann Muldoon, Ariana Rojas, Maig Smith, Genevieve Speer, James Speer, Ally Tate, Hayley Tate, Kelsey Tate, Anika Vanderwal, Elasia Waters

University of Bridgeport Choirs (University Singers & Chamber Singers) – Frank Martignetti, Director. Marie-Carmelle Alexandre*, Haidy Alvarez, Rebecca Beisler*, Keiko Breland, Jessica Davis, Abraham Deshotel*, Franchessca Flores, Jennifer Hillman, Kianna Hogan, Sam Hopkins*, Calvin Hsiao, Allen Jiao, Shaniqua Keel, Ashley Koval*, Alitha Krolikowski, Bruce Lorentzen, Marcia Lorentzen, Elizabeth Martignetti, Melissa Merced, Sheldon Messias, Eta Oyarijivbie, Bianca Persaud*, Chantel Potvin*, Marquia Rabb, Marcel Ringold*, Honghao Ruan*, Andrew Sellars, Victoria Tenzyk*, Kiyomi Todd, Siva Vassileva*, Constant Van Winden, Frank Varhidi, Wenfei Wang, Weijing Wang, Ornella Wellington, Shana Wilson, Aaron Zitouni. (*Chamber Singers)