


# PIPE NOTES



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MAY VERMONT AGO EVENT IS A MEMBERS' PROGRESSIVE RECITAL ON SUNDAY, MAY 17

Vaughn Watson and the Executive Committee have worked hard to put together this wonderful organ event in St. Albans. All the churches to be featured are near or on the upper green of Taylor Park and in easy walking distance of each other. The schedule for the afternoon is:

3:00 p.m.	St. Mary's/Immaculate Conception R.C. Church
3:45 p.m.	St. Luke's Episcopal Church
4:30 p.m.	St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5:15 p.m.	First Congregational Church

A reception at the First Congregational Church will follow the final presentation. Parking is available along the upper green in front of the churches. Come join in the fun of enjoying St. Albans organs in a lovely afternoon of varied organ music by Vermont AGO member demonstrators.

## COMING EVENTS

The **North Country Chorus** will present its **spring concert** in collaboration with the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones and the St. Johnsbury School Chorus on **Friday, May 1** at 7:30 p.m. at the **First Congregational Church, Littleton, NH**; on **Saturday, May 2** at 7:30 p.m. at the **Bradford Congregational Church, Bradford, VT**; and on **Sunday, May 3** at 3:00 p.m. at the **South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury, VT**. The featured work will be Carmina Burana. More information is included in this newsletter.

On **Wednesday, May 6** the first concert of Stowe's **Noon Music in May** series will feature an **organ program** by **John Weaver**. The event is about an hour long, free to everyone, and all are invited.

On **Sunday, May 17** starting at 3:00 p.m. there will be a **members' progressive recital** in **St. Albans**. Churches to be featured are: Congregational, St. Paul's United Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal, and St. Mary's/Immaculate Conception R. C. Church. Do plan on attending. More information is at the start of this newsletter.

**Sunday, May 24** at 4:00 p.m. the next organ recital on the Ives Concert Series at the **Church of Christ at Dartmouth College**, 40 College Street, Hanover will feature young Benjamin Sheen, currently the Assistant Organist at St. Thomas Church in New York. Ben recently received his Master of Music degree from Julliard. He graduated with First Class Honours from Oxford, and was the Organ Scholar at Christ Church Cathedral there. He's an exciting young talent. These concerts are free, and everyone is welcome.

On **Tuesday, May 26** at 12:15 p.m. Dr. William Tortolano will present **Music in a Great Space: Annual Organ Recital** at the **St. Michael's College Chapel**. The program will feature music from the film score: Richard II, William Walton; Three Organ Preludes on Jewish Modes, Reuven Kosakoff; two George Shearing spiritual settings; Ave Maria, Marcel Dupre (Rosemary Rogers, soprano); Sonata per Organo, Vincenzo Bellini (very operatic, perhaps its first US performance). Free and open to the public.

The **Jewish Community Center in Stowe** will present a **concert of Jewish Cantorial Music and Gregorian Chant** at the **Stowe Community Church** on **Tuesday, June 9** at 12:00 noon. The Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola, Dr. William Tortolano, Director, sings "Missa de Angelic" and Jewish liturgical rounds. Rabbi Jan Salzman of Obavi Zedek Synagogue will sing and also encourage the audience to join her in singing some folk music. There will be an optional free will offering.

**Artist-of-the-Year Jim Cassarino** will present an organ recital on **Sunday, June 14** at **Trinity Church in Rutland, Vermont** at 3:00 p.m. He will direct a program of festive music that will include music for organ, choir, brass, and woodwinds. Assisting artists will include colleagues whom he has collaborated with throughout the years. The Annual Meeting of the Vermont Chapter AGO is to follow at 4:15 p.m.

**June 28 - July 1** is our **Northeast Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists** in **New Haven, Connecticut**. Register now, online, or call 860-873-9164 for registration forms and information.

The **Essex Community Concert Series** in Essex, New York has finalized its summer 2015 season of evening and Thursday 11:30 a.m. concerts. The complete listing can be found at [www.essexcommunityconcerts.org](http://www.essexcommunityconcerts.org) and organ events programmed are:

July 4 (Sat) at 7 p.m. Carol Williams, organist

August 6 (Thurs) at 11:30 a.m. Pam Durant, organist

They are also appreciative of donations to help fund the concert series.

The **Brooklyn Chapter AGO** is hosting a **Pipe Organ Encounter July 26 - 31, 2015**. You can support this event by sending interested students to this wonderful opportunity and by sending donations to help the cause to director Erik Birk, at [ebirk88@gmail.com](mailto:ebirk88@gmail.com) or 212-932-0551.

## CHAPTER NOTES

Catherine Orr was honored on Sunday, April 12 at the Unitarian Church in Montpelier by a special church service in her honor to celebrate the 20 years that she has so faithfully served that congregation playing their 1898 George Stevens organ and directing the choir. Thank you, Catherine, and congratulations!

Marilyn Polson was honored on Sunday, April 19 with a surprise acknowledgement during service of her 25 years as organist at Bethany Church in Randolph that was followed by a special reception in celebration of all her work for that church and congregation. Well done, Marilyn!

For members who can get Pipedreams on VPR (Vermont Public Radio) at 9:30 on Sunday evenings, there will be a broadcast of selections from the AGO convention in the Minnesota twin cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul on Sunday evening, May 3 that includes Suite Modale by Ernest Bloch and played by Marianne Weaver, flute and John Weaver, organ. The featured organ is a 1927 Casavant-2001 Schantz at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, Minnesota.

Many thanks to all members who helped make the April Vermont AGO workshop event a success, especially the presenters: Marilyn Polson, Kevin Parizo, and A. David Moore. These opportunities for members and friends would not happen without your dedicated help.

## NORTH COUNTRY CHORUS PRESENTS "CARMINA BURANA"

North Country Chorus welcomes St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones and St. Johnsbury School Chorus as collaborators in its annual Spring Concert. The program features Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, and will be performed in three venues: on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Littleton, NH; on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Bradford Congregational Church, Bradford, VT; and on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m., at South Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury, VT.

Julie Drown, a favorite of North Country audiences, will sing the soprano solos. Other featured soloists will be baritone Gary Moreau and tenor Phil Brown. Accompaniment for Carmina Burana will be provided by pianists Vivian Spates and Mark Violette, as well as percussionists Rick Erwin, Ben Longo, Rory Donnelly, and Kaci Cochran, and flutists Jeffrey Fullerton and Libby Hillhouse. The entire ensemble will perform under the leadership of NCC Musical Director Alan Rowe.

Carmina Burana is characterized by its rhythmic energy and has been popular with audiences since its first performance in 1936. The text comes from a large collection of secular poems of the 12th and 13th centuries preserved at the Bavarian monastery of Benediktbeuren. The poems cover a wide range of human experience: the fickleness of luck and wealth, the joy of the return of spring, and the pleasures and perils of drinking, gluttony, gambling, and lust.

Several other short works will be performed by the St. Johnsbury School Chorus, under the direction of Nicole Bradford, and by the Academy's Hilltones, directed by Alan Rowe.

Tickets are available in advance from Catamount Arts (catamountarts.org), which has reduced its service fees: adults \$11, students \$5.50 (including fees). Admission at the door will be adults \$12, students \$5.

For more information about the chorus, visit its website at northcountrychorus.org.

#### SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST AVAILABLE

Carl Schwartz will be available to substitute as organist and/or music director this summer and fall with advance notice should you have any need.

You can best reach him by email or phone: rustoncar@aol.com or (301) 221-4815 (cell).

He is available June 20 (possibly), 27, all July, and August excepting for the last two Sundays.

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June issue of **Pipe Notes** will be May 20. Be thinking of summer events in your area to share with our membership.

#### A Bit of Humor

##### Miscellanea Organica

Children's answers to church school questions, from a Church of England publication, quoted in "The Epistle", St. Paul's Parish, Seattle, Washington.

+Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

\*Henry VIII thought so much of Wolsey that he made him a cardigan.

+The Fifth Commandment is: Honor thy father and mother.

\*Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire at night.

+When Mary heard that she was to be the mother of Jesus, she went off and sang the Magna Carta.

\*Salome was a woman who danced naked in front of Harrod's.

+Holy acrimony is another name for marriage.

\*Christians can have only one wife. This is called monotony.

+The Pope lives in a vacuum.