



Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter American Guild of Organists

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Our March 2022 Meeting

March 27, 2022, 3:00pm
SARAH PALMER IN RECITAL

Westside Presbyterian Church
6 South Monroe Street, Ridgewood, NJ



Sarah, a student of Dr. Catherine Rodland at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, is a phenomenal talent, having been selected to play as a “**Rising Star**” at the **2022 AGO National Convention in Seattle this coming July.**

If you could have heard Julliard’s Paul Jacob’s acceptance speech after he was awarded “Performer of the Year” by the NYC chapter at last months’ conference, you would understand why this annual recital is so important. **Paul stressed that it is up to us to support young people and promote high-quality Church music.** And that’s exactly what NNJ is doing!

Each year we honor a Rodland Scholar at St. Olaf. However this year’s award winner was not able to perform, so Sarah was highly recommended to be with us for this weekend’s event. You can see why she was so highly endorsed by going to this YouTube channel to see Sarah perform at <https://youtu.be/z-78ONJjAZQ>

We desperately need volunteers to help us. The itinerary on the next page shows jobs that need to be filled. Please consider stepping up to the plate! Email Stewart Holmes (Event Coordinator) at stewholmes2018@gmail.com.

A Note from our Dean

Dear Members,

After a rocky start involving the rental of a van, a cell phone inadvertently left behind, the Herculean effort by Stewart Holmes to make all the necessary transportation arrangements paid off and a small contingent of NNJ Chapter members made our way into NYC for an in-person Presidents' Day Conference presented by the NYC Chapter. The two memorable sessions we attended took place at Brick Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest and afforded fine lectures and performances.

The first half were Improvised Stations of the Cross featuring our former NNJ guest artist and presenter David Enlow and Finnish-American organist Dr. Kalle Toivio. The improvisations were innovative, stunning, and adventurous. Other events included a panel discussion "At the Crossroads of Composition and Improvisation" given by church musician David Hurd and Bruce Neswick. A Hymn Festival of Composers associated with NYC was also given with Bruce Neswick at the organ. Also included was an informative overview of twentieth century sacred music in NY. An award presentation was made to Paul Jacobs for 2021 International Performance of the Year.

We all enjoyed these wonderful events and hope all of you will plan to attend next year's Presidents' Day Conference in 2023. It proves to be an amazing learning experience for all.

Sincerely,
June Marano-Murray, Dean

ITINERARY FOR SARAH PALMER RECITAL				
Date	Time	Activity	Personnel	Other Notes
Friday, March 3/25/2022				
	?	Pickup at Newark Airport	?	Delta #1391: 104PM arrive EWR 4:37 Terminal 1
	6:00	Dinner @ Steel Wheel or other	Stewart Holmes	Others chapter members should join us (Dutch Treat)
	7:00	Deliver to OPRC for practice?	Stewart Holmes	
	NOTE:	We need someone to host Sarah on Friday and Saturday night. or we will reserve a room for her in a local hotel	?	
	9:00 ?	Deliver to host's house	?	
Saturday				
	Early AM	Pick up at Host Host and deliver to Westside	?	
		Deliver sandwich, etc	Debbie	
		Additional practice at OPRC as requested	Debbie	
	6:00 PM	Informal sandwich or quick dinner	Debbie	
		More practice at OPRC if requested or take to host's house	?	
Sunday				
	9:00 AM	Transport to West Side for Sunday Service	?	
		Sandwich for lunch	Stewart / Debbie	
	12:00 PM	Practice at Westside		
	3:00 PM	Recital		Not necessary to have food
	5:00 PM	Depart for home	Sarah's parents	

Other News

Kristin Dabaghian in Recital: Sunday, March 20, 3pm.
Glen Ridge Congregational Church UCC. 195 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, NJ Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$10



Our Nominating Committee is working hard to find positions for next year's slate of officers. Please consider being a member of the slate!