

Reverberations

The Newsletter of the Northern NJ Chapter American Guild of Organists

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Our MAY 2022 Meeting

**Our Northern NJ chapter is pleased co-sponsor
Gordon Turk in recital this Sunday, May 15, 2022 at
3pm.**

Gordon Turk is an extraordinary musician. But he is particularly well known as resident organist of the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Our chapter joins the West Side Presbyterian Church in bringing Gordon to Ridgewood as a part of their Concert Series.

Turk has played throughout the United States, toured Japan and performed frequently in Europe. He is also organist and choirmaster at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne, Pennsylvania, as well as Professor of Organ at Rowan University in New Jersey.



Plan to be with us for this wonderful recital! Admission is free. (Donations are appreciated.)

NOTE: INFORMATION ABOUT OUR JUNE MEETING WILL BE SENT OUT SEPERATELY

**A Note From
Our Dean...**

Dear Members,

I don't know how Holy Week was for you, but I found it immensely gratifying. There was a lot to prepare for, but after having a mediocre or non-existent Holy Week for these last two years, it was a pleasure to get back to normal. We had a cellist for Maundy Thursday who played solos and accompaniments with the choir, and a brass ensemble on Easter who did themselves proud. We're back to singing hymns and the Doxology again (which was a treat in itself) and our choir outdid themselves! It was a joyful occasion for which I was very pleased. I hope you all had exciting holidays as well. (continued next page)

Prior to that on March 27, our guest organist Sarah Palmer played a spectacular recital for us at Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. Any of you who missed it should check out her website online. She is a major upcoming talent who in Dec. will be finishing her Bachelor's Degree at St. Olaf's College. Do yourself a favor and catch her online. And if you have a chance to hear her in person, so much the better! You won't be disappointed.

May you all look forward to the warmer months now and may your gardens be beautiful. I hope to see you all at Gordon Turk's upcoming recital this month at Westside. Take care for now.

June Marano-Murray, Dean

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Pro Arte Chorale, an avocational chorus in Ridgewood, NJ is looking for a new pianist/organist/assistant music director come September. If anyone is interested in this position and would like more information, please send me an email to acovais@olmc.us.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – Rockaway: NJ Perform on organ for Sunday morning services. Conduct choir rehearsals for regular Sunday morning services one hour per week. Assist in production of the annual Sunday School Christmas program. Rehearse with, perform with, and conduct Praise Team musicians two Sunday morning services each month, generally the first and second

Sundays of each month. Able to direct a choir while accompanying the ensemble on organ or piano. Contact Joanne Schaper at email address joanneschaper@gmail.com.

First Lutheran Church of Montclair, NJ Per Diem Organist, Sundays 9:15am - 11:15am 1 service

Holy Week Services, Christmas Eve, Christmas Schlicker Organ - built 1973 - three manuals, 46 ranks, 34 stops No choir at the moment - but that could change in the future. Start ASAP Contact

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Organist/Music Director - Presbyterian Church of Livingston, 271 W. Northfield Rd. Livingston, NJ 07039. The Presbyterian Church of Livingston is looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic Music Director/organist who would be able to administer a program consisting of both contemporary and traditional music and create and deliver an upbeat and engaging musical program for our church and the community. Our organ is a three manual Schantz Pipe Organ. We have one Sunday morning worship service with choir rehearsal proceeding worship. The candidate must be skilled in choral directing with familiarity across multiple music genres including, but not limited to, traditional worship music, music of praise, and both American Spiritual and ethnic types of religious themed music. Flexible hours are 12-15 per week. Salary is negotiable. To apply, please send a resume and a cover letter to the Church office: Email: Livingstonpc@verizon.net – subject line: Music Director Postmail: 271 W. Northfield Rd.; Livingston, NJ 07039; Attn: Team MD. **Contact** Pastor Dan Martian -- dlmartian1@aol.com

CONCERTS / EVENTS / MEMBERS NEWS

May 22, 5:00 pm - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Montclair : Our Home - Ember Ensemble

The surrounding repertoire includes works by Kirke Mechem, Alberto Grau, James Grant, Kyle Pederson, Chris Hutchings, and others. Issues regarding climate change. Contact Information: Gordon King - gking1110@gmail.com

Ron Verblaauw has been added to the substitute list. You can see and download the revised, up-to-date list on our website.