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## A HYMN FESTIVAL

*Tunes through the Centuries, Words for Today  
Exploring hymnody for the 21st century Church*

### WHO: All Are Welcome!

*This event is open to Clergy, Musicians,  
Choir Members and anyone who likes to sing!*

CLINICIANS: Robert J. Batastini, *Leader & Narrator*  
Paul Skevington, *Organist*  
Phil Snedecor, *Trumpeter*

WHEN: **Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 7:30 PM**

WHERE: St. Luke Catholic Church  
7001 Georgetown Pike  
McLean VA

The texts of modern hymn writers have been set to well-known and well-loved melodies. Familiar tunes will make it easy for everyone who loves to sing – including those who do not read music – to experience hymnody for the 21st century Church.

**Robert Batastini\*** will lead and narrate the event, offering insights into the world of congregational song. Two of our finest local musicians, **Paul Skevington**, playing Saint Luke's renowned Steiner-Reck organ, and trumpeter **Phil Snedecor** will add virtuosity and artistry to our singing.

Robert Batastini has served as a parish music director for more than fifty years; he recently retired after forty years as vice president and senior editor of GIA Publications. Bob is past-president and a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada.

So that we can prepare enough programs for the hymn festival and enough food for the reception, please give us an idea of how many people are coming by emailing [skevington@saintlukemclean.org](mailto:skevington@saintlukemclean.org).

A free will offering of \$5 is suggested.

For further details please contact David Mathers at [dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org)

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER *from DC*

### *Saint Paul, Holy Week, and Pastoral Musicians*

As we approach Holy Week and Easter in this Year of Saint Paul, I thought we might consider some of the words of Paul that we hear on Passion Sunday, at the Easter Vigil, and on Easter Sunday, and apply them to the ministry of music.

In Philippians 2:7-8, Paul reminds us how Christ Jesus emptied himself, and humbled himself. As followers of Christ, how are we being asked to empty ourselves and humble ourselves out of love for others? We need to separate the confidence our music-making requires from any type of arrogance or haughtiness. We give of our talents, skills, and time out of love for those we serve.

In addition, we might understand Philippians 2:11 as the goal for which pastoral musicians strive: that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

As we prepare for Baptism and the renewal of baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil, we are reminded by Paul that we are baptized into Christ Jesus, and that includes baptism into his death (Romans 6:3). Recall that in the Rite of Baptism, each of us is anointed as priest, prophet and king.

1. A priest is one who offers prayer on behalf of others; while, in terms of music ministry, this role is perhaps most obvious in cantors, it is also a role taken by the choir, organist, and other instrumentalists.
2. A prophet is one who speaks on behalf of God. Our well-selected and prepared music is often the means by which God's word is heard by the assembly.
3. A king is meant to be a servant - like Jesus, the king who washed the feet of his disciples. We use the power of music and sung text to serve others and move all the faithful from sin to deeper life in Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 is one of the options for the Epistle on Easter Sunday. In this reading we hear the call to throw out the old yeast of malice and wickedness, and to begin anew with the leaven of sincerity and truth. We have all experienced the rotten effects of malice, insincerity, and the whole gamut of untruths - even within our parish and music ministry! Let us begin anew this Easter to dedicate ourselves to truth and sincerity in all our interactions.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and Easter season,  
*Mary J. Beaudoin*, NPM/DC Chapter Director

## NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION & CHAPTER DISCOUNTS

*July 6-10 at the **Stephens Convention Center** in Rosemont, IL  
(5 min. from Chicago's O'Hare Airport)*



Complete information (including a registration form) is available on the website - [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org).

Chapter discounts are available for ten or more members attending from the same chapter. (DC & Arlington are considered one chapter for the convention).

Simply send your form with a \$248 check, payable to NPM/DC (plus whatever extras you may have chosen) Mary Beaudoin, 10114 Portland Place, Silver Spring, MD 20901-2116 **before May 15**.

*N.B. If many register and fee is less than \$248; overpayment will be refunded.*

## *Annual Lenten Retreat*

It's safe to say that none of the 67 participants at this year's retreat went away disappointed. Next month's newsletter will include details of the day spent with Msgr. Ray East.

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## *A Request*

Please keep your newsletter in mind as you celebrate the Triduum. Did you try something different this year? Might others like to try it? Sharing is what Pastoral Musicians do!

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## *D.M.M.D. Luncheons*

The Director of Music Ministries Division (DMMD) includes professional pastoral musicians who hold or share the primary responsibility for music in a variety of settings - parish, diocesan, and other church institutions. For nearly twenty years DMMD has provided a network of support for professional directors and addressed their particular needs in the areas of education and professional concerns.

Local members of DMMD meet on the third Tuesday of each month to have lunch and discuss issues related to our profession.

If you are a person responsible for directing the music in a parish either full-time or part-time, you are welcome to join us.

Occasionally, speakers are brought in to talk to us about pertinent issues, e.g. new liturgical translations.

To receive information about luncheon meetings, email Henry Bauer at [Hbauermus@aol.com](mailto:Hbauermus@aol.com).

## *Summer Organ Recital Series*



The **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's** Summer Organ Recital Series on Sundays, June through August, will feature both the Basilica's magnificent Upper

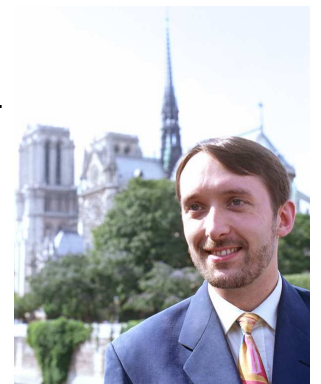
Church and Crypt Church organs. International players from the USA, Great Britain and Germany will help mark the 25th anniversary of the death of the great French organist **Pierre Cochereau** (1924-1984), a musician who embodied the great French Organ tradition in the middle of the 20th century. His name remains indelibly associated with the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris where he was organist and the Cavallé-Coll organ on which he created so many of his memorable improvisations.

The Basilica's 2009 recital series will feature music Cochereau both wrote and improvised (re-created through transcription), reflecting the associations not only with the great Parisian churches he served -- Saint-Roch, Saint-Sulpice and Notre-Dame -- but also the music he himself played and the teachers and friend he held in high regard.

It is appropriate that in April we will welcome this year's celebrity recitalist **Oliver Latry**, Cochereau's immediate successor at Notre-Dame and a performer whose distinguished playing has been acknowledged the world over. We hope that this year's concert will form an effect *Hommage à Cochereau* and that you will be able to join us and hear these performances on the Basilica's outstanding organs.

## **"OCTAVE OF EASTER CELEBRITY RECITAL" Oliver Latry, Organist**

**Sunday 19 April 2009 - 6 pm -  
Free Will Offering.**





## SUMMER INSTITUTES

*For more information... [www.npm.org/EducationEvents/institutes/](http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/institutes/)*

### **CANTOR EXPRESS**

June 19–21 • Dallas (Plano), Texas @ Prince of Peace Catholic Community

July 17–19 • Lakewood, New Jersey @ Georgian Court University

July 24–26 • Gaylord, Michigan @ Gaylord Diocesan Pastoral Center

July 31–August 2 • Clarion, Pennsylvania @ Clarion University

### **24TH ANNUAL CHOIR DIRECTOR INSTITUTE**

July 20–24 • Houston, Texas @ The University of St Thomas

### **INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC WITH CHILDREN**

July 27–29 • Lansing (DeWitt), Michigan @ The Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center

### **GUITAR AND ENSEMBLE INSTITUTE**

July 13–17 • Erlanger, Kentucky @ The Marydale Retreat Center

### **PASTORAL LITURGY INSTITUTE**

July 27–31 • Greensburg, Pennsylvania @ the Bishop William G. Connare Center

### **PASTORAL LITURGY EXPRESS: BILINGÜE**

August 14–16 • Albuquerque, New Mexico @ Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community

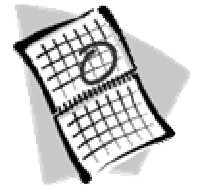
## *2009 NPM/DC Chapter Election*

POSITION	NOMINEE	WRITE-IN
Chapter Director	____ Charlene Dorrian	_____
Co-Coordinator/Planning	____ MaryLu Hartsell	_____
Co-Coordinator/Planning	____ Ronald Stolk	_____
Secretary/Treasurer	____ Jeannette Oliver	_____
Animator for Koinonia	____ Tom Stehle	_____

Please mail your ballot to: NPM//DC, 14727 Wexhall Terrace, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

Or you may e-mail your ballot to: [jlo@umd.edu](mailto:jlo@umd.edu) – your anonymity will be honored.

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS...



- Friday, May 1, 8:00 PM — **Violin Recital** by Josef Spacek and assisted by Audrey Andrist, piano at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD. For more information contact, Henry Bauer at 301-530-1550.
- Friday, May 1, 8 pm — **An Evening of Piano Music** by John McCaray. He will perform works by Bach, Schumann, Scarlatti, Chopin and Liszt. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, Alexandria Virginia. A free will offering will be taken. For more information ... 703-998-6100 X 13
- Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m. — **The Gaithersburg Community Chorus** is singing "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé 16 at Watkins Mill High School
- Every 2nd Monday of the month, 8:15 p.m. - St. Mary Parish in Fredericksburg, VA (1009 Stafford Ave.) holds an **Ecumenical Taizé Service** to pray for Christian unity. All are welcome. Please call David Mathers at 540 373-6491 x217 for more info.

## SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

### *Music for the Mass for Shut-Ins*

This month we start a new feature ... In response to a member's request, we are giving a tip of the hat each month to the choirs who provide music for the Sunday Mass, broadcast on Channel 32 at 8:30 a.m. These masses are taped in advance in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

- \* St. Mark the Evangelist Choir, Hyattsville, MD on February 22 & March 8
- \* Our Lady of Victory Parish Choir, DC on March 1 & 22
- \* St. Patrick's Choir, Rockville, MD on March 15

## YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

National Pastoral Musicians exists to serve us – the pastoral musicians on whom sung worship depends. It serves best when the needs and interests of its members are known and addressed. So – what's on your mind? How can your local chapter better serve you? Any of the Board Members listed on page two will be glad to receive an e-mail with your comments and suggestions.

## PRAYER SERVICES ONLINE ...

### *From Taizé to Notre Dame de Paris*

- \* **Saturday evening prayer broadcast from Taizé** — Every Saturday the evening prayer (*A Celebration of Light of the Resurrection*) from Taizé is retransmitted at 20:00 GMT (**3 pm EST**) Apr.-Oct.; 21:00 GMT (**4 pm EST**) Nov.-Mar. on Domradio, <http://www.domradio.de> a Catholic radio station in Cologne, Germany. ("Live Horen" on the left of domradio's page is the link for the live internet stream.) You can also subscribe to the "Podcast" version with this link <http://www.domradio.de/audio/podcast/taize/taize.xml> ... this page also has the mp3 files for direct download/listening.
- \* **Sunday Evening Mass from Notre Dame de Paris** — Every Sunday, the 6:30 pm (Paris Time) (**12:30 EST**) Mass is broadcasted (AUDIO) on Radio Notre-Dame, [http://www.radionotredame.net/rnd\\_player.php](http://www.radionotredame.net/rnd_player.php) You can also watch the LIVE OR "On Demand" Video feed of the Mass <http://www.ktotv.com>
- \* **Weekly Vespers from Notre Dame de Paris** — Every Monday to Friday, the cathedral's Vespers service is broadcast LIVE <http://www.ktotv.com> on KTO, French Catholic television Monday to Friday at 5:45 pm, Paris time (**11:45 AM EST**.)

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## UPCOMING NPM/DC CHAPTER EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm - **A Hymn/Song Festival** at St. Luke's in McLean, VA.

Come and lift your voice in texts of today using treasured tunes to create fresh hymns of praise and prayer with ...

**Robert Batastini**, conductor & retired senior editor for GIA Publications

**Paul Skevington**, organist & Minister of Music and Liturgy at St. Luke's

**Phil Snedecor**, trumpeter, member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra & co-founder of the Washington Symphonic Brass

*\$ 5 or a free will offering.*

## MEMBERSHIP

Our chapters depend on dues to function. The minimal fees charged for an event barely cover its cost. Please renew your membership today. It's only \$15 for an individual; \$55 for a parish.

Not sure if your membership status? Just e-mail [jlo@umd.edu](mailto:jlo@umd.edu) (DC) or [trudychoirdir@aol.com](mailto:trudychoirdir@aol.com) (Arlington) for confirmation.

## REMINDERS:

... **Newsletter deadline** — 15th of the month, but it's never too early to submit an item. Please send them to [mcdorrian@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdorrian@yahoo.com), [mary.beaudoin@stpetersolney.org](mailto:mary.beaudoin@stpetersolney.org) or [dmathers@stmaryfred.org](mailto:dmathers@stmaryfred.org).

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