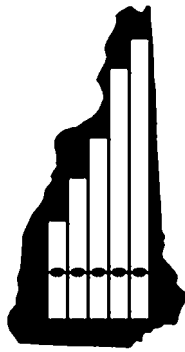


The Cypher



THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN GUILD OF
ORGANISTS



October 2008

JOSEPH R. OLEFIROWICZ

In Concert

IYO Pipe Organ Spectacular

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 4pm
First Church (UCC), Nashua, NH

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Our Purpose:

The fundamental purpose of the New Hampshire Chapter is:

- To advance the cause of the organ and choral music, to increase their contributions to aesthetic and religious experiences, and to promote their understanding, appreciation and enjoyment.
- To improve the proficiency of organists and choral directors.
- To promote, by examination, attainments in organ playing, choral techniques, conducting, and the theory and general knowledge of music, and to grant certificates to those who pass such examinations at specified levels of attainment.
- To provide members with opportunities to meet for discussion of professional topics, and to pursue such other activities as contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Guild.

Join Joseph Olefirowicz - an internationally acclaimed conductor and recitalist-in an enjoyable afternoon of organ music. Works by Boellmann, Dubois, Foote, Francaix, Grison, Lemmens, Vierne and Weaver. This audience-friendly program is co-sponsored with our NH chapter as the keynote event of the PIPE ORGAN SPECTACULAR during the 2008 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN.

JOSEPH R. OLEFIROWICZ is a 1994 graduate of Ithaca College and recipient of the schools 1998 "Outstanding Young Alumnus Award". A former organ student of John B. Skelton, James Arena and J. William Greene, he became the first Methuen native to perform at the Methuen

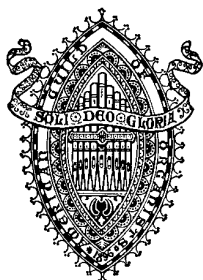


Organ Facade at First Church, Nashua, NH

Memorial Music Hall in 2000. Active as a concert organist in Europe and the US, he recently appeared in solo programs at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, NY and Brussels Cathedral in Belgium.

After College, Olefirowicz went to Germany where he eventually became conductor and assistant music director of the Capitol Theater in Düsseldorf. From there he continued as music director of commercial theaters in Bochum, Stuttgart and Berlin, where he conducted the German companies of "Starlight Express", "Miss Saigon", Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" (as guest) and Disney's "Hunchback of Notre Dame".

After nearly fourteen years abroad, he returned to the US earlier this year to begin his tenure as Minister of Music at the First Church (UCC) in Nashua, bringing his years of varied musical expertise to a vibrant congregation, active music program and new concert series.



A Note From Our Dean . . .



About three weeks ago, the Executive Committee was shocked and saddened by the resignation of our beloved Director of POE 09, Ken Grinnell, due to upcoming heart surgery, multiple family deaths and all the work the aftermath brings, plus the resignation on Dec. 30 of both the Pastor and the assistant pastor of his church!!

An emergency meeting of the Executive Committee and others Ken had suggested was held last Sunday. We were blessed by the presence of Lary Grossman, our regional councillor. We were faced with the decision of whether to go on or to cancel our plans.

I am overjoyed to report that a ground swell of "we can do" passed through the group, and here are the results:

Director: Colin Lynch
Secretary and Registrar - Elizabeth Black
Treasurer- Shirley Boucher
Services Coordinator - Kathy Metivier
Facilities - George Bozeman
Faculty - Bruce Adami
Publicity and Fundraising - Jan Bordeleau and Peter LaBombarde

Hampshire. Please copy if necessary and hang on your churches bulletin boards and other important places. And on Sunday, October 19, gather up your friends and come to one of these wonderful events. See you there!!

- Liz Black

Executive Committee Meeting

**Saturday, October 11
10:00 AM**

St. Paul's Church
Centre Street
Concord, NH 03301
RSVP: 603-224-1535

Ken had outlined many things for us to go by, perhaps most importantly the securing of a dorm at Southern University of New Hampshire as the site for POE 09.

Now is the time to pull together and help make this event a roaring success! Please call any of the above chairs if your helping skills and desires fall into their category.

You will find, in this issue of "The Cypher", a flyer enclosed about all the Organ Spectacular events in New

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Positions Available - October, 2008

Church of our Savior (Episcopal)

10 Amhurst St. (PO Box 237)

Milford, NH 03055

(603) 673-3309 – Church Office

Organist/Music Director for 1 Sunday service 10:00 AM with Sunday morning Choir warm-up. Wednesday Night Choir rehearsal with Adult Choir; Also responsible for Children's choir. Extra services organist would be responsible for: *Advent Lessons and Carols, Pageant, Christmas Eve, Christmas day, Epiphany, Candlemas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, All Easter services, Ascension and Thanksgiving services.*

\$14,500-15,000.00 Annual salary for approximately 10-12 hour week with up to 10 weddings & funerals as extra income potential.

4 weeks paid vacation, and other benefits to be negotiated with successful candidate.

2 Manual and Pedal, Fritz Noak Pipe Organ, approximately 34 years old. Excellent condition.

Vacancy to be filled by August 31, 2008

Inquires made to above address OR

Rolf Goodwin (Search Committee Convener)

3 Belfast St. ,

Nashua NH 03063

(603) 881-3028

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Main Street United Methodist Church

154 Main Street

Nashua NH 03060

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Organist for 2 Services (1 service during July/August) with Sunday morning warm-up. Thursday night Choir rehearsals. Successful candidate will also possess strong Piano skills as well. Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve currently the only extra services, with a Cantata during Christmas and Eastertide.

\$10,046 – 10,096.00 Annual Salary with 4 weeks paid vacation included. Approx. 8 weddings or funerals for extra remuneration. 2 Manual and Pedal Cassavant Pipe Organ, approx. 59 years old. 33 stops, 28 Ranks.

Vacancy to be filled by August 24, 2008 or sooner.

Inquiries made to above address OR

Sherry Wheeler

6 Ridgewood Drive

Amherst NH 03031

(603) 673-1743

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* Substitute Available *

Maureen Sheehan

PO Box 5621

Portsmouth NH 03802

(603) 431-1891

Substitute Organist for Wedding's & Funerals & Special Services.

Part – Time 3 Month Interim Position Available

The Congregational and Baptist Church of Chester

One service (10:30 AM)

Thursday night rehearsal

Two services on Christmas Eve (5:00 and 11:00)

Woodberry and Harris tracker organ restored by George Bozeman

The church utilizes a wide variety of musical styles – would like to utilized other instruments in worship

Compensation commensurate with AGO guidelines

Please Contact:

Rev. Beverly L. Lindsey, Pastor

The Congregational and Baptist Church of Chester

P. O. Box 306

Chester, New Hampshire 03036

(603) 887-4792 (home)

revbev@gsinet.net (email)

DONATIONS WANTED

Do you have extra copies of organ literature that you no longer play? Why not donate them to our NHAGO "pre-loved" music library? To do so, simply bring it and add it to our collection for sale at the next Chapter program, or call Nick Girgus at 424-4743 to arrange for pick-up. All proceeds directly benefit our Scholarship Fund.

* * * **Upcoming Events** * * *

Jay Zoller, Organ

Sunday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.
The Congregational Church of Boxford, Massachusetts.
Music of Bach, Walther, Wunderlich, Franck, Brahms
and Bourgeois.

November Program

NHAGO members and guests invited to participate in "organ plus" recital

Bedford Presbyterian Church will host a concert of instrumental/vocal music with organ (duo, trio, etc) on Sunday, November 16th @ 4pm.
Volunteers interested in performing (may include trumpet, violin, flute, piano, etc.) should contact Nick Girgus @ NGX2@wevtv.net or call (603)424-4743. A stop list of the 2 manual mechanical action Hutchings/Andover Organ is available. Program will include INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for NHAGO 2008/09. Members and guests invited - FREE - Public Invited **November program** - NHAGO members and guests invited to participate in "organ plus" recital

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*State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor*

A Proclamation

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN
JULY 2008 - JUNE 2009**

WHEREAS, The American Guild of Organists, the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields, has officially declared July, 2008 through June, 2009 as the **International Year of the Organ**; and

WHEREAS, This association, chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in 1896, has designated this year a time for exhibiting our pride in the King of Instruments and celebrating its colorful history and unparalleled contributions to the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS, The 21,000 members of the American Guild of Organists located throughout the United States, Europe, Singapore, Korea, and Sydney are holding a multitude of activities worldwide to celebrate the IYO, including organ recitals, organ-building workshops, and community events of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, October 19, 2008 will be an international day of celebration and focal point of the 2008-2009 **International Year of the Organ**, during which more than 250 celebrations will be held globally to showcase the organ and its history; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of Guild chapters, as well as music organizations throughout the world, will be sponsoring their own local activities to help generate increased awareness of the organ; and

WHEREAS, The association will be working with colleges, universities, and conservatories to promote organ education and appreciation, as well as offering "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" and other special programs to younger students to encourage them to become more involved with the organ and organ music; and

WHEREAS, The **International Year of the Organ** will be the largest musical celebration of its kind ever to be held on a global basis; and

WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local government officials through the United States, as well as civic and social organizations, educators, musicians, music enthusiasts, and others, will join together to honor the organ;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire do hereby proclaim **JULY 2008 - JUNE 2009** as the **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN** in New Hampshire.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-three.


John H. Lynch
Governor

McQuade Concert

by

CHELSEA CHEN

"Brilliant Young Organist"



"Both Bach and Reger surely would have approved of the formidable talent of our soloist Chelsea Chen.

Here is a top talent in top form."

- Michael Barone/Pipedreams
Host

SUNDAY

November 2, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Community

Church of Durham

17 Main Street

Durham, NH

603 868 1230

**Free and Open to
the Public**

Chelsea Chen will be playing her first concert in New Hampshire Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Community Church of Durham. This concert is the McQuade Memorial Concert for 2008. Originally from San Diego, Chelsea started playing piano at a young age and at fifteen started her organ lessons. She has both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Juilliard where she studied with both John Weaver and Paul Jacobs. Presently she is in the prestigious Artist Diploma program at Yale, studying with Thomas Murray.

Chelsea has played at three AGO Conventions. In 2003, she won the 2003 Region IX AGO RYCO competition. She has won awards for her playing at both Juilliard and Yale. In 2006-2007 she was in Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar. She has played concerts in Singapore, Taiwan, Hong Kong; and literally all over the United States. On November 23rd she is playing a solo concert on the Glatter-Götz/Morales organ at the Disney Hall in Los Angeles – the youngest solo performer to play there to date.

The Community Church is at 17 Main Street, and the 7:00 PM concert, as always, is free. If you have any questions you can contact the Church at 868-1230 or Tom Madson at 223-6633, or TBMadson@AOL.com.

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**156 Little Pond Road
Concord, NH 03301**



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DIRECTIONS to the First Church, 1 Concord St., Nashua, NH

FROM EAST

- Take 101E toward Manchester
- Merge onto Rte. 93, move directly to right lane
- At fork, bear right at Exit 7 toward Manchester/Bedford/Airport
- Take right at ramp onto Everett Turnpike South/Merrimack/Nashua (Toll Road)
- **Take Exit 7E Amherst St./Nashua Downtown (East 101A)
- Proceed 1.5 mi. to 4th traffic light
- Large gray Church is on left

FROM NORTH

- Take 93 South toward Manchester
- Merge onto 293 South
- Continue directly onto Everett Turnpike (Rte. 3 South) toward Nashua (Toll Road)