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September 8, 2022 will be one of those dates we remember in history: what were you doing when you heard the news of Queen Elizabeth's death? Lynn and I were driving along Strandherd Road when Lynn got a message from her sister (who lives in the States!) about the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Certainly it is the end of an era.

In 1959, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding, the College was granted the privilege of adding "Royal" to its name, becoming the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Like most Canadians, Queen Elizabeth had been our only monarch. That is why, at any of our conventions, the programme book always includes a letter from our Governor General.

Regardless of your opinion on Canada and the monarch, as church musicians, we can all agree that the music for Her Majesty's various Services of Remembrance, funeral and committal were well chosen and executed. The local service, at Christ Church Cathedral, naturally had a truly Canadian element to it. Of course, there will be a coronation at some point and it, too, will be an occasion for great music.

Though Thanksgiving has been officially celebrated as an annual holiday in Canada since 1879, the date varied by year and was not fixed until 1957 when Governor General Vincent Massey issued a proclamation

stating: "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed – is to be observed on the second Monday in October".

There are lots of possibilities for us church musicians to choose appropriate voluntaries, anthems and hymns. My St. Luke's Choir is singing Healey Willan's anthem Sing to *The Lord of Harvest* on Thanksgiving Sunday. Yes, our Thanksgiving holiday is to give thanks for the harvesting of crops, but we can also give thanks for other things. To all who:

- sing in our choirs.
- give a fellow choir member a ride to and from church each week
- collect and file choir music after it has been sung

#### THANK YOU!

Aside from a few staff members at RCCO headquarters, our College is chock full of volunteers. Members give of their time and talents to serve on the executive, organize and carry out Centre activities. For this we give thanks.

This coming Saturday, October 1st, we bid farewell to longtime Centre member Dianne Ferguson. For many years she was the organist at Rideau Park United Church, a church with a vibrant music programme.

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#### IAN GUENETTE AND SONDRA GOLDSMITH PROCTOR

Saturday, October 22 at 10:30 a.m. Welcome Back! You are invited to join with our colleagues of the Ottawa Centre as we begin again! The wonderful 'Welcome Back' that Suzanne Marjerrison has arranged for us will be a breakfast/ brunch at the Chances R restaurant. Additional information can be found on page 3, opposite, in this issue of Pipelines.

Saturday, November 5, at 3:30 p.m. *Christmas in November* to be held at Trinity Anglican Church. Fabien Tousignant, will welcome us to a festive prelude. Bring your favorite Christmas prelude or postlude or meditation to play on Trinity's Casavant organ. What works best on a snowy Sunday in Advent? Light refreshments will be served after we share our musical gems.

Saturday January 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. *Café RCCO* with Organ Technician Sylvain Brisson to be held at the Woodroffe United Church. What have you always wondered about tuning an organ? Bring your questions to this event. How should we prepare for the organ technician's visit? Sylvain will answer your questions and offer us insights into maintaining our instruments and communicating with our technician.

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. *Mini-Recital* to be held at the Church of St. Bartholomew. Timothy Piper, organist and host musician, will present a minirecital on the 2013 Letourneau Organ. After the recital, we will share light refreshments. Further details to follow.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. *The Works of César Franck* to be held at Notre Dame Cathedral-Basilica. Thomas Annand, currently serving as Interim Organist at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, will feature the works of César Franck with a bonus video.

Approximately one week in advance of the concert, you will receive a video link of a conversation with Donald Russell and Thomas Annand discussing the technical aspects of playing Franck's compositions. The video will help us all hear the nuances of the music during the performance. If you have questions regarding performance practices of César Franck, please email them to **sondragoldsmithproctor**@**gmail.com**. She will share our thoughts and questions with Thomas Annand.

## TBA, March, 2023 Ottawa Centre Student Recital

We're currently finalizing the date and location for our annual Student Recital. We're planning a live event this year (at last) to give our students the to show off their learned skills theat they've worked so hard to achieve. More details to follow as plans unfold, but do make a note on your March calendar page to come out and support our students.

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. *The Great Bach Marathon returns!*Music of Johann Sebastian Bach and those composers who used the B-A-C-H theme in their works will be featured. To volunteer to perform this coming May, please select your works and send the titles and BWV numbers or titles and composers to sondragoldsmithproctor@gmail.com Do you perform with an instrumentalist? Invite them to join you. Please contact Sondra Goldsmith Proctor with your repertoire decisions so that we will hear each work only once. Plan ahead!

This event continues to be a Benefit for the Scholarship Fund for Beginning Organists. The RCCO-Ottawa Centre Prizewinners of the Ottawa Piano Festival will again be performing at the Marathon. It is not too early to select what you will prepare to perform!

It is good to be able to share our passion for making music with colleagues. Plan to support the programme events this season. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sondra Goldsmith Proctor at: sondragoldsmithproctor@gmail.com

#### **Around Town**

Sunday, October 24, at 2:00 pm Organ dedication recital at Glebe-St. James United Church.



To celebrate the installation of the new Phoenix digital organ, Glebe-St. James United Church welcomes Matthew Larkin who will give the inaugural recital. The organ will receive its official dedication as part of the evening's celebration.

The church address is 650 Lyon Street South (at the corner of First Avenue) in the Glebe. For more information please contact James Caswell by email at: music.gsj@gmail.com

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Dianne was active in our Centre and she and her husband Murray were regular attendees at our Pro Organo recitals.

I am also looking forward to the Gala Fund-Raising Concert for our Pro Organo Series this coming Sunday at Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre. Invite or bring a friend or colleague to this important recital. Its financial success will enable us to continue to offer a series featuring the finest organists on the finest organs.

#### **Members' News**

#### **Address Change:**

#### **Marion Miller**

Waterside Retirement Residence 307 – 105 McNeely Avenue, Carleton Place, ON K7C 0B6

#### **Email Change:**

Peter Woodwark

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#### **Membership Renewal**

If you have not renewed your RCCO Membership for 2022-2023, there are options for renewal.

You can renew online at www.rcco.ca or phone Hayley at the National Office during the week at (416) 929-6400, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, or via email at info@rcco.ca. You may also mail a cheque to RCCO, 201-720 Bathurst St., Toronto, ON M5S 2R4.

If you qualify for Student membership, you can apply for reimbursement of your fee from the Ottawa Centre, after you renew. The application for reimbursement is on the Ottawa Website at: www.rcco-ottawa.ca/schol.html#studentmember.



The first in-person event of the season will take place on **Saturday, October 22nd, starting at 10:30 am.** where we will meet at **Chances R Restaurant,** College Square, 1365 Woodroffe Avenue. This is an opportunity to meet friends and colleagues of the RCCO we have not seen since Covid began. The patio is enclosed and has overhead heating. The breakfast and lunch menu are both available at 10:30 am. There is ample parking.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 17th if you plan to come. Contact Don Marjerrison at:donald.marjerrison@sympatico.ca or call 613.724.3793



## **Pro Organo**

Ottawa Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO), with support from Carleton University, announces a gala concert in support of its concert series called Pro Organo Ottawa. This concert series, which presents four organ recitals on four different organs in four different churches during each concert season, is now in its thirty-fourth season, making it the longestrunning series of organ recitals in Canada; it is also Ottawa's only concert series which features only organ music.

To make our needs known, the RCCO, with support from Carleton University, announces a benefit fund-raising event on Sunday October 2, 2022, at 3.00 pm, in the Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre (O'Connor at Lisgar Streets). This concert will present two of Canada's finest concert organists, **MATTHEW LARKIN** and

#### KAREN HOLMES

**SHAWN POTTER**, who are donating their time to play on Ottawa's largest pipe organ in order to help Pro Organo Ottawa.



Through this event, for which **free-will offerings are invited at the door**, the RCCO, a registered Canadian charity, is soliciting donations from people who love organ music and want to see it continue to be presented in Ottawa. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20. Donation forms will be available at the door.

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Rev. Christine Piper

#### Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

This Thursday morning, September 29, our *Globe and Mail* reports further on how Newfoundland is reeling from the 'post-tropical storm Fiona' and we hear that our neighbors in Southwest Florida are 'swamped' by Hurricane Ian. I read, as well, the report that 'Opioid related death

nearly doubled during the Pandemic,' and I wonder where I can possibly go with my Chaplain's Corner?

And yet I find that I am moved to reflect that whatever may be our circumstances, especially through these post-Pandemic days – which, surely, will have a different 'hue' for each, and every, one of us – we can all at some level share, and yes, seek solace in the beauty of the Fall season.

Indeed, I find that I am moved to quote from John Keats' Ode to Autumn:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,

Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun:

Conspiring with him how to load and bless

With fruit the vines that round the

thatch-eves run;

To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,

And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;

To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells

With a sweet kernel...

And, yes with this acknowledgement of the complexities of what we see happening around us, and indeed in prayer for all who are devastated and trying to make it through, my sincere wish for all, wherever we may be, is for a Thanksgiving that is softly touched by the deep care of God.

In faith,

Christine +





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MONDAY, 24 OCTOBER / 7:30 P.M.
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## **Organ Teachers List**

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**Robert P. Jones**, M.Mus., ARCCO (ChM). All levels of students (teenager or adult). Lessons at St. Luke's Church (760 Somerset Street W.) Info:pentland1212@eastlink.ca

**Heather Rice**, ARCT, BMus, ARCCO (ChM). Welcomes students in piano, organ, voice and theory, Beginner - Intermediate, Children - Adult. Call 613-563-1409

**Wesley R. Warren**, M.Mus, FRCO, (ChM), ARCT. Beginning to advanced organ students, piano and theory. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Ottawa. Info: 613-726-6341

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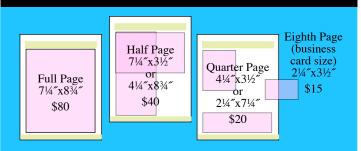
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- 2. If a member wishes to place a free announcement in Around Town for an event of another organization he/she is a member of (not covered by Policy 1), the member must make a written request to the RCCO Centre Executive for approval of that one specific event. Approval may be granted on the basis that this **extraordinary** event would be of specific interest to our members: e.g., church/choral, and/or organ/bells, **and/or the** encouragement of young organists and pianists.
- 3. If a non-member wishes to announce an event of his/her organization in Around Town **free of charge**, he/she must make a written request to the RCCO Centre Executive for approval of that one specific event. Approval may be granted per Policy 2; in most circumstances, however, we would expect the Organization to pay as per the rates set out by the Centre for advertising.

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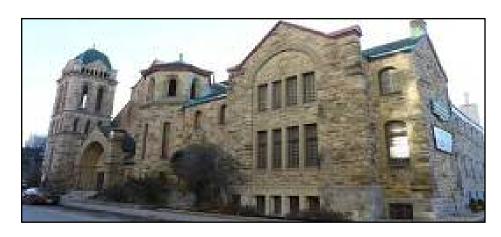
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# Fund Raising Benefit Gala Concert in support of Pro Organo

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featuring guest concert organists
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