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Dear colleagues,

Rest and renewal.

In a world that can feel overwhelming, the idea of rest and renewal can feel like a pipe dream (pun absolutely intended!). In the past month, we have been through many extremes: extremes in temperature and weather, the highs of the holiday season and the relative quiet of the 12 days of Christmas, and my-oh-my January feels like a long month.

Now, as February begins, I would encourage you to take a moment for yourself! A favorite saying of mine is: "You can't pour from an empty pitcher." Music requires of us dedication, energy, and a seemingly endless supply of creativity. As you continue to give those around you the gift of your talent, in whatever form that takes, remember to take a moment of your own. It could be a quick walk outside, getting coffee with a friend, setting aside a moment to read, or whatever makes

your heart sing!

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Yours in music,  
Leslie

P.S. I write to you from (sort of) sunny Los Angeles, where I have been joining with AGO members & leaders from all across the country for the (possibly first annual) AGO Leadership Expo! I am excited to share this experience with you in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned!

P.P.S. A word of thanks for your patience as this newsletter continues to evolve. It won't necessarily have the same content month-to-month and I would love to hear any suggestions you might have on what information and content you would most enjoy and find useful!

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## AROUND THE INTERNET



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[The power of hitting "pause" \(written this summer\)](#)



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## CHAPTER EVENTS



### **New Hampshire Chapter**

Organ and Orchestra Repertoire Workshop - "Organ Symphony Assistant (OSA)"

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10:30AM (Snow date: February 16) Free.

You are cordially invited to attend and observe the demonstration or plan to participate (see below). For more information call NHAGO Sub-Dean Nicholas Girgus

(603)424-4743 or email presenter Laura Belanger at [laura.bela@icloud.com](mailto:laura.bela@icloud.com).



### **Boston Chapter**

Fountain in the Wood: A Celebration of Women Composers

Sunday February 10, 2019 3:00PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

81 Elm Street

Concord, MA 01742

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From Rebecca Clarke to Ysaye M. Barnwell, Fountain in a Wood represents a diverse concert program of music written by women composers for women's voices. Featured repertoire includes CWC's 2017 commission, The Tree House, by Boston composer Beth Denisch, based on the texts of Scottish poet Kathleen Jamie. Scored for oboe, cello, piano and women's voices, The Tree House powerfully renders these beautiful texts; they are perfectly paced, lovely, radiant, challenging, and measured. Also included on the program are works by Gwyneth Walker, Rebecca Clarke, Ramona Leungen, Carol Barnett, Tara Traxler and Anne Lister.



## **Merrimack Valley Chapter**

Merrimack Valley Chapter's 21st Mini Convention on February 23, 2019 from 8:30am to 4pm!

It will again be held at the First-Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845.

Presenters will include:

- Robert Stibler with pointers on involving student and amateur brass players in your music,
- Susan Ferre on the application of early singing styles in Handel's Messiah,
- Craig Seaman on the "Care and Feeding" of pipe organs, and
- Richard Spicer on early publishers and composers of church music in Essex County.
- In addition, Spectrum Music will be back with a goodly selection of music for sale, and The Party Connection will again be serving up one of their delicious lunches.
- Members of the Chapter will be doing an anthem reading and hosting the Scholarship Fund flea market, and good fellowship will be had by all.

The detailed program and the Registration form will be posted on the Chapter website [www.merrimackago.com](http://www.merrimackago.com) in late January.

For any question, please contact Alain Bojarski (alain.bojarski@comcast.net, 978-263-3979)



## **Waterbury Chapter**

Adult Choir Festival Concert

Sunday, February 24, 2019 5 p.m. (Snow date: Sunday, March 3)

St. Rose of Lima Church

35 Center St., Meriden, Connecticut

Andrew Brochu, Choral Director at Avon High School, director

no admission charge

For more information: Bill Degan, Dean 860-712-3536



## Eastern NY Chapter

Organ Concert to Honor Dr. Adolphus Hailstork  
Dr. Hailstork is a distinguished composer and educator. He was raised in Albany and was a chorister at the Cathedral of All Saints in his youth. Several of his organ works will be performed by chapter members Mary Bon, William Douglas, Alfred Fedak, Brian Gurley, and Trevor Kalbaugh.

Saturday, March 2, 2019 3:00 PM (snow date Sunday, March 3 3:00 PM)

Cathedral of All Saints

62 Swan St, Albany, NY 12210

Admission: Adults \$10, children under 18 and students with ID free

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