

Dear Uncle Max

Send questions to Dear Uncle Max, AGO National Headquarters, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115.


I plan on taking the CAGO Exam this coming year and need help locating a CD or tape of two parts of the exam. One part of the exam is to accompany a choral work, Mathias's "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" (Oxford 42.380) and another is to accompany a vocal solo: Louie White's "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" from Seven Wedding Songs (high voice, Concordia 97-5576). A CD or tape of these works would help me practice for the exam.

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I am delighted you will be taking the CAGO exam! I have tried to locate recordings of both these works with no success. I even called Kevin Walters who is rather the resident expert for choral matters for the AGO Certification Committee. He thought the Mathias might have been recorded about 20 years ago. Difficult to find now. Actually, from an examination standpoint, I think it better if you build up your own interpretation from the written page rather than from a recording. Of course, you should try to have your choir sing the one and get a soloist to perform the other at a wedding or church service. Above all, know the parts other than the accompaniment.

I visited major record stores in two states and what I learned of interest was not about recordings. I am definitely up on what is in and what is out style-wise for young people. The clothing worn by the bright, intelligent, intense, 20-something-year-olds who helped me with the computerized data, as well as with a battery of indexes, national and international, was interesting but not startling. What was startling was the amount of silver fastened on the lips and nose, as well as up and down the ears. All of this against a background of real or synthetic tatoos: arms, wrists, ankles, and one can only imagine where else. With just a small effort, couldn't we all make Guild meetings more interesting?

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