

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Members,

As March brings with it longer days, more sunshine, and warmer temperature, it also brings Lent and preparations for Easter. This month, it brings as well our next Local Composer's Forum - with Grand Rapids composer Dr. Larry Visser. Please join us at Second Reformed in Zeeland on Monday, March 23 at 7pm to hear some of Visser's organ works, played by your colleagues, meet Larry, and hear him talk about his works and his compositional journey. This proves to be another interesting evening! Hope you can be with us.

Coming up in April, we look forward to Hope College Voice Prof Linda Dykstra speaking with us on The Aging Voice (a topic all of us who direct church choirs deal with on a weekly basis), on Monday, April 20 at Hope College.

March is National Reading Month, and as I was thinking yesterday about reading a book for my daughter's elementary classroom, I pulled one from our shelves called Ada's Violin. This is a book about a community in Paraguay, built amidst a gigantic garbage dump. One man who worked there decided to form an orchestra for the children, and having no money or resources, they built the instruments out of trash. The Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay has now toured around the world, and serves as a inspiration and an example of the way making music can transform people. If you'd like to learn more about this group, there is a documentary called Landfill Harmonic, for which you can watch a trailer on Youtube, or find online. When you consider the lengths some people will go to be able to make music, it is very humbling to realize how easy it is for all of us, to sit down at our pianos, pick up a guitar, drive to church and have an expensive instrument there waiting for us. Just something to ponder this month!

Best wishes and happy music making-
Rhonda

2019-2020 Holland AGO Program Schedule

Mon, March 23, 7 pm – Local Composer Forum with Larry Visser at Second Reformed in Zeeland

Mon, April 20, 7 pm – The Aging Voice with Linda Dykstra at Hope College choral rehearsal room

Mon, May 18, 7 pm – Handbells with Larry and Carla Sue at Third Reformed

June, TBA – End of year Potluck

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2019-2020 Calendar		
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