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Friday, January 14, 2011  
6:30 punch/7:00 dinner

We Invite You To Join Us  
For Our

## Annual New Year's Dinner

**LOCATION:** Chefs' House Restaurant  
215 King Street East

**PRICE:** \$50 per person (taxes/grat. Incl.)

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Eric Friesen,  
freelance broadcaster



**A**s I make myself comfortable at my keyboard (computer this time, and not the organ), I am aware that historically a Presidential December message should be one filled with my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. That it will be.

I have a foot in two industries: the music and the building industries. It is interesting that in ours—that of being organists, musical directors, singers and even concert-goers—the dynamic of work and activity builds as the month progresses. The construction industry here in Ontario has a tradition of winding down as the month progresses. Perhaps this is, for me, my saving. On the other hand by the time I get through Christmas, between my two callings I am fairly “done in”. Not too much time to sit and admire the Christmas tree.



And so it is with many of us. In order to provide a fitting musical framework for the celebrations of this great event of the Christian year we burn ourselves out! If we are really committed to our mission and art, we all go that “extra mile” (translation: many extra hours of private practice and rehearsal time) to ensure that we have presented a satisfying musical programme and warmed the hearts of our parishioners and listeners.

Through it all, we must not forget our own needs: our need to celebrate as part of a worshipping community and feed our personal faith (“Peace”) and a need to have the support of family and/or friends during the season (“Good Will”). So if I have one wish for each member of the Toronto Centre this year, it would be that you would have these needs met in your lives, at this time of the year.

Music can be a catalyst to all of this. To join in song does much to bind us to our faith community. In the same way the texts, a melody or a harmonic sequence can provide a bridge to the eternal.

January is usually a slower month for many of us. There is time to get those belated Christmas greetings out and an opportunity to reflect on our resolutions for the new year. The Toronto Centre always schedules a festive dinner early in the month, and this year we are holding to tradition. Please note the details elsewhere in this Bulletin, but I would like to underline a number of reasons why you should get your registrations in quickly. The venue, The Chef's House Restaurant on King Street West is the public face of the George Brown College Culinary School. The menu will be gastronomic, and the dining room a visual delight. (On the other hand, seating is limited to 68!) As our guest speaker, we have FINALLY gotten a commitment from Eric Friesen—he has someone we have been trying to bring to Toronto for several years.

Eric is a lifelong broadcaster, who thinks of himself as “a pilgrim of creative change and renewal.” As a broadcaster, writer, and leader, he has spent his life developing new programs and creating new ideas. For years he was the voice of the CBC's classical music programmes, and now that that network's programming has changed (very much for the worst I would add), he has become a free agent based on Amherst Island (Kingston area). Over the course of his broadcasting career, he has interviewed many of the major figures in music today, including Yo-Yo Ma, Renée Fleming, Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Angela Hewitt and many more. What will he speak about? Well, you will have to come to find out...

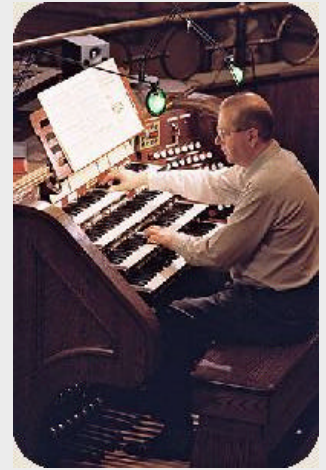
**SPECIAL NOTICE - MOOREDALE CONCERTS PRESENTS  
ALAIN TRUDEL (Trombone) and PATRICK WEDD (Organ)**

RCCO TORONTO wants you to know about a special concert presentation by Mooredale Concerts featuring *Alain Trudel*, Alto and Tenor Trombone, and *Patrick Wedd*, Organ at **Yorkminster Park Baptist Church** (1585 Yonge Street at Heath) **Sunday, January 16, 2011 in two formats:**



**Music & Truffles – Classical Music for Children at 1:15pm**

**Music & Truffles** is designed for children ages 5 – 15, but it is also a great series for adults just starting to explore the mysteries and ecstasies of great music – you are not required to bring a child, and you will get a truffle anyway! It's entertaining, it's interactive, and a wonderful opportunity to expose you and your children to classical music. This version of the programs is shorter than the professional series concert which will take place at 3:15pm. The same world renowned artists perform shorter pieces or movements of larger ones. Alain and Patrick will speak to the audience either telling a story about the pieces they will play or something about the instrument they are playing.



**The Complete Program below will be presented at 3:15pm**

Duo Concertante for Trombone and Organ  
Hosannah for Trombone and Organ  
Concert Piece (Organ Solo)  
Intermezzo for Trombone and Organ, Op. 53  
Morceau Symphonique  
Lacrimae, Lacrimae  
"Schall und Hall" for Trombone and Organ  
Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux (Organ Solo)  
Flow (world premiere)  
Sonata for Trombone and Organ *Moderato, Adagio, Vivo (finale)*

Gustav Holst  
Franz Liszt  
Flor Peeters  
Ernst Schifffmann  
Alexandre Guilmant  
Jan Sandstrom (b.1954)  
Alfred Schnittke  
Olivier Messiaen  
Scott Good (b.1972)  
Harald Genzmer

**All original works for trombone and organ (no transcriptions)**

Tickets available \$30(A)/\$25(S-S) or \$12 for "Music and Truffles"

Order tickets On-Line at [Mooredale On-Line Tickets](#)

For additional information call 416-587-9411



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**Letters to the editor or to the president are encouraged**

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## CHRISTMAS CD's from some of our members

**'Beauty, Peace & Joy' A Lawrence Park Christmas** The Choirs of Lawrence Park Community Church  
Mark Toews, Director of Music & Organist  
Ruth Watson Henderson, Piano Accompanist  
carol arrangements of Chilcott, Daley, Rutter and others  
\$20 416-489-1551

### From Metropolitan United Church

**'Noel'** – recorded in 2009 – features the Metropolitan Choir, Patricia Wright and Matthew Coons, organists and Gerald Martindale, carillonner. Selections include a variety of carols and Matthew Coons playing Dupré's 'Variations on a Noel.' Cost is \$20.

**'Gaudete'** – recorded in 2002, features the Metropolitan Choirs, Patricia Wright and Stephen Candow, organists, and Gerald Martindale, carillonner. Organ selections include • Bédard's variations on 'In dulci júbilo' and D'Aquin's "Noel Grands Jeux et Duo" played by Patricia Wright. Cost is \$10.  
Metropolitan CDs can be ordered online at [www.metunited.org](http://www.metunited.org).

**'Sing Nowell'** - Grace Church-on-the Hill, Melva Graham, conductor. 23 Carols old and new sung by the St. Cecilia Choir and the Choir of Gentleman and Boys of Grace Church. Music for choir, percussion and harp. Phone: 416-488-7884 x117

**'La Nativité'** Organ Music for Christmas performed by Thomas Fitches on the Casavant Organ at St. Clement's Anglican Church. Music by Bach, Balbastre, Bouvard, Bédard, Brahms, Dandrieu, Daquin, Langlais, Rogg and Walcha. \$20 including postage Phone 416- 483-6664 x26

In die Natiuitatis Dñi. 37  
sanctū suū in oculis ōnium gētiū. Dñs reg. ex.  
Nōtū fecit dñs alleluia salutare suū alle-  
luia. Cantate. a. s. B Eatus vēter qui te  
portauit Christe & vbera quæ suxisti. Dñs reg.  
Verf. Nōtū fecit dñs salutare suū. I nōtū pedu gratiā reuelauit salutem suam. A Ngelus ad pastores  
a it annūtio vo bis gau dium  
mag nū quod e rit ōni popu -  
Io quia natus est vobis hodie Salua tor  
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**Submissions are due**

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## Freebie Recital Series

### St. James Cathedral *Music at Midday* King and Church Sts. Tues. at 1:00 PM

#### December

- 7 Andrew Adair  
14 Andre Rakus  
21 Eric Osborne  
28 No recital

#### January

- 4 No recital  
11 Mark McDonald  
18 Giles Bryant  
25 Bruce Kirkpatrick Hill

### Metropolitan United Church *Noon at Met* 56 Queen St. E Thurs. 12:15-12:45PM

#### December

- 2 Patricia Wright, *organist*  
9 James Bailey, *organist*  
16 David Rosevear, *organist*  
23 No recital  
30 No recital

#### January 2011

- 6 No recital  
13 Patricia Wright, *organist*  
20 Andre Rakus, *organist*  
27 Sarah Svendsen, *organist*

#### February

- 3 William Wright, *organist*

### Christ Church Deer Park *Lunchtime Chamber Music* 1570 Yonge St. at Heath Thurs. 12:10 pm

#### January, 2011

- 6 Ensemble Espressivo Alan Pulker, *flute*;  
Nicolai Tarasov, *clarinet*;  
Raffi Altounian, *guitar*  
13 Adam Ruzzo, *guitar*  
20 UofT Connection Performers tbd  
27 "Frederick's Friends" with Baroque flutists  
Alison Melville, Emma Elkinson,  
Kathie Stewart, Roseen Giles,  
Jacob Farnsworth

### St. James Cathedral, Twilight organ recitals King & Church St. Sundays at 4pm December—January - Andrew Adair

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**CASAVANT**  
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**RCCO 2011 NEW YEAR'S DINNER at THE CHEFS' KITCHEN,  
215 King St. E.**

Friday, January 14, 2010. Welcome punch at 6:30 PM Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Contact coordinates: Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ OR

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY CONCERNS that we could pass along to the restaurant:  
eg. Vegetarian, vegan, low-salt, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
THE RESTAURANT IS ON THE KING STREET CAR LINE. UNDERGROUND PARKING IS AVAILABLE  
JUST WEST OF THE RESTAURANT OFF FREDERICK STREET FOR A FLAT EVENING RATE OF \$5.00.

\* Please make your cheques payable to the RCCO, Toronto Centre.

### Upcoming Toronto Centre Events

**Friday, January 14, 2011** New Years Banquet, Chef's Kitchen. Guest speaker Eric Friesen

**Saturday, February 19** Professional Support Workshops  
*see October issue of The Bulletin for a questionnaire.*

**Saturday, March 19 2:00 to 4:00 pm** Choral Clinic **Clinician:** Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, recently appointed Director of Choral Activities at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto.  
**Topics:** a) Warming up the Body, Mind, Spirit; (b) Nurturing Expressive Singing in the Church Choir.  
**Location:** TBA *An event which will bring you new insights and rich musical rewards.*

**Friday, May 6 7:30 pm** Andreas Sieling Concert at Church of the Holy Trinity (ORGANIX)  
**Saturday, May 7** Andreas Sieling Masterclass—St. Clement's Anglican Church

## News

**MORE ON "PHANTOMS"** The Phantoms concert raised \$600 for the Toronto Centre students fund, and thanks to everyone who helped and, especially, who showed up in costume. Special thanks go to Sarah Svendsen (Metropolitan's Organ Scholar) who was the mysterious "Phantom", recording "Thriller" and the "Phantom of the Opera" into the MIDI playback system. Missed in last month's review was the naming of Sarah Svendsen as the player in Boellmann's "Toccata."

If you happen to be in the Kingston area on Thursdays drop in to St. George's Cathedral for their Noon Concert Series **Advent Recital Series 2010**

Thursdays 12:15-12:50pm

Freewill Offering

November 25 - Queen's Guitar Ensemble

December 2 - Triola (String Trio)

December 9 - Anke Carrington (Oboe)

December 16 - Michael Capon (Organ)

## **ORGANS OF TORONTO**

*The Book by Alan Jackson & James Bailey  
& the Companion CD recently released.*



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**James Bailey: jbach@sympatico.ca**

## ORGAN SKILLS WORKSHOP

The Organ Skills Workshop held last month was a huge success. About 40 people of varying ages participated in the workshops held at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Markham; and at St. Andrew's Memorial Presbyterian Church, Port Credit

Congratulations to Gordon Mansell and sessions leader Lydia Pedersen, who spent valuable money and time in advertising the event. Many people commented that this event would be worth repeating next year

Hopefully, in the next issue we will have a formal review and comments from some of the participants.

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## Concerts and Events

### December

**Saturday, December 4, 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec. 5, 3:00 pm**

Grace Church on the Hill 300 Lonsdale Rd.

**Pax Christi Chorale** with Guest conductor Howard Dyck and Christi Youth Choir conductor Lynn Janes. Tickets: \$30/25/22/5 children 12 and under. Info: 416-491-8542

Pax Christi Chorale's friend and much-loved conductor Howard Dyck will join Pax Christi Chorale and the Pax Christi Youth Choir on December 4th and 5th for two performances of parts I and VI of Bach's magnificent Christmas Oratorio and Bach's Cantata 140, "Wachet Auf". Christmas motets by Darke, Rutter and others will complete the program.

**Sunday, December 5 7:00 pm Carols United** Sing favourite carols with the Metropolitan Silver Band and Patricia Wright, organist. Donations toward Metropolitan's Community Services ministry. Metropolitan United Church 56 Queen St. E.

**Saturday, December 11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Church of Saint Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Ave, Toronto

Pay-what-you-can at the door **The Children's Messiah**

Soloists include soprano Eve-Lyn de la Haye, mezzo-soprano Leigh-Anne Martin, tenor Michael Loewen and baritone Benjamin Covey. Join Conductor Stephanie Martin and members of Pax Christi Chorale and the Gallery Choir of the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene for our second annual "The Children's Messiah" concert, designed especially for the younger crowd. We encourage you to bring children to hear Messiah in all its glory in this casual setting.

**Sunday, Dec. 19 11:00 am** Morning worship with Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols", Janice Lindskoog, harp. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E.

**Sunday, Dec. 19 7:00 pm** Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols Metropolitan Choirs, Patricia Wright and Sarah Svendsen, organists Metropolitan United Church 56 Queen St. E.

### January

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## O for a Thousand Cheques a Hymn of Renewal

(Tune: Azmon, or your favourite 8686 metre tune)

O for a thousand cheques to wing  
their way to Ronald's door  
from lapsed, repentant organists  
who've faithful been before!

Our list of members has a lot  
(including, dear friend, you)  
of folks who may have just forgot  
that their renewal's due.

We're sure it's just an oversight  
and you still want to be  
a member in good standing of  
our organ company.

We try to watch the bottom line  
but quality comes dear.  
To keep our program going fine  
takes your support each year.

So, dearest friend, please grab your pen,  
don't let a moment slip.  
We'll gratefully acknowledge then  
your paid-up membership.

(And while you're writing: Do you know  
an organ friend or two  
who'd love the Christmas gift – Ho Ho! –  
of membership from you?)

**A Merry Christmas! Thanks again!  
Your cheque will help us live.  
With our best wishes, we remain**

Your fond Executive:

James, Tom, Joanne, Alan, Ron, Mary, Elisa,  
Gordon, Hazel, Donald, Lydia, Barry, Melva,  
Sherman, David, Patricia, William.

