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Have an idea for a Columbus

NPM Program?

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# Mark Your Calendars -- Two Upcoming NPM Events! Anton Armstrong Workshop with the Cathedral Choir

Join fellow NPM members in watching Anton Armstrong, conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, rehearse the Cathedral Choir. This event, cosponsored by AGO and the Cathedral, is an opportunity to learn first hand about Anton Armstorng's rehearsal techniques and musical interpretation.

When: Sunday, January 18, 2004, 2:30 p.m. Where: St. Joseph Cathedral

212 E. Broad Street, Columbus

Reception to follow



### Daughters of God Coming to the Columbus Diocese March 13 and 14, 2004!

Daughters of God, a group comprised of eight talented women deeply involved in music ministry, social justice and women's ministry, are coming to the Columbus diocese for two special performances on March 13, 2004 at the Verne Riffe Center in Portsmouth, and on March 14, 2004 at The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany! This group of women took down the house at NPM convention this past July in Cincinnati and Columbus NPM is trilled to be sponsoring their visit to Ohio. This is an opportunity to sing your faith, no matter what your age (and no matter whether you are a daughter or a son of God)!

To find out more about the Daughters of God, visit www.ocp.org/en/people/15044.php

More time, ticket, and location information on page 2.

#### Columbus NPM Calendar, January - August 2004

February 7, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee

March 13 and 14, 2004, Daughters of God Concert, Ticket price: \$10.00

March 13, 2004, Verne Riffe Center, Portsmouth, 7:00 p.m.

March 14, 2004, Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany, 6:00 p.m. Information regarding ticket ordering will be sent in late January and will be posted at www.npm-columbus.org

April 3, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee

May 16, 2004, location and time TBD: Festival of Choirs

June 5, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee

June 28-July 1, 2004, Chicago, Illinois, NPM Region II Convention, Hyatt Regency O'Hare Spirit Shape Our Song!

July 6-9, 2004, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, NPM Region I Convention, Loews Hotel Sing the Gospel to Life!

July, 2004, dates, location (Columbus area) and times TBD, NPM Canor Express

August 3-6, 2004, Phoenix, Arizonia, NPM Region III Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel I will Praise You, Lord, . . . in the Assembly of Your People

August 7, 2004, St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus, 9:00 a.m., Core Committee

Please note: As with much of life, all dates and programs are subject to change

#### NPM Banner Design Contest-

NPM Columbus would like to have a banner to display at National Convention in 2005 and we are looking for your design ideas. The banner must include NPM Columbus and the group established date of 2001. An example of a banner can be seen on page 31 of the October-November 2003 issue of Pastoral Music. Submissions may be hand drawn or computer generated but must be on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and must include your name, address and phone number (e-mail address optional). Submissions are to be sent to Michele Jorgensen, 864 Old Coach Rd. Westerville, OH 43081 postmarked by April 30, 2004 (no electronic submissions will be accepted). Depending upon the number of designs received, designs may be available for member viewing at the May meeting.

> Questions? Contact Michele at kmfj@att.net or 614-901-0759. (If calling, please leave phone number and best time for return call.)

Do you play piano, 'organ, guitar, flute, trumpet, bagpipes or other instrument? We are in the process of developing a instumentalist list that would be available to members seeking substitutes or additional instrumentalists for special occasions. If interested, contact Marilyn Bates at 614-898-9502

> Has your e-mail address changed lately? We would like to keep you on our e-mail list! Contact Amanda Walker at awalker40@aol.com

Remember: 2004 Dues are Due! Your \$5.00 can be paid at the January 18th gathering!

### From Our Chapter Director

Members and Friends of the Columbus Chapter of NPM,

I hope that this greeting finds you well and fully recovered from the excitement of the holidays! We are truly blessed to be able to worship the God who loves us, and to celebrate again God's coming among us as one of us. I pray that 2004 will be a year of great blessings for each of you individually as well as for our chapter as a whole.

It is certainly clear to me that 2004 will be a busy year for our chapter. January's program will take place at the Cathedral, where we are invited to watch Anton Armstrong rehearsing the Cathedral choir. This should be a program of particular interest to directors and leaders of music ministry, as we learn from Mr. Armstrong's rehearsal technique and musical interpretation. This program is co-sponsored by the Cathedral and the AGO.

In March, we will welcome the Daughters of God to the Columbus diocese, with a performance in the Portsmouth area as well as in the Columbus area. This is part of our effort to reach out to some of the "far beyond the outerbelt" areas of the diocese with our programming. In May, we'll be holding a diocesan choir festival. During the summer, in addition to the regional conventions, you'll have the opportunity to attend a Cantor Express weekend right here in Columbus! For those of you hoping to attract an NPM convention to Columbus, the success of this weekend is a first step along that road.

Several of our chapter officers and members have also been active on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, which is preparing materials on the implementation of the new GIRM in the Columbus diocese. Our chapter website will make many of the resources for the implementation of the GIRM available to our membership. This will be an excellent learning opportunity in its own right, as well as an opportunity to be more well-prepared leaders in our own worship communities.

With so much to going on, I'd like to ask all of you for a favor. In this time of New Year's resolutions, I'd like you to commit yourselves again to the success of this chapter in two very specific ways. First, make a commitment attend the programming sponsored by the chapter. It is greatly disappointing to the program organizers to work very hard to set up a program only to have just a few people attend. (Those of you that have attended the past few programs, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! If the programs are not interesting to you, or the venues or times are too inconvenient, volunteer an idea for something that would be better - the program planning team would love to have your ideas for programming, times, and venues. Second, remember to pay your dues at both the local and national level. Local dues are still only \$5 and are due this month. National dues are set based on when you joined the national organization, and the local chapter gets a rebate for all national members who belong to the local chapter. If you aren't a member at the national level, consider the benefits of membership! You can find membership information for the national NPM at <a href="https://www.npm.org">https://www.npm.org</a> - click on the Membership link.

Remember, this is our chapter. It can only be successful if we all work together.

Wishing you a blessed new year,

Mark Shaffer Director, Columbus Chapter