



## Worcester Chapter American Guild of Organists

### MACDA/AGO COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOPS

In collaboration with the Massachusetts American Choral Director's Association, the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor a full day of educational workshops for choral conductors, organists and other church musicians. The workshops will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury. (In the event of inclement weather, the snow date will be Saturday, January 24.) This event will include offerings for choral directors and church musicians, as well as for members of our community choruses, church and temple choirs. Please announce this event to your choir members as we hope that it will interest and involve choral singers! Workshops in two tracks will start at 9:00 a.m. with lunch at noon, followed by a choral and organ music swap, plus an anthem reading session. The total cost per person (including lunch) is just \$40.00!

#### Workshop Itinerary

*(Details subject to change.)*

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and sign-in with coffee and doughnuts served.
- 9:00-10:15 a.m. Session I, Choice A: "Survival of the Fittest" – A workshop about warm-up exercises and healthy singing techniques for the choral singer. Presented by Margaret Tartaglia, Vocal Instructor and McClosky Vocal Technician.  
Session I, Choice B: "Challenges in Conducting" – A class for choral conductors, focusing on tricky or difficult problems that confront the conductor with examples from various works. Led by Dr. Wayne Abercrombie, former Professor of Music and Director of Choral Programs at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. Session II, Choice A: "Sight-Singing for the Choral Singer" – Led by Mike Driscoll, Chorus Director at Brookline High School and Director of Saengerfest Men's Chorus, this class will practice a wide range of sight-singing techniques for choral singers. It will also give directors insight into the process of developing musical literacy in their own choirs.  
Session II, Choice B: "Building a Children's Chorus" – Jennifer Kane, Co-Director of the newly formed Worcester Children's Chorus, offers advice and instruction to help start and develop a children's chorus within your own town or faith community. May also include other guest presenters.
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch, healthy and delicious, with a 15-minute program presented by the Post Road Chorus.
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. "Favorite Anthems" – A reading session organized by Ronna Archbold, Dean of the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, followed by a choral and organ music swap, including a giveaway of a large inventory of choral music from a former music store.

To register, please complete the form on the opposite side of this information sheet and return it to **Malcolm Halliday, First Congregational Church, 19 Church Rd., Shrewsbury, MA 01545**. Make checks payable to the Worcester Chapter AGO in the amount of \$40.00 per person. *Registration and payment must be received by January 10, 2009.*

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APARTMENT/UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

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