



# Notebook

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*NPM Notebook is a bi-monthly publication of NPM focused on the announcement and communication of activities, resources, and information to support our members.*

## Member News and Notes

### *The Liturgical Singer: Changes Ahead*

After sixteen years as editor of *The Liturgical Singer* magazine, Mary Lynn Pleczkowski is stepping down. Since 2003, Mary Lynn has worked diligently to brainstorm ideas/themes for the year, determine the topic balance for each issue, invite authors to write, and then coordinate all the submissions to prepare them for publication. Many thanks to Mary Lynn for her years of service on this important publication.



Beginning in 2020, the new Editor of *The Liturgical Singer* will be Jennifer Kerr Budziak, DMA. Jennifer is an active Chicago area conductor, author, mezzo-soprano, and composer, and is a frequent clinician in the area of vocal technique and conducting at workshops nationwide. Her compositions for adult and children's choirs can be found in the catalogs of GIA Publications, World Library Publications, and Oregon Catholic Press. She has served on the NPM Council, and is a frequent (and popular!) presenter at our national convention. Thank you, Jennifer, for agreeing to serve NPM in this important editorial role!

*The Liturgical Singer* is a quarterly publication from NPM for Cantors, Psalmists, Choirs, and Choir Directors. It provides a perfect blend of immediate practical help and long-term formation. Each issue highlights a particular ministry or ministerial setting, and also offers practical suggestions for choirs, cantors, and voice training. [Subscribe](#) today and receive four issues a year with eight pages packed with help.

### *NPM Chapter Reports*

Chapter Leaders, if you have not already done so, please take time to finish and submit your chapter report. The report has been simplified

considerably and it should take no more than about ten minutes to complete. **Complete online** or complete a **printed copy**

Contact members of the National Committee for Chapters and explore the vast chapter-related resources on the [NPM Website](#).

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## **Recitative: Children's Choir Music**

Meg Matuska, Director of Music Ministries at Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reviews [Children's Music](#) from a variety of publishers.



## **Virtual Workshops: Cantor Series**

The NPM/LTP three-part series of virtual workshops especially designed for the parish cantor are an astonishing success! In these workshops, created and presented in collaboration with LTP, you will gain liturgical knowledge, engage in spiritual growth, and develop or enhance the musical skills needed to

lead the assembly in prayer and song.

The first workshop of the complete three-part series has been presented, but two additional sessions are still available. Registration is open now, and you may register for either workshop using the links provided.

### **The Cantor as Psalmist**

- October 29, 2019, 7:30 pm ET
- [Register \(only \\$15\)](#)

### **The Cantor as Animator of the Assembly**

- November 12, 2019, 7:30 pm ET
- [Register \(only \\$15\)](#)

*Take advantage of these amazing virtual training opportunities!*

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## **Keep in Mind**



**Leo Nestor, 1948-2019**  
Washington, DC



**Sr. Camille Neubauer, 1939-2019**  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana

[Obituary](#)



**Patricia Marfoglio, 1944-2019**  
East Islip, New York

[Obituary](#)



**George Niebling, 1954-2019**  
Dyer, Indiana

[Obituary](#)

## What's New in Louisville: Summer 2020

### 10th Handbell Festival at 2020 NPM Convention!



NPM is again sponsoring a Handbell Festival to in conjunction with our 43rd Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The festival will be held on July 5 & 6, 2020, with ringers from all over the country under the direction of Michael Helman. The two-day festival will culminate with a Monday evening concert to kickoff the beginning of the convention.

Make plans to attend with your entire handbell choir, a portion of your choir, or as an "orphan" ringer (you'll be assigned bells to play with an incomplete choir).

*For more information please contact Donna Kinsey,  
at [dlkmusic@comcast.net](mailto:dlkmusic@comcast.net) or cell #304-692-6872.  
Registration info will be available soon.*

### Silent Auction Just Got Loud!

Have you always wanted to bid in the annual convention Silent Auction, but lacked the cash to bid competitively? You will love the changes coming to Louisville! We'll still have a small selection of one of a kind items for silent auction bidding, but we'll be raffling off many other items. Donated items will be combined and displayed at booths throughout the Exhibits so everyone can join the fun. Raffle tickets will be drawn throughout the convention, so you could win at any time (no need to be present).

Want to help make this FUNdraising effort a success? Start collecting items to donate *now!* Stay tuned for more information!

# Silent Auction

## NPM Events 2020



### DMMD 2020 Colloquium

**Creating Song from the Silence: Making Impactful Music in the Liturgy**

This annual winter conference is an important mid-year educational opportunity, as well as a chance to reconnect socially. And, new this year, the DMMD 2020 Colloquium is open to **all** NPM/DMMD members, NPM members who are not DMMD members, and leaders of music ministry who are not members of NPM.

**Clinician: Peter Latona, DMA**  
**February 10-12, 2020**  
**Washington, DC**

**[Register Now!](#)**



Louisville Kentucky  
NPM 43rd Annual Convention • July 7-10, 2020

### 43rd Annual Convention

**Called From Living Waters**  
**July 7-10, 2020**  
**The Galt House Hotel**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

### One Call, Una Vocación

**“Make Us Your Living Voice”**  
**July 21-26, 2020**  
**Collegetown, Minnesota**

**One Call**  
**Una Vocación**



### Guitar and Ensemble Institute

**July 27-31, 2020**  
**Milford, Ohio**

## Next Issue

Submit your news and notes for the next issue of *NPM Notebook* to [jill@npm.org](mailto:jill@npm.org) for potential inclusion.

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