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**YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE
YOUR PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS DEALING WITH
THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH MUSICIAN**

Meet in the choir balcony of
Bethesda Lutheran Church
40th Avenue South
Moorhead, Minnesota
for

singing, sharing, and fellowship

Bring your pastor(s) and music committee
for a time of sharing. Who knows? You
may have a solution for someone's
problem! Lunch follows the meeting.

PLAN TO ATTEND.

Chapter Board Meeting
October 10th, 6:30 P.M.
Bethesda Lutheran Church
Moorhead, MN
(prior to program)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As you know, November 20th is the city-wide MESSIAH Sing-a-long. I am asking EACH ONE OF YOU to approach the Adult Choir Director at your church with the information re: the Messiah Sing-a-long. See if she/he is willing to teach the 5 Choruses that will be sung on November 20th. I would really like the Choir Director to get a head count of interested choir members (or others in your church who might want to participate). Our goal this year is to have at least one-third of every AGO member's adult choir participate. Our hope is that after this year the word will be out and people will come from "everywhere"! PLEASE COMMIT yourself to informing the Adult (and/or Senior High) Director THIS WEEK. If you get a commitment, please call me with the number of participants from your church.

Questions? Call me. THANK YOU!
Dawn Papenfuss, Program Chair, 233-4814

O T H E R D A T E S O F N O T E

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Sunday, October 9th, 3:00 P.M., JOHN VANELLA, Organist, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Crookston, MN, "A Tribute to Charles Tournemire": this is the first in a concert and lecture tour by John, which will include the University of Michigan 34th Annual Organ Music Conference on October 12th, Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit on October 16th, Duquesne University Chapel in Pittsburgh on October 18th, Saint John's Abbey and University Church in Collegeville, MN on November 4th at 8:00 P.M., and the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Saint Paul, MN on November 20th at 2:30 P.M. The program will include the Triple Chorale; Pastorale; L'Orgue Mystique 14

Sunday, October 23rd, 3:00 P.M., Benjamin Jeitz, organist (mentored by Michael Olson since mid-summer), First Lutheran Church, Fargo: Works by Bach, Gigout, Widor, Franck, and hymns

Sunday, October 30th, Peter Nygaard, Organist, Re-dedication of the 2/17 Johnson Pipe Organ at Bethel Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN

Sunday, October 30th, 4:00 P.M., Olivier Latry (Paris, France) at House of Hope

Sunday, November 6th, 3:00 P.M., repeat by Benjamin Jeitz, of Oct. 23rd program, at First Lutheran Church, Morris, MN

October 21-22, 8:00 P.M., Silent Movie Night, Big Band All-Stars, Fargo Theatre Singers and Dancers, Fargo Theatre

Sunday, November 13th, 4:00 P.M., Dr. David Childs, Organist, playing the recently renovated 2/22 Moller/Johnson at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN; light supper will be served

As memberships, both renewed and new, have been coming in, I have pondered these names. There is an assumed equality or sameness in this list of names: we all have a love of or responsibility toward planning or providing music for our worship experience. We work hard and often solitary hours on our calling, at times with spiritual motivation and at other times at a dry well. Our overall efforts, hopefully, will average out: "Not as wonderful as I'd hoped--not as bad as I'd feared."

But beyond the generic shared qualities, we find The Unique Individual, each one of us possessing a colorful palette giving us our own identity. We have differences in upbringing, education, experience, talents, job descriptions, and thoughts. It is this diversity, this individuality, that gives an organization its richness and a continual source of renewal.

The American Guild of Organists is an educational and service organization open to all, with no thought of age, gender, race, religion, or anything that makes us unique. We learn from each other, we help each other, we support each other.

Names--all these names--each entry taking the same number of lines in the yearbook. Names--who is this name? Some of these names are people I know well. Some names I have seen in our yearbook for years, but I can't put a face on them. Other names have never been seen before. Names--we welcome you all.

To paraphrase columnist Ellen Goodman: "...there is something wonderful in any evidence of its [nature's] independence ...the crocuses, unannounced under the bushes...a single red tulip, unplanned, unplanted, [standing] around boldly, upright and unabashed...a thick-stemmed bearded iris claiming refugee status among the Siberian iris...raspberry stalks...sending up a dozen advance scouts in the space designated for tomatoes. ...such strangers do not fit and I know that I should deal with them ruthlessly and un sentimentally...but at some point the impulse to make [my] world...according to [my] own specifi-

cations begins to be tempered with acceptance... Still, I am not ready to give up my garden to dandelions. I will offer no odes to crabgrass... But in the grand design of my small piece of soil there is room for a wayward tulip, an accidental crocus, and a misplaced iris. So, welcome strangers. Make yourselves at home."

It would be my wish to put faces and identities on all these names this year. It is hoped you will come forward and be in attendance so we may know you and benefit from your individuality. So, welcome. Make yourselves at home.

Marlys Herring

D O N O R R E C O G N I T I O N

The following individuals have responded as donors during our membership drive:

- Juné/Phil Felde
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We appreciate the support these donors have given to The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Thank you!

F/M MUSIC CLUB CELEBRATES

Dear members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists -

We are writing to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution to our upcoming Centennial Season. Early in the summer we will be compiling our short historical pamphlet, "100 Years of Music." Plans for the special banquet and concert are well under way. It is exciting to discover how many music lovers we have in our community, and faithful members of our musical organizations.

Thanks for all you have contributed over the years. We continue to enjoy and appreciate the outstanding level of pipe organists in our region. The note from Marge Possehl was special, recognizing

a common bond through early years of the Music Club encouraging the organ members.

Thank you for your \$100 contribution to our once in a century event. We are grateful for your kind donation!

Sincerely, Susan Clambey

ON THE ROAD TO GRAFTON

Thanks to Ruth Stenson and Peggy Dahl-Bartunek for providing an educational and fun afternoon in Grafton! The caring and thoroughness of their planning was evident in their programs and in the meal. Additional worship leaders from both congregations had spent time in the preparations and the performance of the afternoon, and we appreciate that they would show us such a good time. Granny's Restaurant of Grafton catered a delicious meal before we returned home. Thanks for having us. We're glad we went!

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The AGO Bell Choir is in the process of reorganization. If you ring bells, or are interested in learning, contact Dean Marlys Herring (218-233-9744) ASAP.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy is extended to member Rod Rothlisberger in the death of his mother, Ellen, September 12th. A \$25.00 memorial was sent from the Red River Valley Chapter.

WITH THANKS

A card was received by the Chapter from the family of Ellen Rothlisberger Johnson. "Dear Friends: Thanks for remembering my mother with a card and memorial, which has been forwarded to the organ fund at First Lutheran Church in Bottineau, ND, my mother's church. Thanks so much." Rod Rothlisberger

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER PIPELINE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 12:00 NOON

CONCORDIA SUMMER ORGAN WORKSHOPS S U C C E S S F U L

Peter Nygaard, Judy Sanders, and Michael Olson taught two organ workshops for adult organists this past summer: in Great Falls, Montana (May 31 and June 1) and in Duluth, Minnesota (June 21 and 22). There were forty organists at each location. Sessions focused on hymn playing, organ repertoire, organ technique, varied accompaniments for hymns, and various liturgies. An organ recital plus a short hymn festival comprised part of both workshops.

Along with Peter, Judy, and Michael, Allen Quie taught thirty-seven young organists in junior high and senior high at Young Organists Week in mid-June. While most of the organists were from North Dakota and Minnesota, there were also young people from South Dakota, Montana, and Canada (a young girl, from the province of Ontario, who has attended the last two workshops). The young people always have an enjoyable, but very busy and intense, week of classes and sessions concerning hymn playing, organ repertoire, organ technique, choral techniques (led by June Boyd this past summer), and other areas. A recital by the faculty, another recital by the students, and an organ "crawl" to several area churches were among the evening activities. Over the past five summers, over 150 young people have been exposed to the joys and excitement of playing the organ. As faculty, all of us have really enjoyed teaching these young people - and the adults as well. Michael Olson

YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION 1/7/95

KCCM 91.1 FM, Minnesota Public Radio in Moorhead, and the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Women's Association will co-sponsor the YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION on Saturday, January 7, 1995, at the Center for the Arts on the Moorhead State University campus in Moorhead, Minnesota. Nearly 400 applications and repertoire lists are being mailed to area music teachers and others. Additional copies may be obtained by writing to: Young Artists Solo Competition, KCCM 91.1 FM, 901 South Eighth Street, Moorhead, MN 56562.

[More information in November Pipeline]

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January 14, 1995 1:00-4:00 P.M.
Choral Reading Session
Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo
Selected Choral Music for Seasonal Use
led by RENE CLAUSEN

[More details in November Pipeline]

P I P E D R E A M S KCCM 91.1 FM
SUNDAYS - 9:30 P.M.

10/09/94 A.G.O. '86 Encore...
Organists Huw Lewis, Daniel Roth, and
the Brazeal Dennard Chorale in concert
at Ford Auditorium in Detroit

10/16/94 From the Auditorium to the
Temple... John Obetz demonstrates the
organs at the Reorganized Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in
Independence, MO (the imposing 1959
Aeolian-Skinner and 1993 Casavant)

10/23/94 Naji Hakim of Paris... Con-
versation and performances from the
young Beirut-born composer-performer

10/30/94 At the Mighty Fortress...
organ variations on Reformation themes

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REGION VI CONVENTION

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- IV/56 Skinner
- II/28 Nordlie
- IV/102 Casavant
- IV/111 Aeolian-Skinner
- IV/65 Aeolian-Skinner-Quinby

ARTISTS:

- Robert Glasgow
- David Higgs
- John Obetz
- Linda Duckett
- Frederick Hohmar



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