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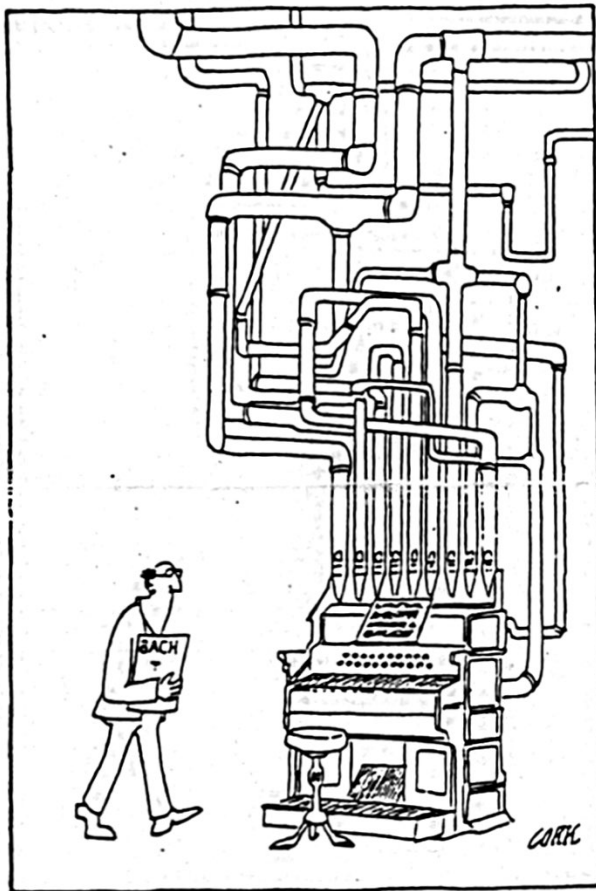
RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

AUGUST 1994

CELEBRATING THE FOUNDING OF THE CHAPTER - SEPTEMBER, 1955

## PROGRAMS

### "PIPELINE"



From the editor: "Whew!" My first issue: eight pages and an insert!!! Largest mailing on record!!!!!!!!!!!!

Seriously, it's good to be aboard!! If you have any contributions, they are most welcome. My new address is in the box on the outside cover. If you have any information, etc., the deadline for the September issue is Saturday, September 3, 1994.

Minutes from August Board Meeting will be in September issue.

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE..." *B&M*

### \* \* SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 1994 \* \*

4:00 P.M. - GRAFTON, N.D.

Taking the Mystery out of Modern Instruments -- Peggy Dahl Bartunek  
St. John the Evangelist Church

Meet the Nordlie Organ at  
Grafton Lutheran Church

Catered Supper -- \$5.00

Ruth Stenson, Chairperson

MEET ON SOUTHSIDE OF CONCORDIA

MUSIC BUILDING AT 1:30 P.M.

6TH ST & 12TH AVE SO, MOORHEAD

Monday, October 10, 1994, 7:30 P.M.

Fellowship Room - Bethesda Lutheran  
Moorhead, Marge Possehl-Chairperson

"PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS"

Sunday, November 20, 1994, evening

First Presbyterian Church - Fargo

Gary Thrasher-Chairperson

M E S S I A H SING-ALONG

Saturday, January 14, 1995, 1-4:30

Olivet Lutheran Church - Fargo

June Boyd-Chairperson

CHORAL READING SESSION WITH

RENE CLAUSEN

Sunday, February 12th or 19th, 1995

Community Series

ALBERT SCHWEITZER ON BACH'S MUSIC

Saturday, March 25, 1995, 2-4 P.M.

Gethsemene Episcopal Cathedral

Dawn Papenfuss, Chairperson

"THE PRACTICAL ORGANIST"

Sunday, April 30, 1995, begin 4:30

Trinity Lutheran Church

June Boyd, Chairperson

HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 7, 1995, 4:00-Crookston

Cathedral of Immaculate Conception,

Trinity Lutheran Church

"CROOKSTON ORGAN SPECTACULAR"

FROM THE DEAN 8/9/94

Greetings to all of you as you are enjoying your quickly-passing Summer! It seemed as though I was just looking forward to the National Convention in Dallas, and now already it is but wonderful memories. Attending gatherings such as conventions does miraculous things. Besides absorbing the marvelous sights and sounds, one has the opportunity to meet and share with people who have so much in common with each other. I come back renewed as a church musician and excited about the work of our chapter.

The spark to my enthusiasm towards the chapter is due to the folks who have been elected to, or accepted a position of, leadership. I am looking forward to working with the Executive Board who will supply wisdom, energy, and professionalism in all matters, and a positive attitude as we manage our human resources and continue to identify ourselves in our community and the cosmos. I see Guild involvement as a two-way street: the organization benefits from our individuality, and we benefit from ownership in the larger group. We give, we get. We hope to hear fresh, solid ideas, proposed freely and confidently.

Beyond the work of the board, I am excited by the potential synergy of the chapter. My charge as catalyst will be to tap the energy and capabilities within the group so that the sum of the parts can be greater than the whole.

The 94-95 Executive Board met for the first time a week ago. Some are returning members and we are grateful for the sense of continuity which they bring. Others are new having just recently received their mantles of responsibility (translated: boxes of stuff) from their predecessors, whom we thank for their contributions.

The Program Committee has been energetic and free in pursuing their mandate of creating programs of a

broad interest. The Executive Board heard the outline of the 94-95 programs and whole-heartedly endorsed their ideas. They will continue in their work and see the details through to completion. Most immediate is the September meeting which will find us "on the road" to Grafton where we will see two organs and dine together - a great way to begin a year. Look for further information in this newsletter and the September issue. Also worthy of highlighting is the AGO's sponsorship of Messiah - a community sing-along scheduled for November. The sum of the programs holds something for all, for us and for our community.

There is still room to serve in several capacities - Budget, Archives, Programs, By-laws - read more about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many renewals have already been sent in! - another reason I'm excited about this year. Use the renewal notice included in this newsletter and get yours in by August 31st. This schedule is in keeping with National time lines; THE AMERICAN ORGANIST will continue uninterrupted and our membership list will be complete for our yearbook, published in September. By the way, don't misunderstand; this form is for new members, also.

This newsletter is for all of us, for the sharing of information. Make sure you let us know of upcoming events at your church, or recitals of faculty or students, or dedications, or anything in keeping with what we are about. Get your information to Bob by the first few days of the month. (Even earlier, if you have it!) If you hope our members might pass pertinent announcements on to their church newsletters, think in terms of 6-8 weeks.

Watch for newsletters from other chapters which will be available for your perusal at all meetings.

Finally, our chapter celebrates its

50th anniversary next year. Next summer, Kansas City hosts our Region VI Convention and the 1996 National Convention is in New York City, celebrating the Guild's 100th birthday. More on these events later.

Marlys Herring

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BOARD MINUTES, RRV CHAPTER, 5/14/94  
HOME OF CAROLYN HENSRUD

Present: Marge Possehl, Lloyd Collins, Marlys Herring, Craig Proehl, Ardis Witte, Mary Tangen, Carolyn Hensrud.

The Secretary's minutes were noted in the recent Pipeline. The Treasurer reported a current balance of \$2,141.06. Dean Marge Possehl, Dean-Elect Marlys Herring, Treasurer Craig Proehl, and Treasurer-Elect John Jahr will meet soon to establish a budget for the 94-95 year.

In response to a letter from the Fargo/Moorhead Area Music Club, Ardis moved and Lloyd seconded to send them a \$100.00 donation in commemoration of their 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated this November with a special concert. It was noted that they are the parent organization of our local AGO Chapter. Passed.

After some discussion on increasing the size of the Executive Board, Ardis moved, Lloyd seconded that we add one more "at large" member per year, making two members cycle on and off per year rather than a single member as it is now. This will be implemented next Spring as we elect the expected single replacement plus three additional members, determining by lottery which of the three will serve one-year, two-year, and three-year terms. Passed.

Regarding a survey sent out last Fall to chapter members, the Board requests that Norm Hanson prepare a summary of the responses he received which will then be published in the

next newsletter (late Summer).

It was noted that our dues for 1994-1995 are in keeping with the National suggestions, so no changes will be implemented. ((See the membership form in this issue, Ed.)) Additional details can be found on p. 16 in May TAO. Up-dated renewal notices will soon be sent out reflecting volunteer opportunities.

In addition to paying National Convention \$300 registration fee for the Dean-elect, it was moved and seconded by Craig and Lloyd that the chapter also pay the \$90 bus fare. Passed.

The Red River Valley Chapter of AGO has just received notice of a grant award of \$300 from the North Dakota Council on the Arts for institutional support.

The Executive Board thanks Dean Marge Possehl for her two years of leadership!

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlys Herring, Secretary

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CHAPTER MINUTES, RRV CHAPTER, AGO  
5/14/94, HENSRUD RESIDENCE

Following a delicious pot-luck/social, Dean Marge Possehl called a brief meeting beginning with installation of new officers. She also thanked specifically outgoing board members and committee chairs and others who had carried out duties this past year.

Dawn Papenfuss, 94-95 Program Chair, gave an overview of tentative programs scheduled for next year and encouraged members to volunteer to serve on individual monthly committees to complete the planning process.

Likewise, there was a sign-up sheet for Chapter opportunities for the coming year. A particular plea went out for a newsletter editor and Chapter secretary, two very important positions yet to be

filled.

PIPINGS

The second annual Classical Music Weekend at Trollwood Park was announced. It will be June 4 and 5, with many of Fargo/Moorhead's music organizations represented in performance situations. Our chapter is sponsoring and planning the Music Listening Contest which is at 2:00 Sunday. A call went out for some assistance in crowd control and other duties relating to the contest.

Bob Hachmeister, newly elected board member, was introduced to the group. He is Director of Liturgy and Parish Development and organist at St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Moorhead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlys Herring, Secretary

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ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 1993-94

Checkbook balance 7/1/93	\$2,236.10
Income:	
Dues - - - - -	\$2,671.00
Interest on checking - -	\$ 39.22
Hymn Festival offering -	\$ 316.85
Total Income - - - - -	\$3,027.07
 Total Balance - - - - -	 \$5,263.17

Expenses:	
National Dues - - - - -	\$1,224.00
Newsletter & printing -	\$ 437.28
Postage, bulk mail, box rent	
	\$ 445.62
Yearbook expense - - - -	\$ 165.95
Hymn Festival expenses -	\$ 392.68
Lake Agassiz Arts Council	\$ 80.00
AGO Dallas Advertisement	\$ 40.00
F-M Music Clud donation	\$ 100.00
Hohman concert expenses	\$ 377.13
Memorial--R. Steen - - -	\$ 25.00
Program honorariums paid	\$ 135.00
National convention reg.	\$ 390.00
Misc. mtng expense,lunch	\$ 57.07
Total Expenses - - - - -	\$3,869.73

Checkbook balance 7/1/94 \$1,393.44

(signed) Craig Proehl, Treasurer

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Mary Tangen has come forward and volunteered to serve as chapter secretary, a position which has been open since elections in April. Mary has served in many capacities within the chapter and does some selective organ subbing. She is a secretary in the Business and Economics Department at Concordia during the school year.

Robert Hachmeister has agreed to be editor of the chapter newsletter, Pipeline, beginning with this issue. Bob and his wife, Mary Claire, arrived in Moorhead last year. He is Director of Liturgy and Parish Development and organist at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead.

Dr. Rod Rothlisberger has been appointed by Region VI Councillor, Linda Duckett, to be Minnesota District Convenor. As such he is part of the link between the chapters in Minnesota and the National organization and will be assisting Linda in coordinating the work of the Guild. He will maintain contact with the chapters, advise on organ competitions, arrange joint meetings, install officers, and promote membership growth. Dr. Rothlisberger, past Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter, has been active in the Guild for many years; he is director of choral activities at Moorhead High School, and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo.

Joan Bystol looks to the future. After 36 years as an organist in various chapters across the U.S. (7 of them at Messiah Lutheran in Fargo as Director of Music), Joan retired on June 30th. She was largely responsible for obtaining the beautiful Holtkamp organ at Messiah and started many lasting musical traditions there. A little golf, time with her growing family, organ lessons, sewing with her daughters, and building a special home in Green Valley, Arizona will keep her more than active! Carolyn Hensrud assumed the organ position August 1st.

**M E M B E R S H I P   A L E R T**

New friends - old friends - new music - new ideas - new challenges - all here in AGO! Your life will be enriched by joining those around the tri-state area who share a love of music, and strive to improve their skills and appreciation of church music.

Please mail the enclosed membership form by August 31st -AT THE LATEST- so we may include you in our 1994-95 Membership Directory.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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**MUSIC LISTENING CONTEST A WINNER!**

The second annual Trollwood Classical Music Weekend, sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio station KCCM, was a resounding success. Held June 4th and 5th, many of Fargo/Moorhead's finest musical groups were represented, most in a performance situation. With gorgeous weather on our side, a couple thousand music lovers were gestimated to have absorbed the sights and sounds.

The AGO-sponsored Music Listening Contest had more participation than our most optimistic hopes had planned for. However, with the quick, creative thinking of our "staff" (chapter members on hand to run the contest), all teams were registered, plenty of great tunes were heard and identified, and the tabulating was miraculously and meticulously completed without benefit of electronics. In other words, we aren't computerized! No bells or whistles here, folks; just plain old human beings running answers to the scorekeeper, with plenty of old-fashioned math. We were all there to have fun and did.

Of the 28 teams taking part, the scores ran the full gamut with the first place team coming incredibly close to a perfect score. The winners were Naomi Gjevre, Peter Gjevre, Joan Gjevre, and Javier Pinell of Moorhead. They selected a

piece of music to be played on Eric Friesen's show (4-7) on NPR, while they were given the credit they deserved and our Music Weekend was overviewed.

Second place went to the team of Mary Weisser, Elizabeth Weisser, and Casey Herold of Fargo. Third place winners were Carolyn and Mark Lillehaugen of Moorhead.

The contest consisted of fairly recognizable tunes, both taped and performed live - in one round, by AGO members on the Barn Stage spinet (the Bosendorfer wasn't available!), and in another round, by a dozen individuals and their instruments from the F/M Symphony.

All participants were given conducting batons courtesy of Schmitt Music, with gift certificates going to the top three teams, also thanks to Schmitt Music. Later, during the Symphony performance, Dr. Robert Hanson acknowledged the contest winners and invited all participants to bring their batons and join him on stage to conduct the orchestra.

It's a safe bet that we'll be doing this again.

Marlys Herring

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6/7/94

Dear AGO Members -

Thanks so much for your support of KCCM's Classical Music Festival!

The music listening contest is a wonderful part of the weekend. It's both fun and educational. This year, participation grew to 27 teams.

Your organization can be proud of this outreach effort. Marlys Herring does a terrific job of coordinating the contest. Please extend our thanks to her and the other volunteers who helped make the contest a success.

Sincerely,  
Karen Nitzkowski  
Minnesota Public Radio

S T A C C A T O N O T E S

The Program Committee of 95-96 is being formed now. If you have an interest in serving please call Dean Marlys Herring at 233-9744 or Program Chair, Jay Hershberger at 233-0297.

Likewise, the Budget Committee is being formed for 95-96. Call Marlys if interested.

Also, a By-law Review Committee will be formed to review National guidelines and to formulate our own operating procedures. Call Marlys if you have a desire to serve.

There is still room for your time and talents in some volunteer positions, namely: Archives, Professional Concerns, Publicity, Hospitality. These are not elected, but very crucial jobs helping to ensure the smooth and thorough functioning of our Chapter.

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D A T E S O F N O T E

September 1, 1995, marks the 50th anniversary of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Celebrating of some kind is certainly in order. Comments? Suggestions? Jay Hershberger is the 95-96 Program Chair.

April, 1996 marks the 100th birthday of the American Guild of Organists! The National Convention is in New York the summer of '96. Continuing news and information will be forthcoming.

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POSITION OPEN: Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Moorhead. One service per Sunday, plus accompaniment for weekly adult choir rehearsal and children's choir rehearsals approximately twice per month Wednesday evenings, during the school year. \$75 per Sunday. Please send letter of application and resume to: Martha Wheeler, Director of Music, 1021 13th St.

So., Moorhead, MN 56560. For further information, please call Martha Wheeler at 233-6461, or Pastor Michael Burns at 233-1192.

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

8/21/94 Performer of the Year... Marilyn Mason presents American music on the Aeolian-Skinner organ at New York City's landmark Riverside Church.

8/28/94 A Well-paced Trotter... not just horsing around at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center and the Birmingham (England) Town Hall, we join British virtuoso organ talent Thomas Trotter in concert and conversation.

9/4/94 Marie-Claire Alain: A Life in Music... reflections in words and music featuring this famous French teacher and performer, whose many recordings document an impressive dedication and passion.

9/11/94 Byzantine Sketches... a cycle of exquisite organ tone poems and other music inspired by or performed in the landmark Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paris.

9/18/94 Americana Revisited... a collection of historic New England pipe organs playing the music of American composers.

9/25/94 A Mexican Organ Odyssey... with organologist and restorer Susan Tattershall, we explore the musical legacy of the Spanish conquest of the New World, visiting historic instruments in the regions of Oaxaca, Tlaxcala and Mexico City.

10/2/94 Olivier Latry in Concert... the exceptional French organist in concert at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis.

Order a Pipedreams T-shirt (\$15) or sweatshirt (\$26), postpaid, by calling 1-800-733-7744.

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C O N C E R T

V I N C E A M B R O S E T T I  
Composer, Pianist/Vocalist,  
Recording Artist, Liturgist  
will present a concert of sacred  
music at Saint Joseph's Church, 1010  
3rd Avenue South, Moorhead, MN, on  
Sunday, August 28, 1994, at 7:00  
P.M. Vince has composed over 150  
songs and Psalm settings. At the  
request of Pope John Paul II, Vince  
performed one of his settings of the  
Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica in  
Rome. This was the first English  
Mass setting sung in Saint Peter's.  
The concert is free and open to the  
public (a free-will offering will be  
taken).

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N E W S R E L E A S E

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY RECITALS AND 1994 YOUNG  
ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION WINNER TO  
BE FEATURED ON KCCM 91.1 FM  
"REGIONAL ARTISTS IN CONCERT" SERIES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 AT 8:00 P.M.

The first NDSU recital features  
Andrew Froelich, piano, assisted by  
Sandy Ecklund, oboe; Wayne Dorothy,  
clarinet; Chris Stordalen, horn; and  
Roy Johnson, bassoon, in a program  
of Beethoven, Granados, De Falla,  
and Mozart. The recital was  
recorded on April 24, 1994, at the  
Beckwith Recital Hall on the NDSU  
campus.

The second NDSU recital features  
Bryan Edgett, trumpet, and Jay  
Hershberger, piano, in a program of  
Ketting, Rachmaninoff, Bitsch,  
Hindemith, and Pascuzzi. The  
recital was recorded on February 4,  
1994, at Beckwith Recital Hall.

Amanda Roggero, the first place and  
Grand Prize winner of the 1994 Young  
Artists Solo Competition, co-  
sponsored by KCCM-FM and the Fargo-  
Moorhead Symphony Women's  
Association, performs the first  
movement of Schumann's Concerto for  
Piano and Orchestra with the Fargo-  
Moorhead Symphony under the  
direction of Joel Revzen, recorded

April 7, 1994. The daughter of Fred  
and Kathleen Roggero of the Grand  
Forks Air Force Base, she studied  
with David Worth of Concordia during  
her senior year at Grand Forks  
Central High School.

Broadcast of the concert is  
supported by grants from Dayton's  
and the North Dakota Council on the  
Arts with funds provided by the  
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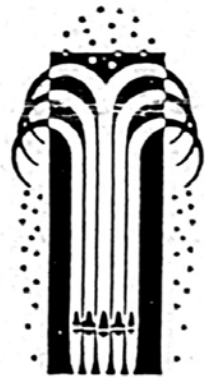
REGION VI CONVENTION

Kansas City, MO

June 18-21, 1995

ARTISTS:

Robert Glasgow  
David Higgs  
John Obetz  
Linda Duckett  
Frederick Hohman



ORGANS:

IV/67 Kney  
IV/56 Skinner  
II/28 Nordlie  
IV/102 Casavant  
IV/111 Aeolian-Skinner  
IV/65 Aeolian-Skinner-Quimby

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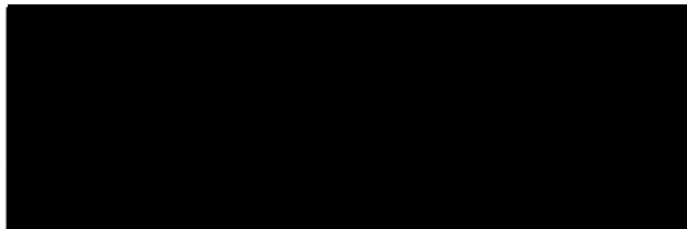
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Contributions are encouraged in writing (or printed neatly...).

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