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ENERGIZE YOUR WORSHIP WITH YOUTH!!!!

4:00 Sunday, September 27, 1992
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
1500 6th Street South
Moorhead, Minnesota

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Our first gathering of the 92-93 year will put the spotlight on the vitality and resources of youth in our worship services.

We will showcase four groups directed by two of our own chapter members, Joan Bystol and Judy Sanders.

The Carol Choir of Messiah Lutheran will open the program by leading us in the Kyrie. "Noah and the Ark" will be a delightful and creative blend of music and narration as the Good Vibrations handbell choir punctuates the story with music. Joan will also share educational ideas for youth involvement, including "New Kids On The Bench."

The Carol Choir, singers in grades 1-3 from Good Shepherd, will perform several of their favorite songs utilizing audience involvement. Rounding out the program will be Good Shepherd's Rainbow Ringers, a handbell choir from grades 5-6. Music will be available for your perusal while we all enjoy a light lunch. A brief chapter meeting will follow.

PLEASE INVITE ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE AND CHILDREN TO COME TO THIS SHORT PROGRAM. And we hope to see great throngs of Red River Valley Chapter members - old and new!

...Marlys Herring, Program Chair

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MEMBERSHIP FOR 1992-1993...Please remember to get your renewal or new membership in to our treasurer **immediately**. Send to Treasurer American Guild of Organists, Red River Valley Chapter, P.O. Box 2223, Fargo ND 58108.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR 1993-1994...Volunteers are requested for this committee to go into action as soon as possible. Those interested in the program for 1993-1994 and willing to help in the planning should call Margery Possehl, Dean, at 233-6711. **WE NEED YOU.**

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Recently, an issue of the "Farmers Forum" of the Fargo Forum featured a long-time church organist in a front page article. It was a tribute to a fine lady for her many years of service to church and community. If this newsletter had space, we could highlight hundreds of people who have served faithfully in the same way - often without pay or recognition. This chapter of the AGO is very aware of these dedicated servants and we applaud them. I invite the readers to let me know who these people are and we may be able to highlight them in some way.

New beginnings are often exciting and challenging and our first program on Sept. 27, 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Moorhead, promises to be one you won't want to miss. Look for details elsewhere in this issue.

I wish you all a rewarding and joy-filled year. ...Marge Possehl, Dean

PERFORMERS NEEDED!!!

WHAT: Program: PRACTICAL REPERTOIRE FOR THE CHURCH YEAR. Members of the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO will share short, practical selections of music that are intended to be approachable by musicians of various levels of training, proficiency, and experience.

WHEN: Sunday, November 22, 1992 - 4:00 P.M.

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
610 - 13th Street North
Moorhead Minnesota

WHO: Y O U!!!! Members of the American Guild of Organists Red River Valley Chapter. If you are interested in performing a piece on this program, please contact either Barbara Preloger (701-298-0172) or Bradley Steen (701-235-1386 or 701-237-8261) as soon as possible BEFORE OCTOBER 10, 1992! Performance slots and composition choice "reservations" will be on a first come, first serve basis. **DON'T DELAY. ACT NOW!!**Bradley Steen

DON'T MISS THIS - SEPT. 20, 2 P.M....

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, is the site for the lecture/recital featuring **IDAR KAREVOLD**, Associate Professor at the Norwegian State Academy of Music and visiting professor at Concordia College for several weeks this fall. According to David Childs, music department chair,

Karevold is very entertaining and has an eclectic program including Scandinavian music. He is a musicologist, organist and senior music critic of Aftenposten, Norway's most influential newspaper. **FURTHER EVENTS TO CONSIDER...**Karevold will also present a series of three lectures on Norwegian music in the 20th century, Thursday evenings: September 17, September 24 and October 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Hvidsten Hall of Music. **Don't miss these opportunities.**

NEXT AGO BOARD MEETING...is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo. This will finish in time for members to attend the dedication recital by Howard Don Small at 4 p.m.

"NEW GUILD MEMBERS" FEATURE....

One of our newer Guild members, Alpha Roeszler was recently interviewed.

Alpha who moved to Fargo from Maddock, ND last fall, serves as organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Fargo. She teaches elementary music at Grace Lutheran School and also instructs 20 private piano students, making for a very full schedule.

Before moving to Fargo, Alpha served as organist at North Viking Lutehran, Maddock, where she had played since 1978. She began her study of organ at UND. She then continued her education at Moorhead State University where she earned a degree in Music Education and Piano.

Alpha says the thing she most enjoys about being an organist is the organ as an instrument. She also loves the church music repertoire.

We welcome Alpha to our area and to our local Guild.John D. Jahr (Ed. note: look for this column to be continued in the October issue.)

PIPEDREAMS...KCCM 91.1FM 9:30 P.M.

9/20/92...American Theatre Organ Society colleagues celebrate the lighter side of the organ's repertoire in performances. 9/37/92...The Pachelbel Canon: beyond ubiquitous familiarity to a diverse and delightful reportoire by the master/player of Nuremberg, Johann Pachelbel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS...Jack Close, 3915 S 7th St, Moorhead MN 56560-5642

Pipeline deadline - Oct 10th

!!!!CONVERSATIONS WITH FRED SWANN!!!!

Fred Swann will be playing the Dedication Recital on the new and rearranged Austin at First Lutheran in Fargo on Friday, October 23, at 8:00 p.m.

We would like to spend some social and learning time with him Thursday evening, September 27th. Some of you speak very fondly of an informal gathering you had with him several years ago. Based on that, we are hoping for a repeat, but will try to formalize the arrangements. We will eat together, and then talk and listen to his experiences at the Crystal Cathedral and Riverside.

You will pay for your own meal, which will be affordable for all. Before we can book a location you must call me or my Tad (telephone answering device) so a head count can be taken. Whether ten, thirty, or fifty of you will be in attendance will dictate the location. We are considering the Concordia Centrum if many of you come; otherwise it will be at one of the many restaurants in Fargo-Moorhead.

Please come (we all eat). Call me by midnight, September 27. Details will be published in the October newsletter. If you decide later to come, do. We will not be rigid with the count; we simply need an idea of numbers.

...Marlys Herring, ²³²323-3829

KUDOS...To DWAC, Developmental Work Activity Center in Fargo, who do outstanding professional quality work with bulk mailings. Their splendid assistance makes large mailings very easy.

KCCM-FM 91.1, will broadcast Regional Artists in Concert on Thursday, Oct. 1, 1992 at 7 p.m. featuring recorded selections from the 1991-92 season of the F-M Chamber Chorale. The Chorale, formed in 1980, presents three major concerts each year under the music direction of Alice Fasman, a member of the music faculty at MSU. Among numbers performed are Poulenc's "The Night of Death," and four songs by local composer, Daniel Breedon.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!!!

AGO meeting Sept. 27 at Good Shepherd.

Dedication Recital, Messiah, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. followed by chapter meeting.

"Fun With Fred", Thursday, Oct. 22, to be announced.

Dedication Recital, First Lutheran, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES...

The board of the RRV Chapter of AGO met in the home at Marge Possehl, Sept. 1, 1992 at 7 p.m. Those present were David Childs, Rod Rothlisberger, Mary Tangen, Ardis Witte, and committee chairs Marlys Herring and Brad Steen. Among items discussed were: 1) The West Acres Art Fair, 2) a display for the reception for new college faculty at Hjemkomst Center Sept. 23. 3) Kaleidoscope at the Fargo Theatre Nov. 7 & 8 sponsored by the Arts Council. AGO needs to have someone to perform there. 4) Motion by Rod that the monthly mailings of the newsletter should be consistently done in a bulk mailing was **passed**. 5) Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$522.12 as of Sept. 1. 6) The Son Small recital at Messiah on October 18 is a regular meeting date the chapter which will be held after the recital. 7) Motion by Dave: that we authorize expenditures to be paid as needed for Frederick Swann on October 22, for dinner and "Experiences at Crystal Cathedral." **Passed**. Time and location of this event will be announced later. 8) Program chair Marlys Herring thanked Joan Bystol, Marge Possehl, Mercedes Roos and Brad Steen for their fine work on the Program Committee. 9) Consensus: the big bulk mailing for membership shall be done in May of 1993 rather than in the summer. 10) Long range planning should include care to not get locked into successful programs but be judicious in selecting programs. Carryover and continuity is needed from year to year. 11) Rod was asked to form a finance committee for the chapter. 12) The date aimed at for the yearbook publication is mid/late October. Brad Steen is chairing this project. 13) The next board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Messiah Church at 2:30 p.m. to be finished in time for the Don Small recital. Meeting adjourned.

...Mary Tangen, secretary

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Lance Johnson, Ardis Witte
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1423 22nd Ave S, Moorhead MN 56560

YOUNG RECITALIST... by *GEORGE FRENCH*

Michael Budewitz, a 17-year old native of St. Paul, played an organ recital at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, Wednesday, August 26. Mr. Budewitz played a fine program before an audience of about 200.

The program opened with two large works by J. S. Bach: The Prelude and Fugue in D Major and the Trio Sonata Number 2 in c minor. Mr. Budewitz appeared somewhat nervous during the Prelude and Fugue which resulted in tempos which were too fast and a lack of clear articulation and phrasing. Some of this nervousness carried into the Trio Sonata, particularly the third movement. However, his technique is outstanding and at no time did he appear to be out of control. The second movement of the Sonata was played with much expression and nuance.

Next was the Sonata Number 2 by the German composer Paul Hindemith. Mr. Budewitz missed the mark on the first movement by playing it too fast resulting in the piece sounding like a technical exercise. However, the folk-like second movement was played beautifully (although still a touch too fast for my taste), and the last fugue was a perfect example of clear execution and exceptional choices of registration.

The rest of the program consisted of music by French composers Jehan Alain, Jean Langlais, Cesar Franck, Maurice Durufle, and Charles Marie Widor. Almost without exception, Mr. Budewitz played these pieces with amazing technique and beautiful expression.

The Litanies, Opus 79 by Alain is to be played with much vigor in contrast to the Postlude pour l'Office de Complies, Opus 21 which is to be played softly and expressively. In both cases, Mr. Budewitz played with maturity which made one forget that he had just graduated from high school.

The highlight of the evening was the complete Symphony V, Opus 42 by Widor. This huge work is seldom heard because of the length and level of difficulty, but it did not present a problem for Michael Budewitz. He played it like a pro and deserved the instant standing ovation and bravos from the enthusiastic audience.

Michael is the student of John Vanella who is the newly appointed Organist and Director of Music and Liturgy at the Crookston Cathedral. John is obviously proud of this student and should be since Mr. Budewitz has a promising career in front of him. I could not help but think that I had the chance to hear a future "major league" concert artist. Michael has won several awards and prizes in various performance competitions. He now goes on to study organ at the University of Michigan.

Finally, it is always a treat to hear the superb organ at our Cathedral which is without a doubt one of the finest organs in northern Minnesota. I fell in love with its beautiful rich sound the first time I hear it and am still excited about this outstanding installation. We are indeed fortunate to have several beautiful organs in Crookston...(George French is Assistant Professor and Director of Music and Theater at the U of M-Crookston and also organist at Trinity Lutheran in Crookston.)

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