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THIS 'N THAT FROM THE DEAN

Happy New Year - or is it? As we all think about the situation in the Persian Gulf, we all wonder what will be happening in the near future, and it makes everyone apprehensive rather than hopeful. However, there are things to discuss concerning our Red River Valley Chapter:

Right before Christmas, I received a Membership list from National Headquarters. Bradley Steen and I will be reviewing this list to make sure that everything is accurate. If you have moved since December 12, 1990, you will want to inform either Bradley or me so that we might have the most current address for you to receive your TAO magazine.

All inactive members will be contacted in the near future. There will be reduced dues rates for the period between February 1 and April 30. National dues will be \$18 for regular members, \$11.25 for special members, and \$7.50 for student members. Local dues will be determined by the board at its next meeting.

A nominating committee will be appointed in the very near future to nominate candidates for board vacancies. Please answer the call if you are asked to serve on a committee, or to run as a candidate.

I do not know next year's dues rates - which have been rumored to have increased substantially over this year's rates - but I will inform the membership at the January 27 meeting. You will find out this information in your February 1991 issue of TAO. Dues collection will begin in May for the 1991-1992 year.

There are a few dates to keep before us in the next few months. On February 17, John Obetz will present a workshop at First Lutheran Church (in connection with F-M Communiversity) from 4:30 to 6:30 that day. You will need to register for this workshop through the Communiversity office. Most of you should receive brochures for the course offerings in your churches, and also in the Forum newspaper. John Obetz's recital is the next evening - Monday February 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m., also at First Lutheran Church. Tickets will be available at the door for that event. Our March, April, and May meetings will be announced well in advance of their respective dates (March 10, April 21, May 19). Please mark your calendar for the regional AGO convention in Sioux Falls, June 16 - 19. I am definitely planning on attending, and I hope that many of you will consider attending this regional convention - or some regional convention. It is fun to meet other church musicians, hear other recitalists, attend other workshops - and just to get away!!

If you need or want anything from me or from any other board member, do not hesitate to contact us, OK? The membership booklets will hit the press in the next couple weeks after the inactives have been contacted concerning their decision for membership. Take care, everybody...

Michael Olson

ABENDMUSIK CONCERT SERIES

The next program in the First Presbyterian Church of Fargo's Abendmusik Concert Series will feature vocalist, Linda Coates and classical guitarist Michael Coates. They will present a broad sampling of music including early lute songs from around the world as well as compositions by contemporary composers such as Argento and Britten. The concert will be held January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. A free-will offering will be taken.

Linda Boyd Coates is a graduate of Moorhead State University having received both her bachelor and master degrees in vocal music. Upon completion of her degrees Linda taught for three years at Moorhead State as interim professor of voice, including a year each as Director of Festival Choir and Director of Opera. While at Moorhead State she performed frequently in recitals. She also taught for a year each as instructor of voice at the University of North Dakota and choral director at West Fargo High School. Linda is currently in her fourth year as choir director of the adult choir at First Congregational Church UCC of Fargo. A Jamestown, ND native, Linda is a highly versatile performer with experience ranging from vocalist in rock and jazz bands to leading roles with the Fargo/Moorhead Civic Opera. She also performed for three years as a member of the Fargo/Moorhead Chamber Chorale. Linda is particularly interested in 20th century vocal repertoire, and has premiered several new works by regional composers.

Michael Coates is a member of the music faculty of Moorhead State University where he is professor of both classical and electric guitar as well as Director of Electronic Music and Recording Facilities. During Mike's 20 years as a professional musician his accomplishments have ranged from leading highly successful and influential rock bands to performing as soloist for the Moorhead State University Orchestra. A native of Rapid City, SD, Mike received his bachelor and master degrees from Moorhead State graduating summa cum laude. A 14 year veteran teacher of guitar, Mike has recently completed a major pedagogical work. It is a 200+ page guitar instruction book which is unique in its comprehensive approach to technique, theory and application. Mike has performed on many MSU faculty recitals, and was heard most recently along with Linda as featured performers in the FM Civic Opera's "A Family Christmas" variety show.

The PIPELINE deadline is February 2.

DONNA PARKER IN CONCERT

Donna Parker, one of the nation's most exciting theatre organ artists will appear at the Fargo Theatre on Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m. This concert is being sponsored by the Red River Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society on their annual artist series.

Her initial organ instruction was with the renowned organist and composer Richard Purvis. After serving as a church organist during her high school years, she majored in organ performance at California Polytechnic State University where she graduated with highest honors.

She was recently appointed head of the product education department at the Rodgers Instrument Corporation in Oregon where she writes owner's manuals and arranges music. She continues to be in great demand as a concert artist having performed extensively in the US and Australia.

On Saturday, February 9, she will conduct a workshop/master-class on the theatre organ at the Fargo Theatre from 9 - 2 p.m. Cost of registration is \$20.00 which includes a noon lunch. This event is being underwritten in part by the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Lance Johnson at 237-0477 or 287-2671. The price for the tickets is \$6.00.

Lance Johnson, President
Red River Chapter ATOS

*If you want to be DISTRESSED, look within.
If you want to be DEFEATED, look back.
If you want to be DISTRACTED, look around.
If you want to be DISMAYED, look before.
If you want to be DELIVERED, look up.
If you want to be DELIGHTED, look to Christ.*

COMMUNIVERSITY

Please don't forget to attend a class at the Communiversity. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend the February 17 class "How to Learn Music and Practice Efficiently" by John Obetz.

It would be nice to send greetings to Norma Halverson as she recuperates from recent surgery. Her address until February 12:
Venture Out at Mesa, Inc. #28 Overnight Parking
5001 East Apache Trail
Mesa, AZ 85205
(602) 832-0200

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Editorial Comment

I would like to take the time, as newsletter editor, to thank all the people who contribute so generously and on time with information to the newsletter. It really makes my life, as editor, much easier.

However, I have a major concern. I am wondering how many people really take the time to read the newsletter. I often talk to people about the upcoming programs and they say that they have never heard about them or did not read about them in the newsletter. A lot of time and energy goes into the newsletter by a lot of people. If people are not reading the newsletter, maybe we should think about doing something else.

Also, please consider volunteering to make this AGO chapter a vital, active, integral part of the community. We have the power to do many great and important things for our churches in this and other communities. When asked to be part of a committee, please say yes!

I said that I would do the newsletter for 1 month and have been doing it for almost 2 years now and really enjoy it. If asked to be on a committee or be an officer in AGO, "try it, you may really, really like it".

Judy Sanders



"How'd I know her uncle 'ud die and leave her a pipe organ?"

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PIPEDREAMS - KCCM 91.1 FM

Sunday, February 3, 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams with Michael Barone...*THE NEXT GENERATION*: the youthful talents of Christopher Young and Robert Poovey in organ works by Bach, Hindemith, Franck, Schoenberg, Daquin and Widor.

Sunday, February 10, 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams...*FOUR CONCERTOS*: unfamiliar but strikingly original works for organ and orchestra by Stamitz, Handel, Fetig and Hindemith.

Sunday, February 17, 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams...*EIGHT PLACES IN NEW ENGLAND*: musical postcards from an Organ Historical Society gathering with organists Peter Sykes, Brian Jones, Eileen Hunt, Victoria Sirota and others.

Sunday, February 24, 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams...*DUOS AND DUETS*: concert performances by organists Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, Cherry Rhodes and Ladd Thomas, Anne and Todd Wilson, and Timothy and Nancy Nickel.