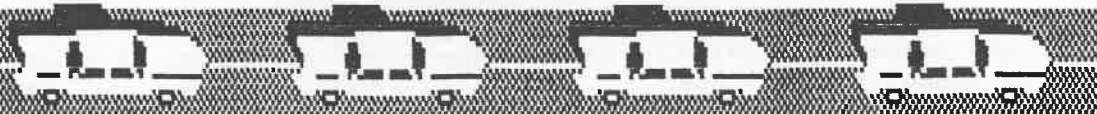


# AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS PIPELINE

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## ORGAN DEMONSTRATION TOUR SET FOR MAY 17

The AGO membership, and the public, will have an opportunity on May 17th to hear pipe organ demonstrations of three instruments in our area of western Minnesota.

At 3:15 p.m. the group will gather at historic Eksjo Lutheran Church (seven miles east of Hawley on Highway 10) to hear and "try out" the 12 rank Reuter pipe organ. The Eksjo congregation, formed in 1871 and perhaps the oldest in our area, installed the Reuter organ in 1950 with several recent additions by the Johnson Organ Co. Mercedes Roos is organist. Elva Bergseid, guild member serving as Rollag Lutheran Church organist, has volunteered to provide refreshments at Eksjo.

The next stop on the tour will be at Hawley Lutheran Church where a modern structure houses a 10 year old Johnson pipe organ of 20 ranks.

Continuing westward, the group will visit Dilworth Lutheran Church where the Johnson Organ Co. has in recent months enlarged the tracker (mechanical action) instrument, originally installed a few years ago. Susan Knorr is organist.

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Members are encouraged to bring music on the tour, as opportunities will be available at each location to sample the instruments' resources. Because this is a public event, members of the chapter should issue as many personal invitations as possible.

Guild members who will serve as organ demonstrators on the tour include Mercedes Roos, Hawley; Marge Possehl and Susan Knorr, Moorhead; John Jahr, Norma Halverson and Brad Steen, Fargo.

The demonstration tour will conclude with a dinner (order off the menu) at Singer's in south Moorhead.

Ride sharing for the tour will be available from the Concordia Music Hall parking lot, departing at 2:30 p.m. For additional information call Marlys Herring, transportation coordinator, at 232-3829, Fargo. Volunteer drivers would be appreciated. -Submitted by Mercedes and Norman Roos, coordinators for this event.

N\*O\*T\*E\* - Some members have expressed an interest in the annual Norwegian Independence Day smorgasbord held at Solem Lutheran Church, rural Hawley. Serving hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 17th. Solem church is located 5 miles east (Highway 10) and 3 miles south of Hawley.



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**The Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO** met April 26, 1992 at Olivet Lutheran Church, Dean Jack Close presiding.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in a motion by Lance Johnson. No treasurer's report was available.

Items discussed: 1) The May 17th meeting, Tour of Organs, begins at 3:15 at Eksjo church. The Solem Lutheran Church near Eksjo sponsors a church dinner on May 17th, and members are encouraged to go there for dinner and then to Eksjo by 3:15 if that works into one's schedule. AGO members are also encouraged to share rides. 2) The June meeting, June 13th with Walter Ehret is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch at 1:15 at a \$3.50 cost per person and served by the men of Messiah Lutheran. The May newsletter is scheduled to be sent to 222+ churches in our area and the newsletter will also ask for reservations to be returned. 10 pianists are needed to help with presenting the 100 or more pieces of music which will be presented. 3) The nominating committee: Mercedes Roos, chair; Lance Johnson and Brad Steen, presented a report of nominations for 1992-1993. Dean - Margery Possehl, Sub-Dean - Joan Bystol, Secretary - Mary Tangen, Treasurer - Rodney Rothlisberger, Board members-at-large - David Childs, Ardis Witte and Lance Johnson (who has one year remaining.) Marlys Herring has been appointed program chairperson for 1992-1993.

Motion by Sue Clambey, second by Marlys Herring to accept the ballot as presented was passed. Because there were fewer than 25% of our membership present, a vote could not be taken to cast a unanimous ballot. Therefore a vote will be done by mail, perhaps with a self-addressed post card. The nominating committee was thanked for all their diligent work.

Announcements: 1) The Young Organists Workshop has 8 registrants to date and an enrollment of about 25 is anticipated. 2) Sue Clambey will be giving organ demos to 4th graders in the public schools in May. With a motion by Judy Sanders the meeting was adjourned. Mary Tangen, secretary.

**From the Dean:** This edition of the **Pipeline** is being mailed to many church musicians in the area who are not members of the Red River Valley Chapter, AGO. While our Chapter events are always open to guests, we wanted to call your attention to two unique programs this spring, and extend a special invitation to anyone to participate in these events.

The first is The Organ Demonstration Tour on Sunday, May 17. If you have any curiosity about pipe organs-large or small-you will find this Demonstration Tour very revealing. A complete description of the tour is given elsewhere in this newsletter. Please join us.

Walter Ehret has spent a lifetime as a music educator, scholar, composer, and editor. As I was beginning my training and professional career as a choral director many years ago, his name stood with Peter Tkach, Paul J. Christiansen, and John Finley Williamson as one of the founders of the American choral tradition in schools and churches. Mr. Ehret will conduct a **Choral Reading Clinic** for us on Saturday, June 13, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo. Again, a more complete description and a registration form are included elsewhere in this edition of the **Pipeline**.

It is important for every member to complete the enclosed ballot. We must report the election results to the national office by June 1. I want to express the appreciation of the entire Chapter to the Nominating Committee: Mercedes Roos, Chair, Lance Johnson and Brad Steen; to the current officers who have consented to be nominated for reelection: Joan Bystol, Sub-Dean; Mary Tangen, Secretary; Rodney Rothlisberger, Treasurer; and to the members who consented to be nominated for offices: Margery Possehl, Dean; David Childs, Ardis Witte and Lance Johnson, Executive Board members. I'm sure that Marlys Herring, Program Chair for 1992-93 has the program near completion.

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# The Red River Valley Chapter

American Guild of Organists

invites you to a

## Choral Reading Clinic

**Date:** Saturday, June 13, 1992 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Coffee at 8:30 a.m.  
Luncheon available at 1:15 p.m. for \$3.50

**Place:** Messiah Lutheran Church  
2010 Elm Street North  
Fargo, ND

The workshop will be conducted by **Walter Ehret**. The Dean of American choral music, Mr. Ehret has more than 2000 octavos, collections, and teaching folios to his credit. His clinics are always exciting and informative. You will enjoy his upbeat, positive, and congenial manner.

Over 100 choral selections from some 50 publishers will be presented. The set will be extremely diverse in terms of historical periods, styles, composers, voicings, levels of difficulty, and calendar year representation.

There is no charge to you. All music (over \$100.00 worth) will be given **free of charge** to those attending the clinic. You may bring additional choir members to the workshop.

**Directions:** Messiah Lutheran is across the street from the V.A. Hospital in north Fargo. Arriving from Highways 10, 75, or I-94, turn north at the intersection of NP/Center Avenue or Main Avenue and 2nd Street North in Fargo. Turn east at 12th Avenue, and continue to the intersection with Elm Street where you turn north. Arriving from I-29, take the 19th Avenue exit. Continue on 19th Avenue until the intersection with Elm Street where you turn north. There is ample parking around the church. The church is fully accessible.

If you have any questions, please call Jack Close, at (218) 299-4414 (office) or (218) 233-3035 (home).

TO REGISTER, COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT BY JUNE 8 TO:

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Pipedreams with Michael Barone...KCCM  
91.1 FM Sundays at 9:30 p.m.

May 17: **Organists Against A.I.D.S.....**  
members of the New York City Chapter of  
the American Guild of Organists perform  
in a benefit/marathon concert at St.  
Peter's Church in Manhattan.

May 24: **The Alain Organ in Switzerland.**  
built by an ingenious father for his four  
musically talented children, the  
instrument which inspired the  
compositions of Jehan Alain and provided  
the earliest training for recitalist  
Marie-Claire Alain now has a new home in  
Romainmotier.

May 31: **Franck in America...**the notes  
are the same, but inevitably the accent  
is a bit different when works of French  
composer Cesar Franck are interpreted on  
instruments in the United States.

June 7: **West Virginia Orgelfest**  
(I)...concert performances from  
Charleston's summer organ music  
celebration.

June 14: **Music for Pentecost...**spirited  
and creative variants on themes of  
heavenly grace.

*Have a happy  
Summer ☺*



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June 21: **A.G.O. '90 Competition**  
**Winners...**Finalists in both the national  
performance and improvisation contests  
play at Church of the Advent, Boston,  
and Harvard University's Memorial  
Chapel.

June 28: **From Finland's Famous Festival**  
(II)...More performances from Lahti's  
Church of the Cross.

**KCCM 91.1 FM will broadcast Regional**  
**Artists in Concert** on Thursday, June 4,  
1992, at 7:00 p.m. The program consists  
of a Concordia College Faculty Recital  
recorded March 12, 1992 in the Hvidsten  
Recital Hall on the campus.

The concert is a Recital of Compositions  
written by Daniel Breedon of the  
Concordia faculty. Assisting Breedon in  
these works are June Boyd, soprano;  
Joanne Cohen, violin; Bruce Jacobs,  
harpsichord; Alan Rawson, violin; Sandra  
Tsukayama, piano; and Leigh Wakefield,  
clarinet. All are members of the  
Concordia music faculty except Alan  
Rawson, who is a member of the music  
faculty at Moorhead State University,  
and Sandra Tsukayama, a well-known  
community pianist.

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