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Red River Valley Chapter

## PROCEEDINGS

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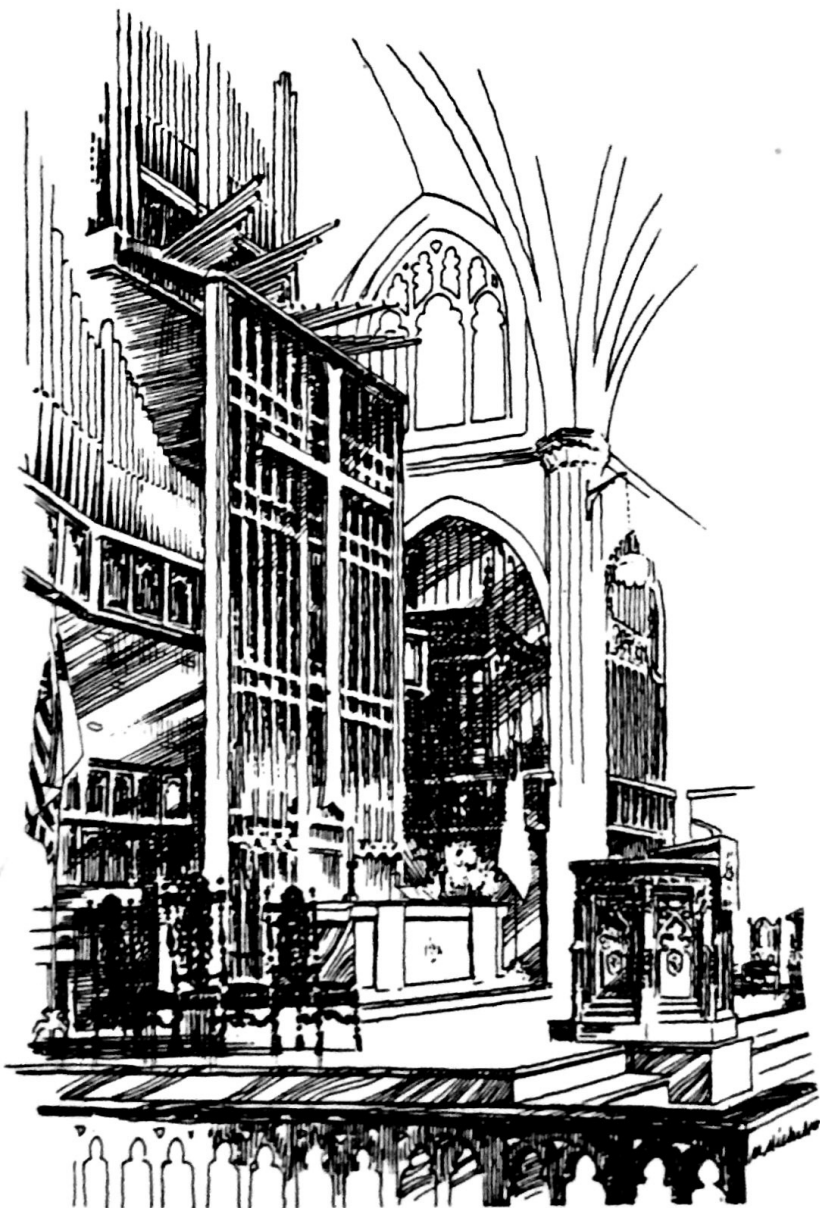
OCTOBER, 1987

### HYMN FESTIVAL

Our 8th Annual Hymn Festival, Sunday, October 11, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead at 7 PM features David M. Cherwien, full-time Director of Music at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge, IL. He will conduct the premiere performance of his setting of "Duke Street," for audience, mixed choir, organ, brass & percussion. This music was commissioned by us especially for this hymn festival.

Cherwien has distinguished himself among young American organists by his ability to play an entire church service, including prelude, postlude, liturgy & hymns, with very little reference to printed music. In the European tradition of church organists, going back to the time of J.S. Bach and before, he composes or improvises much of the music he plays in a worship service. The music is based on the lessons and liturgy appointed for the day and even on the texts of the hymns to be sung. He will demonstrate this "lost art" as he accompanies the audience and choirs at the hymn festival.

A native of Minneapolis, Cherwien earned a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance and music education at Augsburg College where he studied organ with Stephen Gabrielson and choral conducting with Leland Sateren. He specialized in liturgical improvisation during two years of study at the Berliner Kirchenmusikschule (Berlin Church Music School) in West Berlin. There he studied improvisation with Renate Zimmermann, organ literature with Karl Hochreither, and composition with the late Ernst



Pepping. He completed additional organ study with Christian Baude in Aix-en-Provence, France, and with Paul Manz, Heinrich Fleischer, and Earl Barr in this country. He has published five volumes of hymn tune variations for organ as well as choral works. From 1981 until his recent appointment in suburban Chicago, he served as Director of Music at First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, Seattle.

As guest conductor of this hymn festival, Mr. Cherwien has chosen hymns that illustrate the similarities between a single day, from morning to night, to spiritual life from birth to death. 20 church choirs, directed by our members, have been invited to attend a rehearsal prior to the festival. This combined choir will lead the audience in singing the hymns at the festival.

A complimentary ticket is enclosed for your use. Additional tickets are available at music and religious bookstores, all Hornbacher's stores and at the door.

#### WORKSHOP BY DAVID CHERWIEN

David Cherwien will be leading a workshop on hymn improvisation on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 South 6th St., Moorhead. He is gearing his workshop to the beginner in improvisation, which should be informative and fun to hear. All are welcome. Coffee, rolls, and juice served afterwards.

#### AUTOGRAPH PARTY

You and a guest are cordially invited to an Autograph Party with David Cherwien on Friday, October 9, from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at the home of Jill and Greg Post, 50-14th Ave. N. in Fargo.

We are asking that you bring an hors d'oeuvre to share & any music you'd like autographed by David Cherwien, our Hymn Festival leader.

Please respond by October 8 to Jill at 237-3898 or by mail to 50-14th Ave. N. Fargo, 58102.

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

#### NOTE FROM THE DEAN

The first month of our new program year has been a great success. Thanks go to Bruce Jacobs for putting together the first program (organ duets) on Sept. 20. I believe that the 100+ persons present constitute an attendance record for our regular Sunday afternoon programs.

Peter Nygaard demonstrated the Trinity Holtkamp for a sizable group of senior citizens through the Moorhead Adult Education program on Monday, Sept. 21.

Many committees are actively functioning: 1) Budget & Finance--the second annual fund drive; 2) Hospitality--the year's social activities; 3) Hymn Festival--the festival & concomitant events this coming weekend; 4) Membership--the welcoming of new members & telephoning of current members; 5) Newsletter--the monthly publication of PIPELINE; 6) Publicity--the Hymn Festival, November's program, & announcing our events during Jan., Feb., March; & 7) Recital--Peter Nygaard is chairing the committee as it seeks a recitalist for October/November of 1988.

So you can see that numerous individuals contribute to the vitality of our chapter. If some of these activities interest you, please be in touch with the chairperson as listed in the Yearbook. Your contribution of time & ideas will be welcome.

Sincerely,

  
Rod Rothlisberger

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES: 9-20-87  
1st United Methodist Church, Fargo

Members present: Jack Close, Phil Felde, Dorothy Koopmann, Rod Rothlisberger, Theresa Smith, Brad Steen, Pat Unkenholz

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes from the July meeting were read. Motion was made to approve them as read; motion was seconded and passed. Phil presented the finalized version of the 1987-88 budget as put together by the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: The Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, a political action group for the arts in Minnesota, has sent our chapter a letter inviting us to join their organization. Phil moved that we join; motion was seconded & passed. The cost of joining is \$25/member group. The consensus was that the political advocacy benefits could far outweigh the cost, especially since we cannot afford much political representation on our own.

Regarding the subject of a fund drive, Rod suggested that we should conduct one similar to last year's. It would involve a bulk mailing. Jack pointed out that there is no Coordinated Arts Fund drive this year. Dorothy made a motion to authorize the Budget & Finance Committee to carry on a general Fund Drive. Motion was seconded & passed.

Concerns were expressed regarding membership information, especially the potential loss of information because it is spread around so many people. Means of preventing loss or confusion of this information was that forms received by the Treasurer be forwarded to Jack (database) then to the Yearbook Editor, next to the Newsletter Editor & then back to the Treasurer for his records. Also, Brad asked on behalf of the Membership Committee that a current list of paid & non-paid members be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

Pat informed the Committee that the Recital Committee, chaired by Peter Nygaard, has formed & begun work towards finding a recitalist for Fall 1988. Rod mentioned the idea of having this committee choose the recitalist, but have the general membership vote on the final selection. Pat will take that idea to the Recital Committee.

Discussion was held as to where to have "Church Music Bonanza III" next June. Possible church & college sites, logistics & transportation were discussed at length. Rod will pursue the securing of a location & would welcome any ideas from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Smith, Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Enclosed you will find a Membership Card if you have paid your dues, or a green Dues Renewal Form, if you have not. You will note that a \$5.00 late fee is now due in addition to your dues, should you choose to renew, as we hope you will.

Thanks to all for supporting our chapter by joining. We now have more members than at any point in our history, and as a result, we are able to offer a more extensive program than ever before.

All AGO members should have received their new Yearbook with the last mailing of the Newsletter. If you did not, please notify Membership Chairperson Bradley Steen. Please also notify him if there are any changes & corrections that should be announced in the Newsletter.

## CORRECTIONS TO THE YEARBOOK

ELVA BERGSEID has NOT changed her name to Elvira; therefore, please make that correction in your new Yearbook.

MICHAEL OLSON is still organist at 1st Lutheran Church in Fargo. Please make that addition to your yearbook.

MARLOWE KULISH is choir director at 1st Baptist Church, Fargo.

In the vocal/choral section of the substitute list, the name Carol Anderson should read CAROL ANDSTROM.

## ADDITIONS TO THE YEARBOOK

Please add to the vocal/choral section of the yearbook Substitute List:

S Melva Moline 233-7430

Please add to the Program Committee listing in the Committees Section of the yearbook:

Carol Andstrom	218/736-4578
Margery Possehl	233-6711
Jill Post	237-3898

## MARKINGS

We express our sympathy to two of our members who recently lost a parent -

Lloyd Collins, whose mother Hattie Collins died August 7th; and Carolyn Hensrud, whose father Martin Benston died September 21.

Mariann Astrup, our friend & former AGO member, has announced that she will be married this fall. Wedding bells will ring for Mariann & Keith Lein, Saturday, November 7, 2:30 PM at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead. Friends are welcome to attend.

## INTRODUCTIONS

REBECCA GROOM TE VELDE has joined us from Seattle, Washington, where she was Director of Music & Organist at Denny Park Lutheran Church. She holds a B.A. in Music from Seattle Pacific University and a M.M. in Organ Performance and Literature from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. She has studied organ and conducting at the Staatliche Hochschule fur Musik in Cologne, West Germany, and was a finalist in the 1980 AGO National Organist Competition in Minneapolis, representing Region VIII. She is a Colleague of the American Guild of Organists (CAGO). In Fargo, she is serving as Director of Music & Organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Her husband is serving on the German faculty at NDSU.

## ADDITIONS

We welcome Melva D. Moline to the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO as a new member:

Melva D. Moline (Gust)	(H)233-7430
1603-16th St. S.	(O)236-4033
Moorhead, MN 56560	(C)293-6311
CM:1st Presbyterian, Fargo	

## TRANSITIONS

Robin Hadfield has begun law school at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her new address is:

Robin Hadfield  
3517 Baldwin #2  
Lincoln, NE 68504

Sherry Brickzin  
1223-22nd St. N.  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
701/255-3720

David D. Morlock has returned to Jamestown. His new address is:

David D. Morlock  
 719-5th Ave. SE  
 Jamestown, ND 58401

Norma Mayne's new address is:

Norma K. Mayne  
 504 W. 6th Ave.  
 Ada, MN 56510

Cheryl Hilgemann has moved from Wahpeton, ND to Hudson, WI.

CENTENNIAL HYMN COMPETITION

The Centennial Liturgy Committee of the Catholic Diocese of Fargo has announced a hymn tune competition in celebration of its centennial year in 1989.

The text of the 4-verse hymn has been written by Rev. Robert W. Hovda, a retired priest of the diocese who is well-known as a liturgical author. He has written numerous articles & books on liturgy including "Dry Bones," "Strong, Loving & Wise," & "There are Different Ministries." In 1982 he was the recipient of the Berakah Award, an honor given by the North American Academy of Liturgy for his work in liturgical reform.

The setting should be in 4 parts & set for either piano or organ & suitable for arrangements for contemporary music groups & instrumental combinations such as brass.

The prize is \$100, plus a percentage of royalties. Deadline for submission of tunes is November 30, 1987. Winners announced Dec. 31, 1987. Contact Jackie Graham at Diocesan Office of Liturgy, 1310 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102 or call 701/235-6429 for further information.

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<b>ASSETS</b>		
Money Market Checking Acc	3050	
Beginning Balance		3050
<b>INCOME</b>		
Member Dues	3000	
Interest	200	
Hymn Festival (\$2)	1500	
Children's Choral Concert	900	
- Donations	400	
- Grant	500	
Church Music Workshop	1800	
- Registrations	1250	
- Grant	550	
Corp/Fdn Grt/Misc	1900	
- Fund Drive	900	
- Fd. Grants	750	
- Misc.	250	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>9300</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS &amp; INCOME</b>		<b>12350</b>
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<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Dues to National	1600	
Dues to LAAC	60	
General Op. Exp.	1000	
Archives	50	
Banner	100	
Dean's Annual AGO Mtg. Fd	175	
Education Committee	50	
Hospitality Committee	100	
Membership Committee	200	
Newsletter	1200	
Program Committee	200	
Organ Crawl	150	
Hymn Festival	1750	
Choral Concert	900	
Church Music Workshop	1800	
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>9335</b>
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<b>YEAR END BALANCE</b>		<b>3015</b>
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## COMING EVENTS

### TRINITY LUTHERAN IN LISBON ANNOUNCES NEW ORGAN

Marlys Herring, Organist/Choir Director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon, ND, reports that her congregation has voted approval for the purchase & installation of a new 21-rank (18 stops), 2-manual Reuter organ during the summer of 1988, the congregation's centennial year. Congratulations!

### ABENDMUSIK AT 1ST PRESBYTERIAN

The Prairie Song Trio will present a concert of art songs, Broadway show tunes & operatic selections on Sunday, October 18, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. The concert, which is titled "A Look at Love", will feature Lucy & Gary Thrasher, soprano & baritone, accompanied by pianist Lily Chia Brissman, who will also perform Chopin waltzes on the piano. An offering will be taken to underwrite the costs of the Abendmusik Concert Series.

### ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Oct. 11: Simon Preston (England) 7 PM  
Central Lutheran, Mpls
- 17: Hector Olivera, 2 PM  
Downtown World Theatre, St. Paul
- 24: Sir David Willcocks (conducts  
choir & orchestra), 3 PM  
St. Mark's, Mpls.
- 25: Andre Schub, 8:15 PM  
NDSU--Perf. Arts Series
- MSU Choir, 3:00 PM  
Center for Perf. Arts
- 26: New Music Concert, 8:15 PM  
Center for Arts, 176
- 27: Hector Olivera, 8 PM  
Mpls. Auditorium Organ  
with MN Orchestra  
Strauss, Bach, Saint-Saens,  
Jongen
- 30: Halloween Music Concert, 8:15  
PM, Student Union Ballroom
- 31: Silent Movie Night  
Fargo Theatre
- Nov. 3: Murray Lewis & Dave Brubeck  
MSU - Perf. Arts Series  
8:15 PM, Ctr. for Arts Aud.
- 5: MSU Concert Band & Orchestra  
8:15 PM, Student Union
- 8: Concordia Orchestra  
Home Concert, 7:30 PM

### RECITAL BY GAY MOHR

Gay Mohr will present a voice recital on Friday, October 9 at 8:15 PM in Hvidsten Recital Hall at Concordia College in Moorhead. She will be singing American & British songs.

### SINGING IN THE SPRING

Our plans for the Children's Choir Festival are in full swing. Registrations have been received from various denominations, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Lutheran Churches. Cities represented include Hawley & Moorhead, MN; Grand Forks, Lisbon, Hillsboro, West Fargo & Fargo, ND.

Coming soon, the directors will meet with Charlotte Trautwein, our guest clinician, for a mini-workshop, Sunday, November 1st from 3-5 PM, also at 1st Presbyterian Church, Fargo.

Remember to save Sunday, April 24, 4:00 PM, to join us for the Children's Choir Festival Concert - something to look forward to in the spring!

Susan Clambey

## PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:30 PM: SEATED ONE DAY AT THE ORGAN - Transcriptions explored - from Bach to Bartok!

Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:30 PM: WONDERS OF WORCESTER - 1985 Fuller International Organ Festival, Bach, Lemmons, Widor.

Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30 PM: CIVIC PRIDE - American Theatre Organ Society Performer-of-the-Year Tom Hazelton on the 1928 Kimball, Mpls. Auditorium.

Sunday, Nov. 1, 9:30 PM: A BUXTEHUDE BOUQUET - introduced & played by Harald Vogel on various organs here and abroad.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 9:30 PM: THE MADER COMPETITION REVISITED - finalists play works by Hampton, Gillou, David, Martin & Leighton.

## PLACEMENT

Community Presbyterian Church in West Fargo is seeking an organist and a director of handbell choirs. If interested, forward a resume by October 10 to: P.O. Box 546, West Fargo, ND 58078, Attention: Music Committee. For further information, call the church office at 282-4135.

## IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA

1. What was Francois Couperin's nickname? "LE GRAND"
2. What was Paul Hindemith's principal instrument? VIOLA
3. What was Olivier Messiaen's 1st organ composition? "THE CELESTIAL BANQUET"
4. What was an early Italian principal celeste? FIFFARO

Alternative Answers submitted by the Reverend Mathias Geiger, 1st Congregational Church, Moorhead:

1. "Fluffy Buns."
2. Valve trombone.
3. Organ Concerto for 7 Fingers. A work commissioned by an inept Paris meat cutter who did substitute organ work during the Low Holidays at Notre Dame Cathedral.
4. The best known early Italian principal was Mr. Celeste "Old Iron Knuckles" Gabrieli. He served as principal of P.S. CXXIX, Milan, for 7 years; Arcangelo Corelli High, Rome, for 16 years; and, the Verona Reformatory & Music Institute for 23 years.

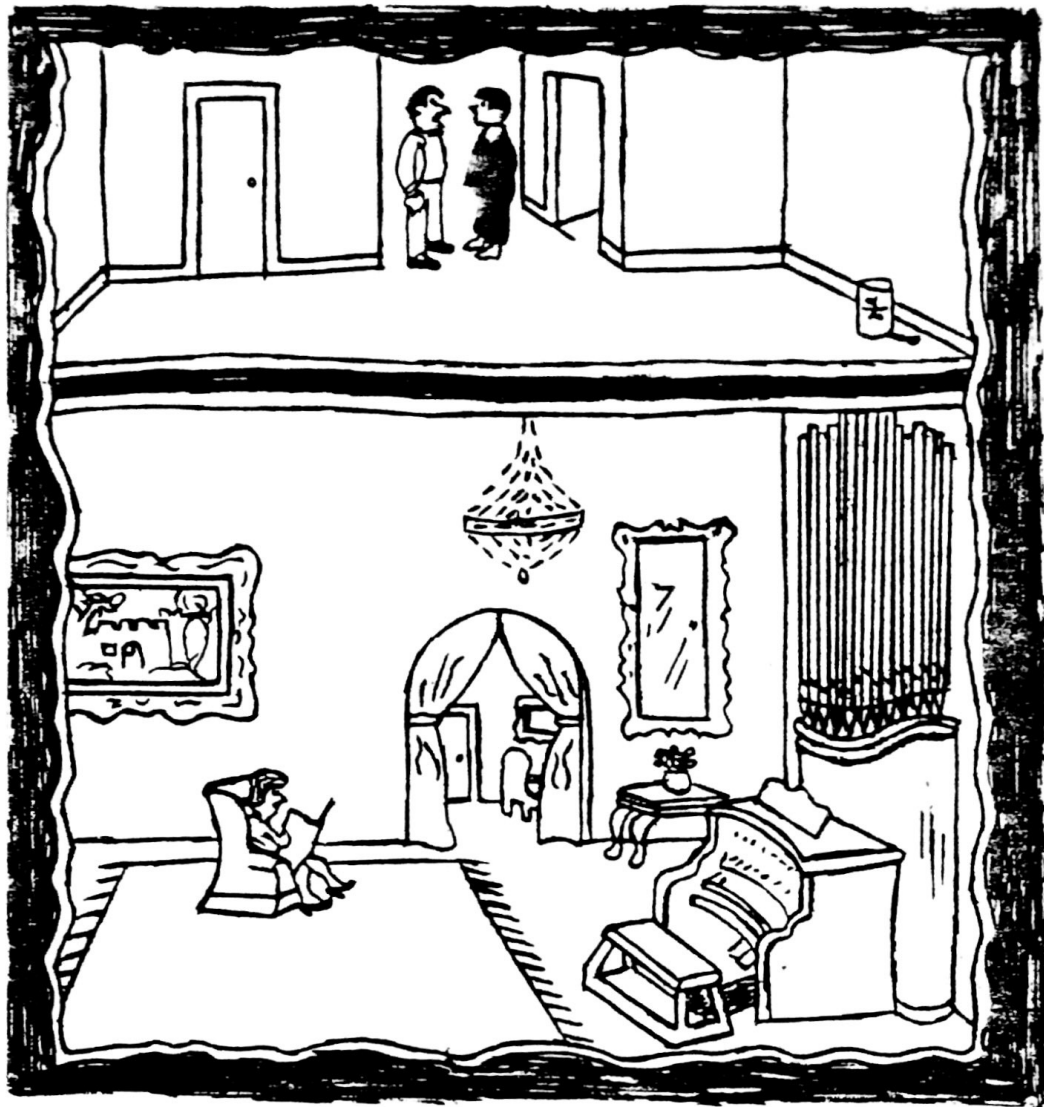
Reverend Geiger will receive a complimentary newsletter for his efforts.

1. What pitch levels constitute a "sesquialtera?"
2. Who wrote "Passacaglia on a Theme of Hindemith?"
3. Who composed 2 preludes for organ (Op. 34) which go through all the major keys?
4. On French organs, in which division is the Cromorne usually found?



## PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS GUILD MEETING

A day-long workshop "Doing Theology Musically" at the Chapel of the Incarnation (Luther-Northwestern Seminary) on February 15, 1988. Presentations will focus on the mutual ministry of theologian and musician.



"If you decide to take the apartment, there's one thing I think maybe I should tell you . . . ."

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