



The American Guild of Organists

Red River Valley Chapter

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NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY CHORAL CONCERT PLANS PROCEED

Plans are continuing forward for the choral concert in cooperation with the F-M Communiiversity on Sunday, February 22, 1987 at 5:30 p.m. in the Knutson Center Centrum at Concordia College.

Three choral works will be performed: a three-choir motet by Giovanni Gabrieli (the two chamber chorales in the F-M area are being invited to join us); a cantata for chorus and orchestra by Dietrich Buxtehude, in observation of the 350th anniversary of his birth; and the 20th century premier of a Magnificat by Johann Kuhnau, Bach's predecessor at Leipzig.

Each choral work will be introduced by an instrumental (brass, organ, harpsichord, etc.) composition by each of the composers.

A small choir of approximately 20-25 voices will be formed and rehearsed on Sunday evenings during January. This choir will then serve as one of the Gabrieli choirs and also as a core for the larger choir which will gather on Sunday afternoons during February as a result of Communiiversity registration. A rehearsal schedule is available on request.

Instrumentalists will be drawn from among the professionals in our area. Soloists and keyboardists will come from among our membership.

We will need the cooperation of all of you in forming the core choir: If you (or an acquaintance--someone from the choir at your church, for example) are interested in participating in the concert, please complete the accompanying form found within this newsletter. Rehearsals will begin on January 4 at 7:00 (until 8:30) p.m. in the Choral Rehearsal Room at First Presbyterian Church. We are

HORS D'OEUVRES AND HANDEL

On Monday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m., all AGO members are invited to the home of Norm and Joan Bystol for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and singing. The Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah will be sung. You are all invited to bring your spouse or a friend.

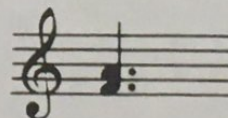
To get to Bystol's, take University Drive south to 37th Ave. S. This is the first street beyond Elim Home and the Eagles. Turn left and drive east three blocks until you come to the end of 37th Ave. at Kennedy St. Bystol's home is on the right hand corner of 37th and Kennedy - 3701 Kennedy St.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to:

Joan Bystol	235-4335
Carolyn Hensrud	280-2189
Mary Ann Johnson	235-6322

or

Mail the form found within this newsletter to the address indicated to indicate your intent to attend.



looking for commitment and the resulting refinement in this group. Please respond by Christmas (December 25!!) and help make this a program to remember.

For further details call or write Rod Rothlisberger, 7 Eighth Ave. S., Moorhead, MN 56560, 218-233-6603.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 30, 1986

Home of Mary Ann Johnson

Members present: Rodney Rothlisberger, Pat Unkenholz, Mary Ann Johnson, Carol Long, Bruce Jacobs, John Close, Dorothy Koopmann, Michael Olson.

The meeting was called to order.

Motions were made, seconded and passed to:

1. Sponsor a Young Organist Competition, chaired by Ruth Berge, on Saturday, February 14, 1987, 1:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN. The entrance fee will be \$10.00.

2. Place a \$25.00 professional card for advertising in the regional brochure for the upcoming regional convention in St. Louis, MO.

3. Authorize the Dean of the chapter to sign checks.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Johnson, secretary

ADDITIONS:

We welcome the following new members to the Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO.

Jill Post (H) 237-3898

50 14th Ave. N. (C) 232-4416

Fargo, ND 58102

CD: First United Methodist, Fargo

Carole Nelson (H) 237-9106

1414 N. 9th St.

Fargo, ND 58102

HB: First Presbyterian, Fargo

TRANSITIONS:

David C. Morlock

721 S. Helen

Sioux City, IA 51106

AGO HANDBELLS IN CONCERT

The AGO Handbell Choir directed by Pat Unkenholz will present a concert of Christmas music on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m. in the fountain area of the Moorhead Center Mall.

CHAPTER PLACEMENT SERVICE

As our chapter membership increases, and as the status of musicians in our area improves, the necessity for some form of Placement Center becomes more apparent. Several years ago, a chapter committee prepared the enclosed form and the accompanying cover letter for distribution to area churches. Now that we have a newsletter and thereby have the means of disseminating placement information, the time is ripe for establishing the mechanics for a Placement Center within our chapter.

Therefore, please review the enclosed form and cover letter and forward any suggestions you might have to me as soon as possible.

Rod Rothlisberger

7 Eighth Avenue South

Moorhead, MN 56560

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TREASURER'S REPORT Nov. 9, 1986

Balance in Checking Account as of 11/9/86 \$3,535.05

Two grants received from West Central Regional Arts Council

1. Communiversities Choral Concert in February, 1987

2. Joyce Jones organ recital in April, 1987

Donations have begun to arrive for the AGO fund drive

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Nov. 9, 1986

Total Members = 87

New Members = 18

RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER AGO JANUARY MEETING

"VOX HUMANA" is the theme of the January meeting of our chapter which will take place at Grace United Methodist Church in Moorhead, Minnesota. The meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. and will take place on Sunday, January 25, 1987. The program will feature original literature for organ and voice.

Mail to: Joan Bystol
3701 Kennedy St.
Fargo, ND 58103

Mail to: Choral Concert
Red River Valley Chapter
American Guild of Organists
P.O. Box 2223
Fargo, ND 58108

Name

I will attend the Dec. 29
Hors D'Oeuvres and Handel
evening.
 Spouse or guest will accompany
me, also.

I would like to participate: _____
 Core Choir for AGO/Communiversality Concert
 Communiversality Choir only (\$10.00 Communiversality
registration fee will be required.)
 Vocal Soloist or Keyboardist

I recommend the following individuals as possible
Core Choir participants: _____

Signature

ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR

N.D.S.U. Music Department
Madrigal Feast
Memorial Union Ballroom
6:30 p.m.
December 10, 11, 12, 13
For ticket information call:
237-7932

N.D.S.U. Concert Choir Christmas
Gala Concert
Britten's Ceremony of Carols
and original works by David Ferreira
Festival Concert Hall
December 18 8:15 p.m.
Free admission

Advent at First Lutheran
Banchetto Musicali and the First Lutheran
Baroque Ensemble present Bach's
Cantata 142 To Us a Child is Given
Sunday, December 21 4:00 p.m.
at First Lutheran Church, Fargo

BRIDE and GROOM January 11, 1987

Negotiations are still underway with
Q98 radio station to provide background
music for the annual Bride and Groom
show, scheduled for January 11, 1987 at
the Fargo Civic Center. The music is
being coordinated by the modeling
agency and the AGO is still hoping to
provide some of that music. A booth
at the Show is a very live option, and
if you are available to be present that
afternoon, please call Pat Unkenholz
at 232-1435.

ABENDMUSIK CONCERT SERIES

On December 21, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.,
the First Presbyterian Church Abendmusik
Concert Series will present the Christmas
Musical Drama Laud to the Nativity by
Ottorino Respighi. A free will offering
will be taken to defray production costs
of the musical. The production will be
held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian
Church of Fargo.

Major singing roles will be performed
by Lucy Thrasher, Pam Burns, and Terry
Wipf. The roles of the Shepherds are
performed by Michael Burns, John Finnie,
Tom Humphrey and Martin Hoag. The
Sanctuary Choir of First Presbyterian
Church will serve as the chorus. The
production is accompanied by a woodwind
ensemble under the direction of Gary
Thrasher.

As part of that same program, Christmas
works for woodwind instruments will be
performed by Gail and Jennifer Hall.

Laud to the Nativity is a staged version
of a poem written in the late 1200's by
Jacopone da Todi who wrote the Stabat
Mater. The music contains many of the
same musical scales and ideas of the
1300's which are set in a modern style.

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, January 4, 1987 9:30 p.m.

Going on Record: beginning the new
year with a sampler of some recent organ
recordings of unusual and appealing
repertoire, featuring young artists and
sonic surprises.

Sunday, January 11, 1987 9:30 p.m.

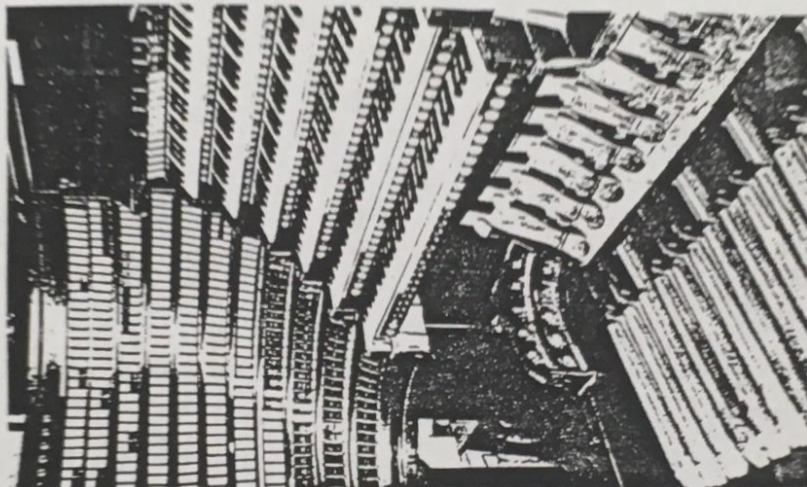
In Memoriam Maurice Durufle: a
musical tribute to the famous French
composer and organist, featuring his
own performances.

KCCM-FM CELEBRATES FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

On January 18, 1987 Minnesota Public Radio will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary with special programming all day. KCCM-FM will have an open house for members and friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that day to celebrate both NPR's twentieth anniversary and KCCM's fifteenth anniversary. The open house will be at the KCCM studios at Concordia College in Moorhead.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE:

All information, articles and announcements that are to be included in the January 1987 Newsletter are to be submitted by January 1, 1987. Please mail them to the attention of the newsletter editor at P.O. Box 2223, Fargo, ND 58108.



THE NEW ORGAN AS ENVISIONED BY
THE ORGANIST

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