



# PIPELINE

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## Concordia Organ Workshops Set

Adult organ workshops will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, MN on June 9 and 10, and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead on June 11 and 12.

Young Organist Week will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead from June 15 through 19. This organ camp is for students having completed grade 6 through graduating high school seniors. No previous organ experience is required, but two or three years of piano background is encouraged.

For more information, please contact Kristen Grove, Administrative Assistant at the Office of Church Relations at Concordia College, 218.299.3146 or kgrove@cord.edu.

Peter Nygaard, Michael Olson, and Judy Sanders are the three instructors for these three organ workshops this summer.

### Editors Note

It's already break time again. This issue is the last month you will receive the *Pipeline* until August. Please mark your calendars to get content to rrvago@hotmail.com by July 25 (for the August issue). Enjoy the first part of your summer!

## Message From the Dean

Friends,

You will be receiving two items in your mail soon.

First is the ballot for board elections.

Please complete and return your ballot promptly.



Second is your membership renewal application. Again, it is important to return

your membership renewal promptly.

I am sure you all are preparing for the end of the school season, summer schedules, making plans. Please consider your participation in the RRV-AGO, and where you would like to contribute in the coming year. Put an X in a committee box on your application. Every member is important.

We all bring different experiences to the group, and that diversity gives us strength. Plan to attend the 2008-2009 season programs. Offer to help with a program, or behind the scenes. Serve on a committee. Say "yes" when asked. Make your membership count.

Regards,

~Vicky Wms Sieben, Dean

### First Friday Luncheon Who Everyone is Welcome!

When First Friday of the Month at Noon

Where To Be Announced  
Each Month

### Chapter Officers

Dean: Vicky Wms Sieben

Sub-Dean: Robyn Vinje

Secretary: Ruth Discher

Treasurer: Ruth Strawn

### Board Members at Large

2008: Sue Clambey, Sally Harmon

2009: Sonia Carlson, Alpha Roeszler

2010: Gaylord Fagerland, Steve Eneboe

## Sanctuary in Russia

Sanctuary, a trio of organ, bass clarinet and cello from Halifax Nova Scotia is departing for a three-concert tour of Russia, later this month.

Sanctuary which describes itself as "Music of grace and power, shadows and light, a plainsong for the 21<sup>st</sup> century" will be received in three of the major venues with organ in Russia.

Sanctuary is Peter Togni, organ, Jeff Reily, bass-clarinet and Christoph Both, cello. The music they perform is all original and was initially based on improvisations they did on Gregorian Chants. In 2006, they released a CD on Warner Classics. The music for this tour will include repertoire from this CD and three new works, composed by organist, Peter Togni.

On May 11, they perform at the Black Sea resort, Sochi in the Great Organ Hall.

On May 14, they perform at the great Philharmonic Hall also known as Shostakovich Hall, in St Petersburg. This concert is part of the regular Organ series organized by the Hall. It has been sold out for months.

On May 18, they perform at the Cathedral Maria in Moscow, one of the oldest Catholic Cathedrals in Russia.

Upon their return, they will post photos and reports from the tour on their web site: [www.sanctuarymusic.ca](http://www.sanctuarymusic.ca) They will also record new works including the three new pieces by Peter Togni, for a CD release in the autumn.

This is a groundbreaking tour for Sanctuary and marks the first time they perform in Russia. The Great Philharmonic or Shostakovich Hall of St Petersburg is one of the world's great concert halls. Built in 1802, it is where the world's great musicians from Tchaikovsky to Mussorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Liszt, Wagner, Mahler Shostakovich, Ahskenazy, Gergiev and the world's great orchestras have performed over the past centuries.

The music of Sanctuary inspired impresario Denis Leonov of Intrada Agency, in Saint Petersburg. He has organized this tour for the trio in collaboration with the trio's Montreal-based management, Latitude 45 Arts. The Canada Council for the Arts is supporting this tour.

For more information on Sanctuary and for bookings please contact Barbara Scales at [scalesb@latitude45arts.com](mailto:scalesb@latitude45arts.com) or tel: +1 514 276 2694.

### On a Light Note....

#### **Church Bulletin Bloopers**

\*For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

\*Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.

\*The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

\*This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mr. Vassilas to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

\*A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Credit: [www.oldlutheran.com](http://www.oldlutheran.com)

### In Appreciation...

A special "Thank you" to Sue Knorr for presenting the "Enhancing Worship" Beginning Organist program on April 5, and Johnson Organ for underwriting the program. Those attending appreciated the opportunity to add to their organ skills.

## Board Meeting Notes

April 17, 2008: The meeting of the RRV AGO was called to order at the Boulger Funeral Home by Dean Victoria Wms Sieben.

Those present were: Sonia Carlson, Ruth Discher, Alpha Roeszler, Victoria Sieben, Ruth Strawn, Robyn Vinje.

Robyn moved to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from March, 2008 as printed in the April *Pipeline*. Alpha seconded the motion and it was carried.

### Treasurer's Report

The savings account balance currently stands at \$4,684.90, including \$7.76 of interest earned in March. The checking account had no activity last month so the balance remains at \$1,288.34. The CD balance is \$5,242.76.

Assets as of April 17, 2008 total \$11,216.00. Sonia will find out the amount paid to Sue Knorr by Johnson Organ Co. for conducting the Pianist to Organist Workshop on April 5. That amount will be recorded as a donation in kind. Robyn moved to accept the Treasurer's report as reported at the meeting. Sonia seconded the motion and it was carried.

### Program Committee

April 5, 2008 Enhancing Worship Workshop - The event was reviewed. The very low attendance was discouraging.

May 4, 2008 Organ Crawl in Fergus Falls, MN - Vicky will e-mail posters and formulate a press release. Vicky distributed a copy of the poster to the Board members. Ruth D. will send out an e-mail notice to the membership asking that if anyone interested in carpooling they should e-mail Alpha before May 4 who will help in the coordination of drivers/riders. We will be meeting in the True Value Hardware Store parking lot located at the strip mall just south of 94 on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Hwy 75) in Moorhead (exit 94 at Exit #1A). We will meet at 1:45PM and leave the parking lot for Fergus Falls at 2:00pm.

### Old Business

1. List of Churches/Contacts - Vicky will update list using the items returned from the most recent event mailing.
2. Membership Drive - Still encouraging "each one-reach one". Personal contact is the best way - everyone was reminded to talk to anyone who might be interested.

3. Vicky handed out another survey from the Opera to serve as an example of the types of questions we might include on an AGO event survey. Ruth D. and Alpha will work on a survey form to submit at the next Board meeting for discussion.

4. Robyn made a motion that we change the mailing address for returning membership applications for 2008-2009 to Ruth Strawn's home address in order to expedite the processing of memberships and mailing in of dues. Discussion followed. Alpha seconded the motion - the vote tallied 5 for- and 1 against-. The address will be changed on the form for 2008-2009.

5. Nominating Committee Appointments - The final Member-at-Large position has been filled by nominee Anna Goodin-Hayes to complete the Ballot for 2008-2009. Ballots will be mailed out to voting members before May 1.

6. The final new program committee for 2008-2009 will be Mavis Tjon, Carolyn Hensrud and Dawn Papenfuss. A chairperson has not yet been selected. Alpha was asked to begin preliminary work on a January program at the Fargo Theater, taking a look at the organ there.

7. Alpha and Ruth D. were asked to check out a new venue to try for First Friday Lunches. Barbara's Deli was suggested. Another venue suggested was the VIP Room.

### New Business

There was no new business.

### Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

The next AGO Board meeting will be Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Boulger Funeral Home at 4:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was raised by Ruth D.. Ruth S. seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Discher, Secretary

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## Upcoming Events

**September 15, 2007, 10:00 am**

Paul Jacobs Master Class  
First Lutheran Church, Fargo

**September 16, 2007, 4:00 pm**

Paul Jacobs Recital  
First Lutheran Church, Fargo

**October 14, 2007, 4:00 pm**

Membership Meeting/Potluck/Music Exchange  
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo

**December 2, 2007, 7:00 pm**

Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long  
Good Shepherd Church, Moorhead

**April 5, 2008, 4:00 pm**

Piano to Organist Workshop  
Dilworth Lutheran Church, Dilworth

**May 4, 2008, 4:00 pm**

Organ Crawl  
Fergus Falls, MN

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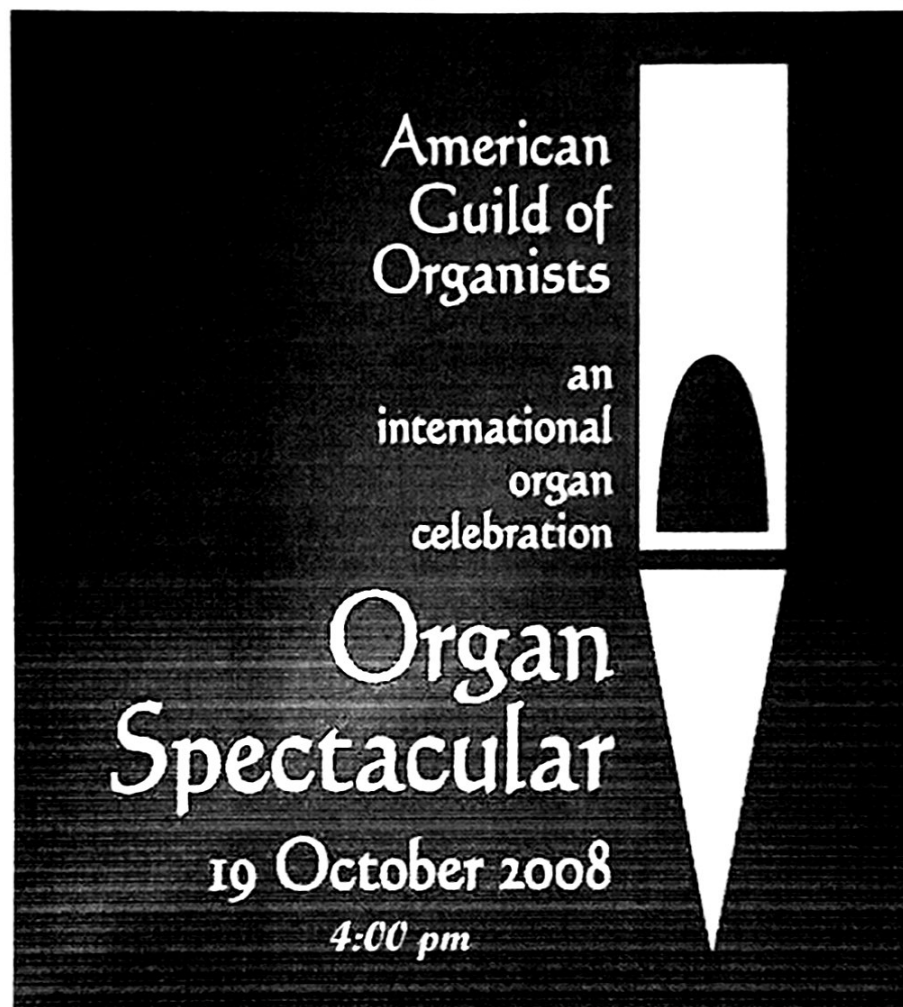
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