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Minnesota Piping Hot! Festival

PRESS RELEASE Even as the autumn season settles upon us, the cultural scene in Minnesota's Twin Cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will become *Piping Hot!* during the first full week of November. The nine day period between November 3rd through the 11th will boast a bounty of organ music activity...four concerts by an international array of soloists and four public-interface events where those artists will talk about their lives, offer tips to local students, and share insights about the 'organ world.' All events are free and open to the public.

Under the title *Piping Hot!*, this mini-festival is being promoted by American Public Media's *Pipedreams* program as part of its 25th anniversary. *Pipedreams* host Michael Barone will be master-of-

ceremonies for all events, and also interview the players, talk with organ builders, and demystify some of the arcana of organ.

In conjunction with four local sponsors, the *Piping Hot!* festival will include concerts by **Paul Jacobs** of the Juilliard School (November 4, 7PM at Augustana Lutheran Church in West Saint Paul; organ by Glatter-Götz/Rosales); **Hans Fagius** of the Royal Danish Conservatory, Copenhagen (November 6, 8:15PM at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul; organ by Gabriel Kney); **Stephen Tharp**, international recitalist and recording artist (November 9, 7:30PM at Bethel University's Benson Great Hall in Arden Hills; organ by Lyle Blackinton); and **Jean-Baptiste Robin**, from St. Peter's Cath-

edral, Poitiers, and the Conservatory in Versailles, France (November 11, 4PM at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in Saint Paul; organ by C. B. Fisk).

Each of the visiting artists will also appear in workshop/master-class settings at those four venues: Jacobs on November 3 (9:30AM-noon), Fagius on November 5 (7-9:30PM); Tharp and Robin on November 10 (Tharp 9:30AM-noon; Robin 1:30-4PM). These appearances are co-sponsored by the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

More information is available online at www.pipedreams.org/festival or by calling 651-290-1087.

Message From the Dean

Do you speak a second language? Maybe you took French, or German, maybe Spanish? How many languages do you speak? I hope you consider yourself fluent in the language of music. Consider this, 5 lines on a page, joined with 5 more lines a little lower on the page.



Add some dots, place them on the sets of 5 lines. Some of them have smaller dots next to them, some dots are hollow, some are solid, some dots have lines attached, some have flags. Add some squiggles, a few dashes.

OK - can you read this language? Can you convert it to a "spoken word"? Does it convey feelings? Is it a sad story? A happy tale? Maybe it tells of a great battle, or the breath of a quiet, sincere prayer, soft as a sigh. You know this language, you serve as an interpreter for this language daily. But until you bring it to life, it is just dots and lines on a page.

Then consider that those dots and squiggles correspond with white and black keys which, when pressed, allow wind to pass through vari-

ous pipes mounted on a wall. And pushing or pulling assorted knobs or levers produces different sounds! Brass, winds, strings! What an impressive device! It can whisper, and it can roar!

A listener does not have to speak German to understand what Bach is saying, or Italian to understand Verdi. Music communicates across borders. What a miracle, this thing we do!

"Music is the universal language of mankind" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

October 14th is our annual music swap, which is a celebration of the magic of those dots and lines on a page. Bring what you aren't using, maybe it is too easy for you, too hard, not your style, hand-me-downs, duplicates, clean out your music cupboard. It may be what someone else needs. Maybe you will find some new music you hadn't considered, try some music out on the organ at Messiah Lutheran. Make some of those dots and lines come to life!

-Vicky Wms Sieben, Dean

First Friday Luncheon

Who Everyone is Welcome!

When First Friday of the Month at Noon

Where Fryin' Pan Restaurant (Fargo)

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

Letters to the Editor

A Little Day Brightener

One of the brides at First Lutheran e-mailed this to me. She knew that, with the construction going on here at the church, I didn't always have my wedding music file in the same place. She had forgotten the name of the recessional (which is, of course, the Wedding March by Mendelssohn) but she DID remember the rhythm of it. This is priceless and precious! I just HAD to share it with everybody else.

~Michael Olson

Email Content:

Recessional

Dum Dum da Dum Dum
Dum Dum Daaaa Dadda Dum Da
Dum.....
Pause - Dum Dum da Dum Dum
Dum Dum ddddddadddaaa dum
daaaa dum....
dddaadddaa dummmm dum
dddaadddaa dummmm dum.
Dum Dum da Dum Dum
Dum Dum Daaaa Dadda Dum Da
Dum.....

Dum Dum da Dum Dum Dum Dum
ddddddadddaaa dum daaaa dum....

Wow - can we say desperate bride?!?!? Hopefully this kinda helped...maybe?!?!? haha anyway...do you by chance know what to put as the name of this recessional? Thanks so much!

(Thank you Michael, for sharing this funny story!)

Save the Date(s)!

Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar.

**National AGO Convention*
Minneapolis-St. Paul
June 22-26, 2008

**Regional AGO Convention*
Wichita
June 15-18, 2009

Necessary Things

Our annual membership meeting will be held October 14. I know, we are not deciding the fate of the nation here, but your attendance is important. This year, as last year, we are having a music exchange in conjunction with our annual meeting. Bring music you don't use, duplicates, whatever you have, and let someone else benefit from it. Look through what others have brought, and see if there is something new for you. Compare notes on favorite arrangers, share tips, and try out some new music on the organ at Messiah Lutheran. Also, because our program schedule extends into May this year, we have moved our annual get-together to that date as well, so bring your music, and a dish to share!

Board Meeting Notes

September 20, 2007. 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, Gaylord Fagerland, Alpha Roeszler, Victoria Sieben, Ruth Strawn, Robyn Vinje.

Alpha moved to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2007 as posted in the September Pipeline. Robyn seconded the motion and it was carried.

Program Committee

The meeting opened with a review of the successes of the Paul Jacobs master class and recital held September 15 and 16, respectively. Attendance, based on ticket sales, numbered 212 adults and three children. Treasurer, Ruth Strawn, reported receipts for the event from ticket sales and grants totaled \$5,005.00. Expenses for the event totaled \$4,295.71 resulting in a net difference of +\$709.29. Dean Sieben emphasized the importance of receiving grant monies for the support of an event like this. A huge, sincere "Thank you" will be written and sent to the Pastor and congregation of First Lutheran for hosting the event; to Michael Olson for his work and time spent coordinating the event with the church and personally hosting Paul Jacobs; and to Lance Johnson for his time and effort spent writing and submitting requests for grant money. Discussion of upcoming events was as follows:

October 14, 2007 Potluck/Membership Meeting/Music Exchange will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church. Contact is Bill Tweten. Dean Sieben stated that an annual financial report and secretary's report of events will be due at the membership meeting.

December 2, 2007 Carol Sing-a-long will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Moorhead. Carolyn Hensrud is the chairperson.

February 3 or 10, 2008 Organ/Instrumental Program - location and date is still undecided. A decision from Gerald Parker will be asked to be made prior to the October Board meeting.

April 5 or 12, 2008 Piano to Organist Workshop conducted by Sue Knorr will be at Dilworth Lutheran. An outline of the workshop content has been distributed to the Board by Dean Sieben. The time for the workshop will be 1-4pm, however, the date has not been decided.

May 4, 2008 Organ Crawl in Fergus Falls, MN - Sue Clambey and Lance Johnson continue plans for this event.

Treasurer's Report - Ruth S. presented the Treasurer's Report: She deposited \$174.00 in membership dues, \$2,135 in Paul Jacobs ticket sale receipts. A total of \$14.74 interest was earned in the money market savings account. The \$5,000 CD is up for renewal and will be renewed for another 11-month term. A total of \$242.76 in interest was earned on the CD. Ruth S. transferred \$3,000 from the Money Market account into the checking account to cover Paul Jacobs expenses. After all expenses were paid, the \$3,000 remained in the checking account. The Board considered placing a portion of the \$3,000 in the CD, but decided to return that amount to the Money Market account.

Lance Johnson notified Ruth S. and explained that an amount of \$700 belonging to the ATO (theater organ guild) had been mistakenly deposited in the AGO account at State Bank. Robyn moved that we return the funds to the ATO after we collect and file copies of all documentation (copies of both sides of cancelled checks, etc.)

pertaining to the mistaken transaction. Gaylord seconded the motion and it was carried. Dean Sieben emphasized the necessity for all deposit books for the AGO held by a retiring treasurer need to be turned over to the newly elected treasurer at the time the new treasurer assumes responsibilities for the office.

Recorded Music Committee

No report at this time.

Old Business

1. List of Churches/Contacts - no activity reported.
2. Membership Drive - A mailing consisting of a National AGO brochure, RRV AGO 07-08 season program listing, Paul Jacobs Program listing and RRV AGO Membership form was sent to all FM area churches on the List of Churches/Contacts. Some returned indicating that there had been a change of address. Some membership forms were picked by prospective (hopeful) AGO members from the RRV AGO display at the Paul Jacobs recital.
3. Dean Sieben distributed a sample survey form for Board members to review and comment on which could be used in programs for future events sponsored by the RRV AGO. The purpose of survey would be to try to find out from the attending public their program interests and suggestions.
4. Dean Sieben asked Ruth S. to look into acquiring another P.O. Box key.

New Business

1. Dean Sieben distributed an Agenda for the October 14, 2007 business meeting to be held in conjunction with the music exchange/potluck dinner at Messiah Lutheran.
2. Sheila Baumgartner provided a Membership Application Form in PDF format for the Board to review.
3. Robyn brought to the attention of the Board that the annual \$80 fee for membership in the LAAC was due. Ruth S. will mail a check for the fee.
4. The Board agreed to ask Lance Johnson to follow through with the completion of the writing of the LRAC grant (post-recital portion), since he wrote the original portion and is familiar with the specifics needed.
5. It was suggested to the Board that perhaps at a future date the Board might take a look at the officer job descriptions and the possibility of delegating some responsibilities to related AGO committees and/or possible compensation.
6. Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their organ in November.

The next AGO Board meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2007 at Boulger Funeral Home at 4pm.

A motion to adjourn was raised by Robyn. Gaylord seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Discher, Secretary

Event Updates

Paul Jacobs Master Class and Concert



Paul Jacobs



Paul Jacobs and Michael Olson



Ruth Discher, Ruth Strawn, Paul Jacobs, Michael Olson,
Alpha Roeszler, Vicky Sieben



Paul Jacobs



Ruth Discher, Ruth Strawn, Paul Jacobs, Michael Olson

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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 Shepard Church, Moorhead

February 2008, 4:00 pm

Organ/Instrumental Concert
TBA

April 2008, 4:00 pm

Beginning Organist Workshop
TBA

May 4, 2008, 4:00 pm

Organ Crawl
Fergus Falls, MN

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