



# The American Guild of Organists

## Red River Valley Chapter

April, 1987

NEWSLETTER

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JOYCE JONES IN RECITAL  
Friday, April 24, 1987  
8:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Moorhead, Minnesota

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren"

Johann Nepomuk David

Fantasy in F minor, K. 594

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Concerto in A minor

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr. J.S. Bach

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Fête

Jean Langlais

Three Divertimenti

Pastorale and Aviary

Myron Roberts

Fileuse

Marcel Dupré

Improvisation on "Aka Tombo"

Joyce Jones

Variations on a Noel (Now the Green Blade Rises)

Marcel Dupré

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Dear Guild Members and Friends of the Guild:

On behalf of the Recital Committee, I wish to invite each of you to an exciting musical event. Joyce Jones, Professor of Organ and Organist-in-Residence at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, will be presenting a public organ recital at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, Minnesota on Friday, April 24, 1987, beginning at 8:00 p.m. There will be a reception following the recital for all Guild members and all patrons in the Lounge at Trinity Church.

On Saturday morning, April 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Joyce Jones will be presenting a workshop on a wide variety of topics: hints for practicing and planning for progress; pedal technique; organ repertoire; improvisation; and registration. This workshop is free and open to all.

Sincerely,

Michael Olson, Recital Committee Chairperson



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK. . .

One of the privileges of being the editor of any publication is that from time to time the editor can comment on various matters that he or she may feel strongly about. I have not exercised that privilege yet. Therefore, as my tenure as newsletter editor draws to a close, I thought it wise to speak my mind once or twice lest the membership of the chapter conclude that I have no strong convictions or entertain no thoughts or opinions.

Before I do this, however, I feel a few accolades are in order. I want to express my sincere thanks to Carol Long for her tireless service to our chapter which was above and beyond the normal call of duty. Her eagerness and willingness to assume responsibility in various areas of the work of our chapter certainly made the work of her colleagues less a burden. She will be greatly missed!

For the assistance Carol Long gave to me in my work of putting out monthly this newsletter, I am most grateful. It has been a joy to work with her.

On behalf of our chapter, I offer my heartiest congratulations to Todd Nolde on the occasion of his winning first prize in the graduate division of the William C. Hall Pipe Organ Competition in San Antonio, Texas. As a chapter, I feel we should be justly proud of Todd's accomplishments and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

As we come to the end of another year of Guild activities and programs, I challenge all of our members to look ahead and consider the possibility of making themselves available in some capacity to advance the purposes of the Guild during the 1987-88 program year. I realize that each one of us has different needs and expectations as to what is appropriate for our personal relationship to our chapter in terms of involvement. I consider each member just as important as the next and hope that we all respect each other's unique gifts and talents and help one another find our respective places of worth within the chapter.

Bradley J. Steen, editor

## INTEREST SURVEYS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (or "Have you made your commitment yet?")

Thanks to those who have returned your Interest Surveys and to those who signed up for committee work at the March meeting. However, many have not yet responded. Be reminded that any organization is only as vital and strong as its membership and that each of us should try to make a personal contribution, if at all possible.

So, return the survey and/or volunteer to serve on one of the 1987-88 committees by returning the clipping found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Be reminded, also, that if you have served on a committee only one year, your presence for a second year will help provide continuity. You might consider chairing the committee during your second year, as well. On the other hand; if you have served two or more years, you may wish to offer your services in another, different area.

This is your opportunity to further some of the goals of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists: 1) to enhance the quality of music offered to the glory of God; 2) to promote the status of church musicians within the church and community; and 3) to provide an organization which is strong, stimulating and supportive.

HELP! ! !

Our Church Music Bonanza II may be in jeopardy! Due to his new duties as Treasurer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and of our AGO chapter, as well as the early departure of Carol Long to her new job in Chicago, Phil Felde will not be able to serve as Coordinator for the June 20 workshop.

Several members have already volunteered to handle various aspects of the planning and execution of the event, but an overall coordinator is required. The position should be much easier this year, since we have all of the materials and experience from Church Music Bonanza I.

Please write or call Dean Rod Rothlisberger if you are willing to assume this responsibility. We should begin as soon as possible.



ORGAN CRAWL TO WINNIPEG SET FOR MAY 17-18

Plans are now in place for an organ crawl to Winnipeg, Manitoba to take place on May 17-18. George French, who has made arrangements for two previous chapter organ crawls, has been in contact with individuals in Winnipeg who are making plans for us to see, hear, and perhaps play some of the more spectacular and noteworthy organs in Winnipeg.

Plans now call for us to depart from the Concordia College Music Building parking lot in Moorhead on Sunday, May 17 at approximately 2:00 p.m. We will return back to Moorhead Monday evening, May 18. Transportation costs per person will be about \$10.00, and plans are being made to use vans. We will be staying at the Sheraton Carlton in Winnipeg where the rates will be \$42.00 Canadian for a double-occupancy room (approximately \$34.00 U.S.)

We will gladly pick up any individuals along the way as we head north.

A SPECIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO PEOPLE IN THE GRAND FORKS\*CROOKSTON AREA TO JOIN US.

If you intend to be a part of the organ crawl, please complete the enclosed form within this newsletter and mail it to:

George French  
217 S. Ash  
Crookston, MN 56716

Please reply no later than May 5, 1987. If you decide to go after the May 5 reply deadline, please call either:

George French 218-281-2016  
or Bradley Steen 701-235-1386

to indicate your intention to join us.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Diane Wray Williams migrated to Moorhead in 1969. Having been the daughter of a "minister of music", she has sung in choirs since the age of five. After singing in the Chapel Choir of Syracuse University under the direction of Arthur Poister, she moved into directing children's choirs and teenagers. Now the Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Moorhead, she directs the adult choir and teenagers choir (when it exists!), and has, for several years, directed a Music, Art, Dance and Drama camp in the summer. "Actually a teacher by trade, but a musician at heart!" says it best.

TRANSITIONS:

Dr. Carol Long, Treasurer of our Red River Valley Chapter - AGO and Co-chairperson of the Membership & Yearbook Committee, has accepted a position with The Keebler Company of Elmhurst, Illinois. Her new address and telephone number is:

Dr. Carol A. Long  
217 Ivy Court  
Streamwood, IL 60107  
312-837-7914

A.G.O. CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS MUSIC

Shattinger Music Co., 1810 S. Broadway, St. Louis, MO. 63104 has in stock the music required for the various A.G.O. certification examinations. They will be cooperative in supplying interested members with examination repertoire.

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\_\_\_\_ YOU MAY EXPECT ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN CRAWL ON MAY 17-18.

\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO BE PICKED UP SOMEWHERE ALONG THE I-29 ROUTE NORTH.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_,

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) WHERE I CAN BE REACHED DURING THE EVENING TO DISCUSS

PICKUP LOCATION(S). \_\_\_\_\_,

\* Please clip and mail before May 5 to: George French, 217 S. Ash, Crookston, MN 56716



TODD NOLDE CAPTURES FIRST PRIZE IN  
ORGAN COMPETITION

Todd Nolde, a member of the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO, captured first prize in the graduate division of the 17th Annual William C. Hall Pipe Organ Competition sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas. Nolde is a 1986 Bachelor of Music graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, with a major in organ. He studied with Ruth Berge and is currently a graduate student in organ performance at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. While an undergraduate, Nolde served as organist at Dilworth Lutheran Church.

The competition is open only to students in Texas. Contestants included students from SMU, Baylor, North Texas State, and the University of Texas at Austin. All contestants were required to perform the Bach Fantasia and Fugue in g minor and "Moto Ostinato" from Sunday Music by Petr Eben.

Nolde is a student of Robert Anderson at Southern Methodist University.

RED RIVER BOY CHOIR IN CONCERT

The Red River Boy Choir will give its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 23 in Weld Hall on the campus of Moorhead State University. The choir is directed by Linda Ferreira. Tickets for the concert are available at Schmitt Music and Nels Vogel Music.

CENTENNIAL CENTER VOTE ON APRIL 21

Enclosed in this newsletter, Fargo residents will find a brochure regarding the proposed Centennial Center in downtown Fargo.

Those of us interested in the arts and the cultural life of our community need to be aware of the necessity to vote on Tuesday, April 21.

The proposed Centennial Center will include a Performing Arts Center along with an Aquatics Center and an enlarged Civic Center. The buildings and their maintenance will be financed by a 1% city sales tax.

Whether to permit the city government to levy such a tax will be decided on April 21. Remember, many issues are lost due to a lack of interest—vote!!!

ORGANIST POSITION AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead, requires an organist as of June 1, 1987. Duties include: one service per week and accompanying one choir, with first opportunity to play for weddings and funerals. Paid vacation of four weeks. For further information call Director of Music Diane Wray Williams at 218-233-8482 (a.m.) or 218-236-5663 (p.m.) or call AGO Placement at 218-233-6603.



CHALLENGED FOR THE FUTURE  
1986-87 AGO Annual Fund

One of the best opportunities now exists for supporting the work of the Guild in its 90 year history.

An AGO member in California, Eva Mae Duit, and the DCAGO Foundation of the District of Columbia Chapter are providing a dollar to match every new dollar given by Guild members to the 1986-87 AGO Annual Fund, up to a total match of \$7,000.00

Businesses and Guild chapters can also have the new dollars they give matched. Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America will match every new dollar from businesses (up to a total of \$2,500.00) and the San Francisco Chapter of the AGO and the Chapter's Special Projects Fund will match every new dollar from AGO chapters (up to a total of \$3,000.00)

Do not delay, give to the Guild's 1986-87 Annual Fund.

Mail your gift to:

1986-87 AGO Annual Fund  
American Guild of Organists  
815 Second Ave. Suite 318  
New York, N.Y. 10017

PIPEDREAMS ON KCCM-FM

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Sunday, April 26, 1987 9:30 p.m.

Our American Organ Heritage:  
featuring the splendid sounds of some of the historic American instruments around us.

Sunday, May 3, 1987 9:30 p.m.

The Dupre Legacy (Part 6): little known compositions by master-organist Marcel Dupre.

Sunday, May 10, 1987 9:30 p.m.

A Man for All Seasons: organ wizard Hector Olivera demonstrates his versatility with improvisations that weave together themes by Bach or Messiaen with tunes like Somewhere over the Rainbow or The Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Sunday, May 17, 1987 9:30 p.m.

La Corona: a ring of words and music.

Sunday, May 24, 1987 9:30 p.m.

The Dupre Legacy (Part 7): Conversations with organist-biographer Michael Murray along with compositions and performances by Marcel Dupre.

Sunday, May 31, 1987 9:30 p.m.

The Sound of History: organist Harald Vogel performs music from the Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque periods on appropriate instruments (old and new).

You may expect me to actively participate on the following committee(s) for the 1986-87 program year:

- Archives
- Historian
- Photographer
- Budget, Finance, and Auditing
- Education
- Hospitality
- Librarian
- Membership/Yearbook
- Newsletter
- Nominating

- Parliamentarian
- Placement
- Professional Concerns
- Program
- Hymn Festival
- Recital
- Workshop
- Publicity/Public Relations/Media
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

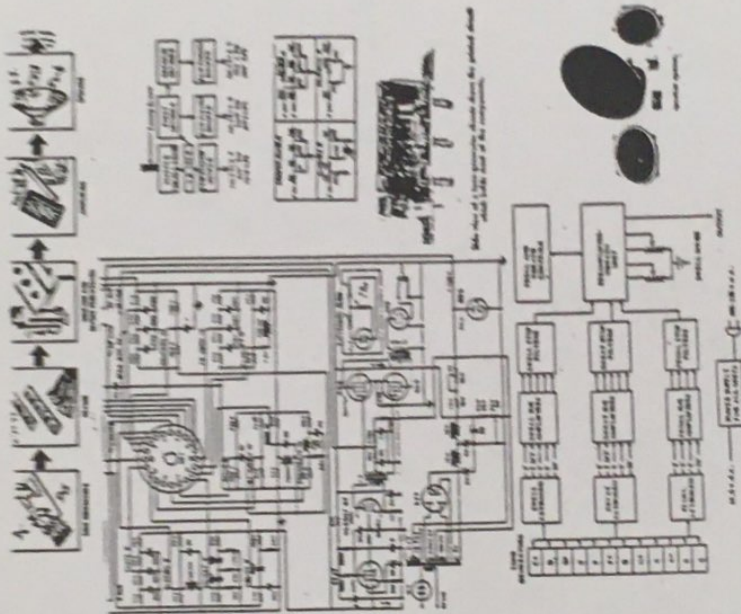
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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P.O. Box 2223  
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