



American Guild of Organists

Red River Valley Chapter

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PROGRAM

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P R E P A R E Y E, P R E P A R E Y E. . .

WACHET AUF
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
COVENTRY CAROL

Frank Spellar
Timothy Albercht
Norberto Guinaldo

Joan Bystol, Organ

ADVENT CANDLE SONG
for Children's Choir & Congregation
(Congregation join on Refrain on back of program)

Arthur Clyde

CAROL CHOIR, Messiah Lutheran

Rod Rothlisberger, Organ

VARIATIONS ON "GOOD KING WENCESLAS"
CHRISTMAS PASTORALE

Rebecca Groom teVelde
Lester Groom

Rebecca Groom te Velde, Organ

CAROL OF THE SHEPHERD BOY

Willard A. Palmer

LADIES' ENSEMBLE
Rod Rothlisberger, Director
Joan Bystol, Organ

3 CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS
"Twas In the Moon of Wintertime"
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

David Cherwien

Bryon Dockter, Organ

FESTIVAL VARIATIONS ON "God Rest You Merry
Gentlemen"
Congregation join on vs. 6:

Austin Lovelace

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love & brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface.
O tidings of comfort & joy,
Comfort & joy...oh...
Tidings of comfort & joy.

CHRIST IS BORN ON THIS DAY

Patrick Liebergen

St. John Senior Choir
Rod Rothlisberger, Director
Joan Bystol, Organ
Marlowe Kulish, Piano

Sunday, October 9, 1988
4:00 PM
Bethesda Lutheran Church
401 S. 40th Ave., Moorhead, MN

CHAPTER BUSINESS

"NOTES" FROM THE DEAN

I hope you will be able to attend the next program & meeting on October 9. There is information about this event elsewhere in the newsletter & it promises to be an informative & fun day for all of us.

The Lake Agassiz Arts Fair will be held October 27, 28 & 29 at West Acres in Fargo. Our chapter is setting up a display & we need volunteers to be at the table at all times while the mall is open.

Lance Johnson (President, Johnson Pipe Organ Co., Inc., Fargo) is the chairperson of the Arts Fair & is providing much display material for us. We are fortunate in that he is willing to assist our guild in this project.

Please consider volunteering to assist with this project by contacting Brad Steen or myself. If you are able to attend the October meeting, there will be an opportunity to sign up at that time. It is extremely important that we let the public know about us & what we do.

We are in the process of writing an article about our chapter for the national magazine. Please contact me or Rod Rothlisberger if you have any information or ideas which you think should be included.

Be sure to pay your dues if you have not done so. Currently, we are down slightly as far as dues-paying members this year over last. We have seen our membership grow to over 100 under the leadership of past-dean Rod Rothlisberger & I hope it won't slip backwards.

Finally, if you have any items which you would like included in the agenda for the October meeting, please contact me at (218)281-2016 or (218)281-6510-work, or write to me at 217 S. Ash, Crookston, MN 56716.

George French
Dean

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES: 9-25-88

The September business meeting of the Guild was held following the John Walker recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisbon, ND. Our chapter was well represented at this event, which was coordinated by member Mariys Herring.

Dean George French called the meeting to order & presented the following agenda:

1. Introduction of those attending.
2. Minutes from the last meeting were not read as they were published in the Newsletter.
3. A membership report stated that 69 people have paid their current dues as of this date. Last year there was a total of 103 members. Dues are \$42.00.
4. Financial report - Currently \$876.90 in Treasury.
5. Program Committee - Found of pg. 1 of Newsletter.
6. Hospitality - A sign-up sheet was circulated. Marge Possehl, Chair, told of the plan for the Oct. 9 meeting at Bethesda Lutheran, Moorhead. Members may join those singers taking part in the program at 3:30 PM for a snack.
7. No old business was discussed.
8. New Business:
 - a. Pat Unkenholz told of AGO Handbell Concert at Mayville, Sunday, October 2, 4PM
 - b. The John Walker Workshop, Tues. Sept. 27, 7 PM, Gethsemane Cath. Fargo. No charge.
 - c. Yearbook goes to press Wednesday, Sept. 28.
 - d. Grants Report: \$2000 (used for expenses) is coming from ND Arts Council. Approx. \$600 is hoped for from Lake Region Arts Council to be used for Church Music Bonanza in June. Dean French is also working to get a McKnight Grant to be used for equipment - possibly a computer.
 - e. Hymn Festival: Nov. 6, 1st Luth. Plans are being finalized.
 - f. We will discuss further in Oct.

Budget

ASSETS

Money Market Checking Acc	240
Beginning Balance	

INCOME

Member Dues	3000
Interest	100
Hymn Festival	600
Church Music Workshop	1800
- Registrations	1250
- Grant	550
Corp/Fdn Grt/Misc	2950
- Fund Drive	900
- Govt. Grants	2000
- Misc.	50

TOTAL INCOME	8450
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TOTAL ASSETS & INCOME	8690
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EXPENSES

Dues to National	1500
Dues to LAAC	60
General Operating Expense	1500
Archives	50
Banner	100
Dean's Annual AGO Mtg. Fd	175
Education Committee	50
Hospitality Committee	100
Membership Committee	200
Newsletter	1400
Program Committee	200
Joint Meeting	150
Hymn Festival	1200
Walker Workshop	250
Church Music Workshop	1400

TOTAL Expenses	8435
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ANTICIPATED YEAR END BALANCE	255
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Phil Felde, Treasurer.

OUR HYMN FESTIVAL IS DRAWING NEAR

The Hymn Festival Committee has met and is busy developing the November 6th festival entitled, "For ALL the Saints!" Please encourage your church choirs to participate and return the form that was sent to them last month.

- plans for an article to be submitted to the natl. magazine.
- g. Lance Johnson urged the Guild to take part in the West Acres Arts Fair, Oct. 26-28. It was decided to spend \$100 on pictures for a display. Members signed up to man the booth. Lloyd Collins, Brad Steen & Rod Rothlisberger will all help.
- h. The 1988-89 Budget was discussed & adopted. Following an interesting talk by John Walker (who is National Treasurer, AGO & attended our entire meeting), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Possehl, Secretary.

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Please feel free to contact any officer with your concerns at any time -

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Volunteers are needed for Ushers (handing out bulletins & collecting the offering), and Food Hosts for the light supper we are providing for the choirs. We would like to see some new faces help with these aspects, or ANY other that you can think of, to make this hymn festival a success!

We also encourage your church to bring a banner to carry in the opening procession. Banners add such a festive dimension to any procession, so please share yours with us.

We're looking forward to celebrating All Saints Day in a special way on November 6! See you then!

Marge Possehl
233-6711

COMING EVENTS

VOICE RECITAL BY GAY MOHR

On Friday, October 7, at 8:15 PM in Hvidsten Recital Hall at Concordia College, GAY MOHR will present a voice recital, accompanied by Peter Nygaard. She will perform "4 Songs of the Wayfarer" by Mahler, "Hermit Songs" by Samuel Barber, "6 Songs from Pilgrim's Progress" by Bunyan, and selections from Weill's "3 Penny Opera."

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, October 9, 9:30 PM: NW University's WOLFGANG RUBSAM performs & discusses: Bach, Couperin, Alain, Franck, Buxtehude, Vierne.

Sunday, October 16, 9:30 PM: ORGAN SCHOLARS - COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ORGANISTS PERFORM: Mendelssohn, Darke, Dupre, DeGrigny, Bach, Fisher.

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 PM: MENDELSSOHN'S ORGAN WORKS, PT. 4-concluding survey of known & unknown Mendelssohn.

Sunday, October 30, 9:30 PM:
MARIE-CLAIRE ALAIN: LIFE IN MUSIC.

MARIE-CLAIRE ALAIN COMING TO DULUTH

Marie-Claire Alain will give the dedicatory recital on the new 63-rank tracker built by Daniel Jaekel of Duluth on Tuesday, November 1 at 8 PM at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Duluth.

ARTS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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| Oct. 14 | PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
Concordia Mem. Auditorium
8:30 PM |
| 20-21 | "La Traviata", FM Civic
Opera, NDSU Reineke Ctr. |
| 22 | St. Paul Chamber Orchestra
NDSU Festival Concert Series
Reineke, 8:15 PM |
| 27-29 | LAAC - ARTS Fair, West Acres |
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GERMAN CONCERT ORGANIST CHRISTOPH GROHMANN COMING TO FARGO-MOORHEAD

Christoph Grohmann will be visiting the Fargo-Moorhead area from the last week of June until the end of July, 1989. If any of you can sponsor him in a recital at your church or school during that time, please contact Becky te Velde (280-9432) so arrangements can be made. Christoph Grohmann is organist at the St. Clemens Catholic Church in Reda-Wiedenbruck (near

Bielefeld) where he plays a new 3-manual Fischer & Kramer organ & manages an international concert series. He concertizes widely himself, playing approximately 40 concerts a year throughout Europe, & he has made two solo recordings, one on his new instrument at St. Clemens. He also teaches organ at the conservatory in Detmold. His concert repertoire covers the entire spectrum of organ literature, though he personally enjoys the French & German Romantic repertoire the most. You will be in for a real treat if you have the chance to hear this man play!

Becky te Velde.

MARKINGS

Our chapter expresses its concern & thoughts of sympathy to NORMA HALVERSON, whose mother Theresa Ellingson of Bismarck died in late September. Our special prayers are with Norma and her family during this difficult time.

DR. JOHN WALKER IN LISBON & FARGO

Congratulations to all of you who made the Dr. John Walker (Riverside Church, New York) recital & workshop last week a huge success. The recital in Lisbon was splendid & we certainly thank Marlys Herring (Organist, Trinity Lutheran, Lisbon) a BIG thank you for making this event inspirational &, quite frankly, just plain fun.

I had the chance to meet with Dr. Walker over supper & thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent together. I was also fortunate enough to take a 1-1/2 hour lesson from him & found his teaching style to be relaxed & extremely helpful.

The hymn playing workshop (Gethsemane Cathedral, Sept. 27, 7PM) was well attended & well presented. Dr. Walker talked about improvisation, interludes, & other important aspects of hymn playing. Perhaps his most helpful comments focused on the importance of

playing hymns clearly, thus encouraging the congregation to sing. Dr. Walker believes that the phrasing of a hymn should be well defined & the organist actually breathe with the congregation.

He also indicated that transposing the last verse of a hymn to a different key should be left to very special times. How many pieces of music start & finish in a different key?

Finally, Dr. Walker talked about the importance of encouraging young people to study the organ. The decline in the number of organ students is an alarming trend throughout the country.

George French.

DIANE WRAY WILLIAMS RUNS FOR OFFICE

Our own DIANE WRAY WILLIAMS, Director of Music at 1st Presbyterian Church in Moorhead, is running for MN State Representative. Diane has served her community in such diverse areas as the Moorhead Park Board, the Moorhead Planning Commission, District 157 Youth Board, MN Children's Trust Fund Council, Lake Agassiz Camp Fire Foundation as well as 1st Presbyterian Church in Moorhead. We wish her all the success in November and wanted to help spread the word about AGO's second candidate for public office (we cannot forget Mayor Norman Roos in Hawley)!

WORDS OF WISDOM

A noble experiment was often quoted by Mildred Andrews in her workshops about the learning of 3 preludes & fugues for 3 different postludes:

10 minutes/day, 6 days/week/6 weeks = well-learned, excellent performance

1 hr./day, 6 days = Saturday was OK, Sunday had a few bloopers

6 hrs. on Saturday = complete DISASTER.

An excellent book on clergy/musician relations: GETTING TOGETHER by Roger Fisher & Scott Brown, a study which grew out of the Harvard Negotiation Project.

IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA

Dr. Emmanuel Pedal presents a special post-convention concert at St. Joe Louis Arena on Atwater, with guest recitalist E. POWER BRAKES. Included in the program will be such works as "Toccatà on BAAH" by Lamb, "Carillon de Hades" (Hell's Bells) by Vern and "Fantasia on One Note" by Cipher.

Specifications of the Arena Whirlifator:

GREAT:	SWELL:	TERRIFIC:	NEGATIF:	PEDAL:
Elephant Trumpet 16'	Shortstop 16'	Vulgaria 16'	Groan 16'	Sagbutt 64'
Hell Trumpet 8'	Snarlne 15'7"	Hysteria 8'	Horribella 19'	Buzzetta 16'
Roar Flute 8'	Vile Celeste 8'	Llamablast 8'	Stinkerphone 8'	Hiccupophone 16'
Bellophone 8'	Bray de Burro 8'	Crummy Horn 8'	Tumpe Chambermaid 5'2"	Thimble Full 8 rk
Hecklephone 4'	Whole Flute 8'	Corno de Pisces 8'	Vox Inhumanous 8'	Bean (String) 4'
Whippette 2'	Half Flute 4'	Open de Vodka 8'	Decadent 2 2/3'	Lowerwork VII
Plain Jew 1 rk	Jet Exhaust 4'	Nasty 2 2/3'	Casket 6'	Atom Bomb 1 note
Fancy Jew 2 rk	Edselfife 5'	Tears 1 3/5'	Bourbon 100 proof	Grunt 32'
Chimney Sweep 2 rk	Faux Pas 7'	Stopped Clock 10 min.		
	Squeulture XX	Mutilation 1'		

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