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"THE PRACTICAL ORGANIST" Saturday, March 25th, 2:00-4:00 P.M. Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral

This program is intended to help all of us by providing the names of our "Top Five" favorite "easy" organ pieces. It is a program for both new organists who want to be exposed to a large quantity of easy, but tasteful, organ music, as well as for the accomplished organist who needs occasional selections that can be learned in a hurry. We presume that all of us will continue to work on challenging pieces. However, practicality demands that we have a repertoire that includes music that can be played on short notice.

So, what do we need from you? By March 8th, send or phone:

1. A list of your top five tried and tested easy organ pieces. It should be music that can be learned in a few hours or possibly even sight-read. Please bring a copy of each piece with you to the program.
2. An indication of whether you would be willing to play a couple of your selections on March 25th.

This will be very casual and we would like as many members of AGO as possible to play. Pieces can be introductions to hymns, preludes, offertories, postludes, seasonal selections, etc. You may also choose pieces that include other instruments. A reception will follow.

At the program, we will provide a master list of the choices. We will also have copies of the selections to preview.

We look forward to seeing and hearing you on the 25th. Please contact either of us with your selections:

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430 15th Street South
Moorhead, MN 56560
(218) 233-4814

Marlys Herring, AGO Dean
2709 14th Street South
Moorhead, MN 56560
(218) 233-9744



FROM THE DEAN

Imminent this month is Chapter approval of our Chapter's Standing Rules. Hopefully you have received and read your copy, and voted your acceptance. This is more of a housekeeping procedure than anything else. For the most part our chapter's activities and functioning have historically been in keeping with AGO Bylaws. However as an extension of the larger organization, it is good for us to define our operating procedures and to actually have a document to refer to when questions arise. The Red River Valley's Standing Rules will be reproduced in our Yearbook, annually, beginning this Fall, our 50th year. For someone new to our organization, or for someone contemplating accepting an elected office, it should prove helpful in identifying our mission and responsibilities.

Voting for Chapter Officers will be done in April also by mail. It is hoped that this will give all of you an opportunity to vote.

Our membership continues to grow, even as we go to press. Our membership is officially at 82, but there are two more in the process. It is very important that we each reach out to individuals who are responsible in any way for church music; invite them to join. Please note that during the months of February and March, all dues categories are reduced by 25% for new members. All privileges remain the same.

We have also had a good response to our letter inviting donors to financially support our activities. These donors will be acknowledged in an upcoming newsletter.

The Regional Convention in Kansas City is a month closer. I hope you all have taken the time to read the brochure we received from the Greater Kansas City Chapter outlining the activities. This convention looks as good as any offered around the country, and when one considers the large slice of the Midwest that this Region serves, it just has to be a good time. Speak up if you have hopes of going so we can pair up in sharing rooms, rides, etc. I have done some checking on transportation costs. If you fly on Saturday you get the benefit of staying Saturday night and the cost is \$396.00. You can do your Sunday morning, catching a 12:55 P.M. flight out on Sunday, arriving Kansas City at 4:16 P.M.,

for \$584.00 We could also carpool, leaving early Sunday morning, arriving in comfortable time for the opening events Sunday evening. For several of us our savings would be considerable by renting a minivan or Club Wagon. What would be really fun would be to rent a minibus with driver and go in style, leaving the driving to someone else! We can also keep in mind fellow AGOers in Sioux Falls and points south. The cost would depend on our numbers. So speak up so some organizing can be done.

Please note our Hymn Festival date: April 30th, 7:00 P.M., Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead. Look to put this into your church calendar/newsletter now!

Is your church doing some special things that we should know about? Send Bob your news.

Note, too, that a call has gone out to us for a sharing of music for the March 25th program. We all have a need for some new, practical music which can be adapted to all organs. If you share your tried, tested, and accessible music, we may all come away with some new titles.

On my computer, I have a button - F7 - that I can push to reorganize my words. But not only words: with one tap, words, spaces, sentences, and whole paragraphs jump around into a new order. In an instant, all is realigned into a new format - neat, tight - quite different from how it was. This week I watched a family and many, many friends reeling from the reformatting which had occurred when God reached into our lives and took a young, vibrant, promising 22-year-old home. The ripple effect started instantly and will continue for years as we recognize his impact on our lives. We take much for granted. We become so all-consumed in our daily routines and duties; only when God taps F7 do we realize how, in a flash, what was important, isn't, what just can't wait, does, and, most importantly, what we had put off, should have been done. May we take ourselves less seriously, and focus on the larger, corporate structure of the universe. May we

**Bolster the endeavor of others,
Recognize kindness received,
Infuse courage and patience where needed,
Acknowledge the worth of others, and
Nurture an appreciative spirit.**

Marlys



**REGION VI
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Greater Kansas City
June 18-21**

Artists/Clinicians:
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Robert Glasgow
David Higgs
Frederick Hohman
Susan Marchant
John Obetz

Wilma Jensen
Naomi Rowley
Arnold Epley
Quentin Faulkner
Michael Barone
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MINUTES/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 1995, 5:15 P.M.
Saint Joseph's Catholic Parish Offices

Present: David Childs, Bob Hachmeister, Carolyn Hensrud, Marlys Herring, Jay Hershberger, Dawn Papenfuss, Brad Steen, Mary Tangen. Dean Marlys presided. Minutes were accepted as printed in the January/February Pipeline. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1522.99 and was accepted.

New Business: 1) Motion by David, second by Bob to accept the same fee schedule for dues for the year 1995-96 as are in effect at the present time: Regular Voting Member--\$26 local, \$36 national: \$62; Special over 65, or disabled--\$20 local, \$24 national: \$44; Student with school ID--\$7 local, \$15 national: \$22; Partner/second member at same address--no magazine, \$26 local, \$18 national: \$44; Dual paid to second chapter--\$26; Chapter subscribing member, chapter dues only, no magazine--\$26. Passed. 2) Motion by David, second by Jay, to accept final draft of the Red River Valley Chapter Standing Rules. Passed. 3) Motion by David, second by Carolyn to not participate in AGO Partnership Fund Drive at this time. Passed.

Committee Reports: 1) **Program:** Dawn urged members to bring 5 "easy" organ pieces to share at the March meeting. 2) **'95-'96 Program:** Jay presented a tentative listing and indicated that much progress has been made in planning a varied schedule. 3) **Membership:** Carolyn reported that donors are coming in and we have one new member. 4) **Nominating:** A slate of officers is to be ready by March 1st.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tangen, Secretary

VOTE BY MAIL

By this time, the members of our Chapter have already had the opportunity to vote by mail on the acceptance of the Red River Valley Standing Rules. The results of this vote will be reported in the next newsletter.

When we have the election of our Chapter officers in April, you will once again have the opportunity to cast your vote by mail. The Nominating Committee's report is printed below; additional names may be submitted in writing to Secretary Mary Tangen by April 1st. All candidates will be listed in the April Pipeline. During April you will receive a ballot in the mail. Please exercise your privilege and vote. Results will be published in the May Pipeline. The term of office begins July 1, 1995.

SLATE OF OFFICERS 1995-96

Dean	Marlys Herring
Subdean	Jay Hershberger
Secretary	Mary Tangen
Treasurer	Brad Steen
New Board Members at large	
	Joan Bystol - 3 year term (1998)
	George French terms
	Gary Thrasher to be
	Mavis Tjon determined
Members at large previously elected	
	Gerald Berg (1996)
	Robert Hachmeister (1997)

Submitted by Nominating Committee
Joan Bystol, Jay Hershberger, Ardis Witte

For brief "resumes" on the nominees, please turn...

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About the Nominees

Marlys Herring is currently Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter and serves as a valuable substitute organist in the Fargo/Moorhead area.

Jay Hershberger is currently Subdean of our Chapter. He is organist/choirmaster of Gethsemane Cathedral in Fargo and is on the music faculty at Concordia College.

Mary Tangen currently serves as Chapter Secretary. She is an organist, and directs the Fellowship Singers at Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead. She is a secretary at Concordia College.

Brad Steen is employed by the NDSU Bookstore. He is also organist at Knollbrook Covenant Church, Fargo. He has been active on program committees and preparing the AGO Yearbook.

Joan Bystol is an organist and former Dean. She currently directs the Children's Choir at Messiah Lutheran, Fargo, and the AGO Handbell Choir.

George French, a former Dean is organist at Trinity Lutheran, Crookston, and is Music Theatre Director, UMC. He presently does grant writing for our Chapter.

Gary Thrasher is director of music and choirs at First Presbyterian, Fargo, and as a vocalist is much in demand.

Mavis Tjon is organist at Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo, and teaches at Holy Spirit School.

25% OFF

During the months of February and March, dues for all categories of membership will be reduced by 25% for new members who join. Regular Voting membership will be \$46.50; Students, \$16.50; Chapter Subscribing will be \$19.50. All benefits for each level remain the same. Here is a good incentive to become a member even mid-year. The AGO grows one member at a time. Urge someone you know to jump on board. Call Dean Marlys for specific details (233-9744).

AGO HYMN FESTIVAL

A non-denominational celebration
through song and ceremony

April 30, 1995, 7:00 P.M.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Moorhead, Minnesota

PIPE ORGAN MUSIC ON KCCM 91.1 FM MARCH 2ND - 8:00 P.M. Regional Artists in Concert

The first half of the program features **Dr. David Childs** who is chair of the Concordia College Music Department. He performs pieces by Marcel Dupre, Pierre du Mage, and Joseph Rheinberger. The concert took place at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Moorhead, on September 12, 1993 as part of a service to rededicate the church's Hillgreen-Lane organ.

In the second half, **Michael Olson**, organist at First Lutheran Church, Fargo, performs pieces by J. S. Bach, Flor Peeters, Frederick Swann, Michael Burkhardt, John Bull, and Richard Ellsasser. The concert took place at the historic Eksjo Church, 7 miles east of Hawley, on October 17, 1993, in celebration of the rebuilding of the Reuter organ.

Both pipe organs were rebuilt and enhanced by **Johnson Organ Company** of Fargo.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

The Sioux Trails Chapter of AGO will sponsor a Pipe Organ Encounter July 9-14, 1995, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. POE '95 will feature daily lessons with area college teachers and professional organists, including Dean Billmeyer and John Eggert from the Twin Cities, Karen Larson from Wartburg College in Iowa, Jeffrey Daehn from Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester, and Norma Aamodt-Nelson from Augsburg Fortress Publishers. Students will have an opportunity to hear Douglas Cleveland, winner of the 1994 AGO National Competition in recital. Students will also attend classes on a wide variety of pipe organ topics and take a tour of the Hendrickson Organ Company. There will also be field trips to significant new and historic organs in Mankato and St. Peter. The week will conclude with a student recital.

Students between the ages of 13 and 20 with some keyboard background (i.e., a Bach Invention) are eligible to attend. A fee of \$185 will cover tuition, meals, lodging, and all related expenses. Contact Charles Luedtke, Director of POE at 1884 College Heights, New Ulm, MN 56073 (phone 507-354-8221) for more information.

REGION VI CONVENTION - JUNE 18-21

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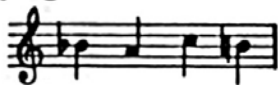
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths
Proverbs 3:5-6

"Celebrating our fortieth anniversary"

A BIRTHDAY OF NOTE

MARCH 21, 1685

In the Bach Museum in Eisenach, J. S. Bach's birthplace, lying beneath these notes:



is an inscription which reads:

"The beginning and the end of all music"

In 1950, two hundred years after his death (July 28, 1750), Bach's remains were taken to the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. Above the steps which lead to the choirloft there is now a plain, marble slab, bearing only the inscription:

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

"That is all: no date, for Bach is ageless; no epitaph, for none is needed." (Percy M. Young)

Johann Sebastian Bach: Carl Cantor

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- ▶ *Linda Duckett* on the John Nordlie II/28
- ▶ The *Kansas City Chorale*
- ▶ *Lawrence Children's Choir*
- ▶ *David Higgs* on the Aeolian Skinner IV/111
- ▶ *Robert Glasgow* on the Casavant IV/102

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Pre-Convention Events

Sat./June 17

9 am Young Artist Competition
3 pm Master Classes/Private Lessons

Sun./June 18

2 pm Registration and Exhibits

Convention Begins

7:30 pm **John Obetz and the KC Chamber Orchestra** at RLDS Temple
8:30 pm **Opening Convocation** at RLDS Temple

Mon./June 19

Highlights
Registration and Exhibits
Workshops: Naomi Rowley: "Teaching Organ to the Young"
Arnold Epley: "Choral Repertoire and Techniques"
Quentin Faulkner: "Playing the works of Bach"

Regional Meeting

Recital: **Susan Marchant** at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

A visit to Music Hall: The Robert Morton Theatre Organ

Recital: **Frederick Hohman** at Grand Avenue Temple

Tues./June 20

Highlights

Registration and Exhibits

Professional Concerns Meeting

FORUM: "The Organ in the New Century"

Michael Barone ("Pipe Dreams"),

moderator Steyen Dieck, Fisk Organ Company

Lawrence Phelps, Allen Organ Company

Scott Cantrell, Kansas City Star

Young Artist Competition Winner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Workshops: Shirley King: "Organ Techniques and 'new' repertoire"

John Remeri: "Steps to improved improvisation"

Irene Shaw: "The POPS Program for young people"

Recital: **Linda Duckett** at Faith Lutheran Church

Concert: **The Kansas City Chorale** at the Church of the Nativity

Wed./June 21

Highlights

Registration and Exhibits

Educational Concerns Meeting

Workshops: William T. Stewart: "Professional Growth through Guild Exams"

Janeal Krehbiel: "Children's Choirs: Training and Repertoire"

Calvin Johansson: "Theology and Church Music"

Lawrence Children's Choir at Community Christian Church

Recital: **David Higgs** at the RLDS Auditorium

Convention Banquet: **Michael Barone**, Speaker

Recital: **Robert Glasgow** at the RLDS Temple

Thurs./June 22

Regional Wrap-Up with Councilor

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UPCOMING R R V PROGRAMS

AGO HYMN FESTIVAL

The theme of this year's AGO Hymn Festival is: **WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED.** The festival will be held on **SUNDAY, APRIL 30th**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead (210 7th Street South).

All the hymns and anthems in the festival will have references to music making. Participants will include the AGO Handbell Choir, several AGO member organists and choir directors, an ecumenical choir, brass quartet, pastors, and readers. Letters are being sent to area church choir directors inviting them to have choir members sing in the Festival Choir.

The Choir will rehearse from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. At 6:00 a light supper will be served for all participants in Trinity's Christian Life Center. The Hymn Festival will begin at 7:00 P.M. with a festive procession of participants, including handbells and banners.

Please help AGO get out the word that everyone in your church is invited to either sing in the choir or attend this event as a congregation member.

Contact **June Boyd** at (218) 233-6967 for information.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1995, 4:00 P.M.

"Crookston Organ Spectacular"

Music on the organs at
Trinity Lutheran Church and
the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

"DATES OF NOTE" CALENDAR

February 26 F/M COMMUNIVERSITY - **ALBERT SCHWEITZER:** Medical Doctor. Lecture by Dr. James Buhr, Knutson Center Centrum, Concordia, 1:30 P.M.


February 26 **Michelle Lothringer, Organist.** Music of Messiaen, DuMage, Franck, Demessieux, and Dupre, Cathedral of Saint Paul, 2:30 P.M.

February 26 F/M COMMUNIVERSITY - **AN EVENING WITH THE MASTER CHORALE, COMMUNIVERSITY SINGERS, ANTHONY TURNER, AND JANE SAPP.** Memorial Auditorium, Concordia, 7:00 P.M.

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"DATES OF NOTE" Continued

February 26 **Red River Dance & Performing Company,** "The Snow Queen." Francis Frazier Comstock Theatre, Concordia, 7:30 P.M.

February 28 **The Learning Bank** "Tear of Joy" Puppet Theatre. Fargo Theatre, 7:30 P.M.

March 5 **Concordia Choir Home Concert.** Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

March 6 **Ann Labounsky, Organist** (Duquesne University). Music of Jean Langlais. Cathedral of Saint Paul, 8:00 P.M.

March 9 **Saint John's University Men's Choir,** Collegeville. Concert at Saint Joseph's Church, Moorhead, 7:30 P.M.

March 10 **California E. A. R. Unit.** Dille Center for the Arts, Moorhead State University, 8:00 P.M.

March 12 **F/M Symphony, Sharon Isbin, classical guitar.** "The Fire of Spanish Music." Festival Hall, NDSU, 2:00 P.M.

March 17 **Banchetto Musicale, Faculty Baroque Ensemble.** Hvidsten Recital Hall, Concordia, 8:00 P.M.

March 21 **Weekley & Arganbright, Duo Pianos.** Memorial Auditorium, Concordia, 8:00 P.M.

March 21, 23, 25 **F/M Civic Opera - Lucia di Lammermoor.** West Fargo Senior High School Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 25 RRV-AGO "THE PRACTICAL ORGANIST" at Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

April 2 **Robert J. Hachmeister, Organist.** "Lenten Concert," Saint Joseph's Church, Moorhead, 3:30 P.M.

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Mar. 12 The Many Modes of Martin Haselbock ... the energetic Viennese virtuoso and conductor shares some of his innumerable enthusiasms.

Mar. 19 Five Women and a Young Guy... Joyce Jones, Gillian Weir, Diane Bish, Susann MacDonald, Susan Randall Klotzbach, and Alan Morrison play the Ruffatti organ at Spivey Hall.

Mar. 26 Bach and Forth... some play it this way, and some play it that way, but all pay homage to the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Apr. 2 Organ Plus... further forays into music for the organ "augmented," in this case by brasses, strings, saxophone, guitar, and electronics.

PIPELINE Newsletter of the
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Fargo/Moorhead

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From the Editor:

DEADLINE for the April Pipeline:
noon, Saturday, March 25th.

**Our hope: to get Pipeline to you
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