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NOTICE!! MAY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 14, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF GRANT AND CAROLYN HENSRUD, 130 S WOODCREST DRIVE, NORTH FARGO (BEYOND THE VA HOSPITAL).

POTLUCK SUPPER

BREAD, BEVERAGE AND UTENSILS

PROVIDED

SELL MUSIC: bring music that you no longer want, mark each piece with your name and price, and bring it for the used-music-I-don't-want-it sale at the potluck.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.

Come to relax, eat, visit, and have a good time.

FROM THE DEAN...

Thomas H. Traeger, a professor at the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, has said that the music of our worship provides pastoral care. An interesting thought-and an awesome responsibility. Because we church musicians must minister to a diverse group of people, their needs must always be considered as we prepare music for worship.

To me, this means an equal proportion of traditional music and current trends should find its way into our planning. Programming quality music of the past is vital to preserving it for the future. Our legacy of classical music is precious and must be preserved. Where, but in church, do many of our parishioners ever hear the classics? Those jewels of sound that have lived through the years must continue to be heard. At the same time, we must search diligently for music of a contemporary nature, in text as well as tune, that has integrity and will speak to the needs of many.

Erik Routley has said that when we make music in praise of God, we are engaging in an activity we will pursue for all eternity and that the work we do has significance for beyond the here and now. An awesome responsibility? Yes, but also a great privilege to serve with joy and fulfillment. May our faith in God's constant care and love assist all of us, wherever we are called to serve, to preserve and promote church music of integrity for ages to come.

Margery Possehl, Dean

THANK YOU TO ALL THE OUT-GOING OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR YOUR FINE WORK THIS PAST YEAR. DEAN MARGERY POSSEHL; SUB DEAN LLOYD COLLINS; SECRETARY MARLYS HERRING; TREASURER CRAIG PROEHL; BOARD MEMBER ARDIS WITTE; PROGRAM CHAIR, JOAN BYSTOL.

THANK YOU TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO IN ANY WAY WORKED WITH HOSPITALITY, PROGRAMS, AND WHATEVER ELSE WAS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS YEAR IN AGO GO. YOU WERE NEEDED!

SECRETARY'S POSITION OPEN.. A secretary is urgently needed for our chapter. Please give this your consideration and let Margery Possehl know. Requirements: 1) know penmanship; 2) attend meetings; 3) take careful notes, and 4) prepare them for the newsletter. Ability to type is not a requirement. If you have some sense of order and thoroughness you certainly would qualify. Call Margery Possehl, 233-6711, to volunteer.

WANTED WANTED WANTED

EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. CALL MARGERY POSSEHL 233-6711 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

USE YOUR WRITING SKILLS, PUT YOUR CREATIVE JUICES TO WORK. CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TO FULFILL THAT DREAM OF EDITING A NEWSLETTER!!

HURRY HURRY HURRY TO THE NEAREST PHONE AND PUT YOUR NAME IN FOR A CHALLENGING AND INTERESTING JOB!!

Business meeting minutes, April 24, 1994, First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND. The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists held a brief meeting during the snack break between sessions of the bell choir ringfest and master class held Sunday, April 24, 1994. Dean Margery Possehl presided. 1) Election of officers: Since there were no written nominations presented by anyone from the floor, the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee was accepted: Dean: Marlys Herring; Sub-Dean: Jay Herschberger; Secretary: open; Treasurer, John Jahr; Board Member: Robert Hachmeister; Program Chair: Dawn Papenfuss.

A motion by John Vanella, seconded by Michael Olson to accept the slate of officers was passed unanimously. 2) Gerald Berg, chapter member from Crookston, presented the request for the chapter, and particularly the program committee, to seriously consider having one of the programs in Crookston during the 1994-1995 year. One advantage to this is that the guild would have more visibility to people in the Crookston area who at present are not very well acquainted with the AGO.

Since time was at a premium the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Tangen, secretary pro tem

PIPEDREAMS.Sunday, 9:30 p.m., KCCM 91.1FM 5/22/94..Homage to Marcel Dupre..Unusual compositions and extraordinary performances in tribute to the great French teacher, composer, and virtuoso.

5/29/94..On the Milwaukee Road with the OHS..Sounds from the past, featuring 19th and early 20th century instruments between Milwaukee and Madison, played during a national convention of the Organ Historical Society.

6/5/94..Holy Toledo..Recital performances at Holy Rosary Cathedral and Ashland Avenue Baptist Church featuring noteworthy instruments by E.M. Skinner and John Brombaugh in Toledo, OH.

6/12/94..Organs Here and There..From Red Bank, NJ, to San Diego, CA, the melodious sound of windblown pipes fills the air.

6/19/94..Luther College Concerts..Solos and duets from the campus Center for Faith and Life in Decorah, IA, featuring the 63-rank 1979 Robert Sipe tracker organ.

6/26/94..Triple Treat Concert.. recordings from three American locations featuring instruments built in England, Germany and Canada.

7/5/94..The American Muse..Further glimpses at the remarkably diverse repertoire by American composers for the King of Instruments, recorded in and around Boston, MA.

LISTEN CAREFULLY!

"What's that music on the 'beef' commercial? I've heard that music at a wedding? I can name that tune in four notes." These are just some of the things you'll hear at the Music Listening Contest during the Classical Music Weekend at Trollwood, June 4 and 5.

All of the music performed by the F-M Symphony at this April 7th Young People's Concert will be part of the Trollwood Listening Contest on Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone has a chance to win. Conducting batons will be given to all participants. A sample of some of the songs you may want to be familiar with for the contest are: Bach: "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor"; Beethoven: "Für Elise"; Dukas: "Sorcerer's Apprentice"; Dvorak: "Humoreske"; Mozart: "Piano Sonata in C Major"; Strauss: "Skater's Waltz"; Vangelis: "Hymne".

The contest involves teams that compete in nine rounds. Form your own team (one or more people) by joining friends, classmates or family.

TEST YOUR LISTENING SKILLS. Remember. Members of the RRV Chapter of the AGO and others have been working diligently to make this possible. Support this event!

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DON'T FORGET THAT THE CHAPTER NEEDS A SECRETARY AND ALSO AN EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER. ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE. HAVE A NEW EXPERIENCE. TAKE THE PLUNGE. AND REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY, MAY 14, AT 5:00 P.M. BRING YOUR GOOD FOOD AND YOUR MUSIC-TO-BE-SOLD.

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SECOND ANNUAL "CLASSICAL CELEBRATION"

Classical music will fill the air at Trollwood Park June 4 and 5 when Minnesota Public Radio's KCCM 91.1 FM and Trollwood Park present the second annual "Classical Celebration", a free family festival of music and fun. The celebration begins at 1:00 pm each day and will include events and performances that make classical music fun and accessible to all ages.

This year's event will include performances by the F-M Symphony, Lake Agassiz Concert Band, the F-M Opera Company, the F-M Symphony Woodwind Quintet, and the Tri-College Percussion Ensemble and Marimba Choir. Other highlights will include an "instrument petting zoo" both days, sponsored by Eckroth Music, where children and adults alike can try the instruments they've always wished they could play. There will also be music games organized by the F-M Piano Teachers. Sunday at 2:00 p.m. is the Music Listening Contest with prizes for all participants and everyone is welcome to enter. The contest is organized by the Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO and supported by Schmitt Music Center of Fargo.

At Trollwood, visitors can also shop for crafts, visit the animal petting zoo, take a pony ride, etc. On Sunday, the Peace Lutheran Church service will take place at 10 a.m. at the Barn Stage.

In case of rain, the festival will be held at Ben Franklin Junior High, 1420 8th Street North, Fargo. Call Trollwood at 241-8160 or KCCM at 299-3666 for more information.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR... At this time I must say thank you to every one of you who in the past 2+ years have so graciously helped in any manner to write articles for the newsletter, gather information, point me to sources and aided in any other manner to meet deadlines and to have a publication.

Although this has been a one-person staff, it was in no way possible to publish without assistance from others. Basic to any mailing was the providing of mailing labels from Carolyn Hensrud, who also kept the list up-to-date. Thank you, Carolyn. The good people of the bulk mailing station at the Fargo Post Office were consistently helpful and patient when questions arose. Even though our monthly mailing is tiny in comparison with other bulk mailings they handle, I was given courteous help. Thank you Fargo Post Office. My husband, Ken, often sat at the kitchen table with me and folded, attached labels and sorted zip codes. Thank you, Ken. The printers were reliable and fast, and without their realizing it, often played a crucial part in meeting a deadline. Thank you, Kinkos. I was given permission to use the computer at work on my off hours, which helped to have better looking print. Thank you, Concordia.

It is possible to do a project like this alone, at home, in the basement office, using a typewriter, etc. But it isn't necessarily the best way. People are needed. Thanks to all of you who were an encouragement in any way.

Mary Tangen, editor

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