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NEWSLETTER

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"SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!"

The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces the presentation of its Seventh Annual Hymn Festival on Sunday, October 19, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1010 Third Avenue South, Moorhead, Minnesota.

This year's festival, entitled "Sing to the Lord a New Song!" will feature hymns, songs, and commentary which trace the use of singing as a means toward spiritual renewal. The commentary reveals what people have said about hymn singing from the ancient Hebrew tradition to the present. An interdenominational massed choir, consisting of members of several area church choirs, will lead the singing, accompanied by organ, piano, and the A.G.O. Handbell Choir. Organists will be William Wojnar, Jamestown, N.D.; Mary Dahl, Norma Halverson, Bruce Jacobs, and Peter Nygaard, Fargo, N.D.; Berkley Guse, Rodney Rothlisberger, and Judy Sanders, Moorhead, MN. The pianist will be Judy Buscher, Moorhead. The massed choir will be conducted by Jack Close and Margery Possehl, Moorhead; and John Taylor, Fargo. Soloists will be Gay Mohr, Rosemarie Johnk and Gary Thrasher, Moorhead; Michael Siggerud, Horace, N.D. Bruce Jacobs, Fargo, N.D. will be the cantor. Several of the hymns will be accompanied by a brass ensemble consisting of Mark Fasman and Russell Pesola, trumpet; Edward Huttlin and Stener Anderson, trombone. Gary Thrasher will serve as guitarist. Pat Unkenholz will direct the A.G.O. Handbell Choir.

Rodney Rothlisberger, Father Donald Braukmann, Pastor Hal Anderson, and Mary Tangen will serve as Readers.

Among the great hymns to be sung will be Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," the spiritual "My Lord What a Mornin'," and Fanny Crosby's "Blessed Assurance."

The public is invited to both the hymn festival and the reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall which will be hosted by St. Joseph Parish. An offering will be received to help defray expenses.

The American Guild of Organists, established in 1896, is an interfaith association of 18,000 organists, choir directors, and others interested in the promotion of quality church music and the enhancement of the status of church musicians. The Red River Valley Chapter consists of approximately eighty members. Rod Rothlisberger, Moorhead, MN, is Dean of the chapter.

A hearty welcome to the many new members who have joined us this past month. . . We hope that membership in our chapter will be a rewarding experience for you as you live and labor in the world of church music.

The new Executive Committee Member-at-large is Dorothy Koopmann, who was elected at the last meeting. She replaces June Boyd, who is on leave of absence from Concordia College while she does doctoral work in Colorado. We look forward to Dorothy's leadership over the next three years.

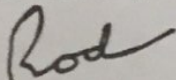
All members should note that we now have a permanent mailing address which has already served us well as we do bulk mailings, apply for grants, publish the Newsletter, and receive membership renewals and applications. The new address appears on the outside of this newsletter.

The 1986-87 budget, as approved by the membership at our September meeting, is aggressive and forward-looking. The Budget, Finance and Auditing Committee needs your assistance in the pursuit of funds, however. Please call one of the committee members to offer your services for: a) mailing list preparation; b) grant writing; and/or c) research. Experience in these matters is not required, only a willingness to work.

Finally, a suggestion for all of us: we should make every effort to see that our monthly programs are listed in our church bulletins (except for those members only programs in December and July). Program information is available in the yearbook or from program chairs.

I close by inviting all of you to participate in the Seventh Annual Hymn Festival this month. Once again, an inspirational program is being planned. See you there!

Sincerely yours,



Rod Rothlisberger, Dean

CHAPTER YEARBOOKS

Chapter Yearbooks were recently mailed to all Red River Valley Chapter - AGO members. Please notify Carol Long of any errors that you find. If you are a Chapter member and did not receive a Yearbook, you should call Carol Long (701)235-6765.

TRANSITIONS:

Tom Hamilton, a former member of our Chapter who had been living in Duluth, MN for the past year, has returned to the Red River Valley area and rejoined the Chapter. Effective October 14, he will be Music Director at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hallock, MN. That position was formerly held by Richard Wyble who is now living in Connecticut.

ARCHIVES REMINDER:

All Red River Valley Chapter - AGO members are asked to go through their files and records and make available for the archives such items as past yearbooks, newsletters prior to 1980, correspondence, programs, newspaper articles and clippings, posters from 1945 to present, and any other item of interest as it relates to the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO. Members may contact Carol Saastad, chapter historian, for further information. Carol's telephone number is 701-235-9176.

WANTED: If you are interested in learning to ring handbells, there is a position for you in the AGO Handbell Choir. Rehearsals begin at 9:00 p.m. on Monday nights at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2802 S. 12th St., Fargo. Pat Unkenholz (232-1435) is director.

ADDITIONS:

We welcome the following people to membership in the Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO. Those people with an asterisk(*) by their names should be added to your yearbooks.

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Fargo

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INTRODUCTIONS

CAROL ANDSTROM studied piano thirteen years with Hazel Van Dyke, organ with Mrs. Palmer Sevig and voice with Marcella Oja and Geneva Eschweiler. In 1955 she received a first-place piano award sponsored by the Schumann Club in Fergus Falls. She also had the privilege of participating in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association Honors Concert at the University of Minnesota. At Moorhead State University, she studied piano with Earnest Harris, organ with Mildred Holstad, and voice with Dwayne Jorgenson. She received the Agnes Jardine Scholarship and the Moorhead Music Club Scholarship in the 1960's. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and a certified member of the MMTA. Carol has been a private piano teacher for 23 years, has given piano recitals, and is currently organist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls.

ROBIN HADFIELD is an assistant professor of mass communications at Moorhead State University. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska(Lincoln) where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism education and a master's degree in journalism. Music has been a lifelong hobby, beginning with piano and cello lessons in grade school. She played cello in the Lincoln Youth Symphony, the University of Nebraska Symphony and the Lincoln Civic Orchestra. Church music has also been a longtime interest. She has sung in church choirs most of her life. A member of First Presbyterian Church, Robin sings in the Sanctuary Choir, has played in handbell choirs, and plays cello for special musical events there.

OTTO MUECKE is currently an Assistant Professor of Music at Mayville State College where he teaches organ, piano, elementary music methods, and sight singing and ear training. He graduated from Dickinson State College (ND) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Composite

Music and English, and subsequently received the Master of Music degree in Applied Piano and Music Literature at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. Otto has studied organ with Della Heid and Jack Noble, and attended workshops with Gillian Weir, Arthur Poister, David Craighead, Gerre Hancock, James Moeser, and Harold Gleason. He has held choir director and organist positions at various churches in North and South Dakota. Recently he completed Level II of Orff-Schulwerk Certification. In addition to his teaching duties in Mayville, he is the organist at Mayville Lutheran Church.

ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST:

Organ

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	Jane M. Kuhn	701-232-5387
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WF	Susan Clambey	218-233-6652
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	Fargo, ND	

Handbells

WS	Robin Hadfield	701-235-0056
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WFS	Theresa Smith	701-237-3345
	Fargo, ND	

RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - AGO
 BUDGET 1986-87

ASSETS			
Money Market Checking			
Beginning Balance		\$ 3425	
INCOME			
Member Dues		2620	
Interest		250	
Eymn Festival			
Donations	360		
Grants	125	485	
Choral Concert			
Donations	0		
Grants	1200	1200	
Organ Recital			
Donations	240		
Grants	1500		
Patrons	600	2340	
Church Music Workshop			
Registration	500		
Grants	600	1100	
Corporation, Foundation			
Grants, Patronage		<u>1500</u>	
Total Income		9495	
Total Assets & Income		12920	

EXPENSES			
Dues to National		1410	
Dues to LAAC		60	
General Operating Expenses		400	
Archives		50	
Banner		100	
Dean's Annual AGO Meeting Fund		175	
Education Committee		50	
Hospitality Committee		100	
Membership Committee		100	
Newsletter		500	
Program Committee		100	
Organ Crawl (Winnipeg)		150	
Eymn Festival		1000	
Choral Concert		2400	
Organ Recital		3000	
Church Music Workshop		<u>1200</u>	
Total Expenses		10795	
Anticipated Year End Balance		2125	



HOSPITALITY

At the September meeting, AGO members were asked to sign up for serving refreshments at subsequent meetings. Here is the schedule as it stands. If your name does not appear, call Margery Possehl at 233-6711 to volunteer. If your name is on the schedule, you will be called to remind you of your obligation and to appoint a chairperson. Three servers are needed for each meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Nov. 9, Ruth Berge, Brad Steen
- Dec. 29, Carolyn Hensrud, John Taylor, Mary Ann Johnson, Joan Bystol
- Jan. 25, Mercedes Roos, Judy Sanders, Betty Ann Boulton
- Feb. 22, Michael Olson, Theresa Smith, Mark Dahlberg, Phil Felde
- Mar. 29, Theresa Smith, Berkley Guse, Michael Olson
- Apr. 24, Jack Close, Peter Nygaard, Bruce Jacobs, Joan Bystol, Pat Unkenholz, Dorothy Koopmann

COMMITTEE WORK

New members interested in participating in committee work during this program year should speak with Dean Rod Rothlisberger at 218-233-6603 or write him at 7 Eighth Ave. S., Moorhead, MN 56560.

November NEWSLETTER Deadline!!!

ALL items to be included in the November Newsletter must be received by the editor no later than Oct. 29. The November Newsletter will be mailed earlier in the month because an earlier meeting that month occurs.

KATHRYN MOEN TO PRESENT REFORMATION
DAY RECITAL.

Kathryn U. Moen, formerly a member of the Luther College faculty and past Dean of the Twin Cities Chapter AGO will present a Reformation Day organ recital at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 S. 6th St., Moorhead on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Moen holds degrees in music from Luther College and Northwestern University. Her additional organ studies include a year with Arild Sandvold as a Fulbright Scholar at the Oslo Konservatorium, study with Andre Marchal in Paris, and work at the University of Minnesota with Dr. Heinrich Fleischer. Mrs. Moen spent three summers at Haarlem's Internationale Academie voor Organisten, participated in an organ institute conducted by Guy Bovet and Lionel Rogg at Romantier in Switzerland, and was the only American enrolled in the Fourth Master Class for Organists sponsored by the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Culture and Education at the Conservatory of Music in Prague.

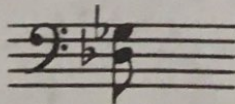
In commemoration of Reformation Sunday, Mrs. Moen's program will include a setting of "Ein' feste Burg" by Dutch composer Cor Kee and settings of additional Reformation chorales by Buxtehude and J.S. Bach.

Her interest in music by Czech composers is reflected by her programming of Partita über "O Jesu, all mein Leben bist du" by Petr Eben and Passacaglia quasi Toccata nach téma B.A.C.H. by Miloš Sokola.

Additional works by Bach include Fugue a la Gigue and Concerto in D minor, BWV 596. The program opens with Prelude Fugue and Chaconne by Buxtehude and closes with the hymn "The duteous day now closeth" with a chorale prelude by Flor Peeters.

Mrs. Moen has played recitals throughout the midwest, in Europe, Israel, and South Africa. She is affiliated with the Department of Music, University of Wisconsin River Falls. A recent recording, Czech Organ Music, is soon to be released by Delta Records.

Guild members are cordially invited to attend. An offering will be received. A reception will follow the recital.



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ABENDMUSIK CONCERT SERIES RESUMES

The 1986-87 season of the First Presbyterian Church of Fargo Abendmusik Concert Series will open on October 19 at 4:00 p.m. with a performance by First Presbyterian Church Organist Dr. Rodney Rothlisberger, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Organist Judy Sanders, and Concert Pianist Lily Brissman. A free will offering will be taken to defray costs of the concert series.

These three artists will perform a variety of classical literature from throughout the history of music, including music for solo piano, piano four-hands, organ-piano duets, and organ four-hands. In addition, they will perform piano-organ duets on hymn tunes.

Dr. Rothlisberger has served as organist for several churches in the U.S. and Australia and is presently active as a clinician and accompanist in the Fargo-Moorhead area. In addition, he teaches keyboard instruments at Mayville State College.

In addition to her organist duties at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Ms. Sanders directs several singing and handbell choirs. A graduate of Concordia College, she is an active accompanist and organ recitalist in the Fargo-Moorhead area. She has recently added handbells to her studying, teaching, playing and directing activities.

Lily Chia Brissman has performed in a multiple-piano concert at the White House and in solo piano recitals at a number of universities. She has worked as an accompanist in London and Chicago and has been a Fellow at the Berkshire Music Center, Tanglewood, where she won a prize for accompanying. She has taught piano at five universities including Oberlin Conservatory.

Gay Mohr in recital . . .

Gay Mohr will present a faculty recital at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7. The recital will take place in Hvidsten Recital Hall on the Concordia College campus in Moorhead, MN. She will be accompanied by Peter Nygaard. Works by Pinkham, Wagner, Poulenc and Hammerstein will be performed.

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Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 5-9, 12-15

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Oct 23

Festival Concert Hall, N.D.S.U.

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Ticket Information

(701)237-8458

Moorhead State University Performing

Arts Series

Oct. 24

Center for the Arts Auditorium

"Lar Lubovitch Dance Company"

Nov. 4

Center for the Arts Auditorium

"Soviet Emigre Orchestra"

Ticket Information

236-2271

Red River Dance and Performing Company

Oct. 30-Nov. 2

Festival Concert Hall, N.D.S.U.

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Ticket Information

293-6025

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, October 19, 9:30 p.m.

Oh, Canada! . . .
to celebrate the International Year of
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Sunday, October 26, 9:30 p.m.

Tennessee Tracker. . .
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TN. Peter Planyavsky is heard in
selections from dedicatory week
programs.

Sunday, November 2, 9:30 p.m.

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Sunday, November 9, 9:30 p.m.

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