



# American Guild of Organists

# PIPELINE

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## ORGAN PLUS

The March 10th meeting of the Red River Valley Chapter, American Guild of Organists, will be held at Nativity Church, South University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota, at 4:00 p.m. The program entitled "Organ Plus" will include musical selections featuring various instruments with organ as well as two handbell choirs.

Chapter members Marge Possehl, Rod Rothlisberger, Susan Clambey, Mary Tangen and Mercedes Roos will perform with student instrumentalists from various churches in the area. Judy Sanders is the director of the AGO handbell group and the "Rainbow Ringers" from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Moorhead, MN.

Mercedes Roos of Hawley, MN is the program chairperson for this event.

There is no charge for the program, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

**St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND, is sponsoring a Music Workshop Friday, March 1, 1991 at 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** The clinician will be Tom Conry, a liturgist, composer and speaker. Some topics to be discussed will be LITURGY and SOCIAL JUSTICE for Clergy, Liturgists and Pastoral Musicians; and LITURGY and PSALMS for Cantors and Choirs. For more information contact Michael Prendergast at St. Mary's Cathedral - (701) 235-4289.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE DEAN...

What a board meeting we had on Sunday, January 27! Many wonderful ideas were shared concerning a number of different issues. May I personally thank each member of the board for the excitement and enthusiasm generated at that meeting! We will now try to capitalize on these great ideas.

Because of the lateness in our 1990-1991 season, we have decided to print a roster of members, instead of a membership booklet this year. We will begin next year's drive for membership this spring, rather than waiting until late summer. That way, a membership booklet will be published in the fall of 1991. Thanks for your understanding.

Plans are underway for what appears to be a fun weekend with John Obetz, February 17 and 18. The "Brown Bag" lecture in cooperation with the F/M Communiversities will be held Sunday, February 17 from 2:30 to 4:30 at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. John's topic will be "How to Learn Music and Practice Efficiently" and three of our members, Susan Clambey, George French, and Rebecca Groom teVelde, will be playing for Dr. Obetz. The next evening, Monday, February 18 at 7:30, also at First Lutheran, a wonderful organ recital will be given by John Obetz. Ticket prices for the recital are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door that evening. A reception, hosted by the Cathedral Choir of First Lutheran Church, will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the recital.

The 1991 Fund Drive is underway. I hope that many of you will be able to contribute in some way to keep the arts alive and well in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Your name will be listed in the John Obetz recital program if you have contributed to the fund drive by Monday, February 11. Thanks in advance for your financial assistance to AGO!

Because there will be no membership booklet this winter/spring, let me remind (or inform) you of the three meetings after the Obetz event:

Sunday, March 10 - 4:00 p.m., Church of the Nativity, Fargo -- "Organ Plus" (organ and other instruments)

Sunday, April 21 - 4:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fargo -- AGO Certification

Sunday, May 19 - time TBA, cabin of Lance and Judy Johnson -- an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food.

A Nominating Committee is in the process of being named and will begin work on a slate of candidates for 1991-1992. These names will be published in the March newsletter, the election will occur in April, and the officers will be installed in May. Watch the next newsletter, therefore, for the slate of officers.

I am looking right now at an article I recently received in the mail: "The Organist Shortage and Surplus: A Solution to Both Problems". I will have to sit down and read it thoroughly, and share excerpts with you in next month's newsletter. I certainly didn't know that there was a surplus of organists...

Undoubtedly, you have noticed the AGO dues Rates for 1991-1992 in the February TAO. Please realize that the rates involved the first major increase in dues in more than a decade, necessitated by rapidly rising costs and the significant deficit incurred on fiscal year 1989-1990 operations. Read the article by AGO President James Moeser, also in the February TAO, to answer more of your questions and concerns.

See you at the John Obetz workshop, recital, and other events...

Michael Olson  
Dean of the Red River Valley Chapter of AGO

## MINUTES AGO BOARD MEETING

January 17, 1991 - 2:30 p.m.

Dean, Michael Olson, met with other officers, board members at large, and the program chair, for a business meeting before our January program. Treasurer, Bradley Steen, submitted a financial report, closing balance to date \$949.61. Several expenditures are coming soon with our fund drive mailing and the February concert.

Michael Olson has prepared a letter to be sent to 1800 patrons and music organizations. This letter to "Friend of the Arts" is our annual fund drive. We hope to have these mailed before the February 3rd postage increase.

The main item was planning for the arrival and concert of John Obetz. Although we do not have a publicity committee, plans included contacting the Forum, working with the Communiversity, and possibly trying some 10 second television spots. Norman Roos suggested trying to get an interview on Channel 4 for 5 minutes at noon. Also, Charlie Johnson, Channel 11, often interviews someone on the 5 o'clock news. Marlys Herring suggested we ask the cameraman to come out while John Obetz is practicing for an interesting interview. Lance Johnson gave us information of the cost of the TV ad. WDAY does the production with a photo of the artist, our basic data, and a short vocal script. We have never tried a TV spot for AGO, but Lance Johnson said the Fargo Theater has had great success with them. At KTHI we should contact Mike Hill and at WDAY contact Bob Prowse. As a member of the Lake Agassiz Regional Arts Council, we can ask for the arts special, 2 for 1. At the Forum, Julie Hilgers is in the Display Ad Department. We may run a Wednesday discount ad, plus a Sunday regular ad. It was suggested that we should ask to proof the display ad. Ann Zavaral has included some information with Communiversity mailings about the Obetz workshop and perhaps the concert.

Other business included finding members for a nominating committee to find our slate of officers for next year. Marlys Herring, outgoing board member at large, will serve on that. We hope to have our slate ready for the early March newsletter.

Reduced membership fees are available now for the remainder of the school year (\$30 full members, \$15 student members). We hope any inactive members might rejoin now, or please join us for our spring membership drive for 1991-92. A roster of members will be printed in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clamby, secretary

PIPELINE DEADLINE  
February 24, 1991

## JANUARY MEETING

Sunday, January 27, at 4 p.m., members of the American Guild of Organists met for an informal organ demonstration at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead. Despite the many conflicts of the afternoon, we had a pleasant gathering of members and guests. Several high school and junior high piano students came, and had an opportunity to play the organ. Michael Olson gave the demonstration, ending with the students observing his playing. Handouts included a list of registration and families of sound available on this and other organs. Students were invited to attend the summer *Young Organists Workshop* coming in June. Thanks, Michael, for the interesting program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clamby, secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT

January 27, 1991

Opening Balance October 21, 1990	<u>1565.55</u>
Receipts	308.00
Expenses	935.67
Interest	<u>11.73</u>
Closing Balance January 27, 1991	<u>949.61</u>

Bradley Steen  
Treasurer

## FREE CONCERT

You are invited to an organ concert "Organ Music Around the World" featuring members of the Fargo/Moorhead Area Music Club, Monday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Fargo. The concert is free and open to the public. Please come to support your fellow organists, and hear some fine music. Artists for the evening include Michael Olson, Susan Clamby, Judy Sanders and others you may know.

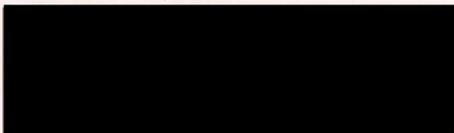
## UPDATE

Rev. David and Mary Ann Johnson, formerly at St. John Lutheran, Fargo, did safely leave Jerusalem in early January. David is continuing his work with the Lutheran World Federation in Switzerland. Mary Ann has returned to Minnesota to stay with a sister. Her new address is: Mary Ann Johnson c/o Stevenson, 275 14th Ave. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

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## PIPEDREAMS ... KCCM -- 91.1

*Sunday, March 3 -- 9:30 p.m.*

**Pipedreams with Michael Barone...** Passacaglia: some excellent and little-known examples, including music by Muffat, Sokola, Sowerby, and Frank Speller.

*Sunday, March 10 -- 9:30 p.m.*

**Pipedreams...Magnifique!**: exceptional performances of works by Tournemire and Vierne performed by French organist Olivier Latry.

*Sunday, March 17 -- 9:30 p.m.*

**Pipedreams... Bach Here and There:** a miscellany in homage to the greatest of all organists, including a new completion of Bach's *Art of the Fugue*.

*Sunday, March 24 -- 9:30 p.m.*

**Pipedreams... The Stations of the Cross:** Marcel Dupre's musical evocations of Paul Claudel's dramatic texts are performed by the late Douglas L. Butler with narrator Barry Busse.

*Sunday, March 31 -- 9:30 p.m.*

**Pipedreams...Music for Eastertide:** historic and contemporary organ pieces on Resurrection themes, including works by King, Demessieux, Johnsen, Preston, and Tomasi.

**Be sure to tune in ...**