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Red River Valley Chapter

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NEWSLETTER

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ORGAN MUSIC OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Chorale Triptych on "Lord, Keep Us
Steadfast in Your Word"

- I Fantasia
- II Pastorella
- III Chorale Fugue

Gerhard Krapf

Holiday Fantasies on Familiar Hymn Tunes

- I Kremser (We Gather Together)
- V Old Hundredth (Praise God From Whom
All Blessings Flow)

Gerald Kemner

Michael Olson, organist

Prelude and Fugue in g minor, Op. 7

Judith Sanders, organist

Marcel Dupré

Christmas Meditations

- 1 "Behold, a virgin shall conceive. ."
- 2 "And there were in the same country
shepherds. ."
- 3 "And suddenly there was with the angel. ."
- 5 "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. ."

Arthur Wills

Joan Bystol, organist

Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain

Peter Nygaard, organist

Maurice Durufle

Sunday November 9, 1986 - 4:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Second Ave. at North Seventh Street
Fargo, North Dakota

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

September 21, 1986

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Moorhead

The business meeting was called to order by the dean.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the July and September executive committee meetings as printed in the September 1986 Newsletter.

The treasurer gave her report. Bank balance was \$3,801.12.

Committee reports:

1. Membership committee introduced new members. There are 34 renewed memberships as of this date.
2. Hymn Festival plans are proceeding on schedule.
3. Hospitality committee asked for assistance in serving at functions throughout the year.
4. The State Chairperson reported on new chapter in Bismarck, the Missouri Valley Chapter.

New Business:

1. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that Dorothy Koopmann replace June Boyd for a three year term on the executive committee.
2. The 1986-87 budget was presented and explained. Discussion followed the presentation. The motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. Further discussion was called for. The motion was made & seconded to add a line item of \$150.00 for the organ crawl. This motion passed on vote. Acceptance of the budget passed on vote.

There was no other new business.

Bruce Jacobs asked for organists to assist him in the funeral program next year.

The AGO Handbell Choir continues to meet at 9:00 pm Mondays at Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo. New participants are encouraged.

There was no further business.
Meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Johnson, secretary

ADDITIONS:

We welcome the following new member to the Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO.

Mary Jane Schroth (H) 218-246-8375
P.O. Box 383 (C) 218-751-5034
Deer River, MN 56636
O/CD/H: First Presbyterian
Bemidji

BIOGRAPHIES FROM NEW MEMBERS

As a reminder to new members, please send in, as soon as possible, the personal biography you were requested to write. Putting this information in the chapter newsletter is one good way of introducing yourself to the current members. Biographies should be sent to: Carol Long, Red River Valley Chapter-AGO, P.O. Box 2223, Fargo, ND 58108.

WITHIN OUR AGO FAMILY. . .

AGO member Lance Johnson is currently working on his Master's Degree in Organ Building through the American Institute of Organbuilders. The requirements involve passing a day long exam and doing a tracker organ project with drawings, cost estimates and complete specifications.

The Master's exam is the most difficult in the world of organ building as the European exam does not require as much knowledge. There are only twelve Master Organ builders in the United States. The study period will require from one to two years to complete before the exam.

In 1978, Lance traveled to Holland where he studied the restoration of Dutch organs. In 1988, Lance will be in East Germany to study the organs of Schnitker and Silbermann.

TREASURER'S REQUEST

It is important that we keep track of all chapter expenses to aid in the development of budget proposals in the future. For this reason, you are asked to turn in records of receipts for personal expenses for the chapter to the Treasurer, Carol Long.

CAR-POOL TO MEETINGS

Several of our members live a considerable distance from Fargo-Moorhead, where our programs are held. If you are one of these persons and would like to arrange a car-pool, please check the Membership Yearbook or contact a chapter officer to find out who lives in your area.

If you know of someone who lives near you and has expressed an interest in attending our programs but is not a member, you should consider offering to give that person a ride. Sharing transportation is a way to save money on gas, get to know other people better, and increase attendance at programs.

CHAPTER SPONSORS COMPETITION

The Executive Board has voted to have our chapter sponsor a competition as part of the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance on Saturday, February 14, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. on the Holtkamp organ at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead. Ruth Berge is chairperson for this event.

The application deadline is Tuesday, December 30, 1986. Details and instructions regarding the competition appeared in *The American Organist* - June 1986. Copies of these instructions are also available from Ruth Berge, and applications should be forwarded to her at: 1806 S. 4th St., Moorhead, MN 56560.

AGO FUND DRIVE BEGINS

Enclosed in this newsletter are a donor card and a copy of a letter, both of which have been sent to all contributors to the 1985-86 Coordinated Arts Fund. Since there will be no CAF drive this year, we are asking previous donors to contribute to our organization as a separate entity.

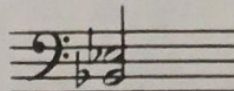
The letter and card are enclosed for your information and so that you may participate in our fund drive, if you wish.

Budget, Finance, and Auditing
Committee

WEDDING MUSIC PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP. . .

A follow-up opportunity has been made available to members of the Red River Valley Chapter AGO to further implement the objectives of the wedding music program which was presented to the community last April. Radio station KQWB has responded enthusiastically to an offer of a Guild-produced tape of appropriate church wedding music played by Red River Valley Chapter members. The tape would be used as background music for the two-hour Bride and Groom extravaganza sponsored annually by the radio station. This year's event will be held January 18, 1987 at the Holiday Inn.

If you are interested in performing favorite wedding music at a recording session, please call Pat Unkenholz at 232-1435 or write to her at: 706 South Dr. Fargo, ND 58103. If possible, include the name of the selection or selections and time duration.



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ABENDMUSIK CONCERT FEATURES BIG BAND

The November edition of the First Presbyterian Abendmusik Concert Series will feature the Fargo Theatre Big Band Allstars. The group is lead by James Ployhar who is internationally known as a composer, conductor and arranger. He will lead the twenty piece orchestra in recreating the sound of the swing era by featuring the music of such great bands as Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 16 at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo. After the concert, refreshments will be served and audience members will have an opportunity to meet the performers. In addition, paintings and other visual art works by Karen Williams Szeitz will be on display. There is no admission fee, but a free will offering will be taken.

ADVENT AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Each of the four Sunday afternoons in the Advent season will feature a special musical event at First Lutheran Church. All four events begin at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30 Michael Olson, organist at First Lutheran Church, will present an organ recital. Featured in this recital will be music based on many Advent hymns in the Lutheran Book of Worship. Come and listen, learn, and enjoy!

Sunday, Dec. 7 Benjamin Britten's St. Nicholas will be performed by the Moorhead State University Concert Choir, First Lutheran Cathedral Choir, and members of the Red River Boy Choir. Dr. David Ferreira will be guest conductor.

Sunday, Dec. 14 This afternoon will feature the children of First Lutheran Church in their presentation of the annual Sunday School Christmas Program.

Sunday, Dec. 21 Mr. Dennis Brown will coordinate a Baroque ensemble in a presentation of Cantata 142, To Us A Child is Born by J.S. Bach.



"... Oh, no, sir, we don't carry anything by Olivier Messiaen. His stuff is for the birds."

MUSIC IN WORSHIP WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Organists seeking to improve their skills at hymn playing, improvisation, and registration will have the opportunity to attend an organ workshop led by composer, organist, arranger, and educator Robert Hebble at Chester Fritz Auditorium in Grand Forks on Saturday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Hebble will also give an organ concert that evening at 7:00 p.m. in Chester Fritz Auditorium.

Mr. Hebble was Virgil Fox's assistant at Riverside Church in New York City. Mr. Hebble earned his Bachelor of Music degree at Yale University and studied privately with Nadia Boulanger in Paris. He also received his Master's Degree from the Julliard School where he studied composition with Roger Sessions and Vittorio Gianinni.

ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR

F-M Symphony Orchestra

Nov. 16 4:00 p.m.

Concordia Memorial Auditorium

Ticket & Program Information

(218)233-8397

Dec. 16 8:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead

with the Trinity Choir

F-M Community Theatre

Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14

Emma K. Herbst Playhouse

"Cinderella's Slipper"

Ticket Information

(701)235-6778

Moorhead State University Performing

Arts Series

Nov. 11

Center for the Arts Auditorium

Chamber Choir of Pamplona, Spain

Ticket Information

(218)236-2271

Red River Dance and Performing Company

Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14

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

"Christmas Holiday '86"

Ticket Information

(701)293-6025

SECOND ANNUAL DICKENSIAN DINNERS

The second annual Dickensian Dinners presented by the Red River Boy Choir will take place on Dec. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. For further information contact Linda Ferreira, director, at 237-0210 or 233-3661; or Michael Olson, accompanist, at 235-7389 or 293-0284.

PIPEDREAMS on KCCM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, November 16, 9:30 p.m.

Sounds of Yesterday. . .

German organist Harald Vogel plays music of the 16th through 18th centuries on the two new John Brombaugh organs at Southern College in Tennessee.

Sunday, November 23, 9:30 p.m.

Sounds of Today. . .

Leonard Raver plays prize-winning works for the Southern College International Composition Competition in Tennessee celebrating this past spring's inauguration of the school's new Brombaugh organ.

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

World of the Organ. . .

Performer and broadcaster Edwhar Coppell plays instruments at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle.

Sunday, December 7, 9:30 p.m.

Seasonal Seasonings. . .

Music from four centuries in anticipation of the Christmas festival.

Sunday, December 14, 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Presence. . .

Seasonal music featuring the Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, and organists Andrew Lumsden, Douglas Major, Barbara Harbach, John Rose and Virgil Fox.

Sunday, December 21, 9:30 p.m.

The Dupre' Legacy (IV). . .

Archive recordings by Marcel Dupre' of music celebrating the Christmas holiday.

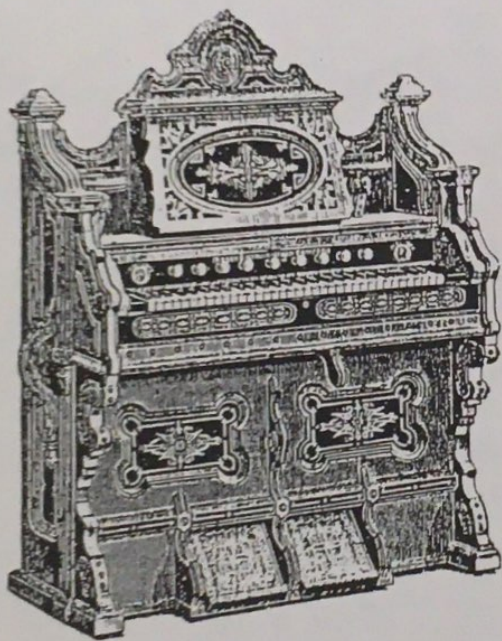
Sunday, December 28, 9:30 p.m.

An Organist's Yearbook. . .

A review and preview of happenings in the organ world.

THANKSGIVING EVE HYMN FESTIVAL:

A Thanksgiving Eve Hymn Festival will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church 1710 S. 5th St., Fargo, ND.



THE NEW ORGAN AS ENVISIONED BY THE
CHURCH COUNCIL

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