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Red River Valley Chapter

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FOCUS ON FUNERALS A PROGRAM OF FUNERAL MUSIC AND DISCUSSION

Variations on Behold a Host

D. Schack
J. Ferguson
Burnham

Bryon Dockter

Four Quiet Hymn Settings

Gieschen

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

Abide With Us Our Savior

Glory be to Jesus

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Norma Halverson

God's Time is Best (from Cantata 106)

Prelude on St. Columba

Bach/Cassler
Raymond Haan

Keith Melberg

Hymn #645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Hymnal 1982

Amazing Grace

Precious Lord Take My Hand

When Peace Like a River

Dianne Bish
Hymns for the Family of God

Carol Saastad, soprano; Michael Olson, organ

MUSIC AND THE FUNERAL SERVICE: PANEL DISCUSSION

Pastor Hal Anderson, Dilworth Lutheran Church

Joan Bystol, Organist at St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo

George Korsmo, Korso Funeral Home, Moorhead

John Runsvold, Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo

Sunday, March 29, 1987 - 3:00 p.m.

GETHSEMANE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

204 9th Street South

Fargo, North Dakota

We will explore some funeral music and exchange ideas with a panel of pastors and funeral directors during the next AGO meeting on March 29, 1987. The panel will discuss the funeral planning process and the role of music in the funeral service as well as other topics of their choosing and yours.

A program of organ and vocal music suitable for funeral use will begin the program at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral located at 204 9th St. South in Fargo, just east of the Cass County Courthouse. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m.

INTEREST SURVEY DISTRIBUTED

Enclosed in this month's Newsletter you will find an INTEREST SURVEY, the purpose of which is to ascertain your interests and abilities and how you would be willing to use and share them with our organization.

As our program continues to broaden and expand, there is a greater need than ever to involve larger numbers of our members in the activities of the chapter. Therefore, please complete the survey as soon as possible and bring it to our March meeting at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral or fold, stamp, and mail it by April 1, 1987!

The form will be used to establish committees for the 1987-88 program year and will be retained on file for future program planning.

R.S.V.P.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 1987 at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral

The election of officers for the 1987-88 term will take place following the "Focus on Funerals" program at the chapter business meeting on Sunday, March 29, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral in Fargo. Please plan to attend the program and remain for the business meeting for the election.

The nominating committee members are: Joan Bystol, John Close, and Bradley Steen.

The nominees for the ballot to be voted upon at the March 29 meeting are:

Dean - Rodney Rothlisberger
Sub-Dean - George French
Secretary - Theresa Smith
Treasurer - Philip Felde
Member at Large, Executive Board -
John Taylor

WITHIN OUR AGO FAMILY

On February 12th, Susan Clambey was the honored guest composer in Bismarck, N.D. for the "Parade of American Music" Concert sponsored by the Bismarck-Mandan Music Club.

Three of her compositions were featured. In addition to her piano and vocal performances, she was assisted by instrumentalists, flute and clarinet, from The University of Mary.

Susan is organists and handbell director at Grace United Methodist Church, Moorhead, and remains active in the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club, as well as AGO.

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On Sunday, April 5, 1987, at 4:00 p.m.. Joan Bystol will serve as organist at a service of dedication for the new Allen Digital Computer Organ recently installed in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Casselton, N.D.

ORGAN RECITAL OF MUSIC FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Michael Olson will present an organ recital of music for the lenten season on Sunday, April 5, 1987 at 4:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Fargo.

ST. JOHN'S BOYS CHOIR AT FIRST LUTHERAN

The St. John's Boys Choir from Collegeville, Minnesota will present a concert at First Lutheran Church, Fargo at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. Please note change of time from that announced in last month's Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 25, 1987

Grace United Methodist Church, Moorhead

Members present: Rodney Rothlisberger, Pat Unkenholz, Mary Ann Johnson, Carol Long, John Close, Dorothy Koopmann, Michael Olson.

The meeting was called to order.

The organ competition has been cancelled due to lack of registrants.

Notions were made, seconded, and passed to:

1. Delay taking action until after the Jones recital on the request to donate \$200 to the Detroit chapter to help curtail the \$65,000. debt from the Detroit convention of last summer. After the recital, the matter will be brought to the attention of the entire membership.

2. Decline the invitation of \$30 donation from the North Dakota Citizens for the Arts, Inc. to support the governor's Awards/Legislature dinner.

The Concordia site is not available for the Church Music Bonanza II. Program committee will explore the possibility of holding the event at First Lutheran and points surrounding that same date (June 20) in conjunction with Billy Graham event.

The Finance committee was directed to explore soliciting funds from arts related companies on an individual basis.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to have \$10 the prorated dues for the chapter (for Feb. 1 to April 1).

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Johnson, secretary

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

January 25, 1987

Grace United Methodist Church, Moorhead

The business meeting was called to order by the dean.

1. Minutes of the meeting on Nov. 9, 1986 were approved as written in the January 1987 Newsletter.

2. Treasurer's report: Checking account balance is \$5478.46. Our chapter received a \$500 grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts for the Joyce Jones recital.

3. Committee Reports

a. Red River Valley Chapter-AGO has 93 members.

b. Pat Unkenholz reported that she will be interviewed by someone from the Forum regarding music for weddings. This article will appear in a special Forum Wedding issue in February.

c. The Finance Committee will meet soon to design plans for obtaining funds.

4. Fund Raising - Plans are still in order to maintain a minimum balance in the treasury to begin the 1987-88 program year. Personal contacts to businesses and grant-writing will be used to pursue additional funding.

5. The Dean reported that parts of today's Chapter program were videotaped for an NDSU-sponsored T.V. program called "In Focus."

6. George French said that the Winnipeg AGO Chapter is interested in having members of our chapter come for an organ crawl. It was the preference of the members at this meeting to leave Fargo/Moorhead at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17 and return in the evening of the next day.

The meeting was adjourned.

Carol Long, Secretary pro tempore

ADDITIONS:

We welcome Diane Wray Williams to the Red River Valley Chapter - AGO as a new member.

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Dir. Mus.: First Presbyterian, Moorhead

BERKLEY GUSE TO PRESENT ORGAN RECITAL

Berkley Guse, a senior at Concordia College and organ student of Ruth Berge, will present his senior recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, on Sunday, April 5, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. Berkley is a member of our AGO chapter and is organist at Plymouth Congregational Church, Fargo.

PIPEDREAMS ON KCCM-FM (91.1 FM)

Sunday, March 29, 1987 9:30 p.m.

The Dupre Legacy (part five): a program in a continuing series devoted to compositions by the late Marcel Dupre.

Sunday, April 5, 1987 9:30 p.m.

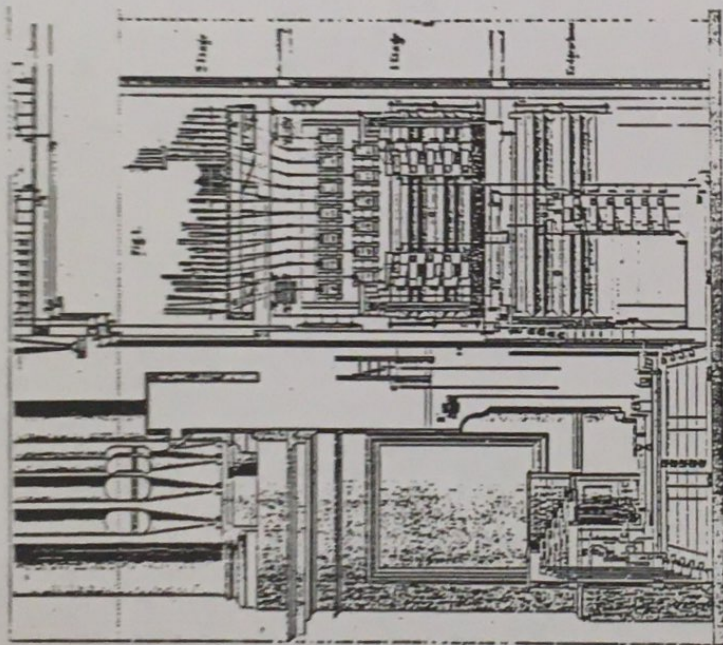
Going On Record: another quarterly sampling of recent organ recordings, covering a wide variety of musical types, performance styles, and organ-building attitudes as displayed on records and compact discs of foreign and domestic vintage.

Sunday, April 12, 1987 9:30 p.m.

A Song To David: the world premiere performance of William Albright's cantata commissioned by St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Sunday, April 19, 1987 9:30 p.m.

Mendelssohn's (New) Organ Works (part three): another program in a continuing series featuring first performances of Mendelssohn manuscripts recently discovered by Professor William Little of the University of Virginia, who, with organist Thomas Murray, provides commentary on these new found works.



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