



American Guild of Organists

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JOHN EGGERT

will be giving a recital January 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN.
This recital will be in connection with

"Celebrate Minnesota 1990"

The recital will feature works of all Minnesota composers. Daniel Breedon, music professor, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, has been commissioned to write a special work for this occasion. The recital is supported by a grant by the Blandin Foundation. Everyone should make every effort to attend this very special event. It will be an evening of great enjoyment to hear the music of Minnesota composers.

See you all there!

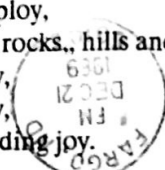
JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
Red River Valley Chapter

MINUTES

November 19, 1989
Trinity Lutheran Church
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dean George French called the meeting to order and introduced Stephen Gabrielson, guest organist for the Hymn Festival. He commented on the dearth of organ students, nationwide. No concrete solutions were offered.

A location is needed for the "After Christmas" party. No firm offers to host it were made.

There was a lengthy discussion about the status of the newsletter, yearbook, and committee structure, leading finally to a motion by Rod Rothlisberger, seconded by Marlowe Kulish, to retain said items as in the past. Marlowe Kulish offered to draft a sign-up sheet (found in the December Newsletter) for members to respond to committee needs.

It was announced that Ruth Fossum has a children's choir rehearsing weekly at Grace Lutheran Church. Guild members were invited to visit rehearsals. Call Ruth for details. No sponsorship of this group by the Guild was offered at this time. Plans are under way for the Childrens Choir Festival, March 18. Chairman Jack Close reported.

Dean George was asked by the group to have treasurer, Lloyd Collins, provide copies of the treasurer's report and budget.

The nominating committee will be elected in January with a slate of candidates presented in February and voting in March.

Subdean, Brad Steen, will assume the Dean position in March while George is out of the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Possehl

ADDENDUM

Please add the following names to your substitute list that was in last months newsletter.

○ W,F Sue Clambey (Gary) Moorhead, MN
218-233-6652

○ W,F Norma Halverson (Curtis) Fargo, ND
701-235-5077

If you wish your name to be included or deleted from this list, please call the editor, Judy Sanders, 218-236-0269.

CHILDRENS CHOIR FESTIVAL

The Childrens Choir Festival will be held on Sunday, March 18, 1990 at Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo at 4:00 p.m. The Festival Choir will rehearse at 2:00 p.m. that day.

The theme for this year's Festival is "Stories of Jesus". Anthems, choruses, and hymns have been selected to tell the stories of Jesus' birth, life, and triumph over death. Readings from the four Gospels, adapted for children, will be included in the program. Instrumental ensembles, vocal solos, and hymns for choirs and audience will also be featured in the Festival Concert.

Invitations to church choirs with singers from grades 1 through 6 are being mailed during the week of December 15. We had over 200 choristers in our 1988 Festival Choir, and we expect that many or more at our 1990 Festival.

One of the first tasks of the committee was to select music for this year's festival. Committee members were asked to suggest some of their most successful and popular anthems and choruses. Their suggestions were truly exciting--some familiar favorites, some recent publications. We know that every piece selected for the Festival concert is a winner. Many of the selections are appropriate for Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost.

Childrens Choir Festival activities begin with a one-hour Director Workshop Sunday, January 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Kresge Lounge in the Hvidsten Hall of Music at Concordia College. At this workshop, we will read through all the Festival Music, provide information about buying it, and give suggestions for preparing and performing the music. Tapes of the music, for use in preparing the choristers, will also be offered at this workshop.

All chapter members are urged to begin to encourage participation in the Childrens Choir Festival by choristers in their own parishes. While the committee is able to announce the Festival and invite choirs through the mail, your personal invitation to directors in your church is the most effective way we have of insuring both an artistic and financially successful project.

AGO Chapter Family

The Red River Valley Chapter of The American Guild of Organists would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Oscar Jemtrud. His funeral was December 5. He was a long time member of the Guild and had served as organist at Mayville, ND.

The Guild also extends well wishes to Norman Roos, who had heart surgery on November 27. Norm, as you all know, has been a very active member in the Guild. He also is Mayor of Hawley, MN. We all wish him a very speedy recovery. Get well, Norm!

January 1990 Pipedreams Schedule

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams with Michael Barone ... Taking the Prize: three exceptional young organists, Jonathan Biggers, Dennis Bergin, and Amy Johansen, demonstrate their competitive mettle in performances recorded in Geneva, Detroit, and St. Paul.

Sunday, January 14 - 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams ... A Montreal Organ Book: a capsule survey of three centuries of music and instrument-building in Canada's Province Quebec, with special help from the CBC.

Sunday January 21 - 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams ... The American Muse: fresh, mostly new works from the pens of primarily young composers, featuring Fred Hohman, Pamela Decker, Mark Wings, and others recorded in concert.

Sunday January 28 - 9:30 p.m.

Pipedreams ... Swann song: performances by and conversation with the famous American recitalist, Fredrick Swann, organist at the Crystal Cathedral in California.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Marge and Dewey Posschl have graciously consented to have an "Epiphany" party for the Guild this year. We are so grateful to them for doing this.

WHEN: January 5

TIME: 6:30 until ?

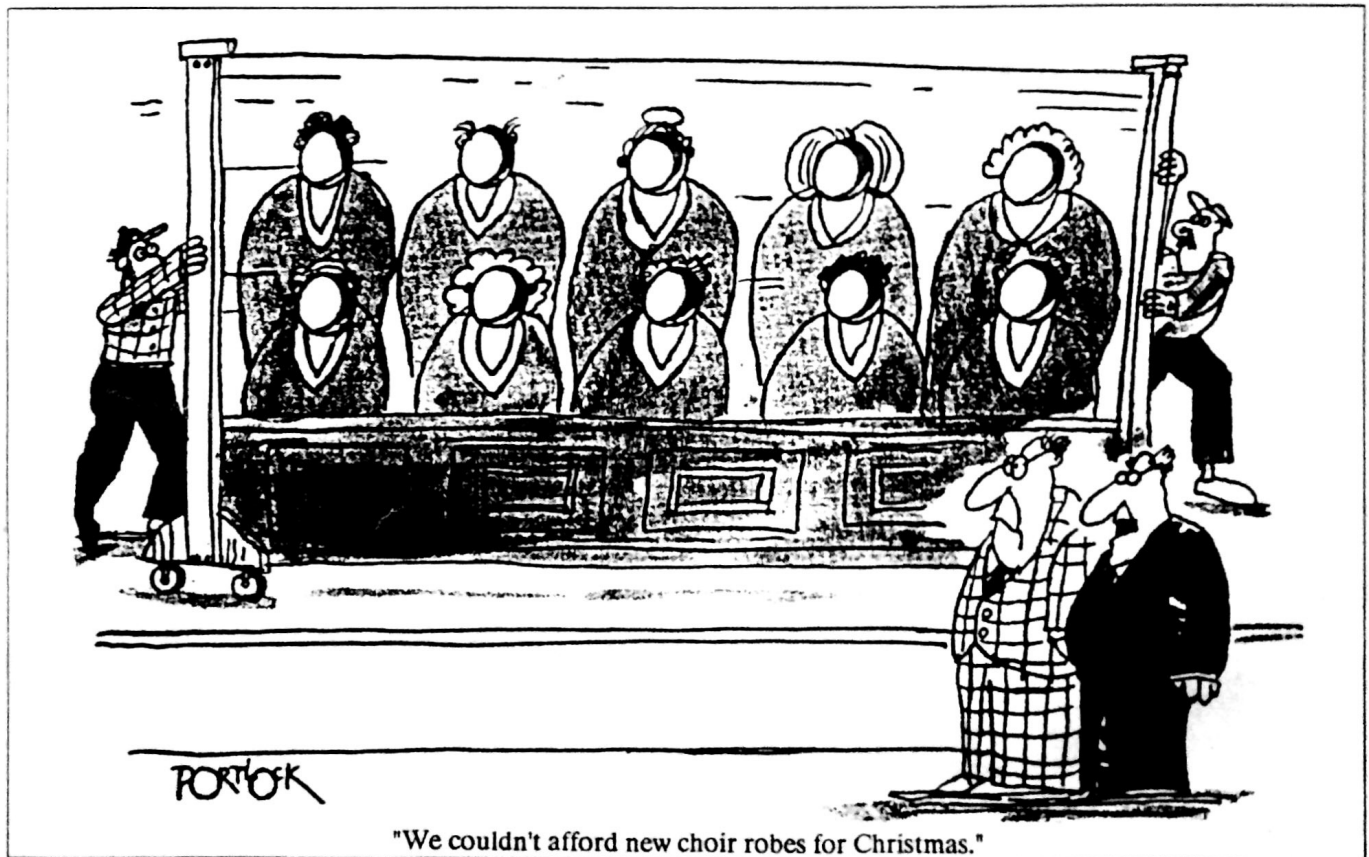
WHERE: Posschls,
1501 South 2nd
Moorhead, MN

WHAT: Bring hot or cold appetizers

CALL: Marge for further details
at 218-233-6711

AGO DEADLINE!!!

The deadline for the next PIPELINE is January 12, 1990. PLEASE have all the information to Judy Sanders, 1500 South Sixth Street, Moorhead, MN by that date! All material received after that date will not be in the newsletter.



URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

Dear AGO Member:

The Guild needs your help. Our membership outreach is exciting. We are reaching individuals; beyond the obvious category of "organist" who are handbell directors, choir directors, worship leaders, organ builders, keyboard teachers and performers along with avid audience participants. To meet the musical needs of our Guild membership your voice must be heard. Come and sit in on executive board meetings; come to our meetings following the monthly programs; or serve on the executive board or various committees of the Guild. Your active participation can make a difference in meeting the musical needs of our Guild membership.

Listed below are the positions which determine the activities for members. At present you will notice that those positions with an asterisk (*) are not filled. We need to fill these positions to complete the planned programs for this year. You must help fill these vacant positions.

Your may say:

- I've done this before.
- I've never done anything like this before.
- My time is limited.
- I'm not interested in that area.
- Let someone else do it.

All these sound like good arguments; but remember, you chose to be a part of AGO and that demands some action on your part.

To answer the above arguments:

- So you've done it before - try something different.
- You've never done it before - start doing something simple and see if you like it.
- No time - make time and it doesn't need to be a lot for there are positions which will fit any schedule.
- No special interest - look again; take your area of expertise and start there.
- Someone else - that is you.

You are the lifeblood of AGO; without you we won't grow. Look again at our list of positions below; you can help somewhere.

You've read this letter and know of the vacant positions for this year. There are two things we would like you to do with this list.

1) If you can help us for the remainder of this year; behind the positions of your interest, check the box and you will be contacted to help.

2) We are beginning the preparations for the coming year which means most of these positions will need to be filled. Take some time and go over this list and consider how you can help AGO serve you, the member. It may be something you've done before or something brand new; whatever your interest, please check the line behind that position for our coming year 1990-91. This information will be passed on to our nominating committee and they will be contacting you. Your time will dictate how much

you can help out so, please check more than one position if you wish.

One last request. You will notice that this sheet comes out of your newsletter. Also, if you fold it in half (list to the inside) that it is pre-addressed to the Guild. All you have to do is to check your position(s) of interest; fold it and tape it shut; then put a stamp on it and mail it back to the Guild.

Thank you for time; time spent for the continued excellence of your Guild.

The Executive Board

	<u>89/90</u>	<u>90/91</u>
Dean	George French	
Subdean	Bradley Steen	
Secretary	Margery Possehl	
Treasurer	Lloyd Collins	
Members-at-large (1)	_____	_____
Program Chair (1)	_____	_____
*Archives (1)	_____	_____
Arts Council Representative (1)	_____	_____
Budget, Finance, and Auditing	Jerry Berg	
*Chaplain (1)	_____	_____
*Education (2)	_____	_____
Hospitality (1 chairperson)	_____	_____
Hymn Festival (4)	_____	_____
*Long-Range Planning/Nominating (3)	_____	_____
Membership/Yearbook (1 chairperson)	_____	_____
Newsletter	Judy Sanders	
Program (4)	_____	_____
*Professional Concerns (1 chairperson)	_____	_____
*Publicity/Public Reations/ Media (1 chairperson)	_____	_____
Recital (1 chairperson)	_____	_____



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