



The American Guild of Organists

Red River Valley Chapter

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NEWSLETTER

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ADDITIONS:

Keith Melberg 218-736-3596
1335 Foothill Court
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

FIFTH ANNUAL HYMN FESTIVAL
Sunday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
210 South Seventh Street
Moorhead, Minnesota

RENEWALS:

Mark Dahlberg 233-8816
421 Horn Ave. S.
Moorhead, MN 56560

The theme for this year's festival is "When in Our Music God is Glorified." The program is an overview of our hymn heritage, featuring an historic look at hymn writers and composers from the early church to the present day. A massed choir made up of singers from area churches will lead the singing. They will be assisted by the Red River Valley Boys Choir under the direction of Glenys Wignes, a brass choir, a bell choir, and Orff "band" and other instruments. Organist for the festival will be Joan Bystol, Diane Kvamme, Tom Hamilton, Jack Mohlenhoff and Peter Nygaard. Choirs will be directed by Jack Mohlenhoff and Rosemarie Johnk, chairpersons of the event.

CORRECTIONS:

Oscar Jemtrud 701-786-2156
318 E. Main Street
Mayville, ND 58257

A. Bruce Jacobs 293-9017
1415 W. Gateway Circle, #8
Fargo, ND 58103

Norman D. Hansen
Box 1636
Fargo, ND 58107

Dorothy Koopmann 218-847-5824
Rt. 4, Box 62
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Betty Ann Boulton 293-9112
2202 11th Street S.
Fargo, ND 58103

Among the hymns to be sung will be "All Creatures of Our God and King" in a festive setting by Alice Parker, Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "The Church's One Foundation" as arranged by Paul Manz, and "When in Our Music God is Glorified" sung to a magnificent English melody by C. V. Stanford.

Please make these corrections of spellings, telephone numbers, and addresses in your yearbooks.

The public is invited to share in this great evening of music, free of charge, and to attend a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. A freewill offering will be received to help defray expenses.

Jack Mohlenhoff

TRANSITIONS:

Mercedes Roos is now Organist at
Hawley Lutheran Church, Hawley, Minnesota.

A Letter FROM the Editor:

One failing of musicians in serving churches is that we do not fully communicate with our congregations. Some suggestions for remedying this situation might well include:

1) submitting to the bulletin the titles and composers of voluntaries, anthems, and even hymn preludes, when applicable;

2) placing in the announcement section of the bulletin a) an explanation of how the voluntaries have been coordinated with each other (by composer, period, national origin, etc.), with the other music of the service (hymns, anthems, solos), with the scripture texts for the day, or with the season of the church year; b) a definition of terms familiar to musicians but perhaps not to parishioners: chorale prelude, toccata, fantasia, fugue, et al; OR c) a brief biographical, musicological sketch of the composer of the day;

3) thanking and introducing guest musicians in the bulletin, including brief personal summaries;

4) publishing articles in the weekly/monthly church newsletter regarding a) music in worship; b) hymns and their role in church music; c) organ voluntaries, or anthems, and their history and role in worship; d) the organ and its mechanics; AND e) liturgy and its function;

We can hardly expect unanimous support of our programs if we do not fully clarify what that program entails. Others of you may have further suggestions as to what might be done. Please share them.

Rod Rothlisberger
7 8th Ave. S.
Moorhead, MN 56560

WHAT A NICE THINK FOR A MUSIC COMMITTEE TO DO!!

Attention all Music Committee members! The next time you are wondering how to reward or thank your organist or choir director, why not consider sponsoring their memberships in the GUILD? A Christmas gift could also be a GUILD membership. Oh yes, and what about music recognition Sunday...surely you have one! It is truly a gift that would be returned a hundred fold. Everyone benefits. Don't you agree that giving a GUILD membership to your musicians would be a nice and fruitful thing to do?



From the Dean...

We're off to a flying start in a very busy year.

A β of thanks is in order for the two very fine programs presented thus far: to Carolyn Hensrud and Mary Tangen for the program on hymn playing, to Jack Mohlenhoff for the Orgelbuchlein presentation, and to organists Mercedes Roos, Rod Rothlisberger, Mary Ann Johnson, Marilyn Mohlenhoff, Diane Kvamme, and Judy Sanders.

A β of appreciation is also extended to Judy Sanders and Peter Nygaard who have recently given recitals.

Plans are already under way and rehearsals scheduled for the Bach Oratorio on Epiphany Sunday. Next, however, we look forward to coming together for the Hymn Festival on Nov. 18th.

See you all there!!

JOAN

BUDGET for 1984-85

Assets (June 30, 1984)	\$2,332.08
Receipts	
Member Dues (65)	2,210.00
CD and Savings Interest	100.00
Hymn Festival (Note 1)	350.00
Christmas Oratorio (Note 2)	1,490.00
Gillian Weir Recital (Note 3)	2,680.00
	<u>\$6,830.00</u>
Total Assets and Receipts	\$9,162.08

Expenditures	
National Dues	\$1,105.00
Hospitality	50.00
Education	50.00
Newsletter	200.00
Membership	50.00
Operating Expenses	280.00
Arts Council	50.00
Hymn Festival	800.00
Christmas Oratorio	1,630.00
Gillian Weir Recital	3,185.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$7,400.00</u>

Year End Balance \$1,762.08

Note 1: Offering

Note 2: Offering \$250; WCRAC Grant \$840; Contributions \$400.

Note 3: Offering \$250; WCRAC Grant \$1,830; Contributions \$600.



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NEW & REINSTATED MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Mail to: Philip E. Felde, Treas.
1408 S. 14th St.
Moorhead, MN 56560

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

*NEW MEMBER _____ REINSTATING MEMBER _____

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER PROPOSING
*signatures required

Carolyn B. Hensrud

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SECONDING

Gay E. Mohr

SIGNATURE OF CHAPTER OFFICER

Joan E. Bystol

Membership Categories:

Dues:

___ Regular Voting Membership

\$40.00

___ Special Rate Voting Membership
(under 21, over 65, fulltime stdt,
or disabled)

26.00

___ Partner Rate Voting Membership
(2 members, same address, who receive
1 copy of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST)

1st member 40.00
2nd member 31.50

___ Dual Member(secondary chapter)

10.00

DEAN: Mrs. Joan Bystol
235-4335

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Carolyn Hensrud
Gay Mohr
Rod Rothlisberg



ORGANISTS, CHORAL & HANDBELL DIRECTORS,
CLERGY & INTERESTED LAYMEN! We need
your participation in
The American Guild of Organists

A.G.O. is:

- more than the name implies - an opportunity to perform, share ideas, concerns & good fellowship.
- seeking to advance the cause of church music while maintaining the highest standards of excellence.
- working to promote positive communication between clergy, the congregation and church musicians.
- The American Organist - a monthly magazine with articles on professional problems unique to church musicians, reviews, recitals, harpsichord features & positions available.
- the only church music organization with a local chapter in the Fargo-Moorhead area.
- the world's largest organization of specialized musicians - 20,000 strong!
- fun & informative - be a part of us!!

The Red River Valley Chapter of A.G.O. urges YOU to join us for all of these exciting programs!

<u>Nov. 18</u> - <u>7:30 p.m.</u>	Hymnsing, Trinity Lutheran, Mhd.
<u>Jan. 6</u> - <u>7:30 p.m.</u>	"Christmas Oratorio"- Bach Nativity Catholic, Fargo
<u>Feb. 17</u> - <u>3:00 p.m.</u>	Bach Chorales & Major Wks. Trinity Lutheran, Mhd.
<u>Mar. 31</u> - <u>4:00 p.m.</u> <u>7:30 p.m.</u>	Gillian Weir in Recital - Master Class - Trinity, Mhd.
<u>Apr. 14</u> - <u>3:00 p.m.</u>	Original Compositions by Members Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo

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-NOTICES:

ADVENT CAROL FESTIVAL

The annual AGO Hymn Festival has influenced the Shelly-Marsh River Lutheran Church in Shelly, Minnesota, to hold an Advent Carol Festival on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4:00 p.m. The program will include Scripture readings, anthems by the Liturgical and Children's Choirs, and special treatments of the Advent carols by the congregation assembled. A potluck supper will be held following the program. You are all invited to join us and see what can be done in a small parish! The church is on Highway 75 in Shelly, at the blinking light.

Kristen Kvamme,
Pastor
Diane Kvamme,
Organist/
Choir Director

FACULTY VOICE RECITAL

Gay Mohr will give a voice recital on Friday, January 18, at 8:15 p.m. in the Hvidsten Recital Hall at Concordia College. Accompanied by Peter Nygaard, she will present a diversified program of music by Purcell, Mahler and Rossini.

ANTHEM COMPETITION:

Sponsored by Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, 3545 Lake Shore Avenue, Oakland, California 94610

In November, 1985, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of its founding. As part of its celebration, the church is sponsoring an Anthem Competition. The winning anthem will be sung at a festival service in Nov., 1985. A \$500 prize will be awarded for the best SATB anthem. The anthem must be based on a text suitable for a variety of occasions; it must be Biblical, or public domain, or permission must be secured in writing from the author. The winner will receive an offer of publication from G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago.

Deadline is May 1, 1985. Contact the above address or Joan Bystol for rules and information.

For Your Consideration.....

For subscriptions to PIPENOTES, the Twin City AGO Newsletter, write Edie Berzens, 4271 Sheridan Ave. S., #303, Minneapolis, MN 55410

While memorials and gifts are often given to the church for the purchase of hymnals, choir vestments, pianos, and organs, donors might well be encouraged to contribute the fee of a guest professional musician or to purchase an anthem in honor of a person or event (anniversaries, birthdays, etc.). The Special Music or the Anthem could then be dedicated to that person or event as is currently the case with altar flowers and radio broadcasts.

DECEMBER PIPEDREAMS SCHEDULE ON KCCM
(91.1 FM)

Sunday, Dec. 2, 1984, 9:30 p.m.

Cherry Rhodes in Recital, a program recorded at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis (1980 Robert Sipe organ).

Sunday, Dec. 9, 1984, 9:30 p.m.

Americana Revisited, concert performances on historic instruments by American builders, recorded in Maine, Connecticut, South Carolina and New York under the auspices of the Organ Historical Society. OHS Executive Director Bill Van Pelt is guest commentator.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1984, 9:30 p.m.

Noels de France, a program of recorded French music for the Christmas season.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1984, 9:30 p.m.

An Organist's Christmas, a variety of music ancient and modern in celebration of this special holiday from domestic and imported recordings.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1984, 9:30 p.m.

Calvin Hampton in Concert, a memorial tribute to the late American organist, an innovative and outspoken recitalist and composer, who was recorded at Plymouth Congregational Church in January, 1983 (Holtkamp organ).

REMEMBER ALSO the live broadcasts of the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols from the King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, on the morning of December 24 (Christmas Eve).


A NOTE from the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

A big thankyou to those who have responded with pledges of bars, money, and help in serving and cleaning up at the Hymn Festival!!

However, we need more responses and ask those who have not responded to do so immediately by mail to Lorna Williams, 1237 Elm St., Fargo, 58102 or by phone at 235-1859 early mornings or nights.

Your Newsletter encloses the new membership form and cover letter developed by the Membership Committee, since both Form and Newsletter are being included in a bulk mailing under our new non-profit permit. Pass the accompanying form on to someone--pastor, choir director, organist, choir member, interested lay person, friend, acquaintance, or otherwise--and encourage his/her joining and supporting our program and mission.

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