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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC

4:00, October 29, 1995

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead

Tom Hanson Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Judy Sanders from Nativity Suite

Dan Aune From Heaven Above

Tim Olsen In Dulci Jubilo

Rachel Anderson Wachtet auf

Ben Jeitz Noel

AGO Handbell Choir

Hymns



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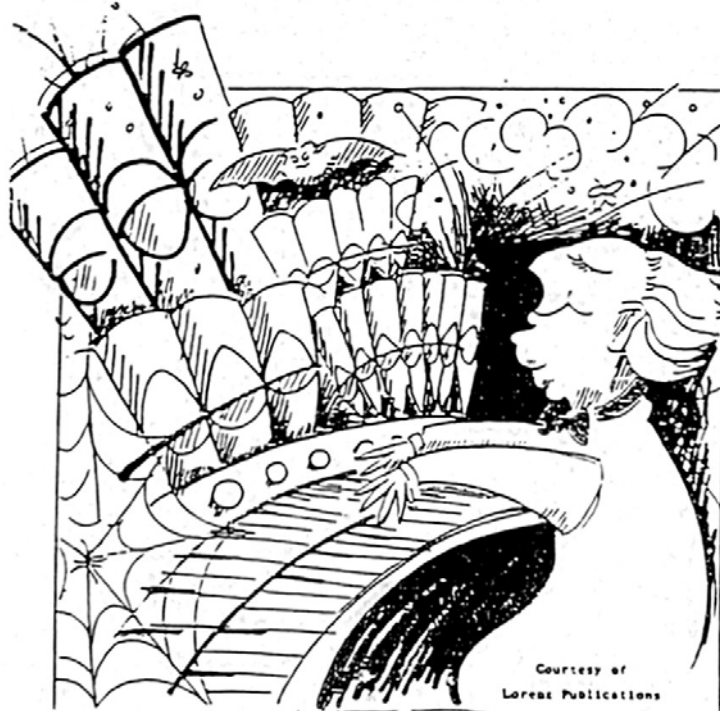
ORGAN CONCERT

4:00, October 15, 1995

Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo

Lloyd Collins, organist

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FROM THE DEAN

As memberships continue to come in, once again I wonder who some of you are. There are new names on our rolls and I am excited to meet you. Each one of us brings a unique contribution to the whole and I encourage you to step forward, introduce yourself, and extend yourself to someone else. We all have so much to learn from each other. Welcome to you all in this special 50th year of the Chapter, and to the much anticipated Centennial of the AGO.

Most of us have involvements and responsibilities that keep us "on the go," "doing," "producing" all the time, it seems. But in order to be productive, we must plan the work in order to work the plan. Our work is the visible, outward, public manifestation of what we do; but the planning is the invisible, internal, and private element that makes the work possible. This quiet time--periods of rejuvenation--when we put our systems at rest, is absolutely essential to our creativity. For our energies to flow out, we must nourish ourselves. "Down time" is not only OK, it is a requirement. We must be quiet to hear; we must allow time for inspiration to come, for imagination to sprout, to experiment with the new.

I hope you leave time for reading. One of your benefits of Guild association is information. The American Organist provides a wide variety of information, some of which requires serious reading. However, much can be gained from selective browsing: many elements can be comprehended with small bytes of time and concentration. In general, I suggest you not let this valuable resource get pushed aside for lack of time. Find a moment to quickly review and speed read through each issue. You can return to in-depth reading later.

Having said this, I hope you have read the insert in the September issue by Paul Danilewski regarding the initiation of the Centennial Endowment Campaign, and comments by AGO Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Hahn, on page 14 of the October issue. I also hope you are somewhat knowledgeable about the Pipe Organ Film Project, the cooperative effort by the several organ-related organizations.

We are involved in some valuable and long-lasting projects. We need to look at the grand picture--the overall view--and keep ourselves focused on meaningful goals. We need to do what we can for those who come after us. Our day to day and month to month activities are important. But let us not lose sight of directing our actions and time towards long-lasting and meaningful purposes. As individuals we can make a difference in, and be helped by, the larger organization.

Marlys

OCTOBER CHAPTER PROGRAM

SPOTLIGHTS STUDENTS

The Advent/Christmas music which will be heard on October 29th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, beginning at 4:00 P.M., will be provided by many of our student members. Program Chair, Peter Nygaard, announces we will hear the following:

- "Wachet auf" (Bach) - Rachel Anderson
- "From Heaven Above" (Edmundson) - Dan Aune
- "In Dulci Jubilo" (Karg-Elert) - Tim Olson
- "Noel" (D'Aquin) - Ben Jeitz
- "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" - Tom Hanson

Judy Sanders will perform "Children of God" from Messiaen's Nativity

The AGO Handbell Choir, directed by Joan Bystol, will play selections, and hymns will be sung.

Following the program, plan on going out to eat together.

Mark your calendars!

FROM YOUR EDITOR

The 50th Anniversary Celebration made it very clear: what a privilege to be a member of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! Many thanks to all who helped to make September 17th such a memorable day for so many of us.

Everyone has a favorite composer. **Ralph Vaughan Williams** holds a special place for me. (His birthday was October 12, 1872.) Many of us know his organ chorale-preludes, especially the lovely setting of "Rhosymedre." I call attention to just two other of his many compositions: Magnificat (1932), a splendid work which is seldom performed, and Flos Campi (1925), a sumptuous work based on the "Song of Solomon." You might call them a "taste of heaven."

Good listening with your favorite composer!

**DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER PIPELINE**
Tuesday, November 14th

**MINUTES/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
RED RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER, AGO**

Tuesday, October 3, 1995, 5:15 P.M.
Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo

Present: Jerry Berg, George French, Marlys Herring, Jay Hershberger, Bradley Steen, Mary Tangen, Gary Thrasher, Mavis Tjon.

Dean Marlys Herring presided. Minutes were accepted as printed in the September PIPELINE. Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$1921.51, with 79 paid members. Report accepted.

The Dean announced that a grant was received from LRAC (Fergus Falls) to be used for the Higgs Recital.

Old Business: 1) With regard to the "Messiah" Sing-along, Gary Thrasher informed the board that his fee as director of the performance is covered by the Presbyterian Church's "Abend Musik" Series. If the organist for the performance is an RRV Chapter member, the consensus of the board is that the organist is to be paid at the rate of the pit musicians. 2) Items such as educational materials listed in The American Organist, the film "Pulling Out All The Stops," banners, posters, display board, etc., for booth display purposes, could possibly be purchased with a grant that would cover the education and outreach aspects of the Chapter. Discussion revealed that the Chapter needs to consider updating our display materials with verve and elan when participating in art shows.

New Business: 1) Lake Agassiz Arts Council office is now located at 824 Main Avenue (Red River Dance Building) as of October 1, 1995. 2) George French respectfully requested retirement from the solo position of Chapter Grant Writing. Much discussion ensued concerning what is the best way to do grant writing for the Chapter.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 1995, 5:15 P.M., Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Tangen, Secretary

PAUL MANZ

**COMING TO GRAND FORKS
NOVEMBER 12, 1995**

See details elsewhere in this issue

GRANT RECEIVED

Word has just been received that the Red River Valley Chapter has been awarded full funding in a grant request to the Lake Region Arts Council based in Fergus Falls. This grant will be used for the David Higgs Recital scheduled for April 18, 1996. More details next month. Thanks, Lake Region!

LRAC BOARD POSITION OPEN

There is an opening on the Lake Region Arts Council for a member from Clay County. This member is eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms. Nominate yourself or others by submitting name, resume, and nomination form ASAP. Forms are available from the LRAC office: 800-262-2787.

LAAC MOVES

As of October 1, 1995, the Lake Agassiz Arts Council (of which RRV-AGO is a member) has moved into new office space at 824 Main Avenue, Fargo. This is the building owned and occupied by Red River Dance. Executive Director, Karen Zeller, is very pleased with the new location, saying it is a much more befitting home for arts organizations. The Red River Boy Choir and Lake Agassiz Girls Choir also made the move and sublet space from LAAC. Watch for signs on the large, west-facing exterior of the building, which will not only announce the LAAC location, but will name member organizations. All are encouraged to stop in, look around, meet Karen, and explore the services provided. LAAC: 701-237-6133.

AMERICAN MUSIC MONTH

February, 1996 has been designated "American Music Month" by the National Federation of Music Clubs. Odee Maier of the F/M Area Music Club has asked for our cooperation in recognizing American music by choosing a Sunday in February, and programming exclusively American music for hymns, voluntaries, and choral anthems for our worship services. Draw attention to the American music theme by adding a note in the church bulletin. Odee would like to have a bulletin from your service. Send it to the RRV Chapter, Box 2223, Fargo, ND 58108, and we will make sure she receives it.

RADOSLAV KVAPIL, PIANIST

Concordia College Department of Music will present Czech pianist, Radoslav Kvapil, in concert Wednesday, October 18th, at 8:00 P.M., at the Hvidsten Recital Hall. Born in Brno, Moravia, in the Czech Republic, Mr. Kvapil is considered by many international critics to be the most important Czech pianist and the finest exponent of Czech piano music today. He has specialized in the performance of the Czech piano repertoire worldwide for over 20 years, and remains unrivaled in his knowledge and understanding of these works.

M P R "MORNING SHOW" LIVE ON OCTOBER 27TH

As part of the re-opening celebration for A Center for the Arts in Fergus Falls, Minnesota Public Radio's KCCM 91.1 FM will present "The Morning Show" live at the center (123 West Lincoln), with hosts Dale Connelly and Jim Ed Poole, on Friday, October 27, 1995, 6:00 - 9:00 A.M. The show is free and open to the public. Muffins and coffee will be served compliments of Community First National Bank of Fergus Falls.

This is a unique opportunity to see a live radio broadcast. "The Morning Show" combines wit and a variety of music to entertain listening audiences throughout all of Minnesota and surrounding border communities.

As part of its renovation, A Center for the Arts purchased a Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. Fergus Falls native Lance Johnson will play the Mighty Wurlitzer during the October 27th "Morning Show."

This activity is funded by a grant from the Lake Region Arts Council through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature. Additional funding is provided by Community First National Bank of Fergus Falls, Great Plains Natural Gas, Herberger's of Fergus Falls, Minnesota Motors, and the US West Foundation.

BIG BAND ALL STARS SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Friday & Saturday, October 27th/28th, 8:00 P.M., three Buster Keaton comedies will be shown at the Fargo Theatre. These silent movie nights will feature music scored by Dave Knudtson, Lloyd Collins, and Lance Johnson. Tickets are \$7.00.

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A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

As a part of the new Imago Dei (Image of God) series of arts-in-worship events, you are cordially invited to join in a weekend of "hands-on" involvement with the production of the renowned Concordia (Moorhead) Christmas Concert.

Since 1927, this event has grown to become a nationally-recognized festival to celebrate the birth of Christ in a lowly Bethlehem stable. Its history is fascinating and its process is energizing. Today, nearly 400 musicians, over 100 volunteer painters, and scores of technicians are involved in this annual production that is performed for an audience of over 20,000 people.

Through the creative collaboration of Concordia Choir conductor Rene Clausen and liturgical artist David Hetland, the seasonal music and art of Christmas are blended for this spectacular event. For the first time ever, a limited number of participants can share this process and their experiences with them the weekend of **November 3rd-4th-5th**. Start your weekend by attending a choir rehearsal, have dinner with some of the concert principals, participate in one or more of the instructive and entertaining seminars and workshops, and even try your hand at some painting on the famed mural which serves as the concert's visual setting.

Explore the process and stay as long as you can. See how easily adaptable this process may be for events in your local church or organization. Take it home and make it happen--that's the goal of this event: to help inspire your own planning, whether for Christmas or Easter or some other occasion.

For more information, call 218-299-3146 soon.

A NAME WORTHY OF NOTE

Salem, Va. (AP) --- The bulletin of St. Paul's Episcopal Church notes that the name of the children's choir director is Melody F. Sharp.



A Salute To All Past Deans of the Red River Valley Chapter

Marlys Herring

A HYMN FESTIVAL AND PAUL MANZ

In celebration of Sharon Lutheran Church's 75th Anniversary, the congregation will sponsor Dr. Paul Manz leading a Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 12, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. Dr. Manz is internationally known for serving the church as organist, composer, teacher, and worship leader. He is Christ Seminary-Seminex Professor of Church Music and Artist-in-Residence at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, and Cantor at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke, Chicago.

Dr. Manz' hymn festivals have been enthusiastically received as both spiritual and musical experiences of the highest order. His hymn festivals are typically sold out in advance, and the number of tickets sold for the festival will be limited to the capacity of our sanctuary.

Tickets may be purchased by sending a self-addressed envelope to Sharon Lutheran Church, 1720 South 20th Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION
ANNOUNCED

KCCM 91.1 FM, Minnesota Public Radio in Moorhead, and the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Women's Association will co-sponsor the Young Artists Solo Competition on Saturday, January 6, 1996, at the Reineke Fine Arts Center on the North Dakota State University campus in Fargo, North Dakota.

The fifteenth annual competition is open to high school students currently in grades 10-12, studying piano and orchestral instruments and living within 150 miles of Fargo-Moorhead. Cash awards of \$200, \$150, and \$100 will be offered, along with scholarship opportunities from the three local colleges for the first place winner.

The top performer also will have an opportunity to win the Grand Award, a solo performance with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony during its Family Concert on February 22, 1996. Northwest Airlines again will present its Musical Arts Award for first place winner and parents/guardians: three round-trip flights to Washington, D.C. Tickets to a Kennedy Center performance also will be offered by the sponsoring organizations, KCCM 91.1 FM and the F-M Symphony Women's Association.

The competition consists of preliminaries the morning of January 6th, with the finals beginning at 1:00 P.M. The finals will be open to the public at no charge, with families welcome.

Over 400 applications and repertoire lists are being mailed. Additional copies may be obtained by writing to: Young Artists Solo Competition, KCCM 91.1 FM, 901 South Eighth Street, Moorhead, MN 56562. Applications and fees must be received in the KCCM office no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, December 4, 1995.

"WRAP-UP" ON THE
CROOKSTON ORGAN SPECTACULAR

On behalf of the Crookston members, I want to thank the members of the Chapter for the outstanding support last May when we had our program up here. I have many wonderful memories, and I hope it was worth the long trip which many of you made to be here.

The orchestra was a big expense. In addition to a generous grant from the Northwest Regional Art Council, all money taken in was used to pay the symphony.

Our friends at Minnesota Public Radio, Moorhead and Thief River Falls, covered Michael Barone's flight and most of the publicity costs. Our Chapter very generously paid for many expenses.

Jerry Berg, who provided the delicious supper, contributed the food for the meal. John Vanella also absorbed some expenses, as did I (George French).


We still have a balance due the symphony of \$130.00. We have until next May to pay it.

If anyone out there attended the event and did not pay for the ticket they may have received, I am giving you the opportunity to proceed through life guilt-free, and send the admission price (\$5.00) to me at 217 So. Ash, Crookston, MN 56716. If some of you attended the program and went away thinking that the \$5.00 admission was "cheap," this is your chance to contribute a little extra. Any money received in excess of the \$130.00 will be turned over to our Chapter treasury. Any checks sent should be made out to the Crookston Civic Music League, which was our fiscal agent.

Again, thanks for letting us present this program! It was a blast.

George French

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"DATES OF NOTE" CALENDAR

October 14-15 F-M Symphony Pizza Pop Concert:
"A Symphonic Space Odyssey." Festival Hall, NDSU,
7:00 (14th), 2:00 (15th).

October 15 Organ Concert, Lloyd Collins,
organist. Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, 4:00.

October 18 Radoslav Kvapil, pianist. Hvidsten
Recital Hall, Concordia, 8:00.

October 23 Bel Canto, Freshman, & Chapel Choir,
Handbell Concert. Knutson Center Centrum,
Concordia, 7:30.

October 27 Bergen Woodwind Quintet Master Class.
Hvidsten Recital Hall, Concordia, 10:30 A.M.

October 27 Cultural Events Series: Bergen
Woodwind Quintet Concert. Memorial Auditorium,
Concordia, 8:00.

October 27-28 Silent Movie Night with The Fargo
Bid Band All-Stars. Fargo Theatre, 8:00.

October 28 F-M Symphony with Alexander
Toradze, pianist. Festival Hall, NDSU, 8:00.

OCTOBER 29 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC
BY RRV-AGO CHAPTER. TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, MOORHEAD, 4:00.

November 3-4-5 Imago Dei "hands-on"
participation in the Concordia Christmas Concert.
218-299-3146 for information.

November 8 Festival Concert Series: The Silesian
Dance Theatre. Festival Hall, NDSU, 8:00.

November 9 Performing Arts Series: The Ying
Quartet. Dille Center for the Arts, MSU, 8:00

November 10 Faculty Recital: Rosemary Gast,
soprano, and Jay Hershberger, piano. Hvidsten Recital
Hall, Concordia, 8:00.

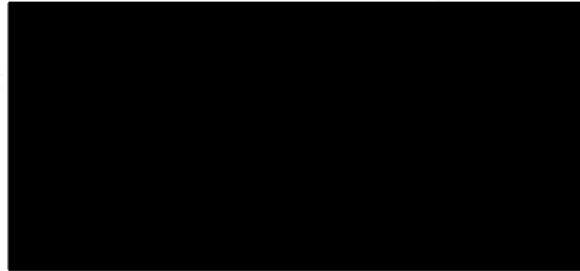
November 11 Fargo Theatre presents "Cinderella"
with the Missoula Children's Theatre and 50 Fgo/Mhd
children. 2:00, 7:00. 235-4152.

November 12 Paul Manz Hymn Festival. Sharon
Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, 7:00. Need tickets.

November 12 F-M Symphony with Peter Schickele
and Pamela Pecha, oboe. Festival Hall, NDSU,
8:00.

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October 22 October Interlude... husband-and-wife recitalists Cherry Rhodes and Ladd Thomas talk about some of their favorite music.

October 29 At Saint John the Divine... sounds of the famous Aeolian-Skinner organ reverberate in New York's landmark cathedral space.

November 5 Marie-Madeleine Durufle in Concert... performing in New York's Riverside Church and the Cathedral of Saint Paul in Minnesota.

November 12 Purcell's Pleasure... on beyond the familiar 'Trumpet Tune,' we celebrate one of England's foremost masters and his contemporaries.

November 19 Ring Those Bells!... a clangerous collection of 'carillon' compositions and other music on bell themes.

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