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AGO MEMBERSHIP - MUTUAL BENEFITS

This month's Newsletter is being sent to church organists and choir directors in the Red River Valley region as an open invitation to join the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. AGO is a non-denominational organization of over 20,000 church musicians interested in the promotion of quality church music.

Consider the fact that your AGO membership will be beneficial to both you and the Chapter. AGO members receive The American Organist journal, are informed of local Chapter activities through the Chapter Newsletter, and may participate in Chapter programs. There are opportunities for sharing ideas and experiences at the monthly Chapter meetings. All of these things help to nurture your personal and professional growth and development. In turn, the Chapter benefits from your membership through your financial support and contribution of talents to present quality programs which promote a deeper appreciation of church music in our community.

If you have already joined AGO or are not able to join at this time, please pass the membership form on to someone in your church or community who is involved in or actively interested in any aspect of church music (instrumental and/ or vocal.) If you are not yet a member, check to see if your church will pay your membership dues. Write or call someone on the membership committee if you need more forms or have any questions (Box 2223, Fargo, ND 58108).

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BAROQUE ORGAN PLUS

A program of music for organ and instruments of the Baroque

September 21, 1986 4:00 PM
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
610 North 13th St.
Moorhead, Minnesota

Dan Breedon, violin
Ginny Watson, violin
Roger Solie, cello
Michael Olson, organ
Bruce Jacobs, organ & harpsichord

Program

Trio Sonata in G
by Georg Philipp Telemann

Concerto in a
by Vivaldi/Bach

Sonata Prima
by Giovanni Battista Fontana

Concerto in a
by Antonio Vivaldi

Concerto No. 6
by P. Antonio Soler



BAROQUE ORGAN PLUS

The opening program of the Red River Valley Chapter of the AGO features a program of baroque music for organ, strings and harpsichord in just about every possible combination.

The baroque period was a rich one for organ composition. In addition to the many works for solo organ, composers explored possibilities of using organ with other instruments, both in solo and as accompaniment.

The afternoon will begin with a trio sonata for two violins and continuo by Telemann to set the Baroque stage. Then we have the fortune to hear a Bach arrangement of a two violin concerto by Vivaldi, as well as the original two-violin scoring of the same work. A solo violin sonata by Fontana allows us to hear the wild improvisatory violin style of the early Baroque in Italy, as well as the use of organ as continuo. The program closes with a delightful two-keyboard sonata by the Spanish composer Antonio Soler, played with organ and harpsichord.

We hope you will be able to attend this first program of the 1986-87 AGO season, and hear some rarely heard but terrific music of the Baroque.

HELP WANTED! ! !

As the Finance and Budget Committee explores the feasibility of procuring grants from government agencies, corporations and foundations, we will need the assistance of anyone willing to complete grant proposals. Please volunteer your services as soon as possible so work can proceed without delay. Compensation will be commensurate with that of all chapter officers and committee chairpersons.

Joan Bystol, 235-4335
Phil Felde, 236-9217
Carol Long, 235-6765

DUES REMINDER

If you have not yet paid your AGO membership dues for 1986-87, please do so as soon as possible. Renewing members must pay their dues before Oct. 1 to avoid the \$5.00 late renewal fee. Dues should either be sent to Carol Long, Treasurer, Box 2223, Fargo, N.D. 58108 or paid at the Sept. 21 meeting.

TRANSITIONS:

Todd J. Nolde has begun graduate work in organ at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He has also assumed the position of Associate Director of Music at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Arlington, Texas where his responsibilities include playing for four weekly services, accompanying the adult choir, and directing the children's choir.

His address is:

Todd J. Nolde
Southern Methodist University
P. O. Box 3149
Dallas, TX 75275

SHARE ORGANIST POSITION:

Vicky Sieben, organist at First Church of Christ-Scientist (21 S. 9th St., Fargo) is seeking someone to share the position with her, beginning as soon as possible. No choir rehearsals and no liturgy playing is required. For more information, call her at work: (701)237-4563. This telephone number is a correction from last month's Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 31, 1986
First Presbyterian Church, Fargo

Members present: Rod Rothlisberger,
Carol Long, Jack Close, Bruce Jacobs,
Michael Olson.

Past Executive Committee members present:
Joan Bystol, Lance Johnson, Bradley Steen,
Phil Felde, Mary Tangen.

The meeting was called to order by the dean.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to charge the program committee chaired by Michael Olson to select the recitalist for the April organ concert and class.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to set Sept. 15 as the date dues are to be in the hands of the treasurer with a late fee of \$5.00 charged if dues are sent after October 1.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to charge Rod Rothlisberger with the task of acquiring for The Red River Valley Chapter AGO a post office box at the Fargo main post office to serve as the official and permanent mailing address for the chapter.

There was a general consensus that The Red River Valley Chapter AGO should not contribute financially to the new Bismarck chapter but should be willing to contribute ideas and the wealth of our experience to the new chapter as they begin their new life.

As part of the arts community and its advocacy of the proposed concert hall in the new civic center, the executive committee saw it appropriate that a letter of support for the proposed new performing arts center-concert hall be sent to the appropriate powers-that-be.

In light of loss of income from the CAF, the executive committee deemed it appropriate to charter the Financial Planning Committee of our chapter to explore new sources of income for our chapter's growing activities.

Bradley Steen, acting secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 2, 1986
First Lutheran Church, Fargo

Members present: Rod Rothlisberger,
Carol Long, Bruce Jacobs, Pat Unkenholz,
Mary Ann Johnson, Michael Olson.

The meeting was called to order by the dean.

The proposed budget was discussed. There was lengthy discussion of the grant activity. New sources of revenue are being explored in addition to the traditional grants of the past. Anticipated goals should be met with no difficulty after projected grants and donations are received. If at mid point in the year funding does not materialize, the second half of the program year might be revised.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the revised budget.

Discussion was tabled as to whether to invite all chairpersons of standing committees to attend the executive committee meetings with voice but no voting privileges.

Various members of the executive committee will be invited to attend the LAAC luncheons as guests of Rod to acquaint themselves of the workings thereof.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Ann Johnson, secretary

ALL IN THE AGO FAMILY. . .

The membership committee would like to be kept informed of weddings, births, deaths, illnesses, achievements, recognitions, milestones, etc. within our AGO family. If any of these events occur in your family or if you know of any of these occurrences in someone else's life, with their permission, please contact Judy Sanders at (218)236-0269 (home) or at (218)233-4980.

The Membership Committee

AGO CALENDAR FOR 1986-87

Michael Olson, Program Committee Chairperson, and the Program Committee have put together an exciting program season for 1986-87. We invite you to make note of the programs and plan to join your colleagues for what promises to be a great year!

Sunday, Sept. 21, 1986 4:00 PM
Baroque Organ Plus
Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Moorhead, MN

Sunday, Oct. 19, 1986 7:30 PM
Seventh Annual Hymn Festival
"Sing To The Lord A New Song"
St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Moorhead, MN

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1986 4:00 PM
Members' Recital
First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND
A program of interesting organ pieces
played by chapter members.

Monday, Dec. 29, 1986 7:00 PM
Hors D'Oeuvres and Handel
Home of Norm and Joan Bystol, Fargo
Food, fun, fellowship and a singing
of the Christmas portion of the
Messiah.

Sunday, January 25, 1987 3:00 PM
Vox Humana
Grace United Methodist Church,
Moorhead, MN
A program of original literature for
organ and voice.

Sunday, February 22, 1987
Choral Concert
Time and place to be announced.
Presentation of a major choral work.

Sunday, March 29, 1987 3:00 PM
Focus on Funerals
Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo
A short musical program along with a
panel discussion by funeral
directors, pastors, and church
musicians concerning ways to make
funerals meaningful and important.

Friday, April 24, 1987 8:00 PM
Joyce Jones Organ Recital
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN
Joyce Jones is professor of organ at
Baylor University and has played
concerts throughout North America,
Europe, and Japan.

Saturday, April 25, 1987 9:00-11:00 AM
Joyce Jones Organ Workshop
Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN

Sunday & Monday, May 17-18, 1987
Organ Crawl
A visit to organs and churches of
interest in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Saturday, June 20, 1987
Church Music Bonanza II
Time and location to be announced.
A one-day workshop offering a variety
of sessions dealing with music in
the church. Join other organists,
choir and handbell directors, clergy,
singers, and bell ringers for these
informative sessions.

Sunday, July 19, 1987
A Midsummer Rendezvous
Time and location to be announced.
Food, fellowship and the formal
installation of officers as well
as an opportunity to sign up for
committees and programs for the
1987-88 program season.



CHURCH MUSIC BONANZA FINANCIAL REPORT
June 14, 1986

Income	
Registrations - 53	
27 @ \$ 7.50	
20 @ 10.00	
5 @ 2.50 members	
1 @ 10.00 member	
Total	\$ 425.00
Expenses	
Postage	\$ 236.17
Brochures-2000	340.96
Copying, labels	162.91
Luncheon	
Caterer	247.50
Other	56.45
Church rent	25.00
Food sale	-12.25
Music	28.50
Photos-historian	10.38
Supplies	20.70
Telephone calls	31.38
Total	\$1147.70
Net Cost	\$ 722.70

ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR

F-M Symphony Orchestra

Oct. 5 8:00 PM
Concordia Memorial Auditorium
Ticket & Program Information
(218)233-8397

F-M Civic Opera

Oct. 16, 17, 18 8:00 PM
Festival Concert Hall N.D.S.U.
"The Marriage of Figaro"
Ticket Information
(701)282-3703

F-M Community Theatre

Sept. 17-21, 24-27
Emma K. Herbst Playhouse
"Harvey"
Ticket Information
(701)235-6778

N.D.S.U. Fine Arts Series

Sept. 25 & 26
Festival Concert Hall
"Mark Twain Tonight" with Hal Holbrook

Oct. 3
Festival Concert Hall
Leo Kottke, guitar
Ticket Information
(701)237-8458

Concordia College Cultural Events Series

Oct. 19
Eric Mollerstrom, guitar
Ticket Information
(218)299-4000, 299-4414

TERMINOLOGY:

CHAMADE Ranks of organ pipes, usually of the trumpet kind, may be mounted en chamade. They stick out straight and frighten passers-by. Church choirs often have a tenor who sounds as though he is en chamade, though unlikely to be mounted.

DESCANT One of the two major church nuisances, the other being pigeons. At least no descant has yet spoilt a hat.

- Gordon Reynolds

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

All information, articles and announcements that are to be included in the October Newsletter are to be submitted by October 1, 1986. Please mail them to:
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