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International Music Camp Organ Program Grows

The organ program at the International Music Camp (IMC) at the Peace Gardens between the border of North Dakota and Manitoba has been expanding over the past few years through the sponsorship of ten full-tuition and board scholarships by Rodgers Instruments LLC, Hillsboro, OR.



International Music Camp at the Peace Gardens

Rodgers also provides the faculty and organs for the week. This past July, twelve musicians between the ages of 12 and 17 from

Colorado, Florida, North Dakota, Idaho, Illinois,

Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Saskatchewan attended the camp.



Organ students watching a classmate play

The scholarship program, now in its third year, enabled the teen-agers to participate in the program led by Peggy Bartunek and Marguerite Streifel. Peggy is the Rodgers dealer for

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Welcome New and Returning Members!

- Solveig A. Bartz
- Mary Beth Berg
- Robert J. Chabora
- Karon Morlock
- Charlene Nelson
- Mark Ring
- Steve Eneboe
- Gary Fiske
- Craig Proehl
- Kevin Wallevand
- Elva Bergseid

Message From the Dean



Welcome back to all RRV AGO members! The 2006-2007 Program has been set, and it should be of great benefit to all. Last spring, the board worked hard to secure a concert date with Paul Jacobs, but he was already booked through the season. Michael Olson was instrumental in

securing a date for our 2007-2008 Program season, and Paul Jacobs is scheduled to perform on September 16, 2007, NEXT YEAR. As a result, we were able to focus on a 2006-2007 program season that is packed with workshops.

Our first program item is scheduled for 4:00 PM, September 17, 2006, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo. Bill Tweten has agreed to play host for a Membership Meeting and Music Exchange. This will be the official Membership Meeting of the Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for this year. There will be a short business meeting, and hopefully, a great deal of socializing. Members are asked to bring music you wish to donate to another's library, and come prepared to do some music shopping for yourself. Also, come prepared to discuss new music and new sources you have found that may be helpful to others. So many

of our members have expressed an interest in new music sources. The organ at Messiah is accessible to try out some of the music, so we hope to hear some new things as well. This is a free music exchange, no fees, no donations. We are, however, asking that you bring a plate of cookies or bars to share, as we do not have an active Hospitality Committee at this time.

The entire 2006-2007 Program list is included in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars, as we have chosen the most requested topics from our members, and we look forward to seeing you all.

On another note, we continue in our membership drive to make the RRV AGO accessible to all organists in the area. If you know of an organist, or an organ aficionado, who is not a member, please invite them to any of our programs. The Board has a mission to provide support to ALL the organists in our area.

The RRV AGO Board will be meeting at 4:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. Please feel free to attend the board meetings. If you have any suggestions, please contact any board member, or you may contact me at vsieben@cablone.net or 218-233-5976.

Regards, Vicky Wms Sieben, Dean

Organist Guild Lunch Club

- ~First Friday of the month at Noon
- ~Fargo downtown Fryin' Pan Restaurant
- ~Everyone is welcome!

Chapter Officers

- Dean: Vicky Wms Sieben
- Sub-Dean: Robyn Vinje
- Secretary: Ruth Discher
- Treasurer: Lance Johnson

Board Members at Large

- 2007: Ruth Strawn, Alpha Roeszler
- 2008: Sue Clambey, Sally Harmon

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North Dakota, South Dakota, and northwestern Minnesota. Marguerite is the liturgist for the Diocese of Crookston.

The program is designed primarily to help pianists make the transition to the organ. Scholarship students were required to have completed level four of piano. Students were selected by a committee at Rodgers Instruments LLC based on audition



Four of the 10 scholarship students were from ND. These students are from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Park River.

tapes which included one piano or organ piece and a hymn. Of this year's students, one had previously studied a substantial amount of organ and the others had studied little or no organ.

During the week each student's daily organ schedule included a one hour organ class, a private organ lesson with Peggy or Marguerite and a minimum of 2 1/2 hours of organ practice. In addition, the students were included in daily classes of Music History, Technique, and Harmony taught by the IMC piano faculty. Peggy also

taught a daily "Intro to Organ for Pianists" class to 30 piano students at IMC.

"Thank you so much for providing me with the opportunity to attend the International Music Camp. I learned a lot and it was a week I am certain I will never forget," said one of the students, Shelby Flowers, 15, of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

"Everything went smoothly from the flight to the lessons to the recitals and I wish it could have lasted longer than a week!"

"I enjoyed camp very much. The staff and faculty were both wonderful. I learned tons about the organ," added 17-year-old Angie Leinin of Breckenridge, MN. "I'm so glad I got the opportunity, and it wouldn't have happened without the scholarship."

Rodgers Instruments LLC has will be providing scholarships again in 2007. For information about auditions please contact Jennifer Brandlon at the Rodgers factory at jbrandlon@rodgers_rain.com The web site address for International Music Camp is www.internationalmusiccamp.com

~Peggy Bartunek, Rogers Instruments LLC

National AGO Convention Delivers

CHICAGO

2006 was truly one of the very best AGO National Conventions I have ever attended. How could you ever find a better logo? It was obvious to all that their six-plus years of planning had paid off in countless ways. To cap off everything, moderate 70-80 degree temps made us all feel comfortable and welcome!

The Chicago Chapter was ably assisted by the Fox Valley and North Shore Chapters, and visits to Fox Valley, Naperville, Evanston and Valparaiso enhanced the whirl-wind week. Chapter members went out of their way to welcome and assist us in every way possible.

From the opening concert at Orchestra Hall featuring extraordinarily tuneful contemporary commissioned works, to the closing gala at the Moody Church with the very talented Chicago Community Choir (and all events in between), we were delighted and inspired by stellar performers. Hymn festivals and worship experiences were stimulating and of course enhanced even further with our 2,000-plus voices. Forgive a mother's brag in mentioning that Matthew Hensrud, who is a contratenor with the Trinity Wall Street Choir of New York City, and 23 of his fellow members, performed "A Song to David" by William Albright at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church - the largest church in Chicago. The audience was asked to sing at several points, and Matthew said the entire choir cried when they heard us

"en masse" singing back to them - the mighty power of choir directors and organists singing together!

I cannot fail to mention the blazing fireworks across Lake Michigan, reminding us all of the precious freedom we must cherish in these days of uncertainty and confusion. But the power of music transcends all adversity, and encourages and sustains all of us who take the time to listen. Soli Deo Gloria!

Mark your calendars for the Minneapolis National Convention June 22-26, 2008 and lots of wonderful Regional Conventions in 2007.

Region I	Providence, RI	June 24-27, 2007
Region II	New York City	July 1-5, 2007
Region III	Baltimore, MD	July 2-5, 2007
Region IV	Atlanta Georgia	June 17-20, 2007
Region V	Columbus, OH	June 25-28, 2007
Region VI	Lincoln, NE	June 18-21, 2007
Region VII	Dallas, TX	June 17-20, 2007
Region VIII	Portland, OR	July 1-5, 2007
Region IX	Tucson, AR	(Jan 20-24, 2008)

Hope you had a restful summer!

~Carolyn Hensrud

Board Meeting Notes

The meeting, held at Boulger Funeral Home, was called to order by Dean Vicky Wms Sieben. Members present were: Vicky Sieben, Robyn Vinje, Lance Johnson, Ruth Discher, Ruth Strawn, Sue Clambey.

Minutes from the June 8, 2006 Board Meeting were distributed. Following a motion by Lance Johnson and second by Robyn Vinje, the Board approved the minutes as written.

Treasurer Lance Johnson reported a balance to date of \$9,047.30. All dues to National have been paid. Lance continued to report that membership is now at 41: 21 full time members, 3 special, 1 dual, and 16 friends. Lance emphasized the importance of everyone being involved in encouraging new membership.

Lance and Vicky have been working on reorganizing the financial information. They expressed a desire for future discussions about how to track the Treasurer's information on Excel, and the best ways to maintain the information and stay up to date.

There were no questions following the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve was presented by Sue Clambey, seconded by Ruth Strawn and Robyn Vinje, and the report was accepted.

Old Business

Paul Jacobs Recital – September 16, 2007 at First Lutheran. Michael Olson is taking care of the arrangements. Vicky will contact Michael to confirm that the date is locked in for September 16, 2007. Sue Clambey has started work on contacting college organ students to prepare for a Master Class.

2006-2007 Programs. There was discussion regarding a request for change of location for the Piano/Organ Duet Program scheduled for March 25, 2007. Sue Clambey will contact Sally Harmon and Dawn Papenfuss to work out a switch of location, moving the March 25th program to St John Lutheran Fargo and the October 15, 2006 Funeral Music Program to First United Methodist Fargo. Sue will submit an article about the 2006-2007 for publication in the *Pipeline*.

It was suggested that vocal music also be included in the Wedding Music Program scheduled for February 11, 2007 at Grace United Methodist Moorhead.

2006-2007 Membership Directory. The cut off for the membership drive is August 17, 2006. Robyn moved that Ariel

Sieben be hired, at the same rate as last year, to produce an updated directory. It was seconded by Lance and passed by the Board. The updated Membership Directory is expected to be distributed at the end of August.

Churches/Contacts List. Work continues on the completion of an updated Churches/Contacts e-mail/address list. Major program announcements will be mailed – all other announcements will be e-mailed. There was discussion regarding the advantages of using a mailing service for bulk mailing purposes.

New Business

2006-2007 Board Meeting Schedule. The Board will hold their regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM at Boulger Funeral Home, Fargo. 2006 Dates: September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21. 2007 Dates: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19.

Trio Concert featuring Flute, Harp and Organ. An evening of music for flute, harp and organ will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at American Lutheran Church in Milbank, South Dakota. The concert features organist Chelsea Chen, graduate from The Julliard School of Music in NYC, Arielle, harpist, also studying at Julliard and flutist, Rebecca Salmen, graduate in flute performance from Simpson College in Indianola, IA. Carpools will be arranged for anyone interested in attending this concert. Admission charge is \$10.00.

Publicity. It was decided to place announcements in the *Forum* in sections listing daily events, weekend events, and all week events for RRV AGO programs that will be open to the public.

Salary Guidelines. There was discussion regarding the need to update the current RRV AGO suggested salary guidelines and how we could best evaluate the usefulness of the guidelines. It was decided to include the current guidelines in the new Membership Directory. Any feedback on the value of distributing this summary is welcome.

Robyn Vinje moved to adjourn – Ruth Strawn seconded – the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Discher, Secretary

HELP WANTED: Elim Lutheran Church is looking for a senior choir director. It may be possible to add other choirs as well (bell chimes, youth, etc.) For more information, contact Pastor Sue Koestermann at pastorsue@elimlutheran.org or 701.232.2574.

TAKE NOTE! Due to the large number of workshops in our program lineup this year, you may receive a call from a program director asking for your help. When you are asked, realize that your unique talents are needed, and please answer, "Yes, I can help." We know that everyone is busy, so please contribute what you are able. If we each do a little, we can accomplish a lot.

If you are interested in getting the *Pipeline* delivered right to your email box, please send a message to rrvago@hotmail.com and include the email address that the newsletter should be sent to. For those without email, we will continue to mail the newsletter as we have in the past.

We encourage feedback as well as submission of articles for publication. Please send your articles by the 15th of each month to rrvago@hotmail.com. We reserve the right to accept, reject, edit or modify any submission.

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Upcoming Events

September 17, 2006, 4:00 PM

Membership Meeting and Music Exchange
Messiah Lutheran, Fargo

October 15, 2006, 4:00 PM

Funeral Music Program
St. John Lutheran, Fargo

December 3, 2006, 7:00 PM

Christmas Hymn Sing
Peace Lutheran, Fargo

February 11, 2007, 4:00 PM

Wedding Music Program
Grace United Methodist, Moorhead

March 25, 2007, 4:00 PM

Piano/Organ Duet Program
First United Methodist, Fargo

May 6, 2007, 4:00 PM

Membership Potluck
Vicky Wms Sieben Home, Moorhead



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