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Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



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From the Dean

Last Sunday, many members of the Harrisburg AGO chapter and members of the community were fortunate to participate in an uplifting hymn festival led by organist, Wayne Wold. Wayne made the words of the hymns come to life with his creative accompaniments and interludes. I felt renewed in spirit and mind after singing hymns under his leadership.

On the way home from the service, I began to wonder if people 50 years from now will be able to have the same opportunity that I just did. On September 6, USA Today wrote an article entitled "Who Will Play God's Music?" (www.usatoday.com/life/lds012.htm). We've all heard this question before. We know that many churches in our area are seeking organists. The number of undergraduate organ students across the nation are down in numbers. The reasons are obvious: low pay, no job security, frustrations dealing with contemporary worship and loss of the importance of the pipe organ.

What can we do as a chapter to ensure that there will continue to be organ recitals in the next generation and that there will be inspiring hymn festivals led by outstanding organists? As I have mentioned before, I think one of the most important things we can do is to share our love for the organ with others. On October 15, Mary Jane Nelson has planned an absolutely wonderful program for our participation in Pipe Dreams Spectacular. We all owe Mary Jane a large "thank you" for her organization and dedication to this event. Scripture tell us that "To whom much is given, of him much will be required." I hope that each member of the Harrisburg AGO will "require" of himself/ herself to bring 2 friends and to tell many other people about this recital.

In the summer of 2001, the Lancaster and Harrisburg Chapters will join to present a Pipe Organ Encounter, a week of study and exposure to the organ for young people. A committee has been formed and we have met several times over the summer. Brochures are currently being designed and will be mailed later this fall. We have a tentative schedule of events planned including recitals, workshops, and daily organ lessons for the students. We will need lots of help to make this event successful. We also need financial support. Next month you will receive a letter in your newsletter detailing the type of financial needs we will have.

As you know from the last newsletter, 15 year old Andrew Hauze recently competed in the high school division of the Albert Schweitzer organ competition in Connecticut. I am pleased to report that he received first (Continued on page 5)

Pipe Organ Potpourri October 15

On Sunday, October 15, at 6:00 pm, "Pipe Organ Potpourri -- A Rainbow of Sounds" will be presented at Zion Lutheran Church, 15 North Fourth Street, Harrisburg, by Chapter organists and other instrumentalists, vocalists, readers and a rapper! This is a nationwide celebration of the organ and its many sounds and capabilities. Over 250 chapters across the country will join on that day in making it a "Pipe Organ Spectacular" event. Organists featured in this concert will be Melanie Moll, David Binkley, Michael Shoemaker, Rita Oberman, Suzanne Klinedinst, Tony Ciucci and Arnold Sten. They will be joined by a brass ensemble, a rapper, a reader of poetry, a vocal quartet, a recorder duet, a flutist and a trumpet soloist. You will have to come to the recital to see how these participants match up! Children are especially welcome to attend and will be invited to the organ loft during one of the selections to "watch" the organist. Not to be forgotten are the refreshments following the program. Please join in making this a really spectacular event celebrating "The King of Instruments"!

Harrisburg AGO Programs 2000-2001

October 15, 2000 6:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church Harrisburg "Pipes Spectacular" Concert Concert of music for organ and other instrumentalists and vocalists.

November 4, 2000 9 a.m.—noon First United Methodist Church Hershey *Resources and Techniques for the Church Musician* "Working with Children's Choirs" Helen Anthony "Using Handbells Creatively in Worship" Shawn Gingrich "Conducting from the Console" Thomas Clark-Jones

January 23, 2001 7:30 p.m. Derry Street United Methodist Church Harrisburg Organ and Choral Music for the Seasons of Lent and Easter Melanie Moll, coordinator

February 6, 2001 6 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church Camp Hill Clergy/Musician Dinner

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Getting to Know Your Chapter Officers . . .

The following is the first installment in a series introducing our chapter officers.

Ken Walker, Secretary

My first encounter with the AGO was in the mid 1960s when I joined the Harrisburg Chapter at a meeting at Pine Street Presbyterian Church. Sine the early 1980s, it has been my pleasure to serve as Secretary for our Chapter. My hobbies are really the organ and travel. My travels have taken me to Europe on eight different occasions, Scandinavia, the Soviet Union, Israel, South America, Mexico, Canada,

My formal training in college was not in music but in Business Education . I earned a B.S. in Education from Shippensburg University and a M.Ed. From Temple University. For the past 39 years my teaching assignment has been at the Carlisle High School in the Business Education Department. I taught at West Perry High School for four years before moving to Carlisle.

My organ position for the past 38 years has

. . . and Committee Chairpersons

The following is the first installment in a series introducing the chairpersons of chapter committees and their responsibilities.

Carolyn Evens, Membership Chair

From the treasurer I receive application forms for membership in the Guild. I send them to anyone that requests one or is suggested to me by a member. I also have copies of the guidelines for Compensation of Church and Synagogue Musicians. Every two years the chapter places an article in the religion section of area newspapers informing churches that this pamphlet is available. We get many requests from churches wanting copies of it for their music committees.

I make phone calls on behalf of the guild urging members to get their dues in on time. I'll be greeting you at meetings (with a smile of course) and asking you to put on a name tag so that we get to know each other better.

TREASURER'S REPORT	
Cash in Bank as of 8/20/2000	\$5,622.00
Total Receipts	\$689.00
Less Total Disbursements	\$1829.23
Cash in Bank as of 9/20/2000	\$4,481.77
Cassel Scholarship Fund (Investments)	\$10,683.02
Cassel Scholarship Fund (Savings)	\$1,304.87

been at St. John Lutheran Church in Boiling Springs. During that time it has also been my pleasure to serve as substitute and assistant organist at St. Patrick RC Parish in Carlisle.

My hobbies are really the organ and travel. My travels have taken me to Europe on eight different occasions, Scandinavia, the Soviet Union, Israel, South America, Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico and other islands. When I am not traveling, my time is taken up by my German Shepherd, Zachariah Abraham, who permits me to share his home!

It is my hope that members of the Guild will take advantage of the wonderful academic and cultural opportunities provided by our chapter. It is also my hope that members will volunteer to serve on committees and as board members.

Esther Long, Substitutes and Job Placement Chair

Are you aware the Harrisburg Chapter of the AGO offers help with finding substitutes and also offers a placement service? Members of our local guild who wish to be on the substitute list notifies Esther Long, who keeps the list current and has it available when a call is received from either a member of the guild or a church who knows little about the American Guild of Organists. Members who just list themselves as substitutes in our year book, but do not contact Esther Long will only be availble to the membership. In other words, if you want to have more work, make sure your name is on the substitute list.

The Placement Service was established to assist both Guild members and congregations. When a church has an opening, they contact the placement service, and I in turn send a placement information form, a copy of the guidelines for Compensation of Church and Synagogue Musicians, and a copy of Audition Guidelines. The church fills out the information form with all pertinent information and returns the form to me with a \$10.00 check to cover the ad for one month. I then write the ads for *The Bombarde*.

If you have questions about the Substitute List or the Placement Service, please contact Esther Long.

Area Events

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church 101 North 23rd Street, Camp Hill

Joan Lippincott, Principal University Organist, Princeton University and Professor of Organ, Westminster Choir College of Rider University, in recital October 22, 4:00 p.m.

Organ works by Bach, Copland, Leighton, Messiaen, and Widor Free-will offering to support the CHPC Pipe Organ Fund. Child care will be provided.

Popcorn Hat Players presenting Aesop's Fables

November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Free-will offering to support the Music, Art, & Drama series.

Baughman Memorial United Methodist Church Third and Bridge Streets, New Cumberland

Organ recital by **David Craighead** November 12, 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Craighead's recital is presented in memory of his wife, the late Marian Reiff Craighead, who grew up in New Cumberland and played the organ at Baughman.

Sponsored by the Deborah Vowler Posner Concert Series.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Lebanon

Solemn Requiem Mass using the DurufleDecember 17, 4:00 p.m.RequiemSt. Luke's Festival ChoirChamber Music for Classical with Ella Forsyth, claringNovember 5, 7:00 p.m.with Ella Forsyth, claring

Solemn Evensong and **Cantata**—*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* by J.S. Bach. St. Luke's Festival Choir and Chamber Orchestra December 3, 7:00 p.m. **St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral** 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg **First United Church of Christ** 30 North Pitt Street, Carlisle

Hal Hopson's **Festival of Hymns** The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys The St. Cecilia Choir of Women and Girls The Choir of First United Church of Christ

October 29, 7:30 p.m. - Harrisburg November 5, 7:30 p.m. - Carlisle

Trinity Lutheran Church 2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill www.trinitycamphill.org

Ensemble Corund and Capriccio Basel October 7, 7:30 p.m.

J.S. Bach's *Lutheran Mass in G* and *Jesu*, *Meine Freude*. Free-will offering.

First Lutheran Church High and Bedford Streets, Carlisle

Carlisle Cathedral Choir October 22, 4:00 p.m. (see article on page 4)

Melanie Moll, organ, in recital October 29, 4:00 p.m.

Jack Sutte, Second Trumpet—Cleveland Orchestra, in recital with organ. November 12, 3:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols First Lutheran Church Chancel Choir directed by Melanie Moll December 17, 4:00 p.m.

Chamber Music for Clarinet with Ella Forsyth, clarinet; John Eaken String Quartet; and Gloria Whitney, piano. February 18, 3:00 p.m.

Dickinson College Choir and College-Community Orchestra, directed by Robert Wellington Pound April 8, 3:00 p.m. AGO Programs (Continued from page 2)

March 6, 2001 7:30 p.m. Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church Camp Hill *Using Midi* Robert Lau

March 30, 2001 7:30 p.m. Pine Street Presbyterian Church Harrisburg Organ Recital by Delbert Disselhorst *Event cosponsored by Pine Street Church*

May End of the Year Banquet

"The Hymn Festival on Sunday, September 17 was wonderful. Wayne Wold's performance was superb. The theme "God Is Praised in Music" was presented with hymns ancient and modern and in degrees from the humble to the mighty. The meaningful readings and the beautiful setting of Derry Presbyterian Church made for an extraordinary program to kick off the AGO fall season. Kudos to our dean for putting together a wonderful program."

- Kathy Myers

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Area Events (continued from page 3)

Trinity Lutheran Church Mount Joy Shelly Moorman-Stahlman organ dedication recital October 1, 6:30 p.m.,

Pine Street Presbyterian Church Pine Street, Harrisburg **Shelly Moorman-Stahlman**, in recital Works by Sowerby, Howells, Schumann, Eggert, Jongen, and Durufle November 5, 4:00 p.m.

ORIANA presents All-Bach program

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of J.S. Bach's death, the early music consort ORIANA will present an all-Bach program at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, 15 State Road, Mechanicsburg, on Sunday, October 1, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Members of the group are: Lars J. Lovegren, Spring Grove; Tom Mercer, Willow Street; Mary Jane Nelson, Camp Hill; Sharon Nelson, Boiling Springs; and Arnold H. Sten,

Grace Lutheran Church

N. Queen and James Sts., Lancaster

Felix Hell in recital October 29, 4:00 p.m. Free-will offering will be received

Dr. Cindy Moyer, violin November 19, 4:00 p.m.

Handel's *Messiah*: A Public Singing December 10, 4:00 p.m.

Mechanicsburg. A variety of vocal and instru-

struments used include soprano, alto, tenor and

bass recorders; transverse flute; virginal; piano;

and organ. Vocal music will be performed in

solos, quartets and quintets. The public is cor-

dially invited to attend. A free-will offering

mental works of Bach will be presented. In-

Next Networking Lunch October 11

Networking Lunch Bunch is heading to Café on Market, 2138 Market St., Camp Hill on Wednesday, October 11, at 11:15 a.m. Call Doris Savage at 697-4042 by Monday October 9. Café on Market was voted one of the top 25 restaurants in Central PA magazine in 1999. They have a wonderful menu, including some sinful desserts!

English Cathedral Choir to Appear in Carlisle

The Carlisle Cathedral Choir from historic Carlisle, England, will open the 2000-2001 fine arts concert series at First Lutheran Church, corner of High and Bedford streets in Carlisle, on Sunday, October 22 at 4 p.m. Fine Arts at First is presenting the concert with the help of additional sponsorships obtained through St. John's Episcopal Church on the Square.

Considered part of England's national heritage, Carlisle Cathedral has continued a 900 year-old choral tradition that dates back to its founding in the 12th century. The Anglican Choir of Men and Boys, directed by the Master of the Music, Jeremy Suter, consists of six lay clerks, several choral scholars, and sixteen young choristers. The boys, who are 8 to 13 years old, are selected by audition. They receive extensive musical training by attending the Cathedral five days a week for rehearsals after regular school hours. They also sing at six services a week. In addition to the free singing lessons they receive, they are also encouraged to learn an instrument. Grants are available to help parents with tuition costs, and monthly pocket money is paid to the

boys.

will be received.

The Carlisle Cathedral Choir also participates in special services and competitions. It has released several recordings and has been featured on BBC Radio and Television. In 1993 the choir traveled to Norway for its first foreign tour. Its October 2000 American Concert Tour begins in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and continues with additional performances at Washington National Cathedral and churches in Alexandria, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

The choir's four o'clock performance at First Lutheran Church will be a highlight in the 250th Celebration of Cumberland County since October 22nd has been designated as a day for church open houses in the Carlisle area. Following tradition, the Fine Arts at First event is free of charge to the public with a freewill offering received at the performance and a reception to follow. The church is handicapped accessible with an elevator lift located by the office at the back of the parking lot. For information, call the church, 249-3310.



Positions Available

Wesley United Methodist Church, Simpson and Filbert Streets, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, is seeking a musician or musicians to direct an adult choir, play for two Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and administer the music program for a congregation of diverse ages and musical interests. The organ is a two manual Möller. Music budget. Salary: \$10,400 with four weeks vacation. The present adult choir has 12 members with an opportunity to rebuild the program. Congregation size is 400. Please send resume to the church, or for more information call Larry Bock at 652-9585 (w) or 691-1004(h)

Trinity United Methodist Church, 210 W Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036, is seeking a Senior (Sanctuary) choir director for 1 service weekly—either 8:00 or 11:00 a.m. The choir has 20-25 members (mixed voices). The music budget is \$750-\$1000. Salary range: \$3700-\$4000 for responsibility of 3 services a month and no summer commitments. Director would work with guild member organist Faith Matthews. Hours: 3-4 per week. Contact Bob Schankweiler at 566-8438 or fax at 717-566-6635.

Pipe Organ Encounter Volunteers Needed

The Harrisburg and Lancaster AGO Chapters are sponsoring a Pipe Organ Encounter for young organists, June 17-22, 2001. We will need volunteers from each chapter to help in various ways.

All students attending will be housed and fed at Lebanon Valley College (LVC). They will have morning lectures at LVC, will go to churches in Harrisburg and/or Lancaster for lessons, and will go to other destinations for other activities.

Volunteers are needed from each chapter to act as "Registration Assistants" to register the students at LVC and as "Bus Captains" to ride on the bus for the Tuesday morning tour of the Columbia Organ Works and for the Thursday evening trip to Hersheypark.

We will also need "Special Drivers," per-

From the Dean

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prize in the competition. Andrew began his studies at the organ anticipating that he would only study for a couple of months. He thought it might be nice to be able to substitute for church from time to time. The three months continued into 15 months of organ study in which Andrew developed a passion for the organ. He composed hymn harmonizations and hymn introductions. He read every book that he could get his hands on and listened to organ

sons who have access to and can drive a van that can accommodate at least six passengers on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The van drivers would be needed to pick up students after lunch at LVC, drive them to Lancaster or Harrisburg, wait for them and drive them back to LVC in time for dinner. Vans may also be needed to pick up students at the airport and train station on June 17 and drive them to LVC and to return them on Friday, June 22 after the POE is over. Mileage will be reimbursed at 32 cents per mile.

If you can help in any of these capacities, please contact the POE Services Chair, Delight St. John-Brainerd, 32 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, 717-766-1445, delizia@webtv.net.

velop into his primary instrument when he began his study. Neither did I. Perhaps this is even how you began your interest in the organ: beginning with a passing fancy—concluding with a love for church music and the organ. By supporting students attending a Pipe Organ Encounter you may be the reason that their passing interest develops into a full passion for the organ!

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Seattle 2000

Did you attend the AGO National Convention in Seattle? Was there a recital, concert, or seminar that you found especially meaningful or relevant? Would you be interested in sharing this information with your colleagues in central Pennsylvania? We've seen some of the reports in The American Organist. We're interested in **vour** reaction. Send any thoughts and reactions (short or long) to Ben Leiby for inclusion in future editions of The Bombarde.



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