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Registrar's Message

We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in any way to make the Guild-sponsored "All-Faith Thanksgiving Service" such a success. We hope that each member is thinking of ways to enhance what, hopefully, will become an annual tradition.

We plan to see each of you at December's Chapter Meeting as we ring in the Christmas season by touring the carillon tower and bells on the BYU Campus.

Christmas is, by its very nature, a busy time for church musicians. However, the holiday season gives us reason to pause and reflect upon our personal situation and give thanks. As members of an organization whose purpose is solely for the glory of God and the cause of worthy music, what better time to reassess our commitment to music than during the season when we celebrate the birth of the Savior.

On behalf of the officers of the Utah Valley Chapter, I wish each of you a merry Christmas with the wish that the spirit of Christmas will fill the hearts of you and your families.

Val K. Weight

December Chapter Meeting

The December meeting is upon us--Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. Russell Sorenson and Thomas Hinckley will be conducting our tour of the carillon tower and bells. The closest parking will be in the HFAC lot or at the Museum.

We hope everyone will be there because the Chapter will pay for an ice cream Christmas get-together at Carousel after the "Crawl".

Spotlight

If you attended the "All-Faith Thanksgiving Service" on November 20th, you enjoyed the musicianship of service organist, David Ralphs.

David, who is a resident of Springville, started studying piano at, by his own admission, the late age of 10. Among his teachers was Sharon Hinckley. While a high school student, he started his organ studies with Parley Belnap. Since that time he has studied with Doreen Kurr at Snow College, LaVar Jensen of Manti, and Myron Lamb of Limerick, Maine. He continued his music studies at Brigham Young University where he completed a Bachelor's degree in theory and composition and a Master's degree in organ performance studying, again, with Parley Belnap. Since April of 1987, he has studied with J. J. Keeler.

David has been a guest recitalist at the Salt Lake Tabernacle, has been organist at the Community Congregational Church of Provo since the Spring of 1985, and, with the aid of his father, has built his own harpsichord. He teaches organ and piano in the area.

We are pleased to welcome David as a new member of the Guild.

Organist Needed

There is an immediate opening for an organist at the Community Presbyterian Church in American Fork. Contact Marilyn Wyler, 756-3749, if you are interested. Pam Johnson, 224-4461, or Scott Mills, 373-7069, can give you more details.

Upcoming Calender

- Dec. 4 Walter Whipple Organ Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake - Organ music for Advent and Christmas
- Dec. 6 CHAPTER MEETING - Carillon Tower Crawl, 7:30 p.m., BYU Campus (Christmas Party at Carousel after crawl)
- Dec. 10 "Messiah Sing-In," 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle, \$2.00 per person, scores for rent or purchase at door, sponsored by Utah Valley Chorale Society
- Dec. 11 Provo Central Stake Choir Christmas Concert, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Douglas Bush Organ Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Jan. 15 Walter Birkedahl Double Bass Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Jan. 20 CHAPTER MEETING - American Classic & 21 Organ Symposium celebrating the completion of the renovation of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ (all details with this newsletter)
- Feb. 5 Larry Tomkinson Organ Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Feb. 16 CHAPTER MEETING - "What Makes a Good Hymn," by Thomas K. Hinckley, 7:30 p.m. at chapel on 7th W. 4th N., Provo
- Feb. 19 "A Festival of Hymns," 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Mar. 5 Lawrence Green Classical Guitar Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Mar. 18 CHAPTER MEETING - BYU Organ Department Open House
- Mar. 19 "A Bach Celebration," 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Apr. 8 Music for Organ and Brass, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Apr. 9 CHAPTER RECITAL - 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle

Roman Cantieni Tape

The master tape of Roman Cantieni's Bach Leipzig Chorales Recital of October 8th is now complete and copies can be made for those who would like one. The cost will probably be around \$5.00. Please contact Dr. Bush, 373-1675 or (W) 378-2317 or Carol Dean, 375-4873, by Friday, December 9th, if you would like a copy.

Chapter Recital

Just four more months until our Chapter Recital. We are looking forward to hearing from many of you. If you haven't made a decision to play a piece, make a positive decision NOW!

American Classic Organ Symposium

This memorable event will be our Chapter event for January. We hope all of you who possibly can will support this symposium. (Complete details and biographies of the guest organists follow on the next pages.)

You probably noticed the advertisement for this event on page 10 of the November TAO. The distinguished historian of American organs, Barbara Owen, has been engaged to not only write the history of the Tabernacle organ for the December issue of The American Organist, which will feature the Tabernacle organ, but she will be present at the symposium to deliver the pre-Harrison organ history at the Saturday 1:00 p.m. Organ Study Session.

For Sale

A copy of 30 Chorale Preludes—German Masters of the 17th and 18th Centuries is for sale. It has never been used except that a name is written on it. The present retail cost for this book is \$13.50. Because of the name written on it, the owner is willing to sell it for \$10.00. If interested, contact Dr. Bush.

News

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by the 4th Sunday of each month.

Have a joyous
holiday season
of service playing!



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