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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Later this month, October 23rd and 24th, the BYU Music Department will be hosting David Craighead from the Eastman School of Music in a master class and organ recital (see "Upcoming Calendar" for specific times). His name is well known among organists. Richard Elliott of the BYU Organ Department was a student of his and has compiled the following information about Dr. Craighead:

"David Craighead is one of the greatest living organists in the world today. He has been at the forefront of the concert organ profession since his graduation from the Curtis Institute of Music in 1946. Mr. Craighead has played in all three International Congresses of Organists held each decade and in seven national conventions of the American Guild of Organists attesting to his longevity as a world-class performer. In 1983 he was honored by the New York City Chapter of the AGO with its prestigious 'International Performer of the Year' award. Mr. Craighead is also noted as one of the country's major organ teachers. Since 1955 he has been on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music, and many of his students hold major university and church posts in the United States (in Utah, Tabernacle organist John Longhurst, organbuilder David Chamberlin, and BYU organ professor Richard Elliott are all former Craighead students). David Craighead has recorded on the Artisan, Crystal, and Gothic labels. This will probably be his last appearance in the State of Utah, so it should not be missed."

Let's be sure to attend this event and take advantage of an opportunity to learn from a well-respected organist such as David Craighead. The master class is free, but the recital is ticketed. When you pick up your tickets from the HFAC Music Ticket Office, let them know you are an AGO member and you will pay \$5.00 rather than \$6.00 charged to the general public.

Lori Serr

1991 REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Region IX Far West Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Pasadena, California June 16-19, 1991. For information, write or call: Mr. David E. Fay, Administrative Secretary, P. O. Box 93753, Pasadena, CA 91009-3753 or call (818) 798-1046.

SPOTLIGHT

One of our most recent AGO members is Marietta T. Hardy. She just recently graduated from BYU with her B.M. in organ pedagogy. She studied with Brett Zumsteg before he left for Northern Michigan University August of 1988. Since then she has been studying with Rick Elliott. Her ongoing organ goals are to apply to be a guest organist on Temple Square and to work towards her A.A.G.O. We are thrilled to have Marietta in our Chapter.

Marietta was born in Tennessee, the youngest of six brothers and one sister. Her father works with the military as a physicist on the "Star Wars" program; her mother is a homemaker. Marietta can't remember when she started playing the piano because her mother taught her from the time she was small, but she had her first formal lessons at age 7. She diligently continued with lessons only taking off one summer right up to the time she left home to attend Ricks College. She went there thinking she would be playing the oboe (had an oboe scholarship), however, that decision didn't feel right, and so she jumped into her first organ lessons with Darwin K. Wolford. After one semester of studying with him, he made her his teaching assistant for the group organ class (when you are born an organist, Marietta, it surfaces sooner or later).

Being a music major intimidated Marietta and she sampled many fields of study from dental hygiene to social work before the organist in her won out again and she became an organ major at BYU. She met her husband, Todd, here at BYU in her ward. He is a student in mechanical engineering from the Rochester, New York area.

In addition to teaching a section of group organ here at the "Y", Marietta also works as a federal programs secretary in the Financial Aid Department. Some of her hobbies are ballroom dancing and theater and drama. She feels her most useful character traits are her tenacity when the going gets tough and her love of learning new things.

CHAPTER DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

An update with corrections of our Chapter Directory list needs to be sent to Salt Lake right away so the Regional Directory can be finished. I have received many corrections and additions from you, but I'm sure there are still more. Please check the sheet I sent out last month again and make sure your entry is as you wish it.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Oct. 6 Joint Recital/Walter Whipple, Organ and Victoria Morris, Soprano, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
- Oct. 12 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
- Oct. 15 Orgelbuchlein Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake (the entire Orgelbuchlein will be presented by Provo Central Stake organists in five evenings throughout the 1989-90 Provo Stake Concert Series)
- Oct. 17 CHAPTER MEETING - J. J. Keeler Lecture - Piano Practice for Organists, 700 W. 400 N., Provo
- Oct. 23 Master Class by David Craighead of Eastman, sponsored by BYU, 4-7 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall (no charge)
- Oct. 24 Organ Recital by David Craighead of Eastman, sponsored by BYU, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall (\$5.00/students, faculty, AGO and \$6.00 general public)
- Nov. 5 Hymn Sing, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Nov. 9 Edward A. Hansen Master Class, sponsored by BYU, 6-8 p.m., Provo Tabernacle
- Nov. 10 Edward A. Hansen Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
- Nov. 12 CHAPTER MEETING - Ecumenical Service, 7:30 p.m., State Mental Hospital Chapel
- Nov. 19 Martha Gutierrez (Soprano) Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Dec. 2 CHAPTER MEETING - BYU Organ Tour, 10:30 a.m. (Salt Lake Chapter is invited)
- Dec. 10 Christmas Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

In addition to the David Craighead event, we have our Chapter Meeting on October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Chapel, 4th N. 7th W. in Provo. J. J. Keeler will be our speaker, and he will be giving us pointers on the types of piano practicing we should be doing to keep our skills as they should be.

We will have refreshments after the meeting, so bring your best friend and join with us. Thank you, Refreshment Committee, for the wonderful "eats" we had at our last meeting. Those of you who missed the meeting not only missed a fine presentation by Dr. Bush, but also some truly "tasties" with topnotch company.

NEW MUSIC FOR FALL AND CHRISTMAS

Some of you may have received the catalogue and tape of fine music from CPP/Belwin, Inc. Harpers Ferry Press is also advertising Peter Stephen's Favorite Traditional Christmas Carols. We will have both volumes and order information at our October meeting for you to peruse.

NOVEMBER ECUMENICAL SERVICE

We are getting excited about our ecumenical service this year. After last year's service, the ministers in the area are very supportive of this service and are offering their time and energy in the planning. It will be held at the State Mental Hospital Chapel on Sunday evening, November 12th, at 7:30 p.m. Please put this date on your calendars.

We as organists have a golden opportunity to friendship the clergy and membership of other churches in the valley as the majority of organists for these churches are LDS. There is a great need for good organists to serve in the community. Let's be willing to serve in this way when our schedules permit. It's a great way to extend the hand of fellowship and a good way to improve our organ skills as well. Be sure to support the AGO's efforts to promote a closeness between the churches in the area by attending our Ecumenical Service this year.

ANTHEM WRITING COMPETITION

The Orange County Chapters of the AGO and the Choral Conductors Guild announce "The Fifth Annual Anthem Writing Competition." Division 1 would include composers with 3 or fewer published anthems--entry fee is \$10.00, prize is \$200.00. Division 2 would include composers with 4 or more published anthems--entry fee is \$20.00, prize is \$500.00.

For further information, please write to Lynnette Ball McGee, 1747 N. Lincoln Street, Organge, CA 92665

NEWS

Please call Utah Valley AGO news to
Carol Dean
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by the 4th Sunday of each month.

EXAM CLASSES

We had our first class to work toward the AGO exams on September 14th. I would like to urge any of you who have considered taking these exams to attend the next class on October 12. Rick Elliott, having been through the testing experience personally, is an invaluable resource. He is always so well prepared and so thorough in explaining what we need to know.

Thank you, Rick, for being willing to sacrifice your time in our behalf.