American Guild of Organists

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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Provo Central Stake
Christmas Choir Rehearsal

November 9, 1991
Saturday Morning
7:00 a.m.

Provo Central Stake Center
450 N. 1200 W.

THE DEAN'S DOLLOP

Those who read 'Why This Waste?' by Laurence Hull Stookey, **TAO**, September '91, p. 73 will realise that we are not the only ones raising questions about the difference between sacred music in the sacred setting and in the concert setting.

We are thoroughly familiar with the socially active church. We encounter it all the time especially in new music. What we yearn for is the spiritually active church. When we find it, music is not peripheral.

In our November meeting the question is not how do we organise and rehearse a choir, but rather how do we select, prepare and perform music that will invite the Spirit and thus strengthen members. How do we let go of ego and focus the music on God? How is a choir made an engine of change? What makes a choir central to the perfecting of the saints? Our challenge is not to produce an intellectual experience, nor, worse yet, an emotional experience, nor to entertain, but to move us to change and grow, to be valiant in the testimony of Christ, to strengthen us in service and increase our compassion. In a world where centrifugal ethnic forces seem about to rend the world, we need music that will heal and reconcile, and help us to learn tolerance and love. Central Stake Choir consistently demonstrates an understanding of these intangibles. What I hear is transcendent.

Our vision is to extend this calibre of spiritually active music to many stakes in Utah Valley. To those loathe to quit the quilts, we assure you of an out-of-the-ordinary learning experience. Please bring your conductor, choir members, your bishop and the musical shakers and movers in your area. At the end of the rehearsal, we will have the privilege of asking questions of the organist, conductor, and choristers.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Don Cook's 12 year old son. We express to him and his family our deepest sympathy.

The Dean and Mrs. Hinckley will host an open house for Guild members on Friday, December 27, 1991 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Refreshments and charming chatter. If you are interested, mark this date on your calendar.

Congratulations to M.L. Bigelow and Co. for winning one of eight 1991 Utah Heritage Foundation Preservation Awards for the American Fork 2nd Ward Chapel they restored and now use for building tracker organs. Through Mike Bigelow's perseverance and foresight, this fascinating building was saved from demolition.

Keep in mind **The Historical Organ in America Conference** to be held at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, on January 12-16, 1992. If you plan to go, please contact Doug Bush (373-1675) for ride information.

Note to Stake Music Chairmen:

If this is the first time you have received an AGO newsletter, our purpose in sending it to you is to enable you to inform musicians in your stake of training they can receive through our local chapter. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and activities. This year's emphasis is on the organist, conductor, and choir.

Also, if you are no longer a stake music chairman, please let DeeAnn Stone know the name and address of the new one, so that the information can be sent to the right person.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

4 - Carol Dean
7 - David Chamberlin
20 - Lillian Heil
28 - Robin Cardon

Contact DeeAnn Stone, 377-4728, 1510 W. 500 N., Provo 84601 about any address changes, musical events coming up, or any other items of interest to the chapter.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

October 19 - Saturday
SLC Chapter meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Improvisation workshop for beginners,
Ken Udy, LDS Chapel, 1400 S 19th E, SLC

October 20 - Sunday
Barbara Williams, violin recital, 8:00 p.m.,
Provo Central Stake Center

November 9 - Saturday Morning
CHAPTER MEETING - Choir rehearsal and discussion, 7:00 a.m., Provo Central Stake

November 17 - Sunday
Mozart-fest, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

November 24 - Sunday
SLC Chapter Meeting, 4:00 p.m. English choral evensong, Canterbury Singers,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, SLC

December -
CHAPTER MEETING - Don Cook: Organist/ Choir Interface

December 8 - Sunday
Christmas Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake Center

December 10 - Tuesday
SLC Chapter meeting. Dinner 6:00 p.m.;
lecture demonstration at 7:30 p.m.,
Laurence Loeb, **Musical Traditions of Judaism**, Congregation Kol Ami, SLC

December 24 - Tuesday
Christmas Eve Service, Provo Central Stake

December 27 - Friday
Dean's Open House (see other side)

January 8 - Friday
Michael Cox, organ recital, Provo Central Stake

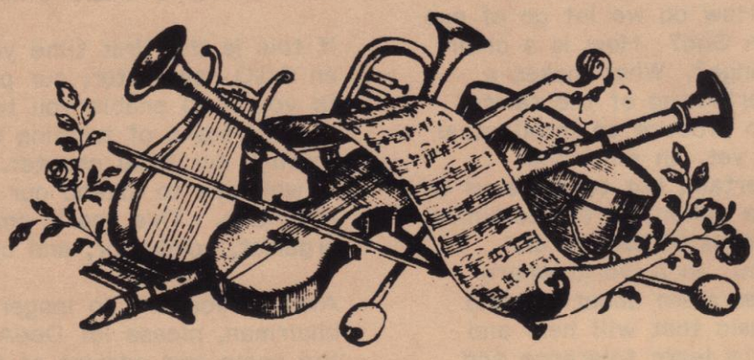
January 12-16
"Historical Organ in America Conference" (see other side)

January 19 - Sunday
Lois Johnson, soprano, Provo Central Stake

QUOTE

At the recent LDS General Conference, Elder Boyd K. Packer said, "Music can set an atmosphere of worship which invites [a] spirit of revelation, of testimony. I believe that those who choose, conduct, present, and accompany the music may influence the spirit of reverence in our meetings more than a speaker does."

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