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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Report on the "Historical Organ
in America Conference"

Presented by Douglas Bush, Michael Bigelow,
Geoffrey Myers, and Pat O'Brien

Thursday, March 12, 1992

7:30 p.m.

Provo Central Stake Center Chapel
450 N. 1200 W.
(Please enter through the north doors)

THE DEAN'S DOLLOP

The conference on the Historic Organ in America, held in January, was unique. Never before have organ builders, organists, and scholars come together for a series of candid discussions of how the organ is used, why it is used, and what each group is doing to contribute to the state of these arts.

The eclectic organ ever plays its siren song luring us to do ever more with ever less. Fad follows fad as tail follows dog. Only after hundreds of years of using the organ in church are we finally beginning to ask what type of organ works best for congregational worship.

While some churches are drifting into a type of entertainment that cannot edify, we in this area are actively undergoing a reformation and renaissance in sacred music. We are discovering the musical essence of worship. I don't apologize any more that my ward has only a seven rank instrument. Everyone I talk to about church music is involved in this growth and change. It was the core of our recent workshop. Given this, it is not surprising that four members of our chapter attended the conference. These members--Doug Bush, Mike Bigelow, Geoff Myers, and Pat O'Brien--will, in our March meeting, discuss what they learned.

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Our April meeting, a hymn sing, will explore the first two hundred years of congregational singing--from Martin Luther to Bach. We will sing German music with a German organ. (TBA)

L.D.S. CHURCH ORGAN CERTIFICATION

Please find enclosed more information on the LDS Church Service Playing Certification that was discussed in last month's newsletter. Note that this is different from the Organ 70 course that is also available through Independent Studies.

We would like to recognize Tamara Hinckley and Lillian Heil for having passed the service playing requirements already. There are several others in the process of doing so, too.

MAY MEMBER RECITAL

Those wishing to participate in our member recital in late May, which will feature organ and choral, should contact the sub-dean, Mark Clark, at 226-4297.

OTHER RECITALS

Remember to make note of the three recitals by members of the chapter coming up this month. Doug Bush's recital will be held at 7:30 p.m., instead of at 7:00 p.m. as was printed by mistake in last month's newsletter.

FOR SALE

The Community Congregational Church is selling their old Rodgers organ. The manuals have been replaced and it has two extended speakers. \$1495. Call the church, 375-9115, or Gerald Dick, 378-6188.

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

We apologize for getting the newsletter out so late this time. Thom has been out of town, and I have been busy with preparations for my daughter Anjanette's wedding, which was held on February 29.

--editor

P.S.

We will have extra copies of the enclosure at the chapter meeting.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

March -

Salt Lake Chapter - "Organ Plus"

March 15 - Sunday

LuJean Moss, recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

March 21 - Saturday

Douglas Bush, all-Bach recital, 7:30 p.m., Provo Central Stake

March 31 - Tuesday

Carol Dean, recital, 7:30 p.m., Provo Central Stake

April - CHAPTER MEETING

"Debtor to the Wise" - Celebration of the first two centuries of congregational hymnody

April -

Salt Lake Chapter - Lecture on the restoration of the Cathedral of the Madeleine

April 17 - Friday

Ralph Woodward Choral performing Robert Cundick's "The Redeemer," 7:30 p.m., DeJong Concert Hall. Call BYU for ticket info.

April 19 - Sunday

Easter Concert, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

April 25 - Saturday

SLC Chapter Workshop, "An Introduction to the Organ," 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 S. Foothill Dr. Presented by Dr. Richard Elliott, David Chamberlin, and Dr. Don Cook. Registration: \$10.00 (includes lunch and snack). Open to first 25 registrants ages 12 to 25 years who can play hymns with ease. Contact Janet Griffin, 581-1396, to register.

May - CHAPTER MEETING

Member recital

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Salt Lake Chapter - Young organists recital and organ encounter

May 17 - Sunday

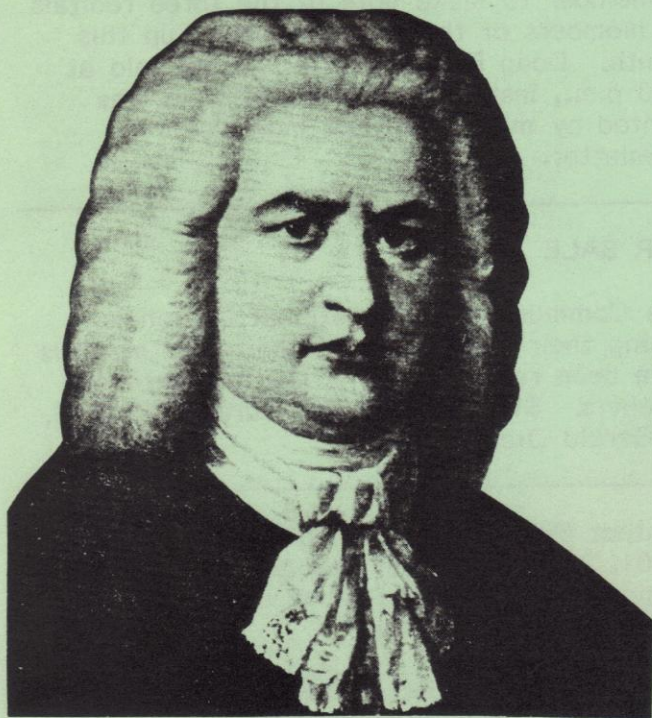
Justin Lowder, piano recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

June 28 - July 2

1992 AGO National Convention, Atlanta, GA

August 4 - 7

"Workshop on Church Music," sponsored by BYU Department of Music. Call 378-7692 for more information.



Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

"[Music is] an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul."

J.S. Bach

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