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Dean's Message

March 2016

Dear Friends,

Our impact as organists is often overlooked and underappreciated. Except for those few times that someone pays attention to the way we “jazzed up” a hymn accompaniment, our efforts often go unrecognized. This does not mean that we do not have an impact, or that we do not “enrich lives through organ and choral music,” to quote the mission statement of the American Guild of Organists.

As members of the Guild, though, we have many opportunities to have significant impact, and influence for good other organists and potential organists. Recent events in which chapter members have participated are good examples.

Our very first Youth Organists Scholarship Audition was held last month. This is a great way to encourage youth to start learning or continue learning the organ. The following week, a large training workshop was held in Orem. You can see photos and get more information about these events in this newsletter. Both of these events are examples of the good we can do when we devote some of our time and efforts to helping others appreciate the organ and learn to play it better.

Coming up, we have a couple more opportunities to have an impact in the community and among youth. April 23rd will be our annual Super Saturday. Super Saturday is great for organists of all levels and ages. Please help us get the word out. And if you would like to volunteer to teach a class, do private lessons, or help out with logistics, please contact me or Paul. *Continued on Page 2*

Dean's Message, continued

A second opportunity is the Pipe Organ Encounter this July. This program is a great experience for youth. If you know any youth who might be benefited by a POE, please encourage them to apply. We will also need volunteers to help with this program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Anna Judkins or Lori Serr.

Sincerely,

Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Activities

- March 18 Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 PM.
April 23 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU,
8 AM - 3 PM
May Closing Social: Franck & Franks
July 24-30 Pipe Organ Encounter, sponsored by UVAGO and SLAGO, Organists ages 13-18 take lessons, attend master classes, and attend concerts.

Organ Recitals and Other Events

- March 12 Improvisation with Dr. Clay Christiansen, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, SLC.
March 16 Dallin Baldwin (student of Brian Mathias), 7:30 PM, de Jong Concert Hall, BYU
March 20 David Chamberlin, 7:00 PM, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, SLC (all Bach recital)
March 29 Parker Ludwig (student of Don Cook), 7:30 PM, Tabernacle on Temple Square, SLC
March 30 Tyler Boehmer (student of Don Cook), 7:30 PM, Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC
April 1 Nora Hess (student of Don Cook), 7:30 PM, St. Ambrose, SLC

POE Highlights

The POE committee would like to remind everyone to contribute \$20 to help fund the POE that is being sponsored by our chapter and held in SLC this coming July. One of the biggest challenges in running a successful POE is funding. Most of the money that comes from participants is just enough to cover the cost of housing and food, which is about one-half the total budget. The other portion of the budget comes from grants and donations.

Your twenty dollar contribution will help to run a successful POE, but any amount you feel that you could contribute will be very appreciated! Your much needed contribution will help cover the cost of hosting this important event.

Please send your contribution (payable to the Utah Valley Chapter, AGO) to the chapter treasurer, David Chamberlain, 313 Yale Circle, American Fork, UT 84003.

Improvisation with Dr. Clay Christiansen

Saturday, March 12, 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 203 S 200 E, SLC

Dr. Clay Christiansen, Tabernacle Organist, will teach a class on improvising at the organ, entitled "Let the Organ Be Your Guide: Divorcing Oneself from the Printed Page."

You won't want to miss this great opportunity!



Substitute organists are always needed, and often hard to find. If you would like to be on a list of substitute organists, please let DeeAnn Stone know by sending her an email: dstone@uvago.org

Resources for Organists

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Music for the LDS organist



Happy Birthday Bach!

The annual Chapter Bach Recital
will be
Friday, March 18, 7:00 PM,
(please note the time change)
Provo Central Stake Center,
450 North 1220 West

The program is not full, so
please contact Carol Dean if
you would like to play a Bach
piece, big or small.

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On Sunday evening, March 20, at 7:00 pm, chapter member **David Chamberlin** will present an all-Bach recital at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City. (The date precedes Bach's 331st birthday by one day). Some musicologists have asserted that all music before Bach points to Bach and all music after Bach looks back to Bach. In a similar way, Zion's 1980 tracker pipe organ focuses on Bach, and the planned additions to the organ will enlarge on that concept. This will be the first in a series of events in support of the organ improvement project. Free-will offerings will be gratefully received.



On Saturday, February 20, 2016, the UVAGO held its inaugural Youth Organists Scholarship Audition. Youth auditioned on the piano and the organ, and were awarded with free organ lessons or scholarships to the Pipe Organ Encounter being held this July. Many thanks to the committee who planned and carried out this important youth outreach event, including Lori Serr,



L-R: Brian Mathias and his student Sarah Maxfield; Julie Carlson and her teacher Mike Carson. Photo by Kari Nay

Sheri Peterson, Carol Dean, Paul Duncombe, Jennifer Morgan, and Jack Stoneman. And special thanks to Valerie McDougal and Lori Serr for judging the competition.

Organ Training and Outreach

On Friday and Saturday February 26-27, 2016, chapter members and students and faculty from Brigham Young University held a special training event for Utah Valley organists at the Orchard Stake Center, Orem, Utah. The event included classes, private lessons, a combined recital/hymn sing, and a luncheon. Teachers and performers included Don Cook, Brian Mathias, Lella Pomeroy, Mike Carson, Valerie McDougal, Sheri Peterson, Kymberly Stone, Jay Goodliffe, and Lorelea Anderson. If you missed this event, please look forward to our annual Super Saturday, April 23, at BYU.

Photos of the event taken by Kari Nay are on the following pages.



Above, Instructors (L-R): Jay Goodliffe, Mike Carson, Kymberly Stone, Valerie McDougal, Sheri Peterson, Lella Pomeroy, Brian Mathias. Below, Kymberly Stone teaches a class.





Above, Recital and hymn sing performers (L-R): Mike Carson, Lorelea Anderson, Sheri Peterson, Valerie McDougal, Kymberly Stone, Jay Goodliffe. Below, Brian Mathias teaches a class.

