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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN

Note the logo in the upper lefthand corner of the heading of this summer edition of the newsletter. The project description from the AGO National Headquarters is as follows:

“The International Year of the Organ is a year-long celebration of the organ. The year will include various events in this country and abroad and will entertain, inform, and engage new audiences for organ music, while giving seasoned listeners a fresh perspective on the organ’s expansive repertoire. Included in the events will be Organ Spectacular! on Sunday, October 19, 2008 when AGO chapters will present more than 200 family-oriented concerts involving more than 2000 performers in this country. Similar events will also be held abroad. Other events suggested for the 2008-09 program year include educational events (including the AGO’s Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza), visits to organ building shops, and concerts featuring the organ with other musical ensembles.”

On the local level we will not participate on Sunday, 10/19/08, because one of the Eccles Recitals will be on that night. Watch for activities listed in upcoming newsletters.

UTAH VALLEY CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP/DUES

Joan Barnett, our treasurer, does her best to get our membership dues in to the AGO headquarters on time. Let’s help her by getting our money to her no later than July 15th. The membership form is attached along with this summer newsletter. Or you can find it on the chapter website (see below).

IMPORTANT WEB SITES

Utah Valley Chapter AGO Web Site:
www.geocities.com/uvagonewsletter

BYU Organ Information (including off-campus programs):
www.organ.byu.edu

Salt Lake Chapter AGO Web Site:
www.slicago.org

Upcoming Events

June 20:

Come share one or two pieces you are working on with the rest of us who like to practice learning to enjoy performing at the “Informal” Friday at the church east of Dixon Middle School in Provo (4th North 7th West) Come in through the south “funeral door” directly into the chapel.

June 27:

The Mormon Tabernacle organ staff will be featured in “Organ Fest” at 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, 331 E. South Temple, SLC. Organists Richard Elliott, Clay Christensen, Andrew Unsworth, Bonnie Goodliffe, and Linda Margetts will perform a program including works of Bach, Franck, Vaughan Williams, Vienne, and Wagner. The concert is free.

BYU Organ Workshop

You have probably all received the notice of the BYU Organ Workshop (August 5-8, 2008). In case you are unaware, the public is invited to the evening performances without charge, so please put the following dates on your calendars:

- Tues. - 7:30 p.m.: Organ Concert - Workshop Instructors
Madsen Recital Hall
- Wed. - 7:30 p.m. Hymn Sing - Daniel and Elizabeth
Berghout - Madsen Recital Hall
- Thurs. - 7:00 p.m. Recital - Douglas Bush
Assembly Hall, SLC

Dr. Bush has also invited the public to his Pre-Workshop Seminar: A “Thumbnail Sketch” of the Organ and its History (Monday, Aug. 4th - 3:00-7:00 p.m. - Madsen Recital Hall)

Ashdown “Thanks”

Ruth Ann Hay received a note from Frank Ashdown regarding the AGO closing event in May, 2008:

“ . . . I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of presenting my music and my thoughts with such a welcoming and hospitable group of colleagues. And it was a special treat to have the assistance of artists such as Don Cook, David Chamberlin, and James Drake. I am very grateful for the invitation and wish for you much success in the season to come.”

Fall 2008 Eccles Organ Festival

The Fifteenth Annual Eccles Organ Festival is made possible by a generous grant from the George S. And Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, and is supported in part by a grant from the Utah Arts Council, the National Endowments of the Arts, Washington D. D., and Salt Lake Zoo, Arts, and Parks.

Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. All performances are free of charge and open to the public. Please call 328-9941 for more concert information.

- September 7 - Cristina Garcia Banegas, University
Music School of Uruguay
- September 21 - Daniel Kerr, Brigham Young University -
Idaho
- October 5 - Todd Wilson, Cleveland Institute of Music
- October 19 - Delbert Disselhorst, University of Iowa
- November 2 - Olivier Vernet, St. Nicholas Cathedral,
Monaco

BYU Hosted Concert

Please mark Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m., on your calendars. Dr. Bush has arranged to have a friend of his, Thomas Dahl, organist of the Petrikirche in Hamburg come to Utah to play a concert while he is concertizing in the states this fall. Richard Elliott, Tabernacle organist, has graciously arranged for the use of the Salt Lake Tabernacle that night for his recital.