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CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

As this long, hot summer hopefully comes to an end, we look forward to a "cool," new AGO year full of educational, informative, and entertaining activities and also want to welcome a new chapter officer.

As you know, Jim Carter and his family moved to Georgia in June, leaving us without a sub-dean. Therefore, Elise Richards was asked to fill his position this year. Elise was raised in Washington state but moved to Provo in 1963 when her husband accepted a faculty position at BYU. She has a master's degree in English and taught part time at BYU for 18 years. She has taken organ lessons from J. J. Keeler and Don Cook and recently returned from the BYU Jerusalem Center, having served as organist there for five months. She and her husband have three children and ten grandchildren. We welcome Elise and know she will be a capable sub-dean for our chapter.

The chapter will begin its activities on **Saturday, September 22**, from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon with a workshop entitled "Hymn Playing Survival Skills for the Beginner to Advanced Organist." This will be held at the LDS Chapel on 1038 N. 1200 E. in Provo, just off Apple Avenue near Kiwanis Park and Wasatch Elementary School. The activity is open to any pianist or organist who wishes to get ideas on improving and enhancing hymn playing skills. Topics will include pedaling techniques, legato, articulation, registration, introductions, phrasing, playing with confidence, two at the organ, seven-step method, preparation, practice tips, creative hymn playing, choosing the correct tempo, knowing the text, etc. Instruction will be provided by various members of the chapter who will share their ideas and skills on how to play hymns. You don't want to miss this informative activity--and please bring along your students, friends, family, or anyone who would like to improve their hymn playing skills.

The activities for the rest of the year are as follows:

October 20 (Saturday) Chapter Organ Crawl at the University of Utah--Lively - Fulcher Organ, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. We will need to make carpooling arrangements. Please contact one of the chapter officers if you can drive or need a ride.

November - Lecture on performance anxiety or on organ repairs and voicing (tentative)

December - Mapleton Chorale

January - Member recital - Provo Tabernacle (tentative)

February - no chapter meeting because of the Olympics

March - Super Saturday

April - Utah Premier Brass/Wasatch Chorale

May - Conference Center organ crawl (tentative)

The Alexander Schreiner Centennial Celebration

September 8TH and 9TH
on Temple Square in Salt Lake City



Alexander Schreiner, organist at the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle for over 50 years, was born in Nuremberg, Germany on July 31, 1901, and died in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 15, 1987, at the age of eighty-six.

To commemorate his long life, which was marked by significant contributions to the art of organ playing, an "Alexander Schreiner Centennial Celebration" will be held on Temple Square on Saturday, September 8, 2001.

All events are open to the general public, and all except the banquet are free of charge. The cost for the banquet is \$20 per person, and reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, September 4. (See next page for further details.) Since seating is limited at the lectures, the masterclass, and the screening, we also encourage those who plan to attend these particular events to call the Tabernacle Choir office at 240-4150, or send an e-mail to taborgan@ldschurch.org, giving your name, the events you plan to attend, and the number of persons in your group. There is no need to do so for any of the events in the Tabernacle.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 8, 2001

8:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Organ Masterclass "Organ Music of the French Romantic School" by Dr. James Higdon, Professor of Organ at the University of Kansas. Chapel of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (located on east side of the mezzanine level).

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Lecture by Kenneth Udy, D.M.A.: "Alexander Schreiner: the California Years." (Dr. Udy is the author of a book by the same name.) Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Relief Society Room (located on the east side of mezzanine level).

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Organ Recital in the SL Tabernacle by John Longhurst, Tabernacle Organist.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Lecture by Dan Berghout, D.M.A.: "Alexander Schreiner: the Salt Lake Tabernacle Years." (Dr. Berghout's extensive doctoral dissertation on the life of Alexander Schreiner is scheduled to be published later this year in an expanded version by the Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter-day Saint History.) Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Relief Society Room (located on the east side of the mezzanine level).

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Screening of three black & white documentaries filmed by KUED-TV in 1960, featuring Alexander Schreiner at the Tabernacle organ: "French Composers," "A Program of Fugues," "Romantic Composers." Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Relief Society Room (located on the east side of the mezzanine level).

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Banquet in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Bonneville Room (located on the east side of the main floor): Guests of honor will include members of the Schreiner family. Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, September 4, either by calling the Tabernacle Choir office at 801-240-4150, or by sending an e-mail to taborgan@ldschurch.org. Payment may be mailed to the Tabernacle Choir office (personal checks or money orders only, please), or else may

be made at the door just prior to the banquet (cash, personal checks, or money orders only, please). Checks should be made out to the Tabernacle Choir. Those who prefer to mail in their payment should send it to the following address:

Attn: Alexander Schreiner Centennial Celebration
 c/o Tabernacle Choir
 50 E. North Temple St., 20th Floor
 Salt Lake City, UT 84150-5510

7:30-9:00 p.m.
 SL Tabernacle: Gala Organ Concert featuring current and former Tabernacle organ staff, as well as former students of Alexander Schreiner, performing works associated with Schreiner. Performers will include Clay Christiansen, Rulon Christiansen, Robert Cundick, James Drake, Richard Elliott, Bonnie Goodliffe, Linda Margetts, James Welch, and Darwin Wolford. Admission is free, but limited to persons eight years of age and older.

Sunday, September 9, 2001

9:30-10:00 a.m.
 SL Tabernacle: "Music and the Spoken Word" Broadcast featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, with a tribute to Alexander Schreiner and his legacy to the choir. (Doors open at approximately 8:30 a.m.; audience members must be seated by no later than 9:15 a.m. Admission is free, but limited to persons eight years of age and older.

Further information regarding the celebration may be obtained via any of the following: phone: 801-240-4150, fax: 801-240-4886, e-mail: taborgan@ldschurch.org, Internet: www.utahpipes.com.

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**June 1st
 Member Recital at
 Heritage Music
 PHOTO SCRAPBOOK**

*Thanks to Lillian Heil
 for the photos*



Gayle Farnsworth begins the program



Lella Pomeroy graciously shares her expertise after spending two hours stuck in traffic on the freeway with a melting desert.



DeeAnn Stone finds the right stops



Jim Carter and Debbie Wood duet



Meg Griffith shows us it IS possible to conquer this beast.



Mark Campbell helping Carol Dean



David Chamberlin demonstrates the fine art of getting music to stay put--take hold of both ends and tug!



Carol Dean helping Mark Campbell

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**HYMN PLAYING
SURVIVAL SKILLS
WORKSHOP**

Beginner to Advanced

*Presented by members of the
Utah Valley Chapter of AGO*

Saturday, September 22nd
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

LDS Chapel located at
1038 N. 1200 E. in Provo.

ALL ORGANISTS AND PIANISTS WELCOME

American Guild of Organists



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Just a reminder that dues are due.
If you haven't already done so, please take a moment and send your check and the membership/dues form to Meg Griffith ASAP. An extra contribution would be greatly appreciated, too, if you can, to help cover chapter operating expenses to better serve you and others.