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As you know, the "Alexander Schreiner Centennial Celebration" was held in September on Temple Square commemorating the birthday of one of the most influential musicians of the LDS Church. In connection with this celebration, our chapter has invited Dr. Kenneth Udy to give a lecture about this remarkable man and play a recital honoring him. This will be held on **November 14 (Wednesday)** and will start at 7:30 p.m., at the American Fork Tabernacle, 110 E. Main, in American Fork.

Dr. Kenneth Udy, a native of Salt Lake City, earned his doctoral degree in organ performance from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. He has also studied at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and Utah State University.

Ken's instruction has been under Clay Christiansen, James Drake, Cherry Rhodes, and Robert Noehren.

He has performed organ recitals throughout the United States and in Europe. A practicing church organist for over twenty years, he currently serves as Director of Music at Wasatch Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City and often appears as guest organist at the Salt Lake Tabernacle and with the Utah Symphony. He is also organist at congregation Kol Ami in Salt Lake City.

In addition to teaching private students, he is an adjunct organ faculty member of Utah State University and the University of Utah. He also regularly conducts workshops and seminars in various areas of hymnology, improvisation, and organ repertoire.

Ken has filled several offices in the American Guild of Organists (AGO), including Dean of the Salt Lake City Chapter for three years. Currently he serves as District Convenor for the State of Utah and Vice Chairman of the AGO Regional Convention to be held in Salt Lake City in 2003.

Harmonie Park Press of Detroit, Michigan, recently published his book, *Alexander Schreiner: The California Years*. This is the first published biography on the early career of Salt Lake Tabernacle organist Alexander Schreiner.

Ken and his wife, Joanne, are the proud parents of four children.



Dr. Kenneth Udy



# Alexander Schreiner 100 Years

# Alexander Schreiner Centennial Recital

November 14, 2001

Kenneth Udy, organist

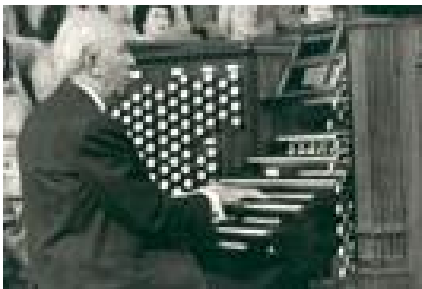
Temple Square Radio Theme	Alexander Schreiner (1901-1987)
Allegro assai, from Sonata No. 4	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Andante sostenuto, from <i>Symphonie Gothique</i>	Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Toccata, from <i>Oedipe à Thèbes</i>	Nicolas-Jean Le Froid De Méreaux (1745-1797)
Invocation	John J. McClellan (1874-1925)
Carillon de Westminster	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
INTERMISSION (5 minutes)	
Lyric Interlude	Alexander Schreiner
Rejoice	Noel Goemanne (b. 1926)
Woodland Flute Call	Fannie C. Dillon (1881-1947)
As the Dew from Heaven Distilling	arr. Alexander Schreiner
Toccata in D Major	Marcel Lanquetuit (1894-1985)

# Profile on Alexander Schreiner

Born in Nuremburg, Germany in 1901, Alexander Schreiner with a keen motivation to learn, studied piano, harmonium, and organ in his youth and emigrated to the United States with his family at the age of eleven in 1912. By that time, he was already serving as a church musician. In his early twenties, he was appointed to the staff of organists at the Salt Lake Tabernacle. In 1924, he was granted a two-year leave of absence to study with Charles-Marie Widor, Henri Libert, and Louis Vierne in Paris.



During the 1930's, Schreiner was university organist and lecturer at U C L A. During that decade, he continued as a Tabernacle organist returning for four months each summer.



As one of America's leading concert organists, his annual tours took him to all parts of North America and Europe. He was a Columbia Masterworks recording artist. In addition to his daily recitals on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, he played a weekly radio recital heard all over the United States and the South Pacific for many years. His Sunday morning performances with the

Mormon Tabernacle Choir were carried world-wide on radio and television.

Alexander Schreiner received a PhD in composition from the University of Utah and held the coveted F.A.G.O. (Fellow of the American Guild of Organists). He had a profound knowledge of music and general interest of the world around him as attested by his many students. After 54 years as Tabernacle Organist, he retired in 1977 and died in 1987.

<http://www.eddingsmusic.com/resource.html>



Be sure to attend our chapter meeting to find out more about Dr. Schreiner.

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## BYU Master Class

**November 15 (Thursday)** David Pickering will give a master class on Leroy Robertson's organ music at 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall at BYU. As part of his DMA degree at the University of Kansas, he did a lecture/recital on Robertson's organ music and discovered that this music was unfamiliar to many people (including organists in Utah). He feels that it is music worth getting to know. He will lecture on and play Robertson's three solo organ works, *Organ Sonata in B Minor*, *Fantasia in F Minor*, and *Intermezzo*.

## October Organ Crawl



*Parley Belnap playing the Lively-Fulcher Organ at the U of U*



*Elise Richards and Parley Belnap*



*View of the Lively-Fulcher Organ*

## Organs for Sale

Jim Williams of South Ogden has collected and restored player pianos and reed organs for many years. He now needs to sell as many as he can (best offer accepted) to make room for new projects. If you would be interested in purchasing one of these vintage instruments or know some one else who would, please give Jim a call at 394.7263 or write him at 799 Maple Street, So. Ogden, UT 84403-1921. If anyone would be interested in a field trip or tour of these instruments, he will be glad to accommodate you.

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## Organ Students Wanted

David Pickering is looking for some organ students to teach. If you know of someone who might be interested, please call David at 356-0092.

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## Resources for LDS Organists

[www.geocities.com/dadstone48/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/dadstone48/index.htm)

*(New URL)*

Resource List for Organists:  
Arrangements and Free Accompaniments of  
Hymns in the LDS Hymnal  
and  
other information

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Please contact DeeAnn Stone if you have any information for the newsletter--e.g. recitals, concerts, musical items for sale, inspirational or humorous stories or quotes (music related), recipes, member news, helpful musical hints or ideas, etc.-- 377-4728, [ddstone@softhome.net](mailto:ddstone@softhome.net), 1510 W. 500 N., Provo, UT 84601.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO PRESENTS

**Pipedreams** *Sundays at 9:00 p.m.*  
on **KBYU-FM**

**November 14 (Wednesday)**- Dr. Kenneth Udy, recital and lecture, Alexander Schreiner, 7:30 p.m., American Fork Tabernacle

**December 19 (Wednesday)** - Mapleton Chorale, Ryan Murphy, director, and Utah Valley Handbell Choir, and members of Utah Valley Chapter. 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle

**January** - Member recital - Provo Tabernacle (tentative)

**February** - no chapter meeting because of the Olympics

**March** - Super Saturday Organ Workshop

**April** - Utah Premier Brass/Wasatch Chorale Concert

**May** - Conference Center organ crawl (tentative)

**November 11** - *American Perspectives...*a diverse collection of works from the past (20th) century by diverse American composers.

**November 18** - *Going On Record...*an autumn review of recently issued CDs of organ music old and new.

**November 25** - *Rheinberger's Journey...*from a parish in Lichtenstein to the court chapel in Munich, we follow destiny's child in a centenary tribute to the famous and prolific composer and teacher, Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901).

**December 2** - *Advent Anticipation* seasonal music of introspection and expectation

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Happy Thanksgiving