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OFFICER'S MESSAGE

To me, the holiday season is the most exciting time of the year. It is also a time to reflect upon the life of our Lord and Saviour, and realize our many blessings. A blessing that I am grateful for is good music and the joy it has brought into my life.

Music is one way we can show our gratitude to God and praise His name. Songs of joy were expressed at the earth's creation. Angels heralded the newborn King with hymns of praise. Many expressions through the prophets help us understand the importance of music in the plan of our Father in Heaven.

At this Christmas time, may we show our love to Him, who made all things possible, in our teaching, performance, and service to our fellow men. May we do this with all our hearts, minds and souls. Let us join the angels in song to celebrate his birth.

We appreciate the friendship and association that we share in this organization. May we continue to create an atmosphere of unity in the guild by sharing of our talents and learning from each other. We wish you and your families and Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Scott Mills,
Dean

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope to see each of you next Thursday for our Chapter meeting to be held at the Provo Central Stake Center at 8:00 pm. Dr. Douglas Bush, professor of musicology at BYU and organist, will share insights on the Christmas music of Scheidt (this year is the 400th anniversary of his birth) and Buxtehude, two very important Baroque composers of the North German School. And you will have the opportunity of hearing this music on the kind of instrument for which it was written.

We would also like to express appreciation to Dr. Bush for providing us with the opportunity to hear the reconstruction of a 17th century Vesper Service, giving us insight into the role of music in the worship service which gives greater understanding of the place for such musical genre as the chorale-prelude, the prelude etc. Much preparation was put into the evening by Dr. Bush and the musicians of the Early Music Society, especially the delightful boy sopranos and altos. Dr. Robin Leaver presented a very informative lecture on the development of the Lutheran Vesper Service, that set the stage for the evening, and also performed the role of the celebrant in the service. Those who attended felt it was an altogether successful evening.

Our chapter, in conjunction with BYU, will be sponsoring a concert and masterclass featuring Karel Paukert, a renowned organist of the Cleveland Museum of Art. We would like you to put this on your calendar now so that nothing will prevent you from attending this concert, which will also be our chapter activity for the month of January. Those of you who would like to share rides - either drive or ride - contact Deborah Allen: 225-6900 wk or 374-6553 hm. The car pool will leave the BYU Fine Arts Center - north side - at 5:45 - 6:00pm, depending on the weather. It is always more enjoyable to attend an event of this nature with others who share your interest.

We need your contribution! An honorarium \$2, \$5, \$10 or \$25 or whatever amount would be greatly appreciated to help offset the great cost in bringing this fine artist to Utah. Send your tax deductible contribution to the Utah Valley Chapter AGO, 1160 Birch Lane, Provo, UT 84604. A receipt will be sent to you.

HOWEVER, if you are unable to make a contribution, please know that your presence and support is still wanted at both the masterclass and the recital. Please plan to attend and invite your friends. These events are totally free of charge to all AGO members, guests, and anyone else who would like to attend.

Welcome to new members Laura L. Pettersson, Provo and Dortha L. Stocking, St. George. We will look forward to getting to know you.

Get-well wishes to Etta Todd for a speedy and complete recovery. She is currently in critical condition in intensive care in the cardiac unit at University of Utah Medical Center. We will keep you posted on her condition. *Update: Etta is being transferred to Utah Valley as this goes to press- her condition was stable.*

FOR SALE

1979 Yamaha E-700 organ. 2 manuals, full pedal, keyboard presets, rhythm settings etc. Resale value \$3900 from blue book. Will sell for \$3500 or best offer. Call 375-1634.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 10TH Chapter Meeting, Dr. Douglas Bush, Christmas Music of Scheidt and Buxtehude, Provo Central Stake Center, 8:00 pm.
- 13TH Music for Christmas, Provo Central Stake Center, 8:00 pm. Annual choral fireside that is one of the highlights of the season.
- 13TH Recital, Michelle Adams, organ, Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, 4:00 pm.
- 19TH Senior Recital, Vivienne Englund Forsyth, organ, Provo Tabernacle, 2:00 pm. This fine organist is a student of J.J. Keeler, and will be moving to Oregon shortly, so we hope you will come for this Saturday afternoon recital.

JANUARY

- 10TH Recital, Michelle Adams, organ, Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, 4 pm.
- 21ST Masterclass, Karel Paukert, place and time TBA.
- 22ND Concert, Karel Paukert, organ, Assembly Hall, SLC, 7:30 pm. Co-sponsored by BYU and Utah Valley Chapter-AGO. This will be our chapter activity for the month. Carpools will be organized so we can attend together.
- 24TH Recital, Michelle Adams, organ, Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, 4 pm.