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OFFICER'S MESSAGE

On Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22, we will have the opportunity to hear a world reknown and highly acclaimed organist "right here in our own backyard" with the added incentive of it not costing us a penny. This will provide us with a wonderful opportunity of gaining additional insight into this world of organ music (he will share insights into the music of his native country Czechoslovakia - both historic and contemporary - and share ideas and performance technics) and provide us with an evening of what has been proclaimed in other areas as "volcanic fun", "a brilliant performance", "full of energy" and "a player of uncommon taste and intelligence".

Karel Paukert is Chief Curator of Musical Arts at the Cleveland Museum of Art, where he has given weekly organ recitals on the McMyler Memorial Organ and organized a year-round performing arts series. He made his United States debut in 1965 and has established himself as a leading performer, playing throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. He has taught at Washington and Northwestern Universities and was organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, Illinois, is currently organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights and is head of the organ department at The Cleveland Institute of Music.

So, you can see, his credentials are impressive and it is my hope that no one will choose to miss this opportunity. Please contact any of the chapter officers if you will need or can provide transportation for either or both nights. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Claire Rogers
Subdean

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would encourage each of you to begin preparation, if you haven't already, to participate in the upcoming chapter recital planned for April 14. In order for this evening to be successful, each of us needs to be actively involved.

Thank you to Dr. Bush for sharing an evening out of his very busy schedule to present a discussion on the music of Scheidt and Buxtehude and to play some examples for us.

KBYU-FM will be broadcasting a new and exciting sound on Thursday, January 28, at 9:00 pm: the concert of organist/composer Robert Hebble, performing on the Ricks College Ruffatti organ. Listen as Mr. Hebble performs various contemporary works on this magnificent instrument of 80 ranks.

The highlight of the program will be Hebble's "Symphony of Light" dedicated to the late organ virtuoso Virgil Fox.

Robert Hebble chose to record his "Symphony of Light" in the Barrus Concert Hall for several reasons. The Barrus Hall has phenomenal acoustics that are perfect for recording any major organ work, and the Ruffatti organ has a moveable console allowing the performer to position the console anywhere on stage, thus enhancing the performer's ability to bring out the expressiveness and color an organ should have.

On the night of the performance (in Sept. 1987), Mr. Hebble explained in amazement: "During the concert the organ played as if it was an old friend. This organ literally gave more than what I put into it. I feel this (Ricks College Ruffatti organ) is among the six important organs in this country; it is time to put this organ on the map!"

Also programmed Coke-Jephcott: "Bishop's Promenade"; Karg-Elert: "Cathedral Windows"; Hebble: "Eight Settings of Hymn Melodies".

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 21ST Masterclass, Karel Paukert, Assembly Hall, SLC, 7:30. .
We will have the opportunity to hear a discussion on organ music of his native land Czechoslovakia, which is relatively unfamiliar to us, and also to hear several members and BYU students play and receive instruction.
- 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.
- 24TH Recital, Michelle Adams, organ, Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, 4 pm.
- 28TH Concert, Robert Hebble, organ, Ricks College - broadcast by KBYU-FM, 9:00.

FEBRUARY

- 6TH Recital, Douglas Bush, organ, Assembly Hall, SLC, 7:30.
- 18TH Chapter Meeting, J.J. Keeler, French Traditions in the organ music of Bach, place TBA, 7:30.
- 19TH Recital, Myron Patterson, organ, Assembly Hall, SLC, 7:30.

MARCH

- 22ND BYU Collegium Musicum, Douglas Bush, Director, St. John Passion, Assembly Hall, SLC, 7:30.