



Utah Valley Chapter of the

# American Guild of Organists

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## TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Recently I was reading from a book written by Cynthia Richards, a locally-known musician and teacher. In part, she considers what music teaches. The following are some ideas I gathered from her study.

The benefits of music study are numerous. Music teaches math in its rhythmic aspects; science as relating to principles of acoustics, tone quality, melody, and harmony; communications in that it is considered the universal language; history with a musical counterpart to each recorded period of human history; geography in the understanding of different cultures; physical demands in requiring muscular coordination, agility, and control. Discipline, appreciation, and togetherness are a few more of its benefits; but the list is not complete until music as an art is included. Cynthia Richards expresses it this way:

"Music is art because it is human expression. It is a medium through which man can express beauty. Great music is great because it has power to humanize humankind. It can help individuals become more feeling and sensitive, take away depression, and provide lively impetus for action. It can poetically describe all ranges of human emotion; soothe troubled nerves; bless us with precious humor; and increase our understanding of beauty, compassion, gentleness, and goodness of life."

How blessed we are to have been given talents and interests in music!

Lori Serr

## 1989-90 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The executive officers nominated for the 1989-90 year of AGO activities in the Utah Valley Chapter have been confirmed by a majority vote. They are Scott Mills as Dean, Claire Rogers as Sub-Dean, Carol Dean as Secretary, Lori Serr as Treasurer, and LuJean Moss as Registrar.

## SPOTLIGHT

Elise Richards has been doing a wonderful job for us on recital programs. She did Walter Whipple's Brahms's Recital on her computer and will be laying out our AGO Recital. She also did our flyer for the Ecumenical Service last November. Thank you so much, Elise, for your help!

Elise was born in Logan, but was raised in Washington State. Her Dad was a professional boxer for a time and then a police officer. Her mother was a nurse. Elise is a multi-faceted and interesting person herself. She presently holds her masters in English and teaches at BYU. She says she loves to teach. Her husband is a statistics professor at the "Y" and is a native of Utah. They have three grown daughters and two grandchildren.

Elise started piano back at the age of 10 and started her life-long service of music in the Church at age 12 when she became ward organist. She has served in every phase of music since that time and is currently serving as stake organist in the Edgemont Stake. Since 1985 she has been studying organ on a weekly basis with J. J. Keeler. She said she felt badly for all the years she had served as church organist when she really didn't know what she was doing, but now she is so thankful to have the opportunity to acquire the knowledge she needs to really magnify her organist calling. She loves the choral preludes of Bach and Brahms and is thoroughly enjoying becoming acquainted with the works of Flor Peeters.

She said she hadn't gotten up the nerve to play a piece at our AGO Recital this year, but that she would set a goal to do so next year. We certainly hope so. It's great having you in our Chapter, Elise!

## CANTIENI TAPE

Because of a flaw in the dubbing, the Cantieni tape has had to be redubbed. Hopefully, it will be ready for those who ordered it at our AGO Recital. Bring your \$5.00 that night.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Apr. 8 The Organ and Brass Concert has been moved to April 16th.
- Apr. 9 CHAPTER RECITAL, 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle, University & 1st S., Provo
- Apr. 11 BYU-Sponsored Organ Recital, Richard Elliot, F.A.G.O., 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle
- Apr. 14 BYU Philharmonic Orchestra and combined choirs (Parley Belnap on the organ), 7:30 p.m., DeJong CH, BYU
- Apr. 15 BYU Philharmonic Orchestra and combined choirs (Parley Belnap on the organ), 7:30 p.m. Tabernacle, SLC
- Apr. 16 Music for Organ and Brass, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- Apr. 18 "Brahms Eleven Chorale Preludes," presented by Dr. Walter Whipple, LDS 11th Ward, 951 E. 1st S., SLC, 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 Robert Nakea Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- May 17 CHAPTER MEETING - Assembly Hall  
Organ Lecture by Robert Cundick, Tabernacle Organist, & Louis Whitman, Organ Architect, 7:30 p.m. Assembly Hall, SLC
- May 21 Nielsen Recital (more info. next newsletter), 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
- May 21 SL CHAPTER ORGAN RECITAL - 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Church, 261 So. 9th E., SLC
- June 3 AGO POTLUCK PICNIC with Ogden, Logan, and SL Chapters, 1:00 p.m., Sugar House Park, 21st S. 1300 E., SLC

## AGO RECITAL

Our recital is now upon us (April 9th), and we are really looking forward to it. Be sure to contact Scott Mills for last-minute practice time. He is scheduling half-hour practice sessions for each performer on April 9th from 1 to 7 p.m. Call him to let him know what half hour you want.

If any of you plan to use presets, contact Carol Dean, 375-4873, so we can arrange to share the available presets. The response has been wonderful this year, and our recital will probably last close to two hours, so we need to streamline the mechanics as much as possible.

We will again be asking a donation of \$1.00 from members and \$2.00 from others to help offset the cost of the Tabernacle rental.

## NEWS

Please call Utah Valley AGO news to Carol Dean 375-4873 by the 4th Sunday of each month.

## BYU NOON-DAY RECITALS

The noon-day recitals at the J. S. Auditorium have been wonderful. Those of you who are not attending are really missing out. We have some excellent organ students at the "Y" and also students in other majors who are fine organists.

The recitals will run every Monday and Wednesday through April 17th. The plan is start them back up again when fall semester resumes.

## CHANGE IN RECITAL DATE

Please note in the calendar that the date of Richard Elliott's organ recital has been changed from Friday, April 14th to Tuesday, April 11th. We will get to hear a preview of his doctoral recital. He will be spending the summer finishing up his doctorate at Eastman in Rochester, NY and then will be back this fall.

Rick, it is so great having you with us. Good luck with all you still have to do on your doctorate, and we'll look forward to having you back with us in the fall!

## ORGANISTS NEEDED

The American Fork Community Church (Presbyterian) is in desperate need of an organist. The stipend is \$12.00 per service (service from 11 to 12 noon). The Church is located at 76 N. 100 E., in American Fork. Call Marilyn Wyler, 756-3749, if you are interested.

Also, the Christian Science Church on 1st N. 1st E. in Provo would like a substitute organist to relieve their full-time organist, Marilyn Webb. The service is at 10:00 a.m. (with practice time allow 9 to 11). The stipend is \$10.00 per service. If interested contact Lois Olas, 489-9622.