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DEAN'S MESSAGE

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Although this season is the busiest time of year for musicians, it is also the most meaningful time to serve the Lord.

As we move into the new decade, let's set goals that will enable us to serve even better in the future. We encourage all of you to reach toward a new horizon by improving your skills in some way--lessons, certification, AGO exams, a degree, serving in the Church, or serving the community.

There is a great need for organists to serve in full- and part-time positions in many different faiths throughout the Valley. If your schedules permit, I would encourage any of you to consider serving in this way. You are greatly needed, and this is a good way to increase our association and good will with members of other faiths.

We look forward to seeing you at Professor Keeler's lecture on the 16th of this month and wish you the very best during this year of 1990.

Scott Mills

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

J. J. Keeler's lecture that was scheduled for October 17th and then cancelled has been rescheduled for January 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel on 7th West 4th North, Provo. He will be discussing piano practicing tips for organists.

BYU ORGAN DEPARTMENT TOUR

We officers of the Utah Valley Chapter of AGO wish to express our sincere appreciation to the BYU Organ Faculty for the outstanding tour, luncheon, and theater music provided for our benefit on December 2nd. All who attended felt their time well spent. Thank you Dr. Belnap and Organ Faculty for all you do for the community.

SPOTLIGHT

On Saturday, January 13th, Gary L. Adams will be presenting his first organ recital on Temple Square. He will be playing in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Gary was born in Provo, and except for a few years early in life when his parents moved around a great deal, he has lived in Utah and for the last 14 years in Orem. He is the oldest of six children; served his mission in Hong Kong; and in addition to studying organ at BYU, works with his father in the family real estate appraisal business.

When Gary started kindergarten, he also started piano lessons. The family moves made taking lessons a little sporadic until third grade when the family moved to Orem. From that point on Gary has studied either piano or organ consistently, except for the two years he was on his mission. During the eighth grade he had the opportunity to start playing the organ in Church. From the summer after eighth grade until she moved to Salt Lake, he studied with Heidi Jean Alley. Since then he has studied with Dr. Belnap and is currently an organ performance major at BYU. He loves Bach and Franck and is looking forward to being exposed to more and more organ literature.

He is currently music chairman in his ward and plays the organ a great deal for church. His hobbies include individual sports such as snow and water skiing and running. He also enjoys gardening. Gary feels one of his greatest strengths is his love for people and wanting to share ideas and learn from them.

We, in the AGO, appreciate so much the young people like Gary who are involved in our Chapter. Let's support him on the 13th.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Jan. 11 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
Jan 13 Gary L. Adams Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
Jan. 16 CHAPTER MEETING - J. J. Keeler Lecture - Piano Practice for Organists, 700 W. 400 N., Provo
● Jan. 21 David Kern Flute Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
● Feb. 4 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 3, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake (bring your scores)
Feb. 8 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
Feb. 9 Dr. James Welch Recital - "Dancing Toccatas," 7:30 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 231 E. 1st S., SLC
Feb. 10 Dr. James Welch Workshop, 10:00 a.m., Christ's United Methodist Church, 2375 E. 3300 S., SLC
Feb. 10 Andrew Unsworth Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, SLC
● Feb. 18 Elizabeth Elliott Piano Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
● Mar. 4 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 4, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
Mar. 8 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
● Mar. 18 Provo Central Stake Hymn Sing, 8:00 p.m.
Apr. 12 AGO Exam Class, 7:30 p.m., E-250 HFAC, BYU
● Apr. 15 Lois Johnson Vocal Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
● May 6 Orgelbuchlein Recital No. 5, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake
● May 20 Provo Central Stake Youth Concert, 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

For February we will join with the Salt Lake Chapter on February 9th and 10th to support Dr. James Welch in Recital and Workshop.

Friday evening, February 9th, Dr. Welch will present a program entitled, "Dancing Toccatas" - works inspired by the dance. His recital will be at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on 231 E. 1st S. in Salt Lake. Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Jim Welch will present a workshop on literature for preludes and postludes geared to the beginning and intermediate organist. (Music stores from the area will have the music he is discussing on display.) He will also discuss registration for a two-manual organ. This workshop will be held at Christ's United Methodist Church on 2375 E. 3300 S., Salt Lake.

AGO EXAM CLASSES

After a holiday break Dr. Elliott's AGO exam preparation classes will reconvene on Thursday, January 11th. They are very helpful. Anyone interested in taking any of the AGO exams is urged to attend. Call Rick at 378-3260 (W) or 374-6302 (H) if you haven't attended before to let him know what test you are interested in taking.

NEWS

Please call Utah Valley AGO news to

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by the 4th Sunday of each month.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

There is a great need in the community for substitute organists in the various churches. If you would be willing to substitute, call Scott Mills at 373-7069.

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