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DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, December 12, 1990
Provo Central Stake Center
450 N. 1200 W., Provo
7:30 p.m.

Michael Bigelow and David Chamberlin will present a discussion on the "Considerations of Organ Tone as it Pertains to the LDS Tradition"

"What is the latest?" but, "What kind of instrument will be most suitable for worship?"

For our December meeting, David Chamberlin and Michael Bigelow will discuss, "Considerations of organ tone as it pertains to the LDS tradition." All are agreed that the foundation of the nine rank LDS stake organ should be a principal chorus with a matching secondary chorus. That uses eight of nine ranks. It is the ninth rank that is puzzling. Should the ninth rank be a c \acute{e} leste, a mixture, a trumpet that adds color, a trumpet that adds 25% power to the ensemble, or . . .? To answer these and other pressing questions is going to require much cooperation and experimentation. We invite you to become a part of this process by attending our December meeting.

THE DEAN'S DOLLOP

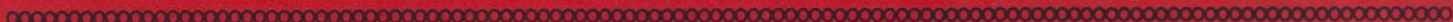
There have been many times over the years when I have thought, watching the prima donnas in the guild, that the motto could be Necnon Deo Gloria ("And yet not the glory be to God"--idiomatically the translation would be "God is welcome to what is left after I've had my glory"). But our chapter is different. In the past few weeks I have heard three members of our chapter in recital and have known that the motto really is Soli Deo Gloria ("To God alone be the Glory").

Every student knows that prayer without study does not do any good. Organists seem instinctively to understand that prayer, preparation, and practice are essential, which results in a rich spiritual outpouring. Past experiences have not prepared me for this to happen at chapter meetings and member recitals, but it does and I rejoice.

Not only is the spiritual quality of sacred music changing, but now our instruments are undergoing change. Historically, the church organ has changed with every new breath of fad. Nothing demonstrates this better than Barbara Owen's book, The Mormon Tabernacle Organ. Between the axes of color and chorus, we have tried about every conceivable possibility. Finally, we are beginning to ask not,

LAST MONTH'S CHAPTER MEETING

I'm sure I can speak for all of us who attended last month's chapter meeting when I say that we left feeling inspired and determined to improve our hymn playing. We are indebted to Douglas Bush and Parley Belnap for their presentation. They discussed the importance of hymns in our worship service, and said we should devote as much time to preparing the hymns as we do to practicing other things we are working on. Doug stressed that when we play a hymn, we are also playing the text of the hymn and should try to communicate the hymn's message to the congregation. Also discussed was a "72-hour emergency preparedness kit for organists," as well as the basics of technical preparation, making the hymn sing, and registration. We appreciate these two good men for their expertise and knowledge and their willingness to help us improve not only our organ skills, but our lives. --editor



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UPCOMING CALENDAR

December 8 - Saturday

Special Birthday Concert honoring John Milton, with excerpts from his writings and music of the 17th century, 7:30 p.m., Provo Central Stake Center (co-sponsored by BYU Music and English Departments)

December 8 - Saturday

"Messiah" Sing-In, sponsored by the Utah Valley Choral Society, 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle, \$3.00

December 9 - Sunday

Provo Central Stake Christmas Choral Concert, 8:00 p.m.

December 12 - Wednesday

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December 24 - Monday

Christmas Eve Musical Service, 11:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

January 6 - Sunday

Larry Green, Classical Guitar Recital, 8:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

January 10 - Thursday

Richard Elliott and Parley Belnap, Major Works of Franck, 7:30 p.m., Provo Tabernacle

January 12 to April 13 - Saturday

BYU Group Organ Class, 9:00 - 10:00, \$99 fee; for information contact Judy Lee, 378-5959

At the last chapter meeting, many of you asked for LuJean Moss's tomato juice/shrimp drink recipe. It is printed below. We appreciate LuJean for the delicious refreshments she has helped to provide for our chapter meetings!

Shrimp Drink

Mix all ingredients together:

- 1 1/2 quarts tomato juice
- 1 6 1/2 oz. can or fresh shrimp
- 1 c. catsup
- 1/2 T. horseradish
- 1/2 c. finely chopped celery
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 2 T. sugar
- 1/4 t. garlic salt
- 1 T. fresh lemon juice

Chill and serve. Makes 18 half-cup servings.



Christmas is an exciting time of year for music lovers--because of all the wonderful concerts, cantatas, caroling, and other events and sounds all around us. We organizers are lucky to have the opportunity to contribute, in our own way, to this joyous season. May your influence for good be felt at this special time. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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