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The Dean's Message

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Dear Members and Friends,

I recently read a quote by C. S. Lewis that said, "The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." It seems to me that this is very applicable to a good portion of what we aim to do in the AGO. I love the image that the C. S. Lewis quote creates. I can see each of us with a hoe in hand, out digging a trench for a little trickle of water to flow through, and then we combine together to bring in an irrigation system that will cover more ground. We are irrigators, watering and bringing forth life as we teach, and share, and support others in the magnificent world of organ.

Part of our role as irrigators is to provide events to meet a variety of needs. We have some fabulous events planned during the next couple of months. Some of the events are: the January 10th Provo Stake Center Wicks Organ Refurbishment Tour with Jim Kasen; the January 17th Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza; and the February 21st Workshop for Choir Directors and Organists. I encourage you to read about the details of the events, help spread the word about them, and to participate in them yourselves.

I'm grateful to be in the "irrigation business" and to have such wonderful "business partners."

Happy New Year and Happy Irrigating!

Sincerely,
Sheri

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

- Jan 17 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, Provo Central Stake Center, 10:00 am
- Feb Workshop for Choir Directors and Organists, Orem YSA Stake Center
- Mar Provo Stake Center Wicks organ refurbishment tour with Jim Kasen, 1315 E 900 S
- Mar 14 RCYO Competition, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Salt Lake City
- Mar 20 Chapter Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 pm
- Apr 25 Super Saturday, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU
- May Choir Fest

Organ Recitals

- Jan 11 "Contemplations of the Beyond," NOVA chamber music series, Libby Gardner Hall, University of Utah, 3:00 pm
- Jan 11 Renée Anne Louprette (Rutgers University, NJ), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Feb 8 Vincent Dubois (Strasbourg Conservatory, France), Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm

"Contemplations of the Beyond" with Richard Elliott

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, the NOVA chamber music series will sponsor "Contemplations of the Beyond" at Libby Gardner Hall on the University of Utah campus. The first half of the program features Richard Elliott performing Bach's Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor on the Lively-Fulcher organ, as well as the Choristers of the Madeleine Choir School singing Gregorian Chant and selected liturgical music. For the second half, celebrated soprano Tony Arnold returns to NOVA for Messiaen's poignant song cycle, Harawi. Information is available at <http://www.novasc.org>.

March Bach Recital

If you would like to perform in the chapter's Bach recital on Friday, March 20 at the Provo Central Stake, please let Carol Dean at carolorg1111@gmail.com know which piece you would like to play as soon as possible. Our recital joins celebrations across the globe for World Organ Day.

Liturgical Seasons: Epiphany

Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast often commemorated on 6 January. The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," and this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi. Yet it is part of a larger group of celebrations that includes the birth of Christ, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, the Flight into Egypt / the Holy Family, the Holy Name / Circumcision, the coming of the Magi, the Presentation / Purification / Candlemas, the Baptism of Jesus, and the Wedding at Cana, all of which have to do with Christ's coming among and revelation to humanity. During the festival of the Epiphany, the church celebrates God's light, now shining forth in Jesus of Nazareth, coming to all nations and peoples (see the lections, Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Matthew 2:1-12, and Ephesians 3:1-12).

A few hymns traditionally sung at Epiphany include:

- How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern)
- Lord, Every Nation on Earth
- As with Gladness, Men of Old
- O Jesus, King of Glory
- The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
- We Three Kings
- What Child is This
- Go, Tell it on the Mountain
- Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Concert Organs in the News

Chapter members may enjoy reading about the [Spreckels Centennial Organ Concert](#) at Balboa Park in San Diego on 31 December. The Regional AGO meeting will be in San Diego in June, and the Spreckels organ will be one of the featured instruments.



Concert organs, particularly the “Hurricane Mama” at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, took center stage in the [15 December issue of the New Yorker](#). Music critic Alex Ross discusses the recent resurgence of programming for organ and orchestra in major concert venues around the country.



Organ for Sell

Craig Adams is selling his family’s Rodgers 640 organ. These models currently sell for between \$1,500 and \$2,500. This organ is in very good condition. However, the buyer will have to arrange to move the organ from the

Adam’s basement in Lehi, so he is asking \$1,500. If interested, please email: rcraigadams@gmail.com or call 801.372.4474.

Resources for Organists

“The LDS Organist”
(created by Jennifer Morgan)
www.organlessons.blogspot.com

“Pedal Points”
(created by Florence Hawkinson)
www.ldsorganist.wordpress.com

David Chamberlin’s hymn
voluntaries
www.chamberlinmusic.com

Free music for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganist.org

Music for the LDS organist:
www.wardorganist.com

Resources for the LDS organist
www.ldsorganists.info

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