



Dean's Message

February 2018

Hello all!

I hope you are enjoying this warm toastiness we call winter. Now that we have settled into the new year, we have much to look forward to experiencing, both in our lives and in the chapter.

Soon, we will be electing new chapter leaders. I invite you to consider serving the chapter in a leadership position. It's not as scary as you think, and we can use your help. Please contact Sheri Peterson or myself if you are interested in serving, or if you have any questions regarding serving.

On the 2nd, Punxsutawney Phil may or may not see his shadow. This will decide if we see six more weeks of winter, or an early spring. Most of us, if not all of us, know that no matter what Phil sees, winter will still happen for a while still, and then we will be defrosting and ready to enjoy our summer. Is this a time for us to let our skills drain away? No! We need to still keep up with our skills.

How do we do so? We can still practice. Some of us lucky ones have a break in our work for a season. Use this time wisely. Learn a new hymn or seven. Brush up on that old Bach prelude you learned years ago. Allow yourself to grow. You could also attend the national convention in Kansas City in July, or the BYU Organ Workshop in August. Continue playing in church and work with your choir to improve and better themselves.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming Chapter Events

- Feb 16 Your Organ Story Night, Lori Serr's home (259 North 400 East, Mapleton), 7:00 pm
- Mar 23 Bach Recital, Provo Central Stake Center, 7:00 pm (email Carol Dean carolorg1111@gmail.com if you would like to perform)
- Apr No Super Saturday this year

Organ Recitals and Other Events

- Feb 11 Dexter Kennedy, Eccles Recital, Cathedral of the Madeleine, 8:00 pm
- Mar 11 Christa Miller, Eccles Recital, Libby Gardner Hall, 8:00 pm
- April 11 Amber Schumann (student of Don Cook), St. Francis of Assisi in Orem, 7:30 pm
- April 12 Dallin Baldwin (student of Brian Mathias), Cathedral of the Madeleine in SLC, 7:30 pm



Your Organ Story Night - February 16th, 7:00 PM

Have you ever had an unexpected or unusual event happen while playing the organ? Or do you have any zany, wacky or even embarrassing moments at the organ? We invite you to come and share them with the rest of us at the upcoming chapter meeting this month. It will be an evening of laughter and fun as you share your organ stories be they mishaps that are true (or not so true!) Please join us and bring a finger food. Hot chocolate will be provided by the chapter. Lori's address is 259 North 400 East, Menlo Park



Brian Matthias Appointed Tabernacle Organist

Congratulations Brian! The Mormon Tabernacle Choir announced Monday, January 22, 2018, that Dr. Brian Mathias has been appointed a full-time Tabernacle organist.

Prior to his appointment as a Tabernacle organist, Dr. Brian Mathias served as an adjunct faculty member at Brigham Young University and at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. He also served as associate organist at Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Among Dr. Mathias's recent solo performances are recitals at the Salt Lake Tabernacle and the LDS Conference Center; the Cathedral of the Madeleine; Washington National Cathedral; BYU–Idaho; and Texas A&M International University. He has competed on the international stage in a number of prestigious international organ competitions, including the 2011 and 2014 Canadian International Organ Competitions and the 2010 Grand Prix de Chartres International Organ Competition.

Mathias earned the doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Kansas, where he studied organ with James Higdon and carillon with Elizabeth Berghout. He received bachelor of music and master of music degrees from Brigham Young University, studying organ with Don Cook and Douglas Bush and carillon with Don Cook.



Perform in the Bach Recital

Please email Carol Dean (carolorg1111@gmail.com) if you would like to perform in the Chapter's annual Bach Recital at the Provo Central Stake Center on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 pm. Include the name of the piece you plan to play in your email.



Super Saturday Hiatus in 2018

The BYU Organ faculty, students, and friends will be touring historic French organs on April 28, the day that the Chapter would usually sponsor Super Saturday. The next Super Saturday will be in April 2019.



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