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John van Leeuwen studio, Newmarket, Ontario Specification on page 19

### Letters to the Editor

#### Box High-Tech/Monster Organ Cable

The advertisement in the August issue for Monster Organ Cable—low electrical resistance wire of "monstrous" dimensions, designed to double the speed of an organ's electrical action and to improve the property of pipes and he proimprove voicing of pipes—can be predicted to generate one or another of

these reactions: better late than never, or better never than late.

The first of these will be "voiced" by present-day disciples of Robert Hope-Jones, the English inventor whose contribution to the electrification of pipe tribution to the electrification of pipe organ action in the 1890s included his new system of connecting a moveable console to the mechanism by a flexible cable. It may be interesting to learn that Hope-Jones anticipated, in a small way, your invention. In a lecture delivered to the London Society of Musicians late in 1893, reported in the London Musical News, he explained how he had increased the number of wires in his electro-magnets from one to four, to avoid sparking contacts that caused corrosion. Although your high-tech device appears to be a direct descendant in the line of Hope-Jones innovations, it might have been more appropriate in the era of the "Monster Organ" in the concluding decades of the nineteenth century, when instruments of over 100 speaking stops were beginning to be erected world-

The detractors of this device—the better-never-than-late crowd, which may include tracker-action enthusiasts—will find an all yin W.T. Best, the "Prince of Organists" in England of that time, who brought to bear his wicked wit on who brought to bear his wicked wit on the invention of the electrically detached console. In his book A Blind Musician Looks Back (Edinburgh: Blackwood, 1936), p. 167, Alfred Hollins (addressed by Best as "Alfred the Great") recounted Best's opinion on this often-condemned innovation: "And when Hope Jones was becoming famous for his new type of electrical action, in which the console was connected to the organ by a flex, and could be moved as far as the length of the cable would allow, Best demanded: Have you heard of a man called Hopeless Jones, who lives across the water? (Hope jones lived at Birkenhead.) Well, he plays his organ at the end of a long rope which ought to be around his neck. Of course, there's one advantage, if you happen to get run in you can take your console to jail with you."

What is the length of your "Monster Organ Cable"?

James B. Hartman Winnipeg, MB, Canada P.S. Is it possible that the "T" in Best's name stood for "Tubular"?

Unfortunately it appears that I retired too soon with all these wonderful, new improvements in organ construction and control. Diodes, Short Length Reed Conversion Kits and now the Monster Organ Cable.

Shortly before defecting from the ranks we converted our organ from electro-pneumatic to Laser Control. It was marvelous since those accustomed to electronic instruments were no longer bothered by what they termed slow response of a pipe organ. We also more than doubled our attendance each Sunday as more and more folks came to see our light shows. Sadly, two members of the choir were blinded until we got special glasses for the group. I particularly enjoyed this unique action since we could move the console into the back alley and I no longer had to listen to the group the organ made.

aney and I no longer had to listen to the racket the organ made.

Although no longer employed on a steady basis I am called often to substitute and I sincerely hope to be called to an organ equipped with all these marvelers velous new innovations.

Stanton A. Hyer Ft. Pierce, FL

#### Wind Emitting Diodes (WEDs)

Many thanks for your clarification (8/15/95) about WEDs. Of course I'm terribly disappointed—and will have to abandon my search for a source of sup-ply!! I guess a little nonsense now and

then is also relished by music men.

The same retired organ builder friend who wondered about WEDs told me of an 18th-century instrument with a drawknob marked Fox Tail—in whatever the native language was; when the performer pulled it a surenuf fox tail flew out and tickled his snoot!

flew out and tickled his snoot!

Another friend who is a theatre organ nut told me of helping get an instrument in shape for a concert. He remarked to the artist that they could get the dust out of the chests simply by running the blower backwards—the comment by the visiting artist was "Things must be awful dull in your home town!" Later I told my friend that if he did this he would have to invert the music on the rack to invert the music on the rack.
This same friend is a TV engineer, and

he explained to me why electronic components fail. It seems that when they are manufactured the active ingredient sealed into them is smoke. Hence, when a part fails you'll find the smoke leaking

Hugh Lineback Siloam Springs, AR

## **Here & There**

Pilgrim Congregational Church Duluth, MN, as part of its 125th anniversary year celebration, has announced an Organ Recital Series for 1995–96. Programs take place at 4 pm on the church's Jaeckel organ: Nov 5, David Schrader; Feb 11, John Vanella; Apr 14, Delbert Disselhorst. For infortation Dr. Norga Stadiograp, Ellering mation: Dr. Norma Stevlingson, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 E. Fourth St., Duluth, MN 55812; 218/724-8503.

A symposium on The Work and Inspiration of David Tannenberg (1728–1804) takes place November 9–12 at York, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Littz, PA. Entitled "A Good Moravian Organ," the symposium will feature the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem; the 1804 Tannenberg organ at the Historical Society of York County; Nazareth Mora-vian Church; Whitefield House, home of vian Church; Whiteheld House, home of the Moravian Historical Society and its 1776 Tannenberg organ; Burnside Plan-tation and Tannenberg's home and workshop; and Moravian College. Pre-senters include Laurence Libin, Barbara Owen, Lynn Edwards, Raymond Brunner, George Taylor, John Boody, Philip T.D. Cooper, and others. For information: 610/867-0173; fax 610/694-0960.

The Institute for Worship Studies and Hope Publishing Company will sponsor Renew Your Worship, a one-day leader-ship training workshop with Robert Webber, on November 18 at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. The workshop will deal with blending traditional and contemporary worship; the historic fourfold order of worship; how to break barriers of passive worship; how to introduce worship renewal; and will introduce *Renew*, a new songbook for blended worship. For information: Hope Publishing Company, 380 S. Main Place, Carol Stream, IL 60188; 800/323-

Presbyterian Homes of Evanston, Presbyterian Homes of Evanston, IL, is sponsoring its Elliott Chapel Organ Recitals this fall, celebrating the new Dobson organ. The series began Sep 25 with Marcia Van Oyen, and continued on Oct 5, Carla Edwards; Oct 23, James Russell Brown; Nov 27, Malcolm Archer; and Dec 7, Wolfgang Rübsam. For information: 708/492-2922.

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Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church has announced its 1995–96 Vesper Series: Oct 1, Jeffrey Brillhart; Oct 15, Philippe Lefebvre; Oct 29, Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers; Nov 19, Singing Men of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; Dec 9, Susa, *The Wise Women*; Church; Dec 9, Susa, The Wise Women; Mar 23, Verdi, Requiem; Apr 5, Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers. For informa-tion: Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010; 610/525-2821; fax 610/525-9476.

The Tucson Scottish Rite, in conjunction with the Southern Arizona AGO and the Tucson Downtown Arts Partnership, sponsors its 1995–96 organ concert series. Half-hour noontime programs began Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 15; Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Hour-long recitals are held on Saturdays at 11 am: Jan 20, David Hatt; Feb 17, Cherie Wescott. The Tucson Scottish Rite organ was built for the 1904 St. Louis Exposition by the California Organ Company, with additions in 1937 by Aeolian-Skinner. For information: Cherie Wescott, 5556 E. Mabel, Tucson, AZ 85712-4920; 520/290-1843.

Friends of Music of Fairfield County has announced its 1995–96 con-cert season, which began Oct 8 with The cert season, which began Oct 8 with The Colorado Quartet at St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield; Nov 12, baritone William Sharp with fortepianist Igor Kipnis, The Benedictine Grange, Redding; Dec 10, Kent Tritle, St. Matthew's Church, Wilton; Jan 14, flutist John Solum, St. Stephen's Church; Feb 11, Millenpium, St. Paul Lutheren Church, Millennium, St. Paul Lutheran Church

Westport; Mar 10, pianist Santiago Rodriguez, St. Paul Lutheran Church; and Apr 14, The Cavani Quartet, The Benedictine Grange. For information: Friends of Music of Fairfield County, P.O. Box 369, Westport, CT 06881; 203/938-3767 or 834-1069.

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola has announced its concert series entitled "Sacred Music in a Sacred Space." The series began Oct 18 with Kent Tritle; Nov 15, Handel Organ Concert in F, Britten AMDG, Haydn Paukenmesse; Dec 5 & 6, Handel Messiah; Feb 7, Victoria Missa O Quam Gloriosum and Carissimi Lephter, Mar. 27, Brohme Carissimi Jephte; Mar 27, Brahms Requiem; Apr 18, Tallis Scholars; and Apr 24, Simon Preston. For information: Music Office, St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Ave., New York, NY 10028; 212/288-2520.

St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys has announced its 1995–96 con-cert series, which began Oct 31, Honegger King David, Stravinsky Mass, Hindemith Concerto for Organ and Chamber Orchestra; Dec 12 & 14, Handel Messiah; and Mar 26, Bach Mass in B Minor. For information: 212/757-7013, ext 3027.

The 4th International Haarlem The 4th International Haariem Competition for Organ Improvisation takes place July 2–5, 1996, held on the Christian Müller organ (1738) at St. Bavo Church. The winner will receive a prize of 7,500 guilders; each of the other finalists will receive 1,500 guilders plus travel expenses. All contestants will receive a contribution towards the cost of accommodations. Applications must include a cassette recording of one improvisation on given themes. Deadline for applications is December 31. For information: Stichting Internationaal Orgelconcours, Postbus 3333, 2001 DH Haarlem, The Netherlands; tel 023-5160574; fax 023-5160576.

# Here & There

# **Appointments**



Patrick Allen

Patrick Allen has been appointed assistant organist at St. Thomas Church, New York City. From 1990–95 he served as director of music and organist of the Cathedral of St. John, Wilmington, DE. During the summer he is a member of the Baroque Performance Institute at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. For the past three years he co-managed the King's College (formerly Valley Forge) Course for Choristers and Choirmasters as part of the summer training program of the Royal School of Church Music in America. With Catherine Rodland he is working on an American adaptation of Sing Aloud, the training program for choristers of the RSCM. From 1988–89 Allen studied with Gustav Leonhardt and Veronika Hampe in the Netherlands. He earned the DMA and Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music as a student of Russell Saunders, with additional degrees from The University of North Texas and Florida State University. His teachers also include Michael Corzine, Karyl Louwenaar, Charles Brown, Lenora McCroskey, and Arthur Haas. In the summer of 1988 he was a regional finalist in the AGO young artist competition. He performs as an organ and harpsichord soloist, as well as in chamber music, especially with violinist Mary Hoyt in the duo "Sounds Resounding."



Peter Hurford

Peter Hurford has been appointed President of The Incorporated Association of Organists (IAO). The two-year term began on August 4 at the end of the IAO Organ Festival in Huddersfield. Born on St. Cecilia's Day 1930, Dr. Hurford studied briefly at the Royal College of Music in London, before taking degrees in music and law at Cambridge University. While Master of the Music at St. Albans Cathedral he founded the



International Organ Festival, which, in

its 30 years, has done much to restore the organ to the mainstream of music-

Colin Andrews & Janette Fishell

Anglo-American duo Colin Andrews & Janette Fishell recently completed a 30-concert tour of Europe, which included recitals in Hungary, U.K., Sweden, and Poland. The duo delivered lectures at the Ferencz Liszt Academy in Budapest on British organ music and the works of Petr Eben. In the U.K. they performed at King's College and Bath Abbey, and recorded a CD of duets on the Harrison & Harrison at St. Mary Redcliffe. The recording includes works of Holst, Tchaikovsky, Glière, Ippolitov-Ivanov, Saint-Saëns, Leighton, and Ferko (available for \$16 postpaid from the artists at 406 E. Fourth St., Greenville, SC 27858; tel 919/752-6293). Other highlights of the tour included recitals at Lulea Cathedral, Sweden, Warsaw Cathedral, Rzeszow Cathedral and Lejask, Poland. During the tour Dr. Fishell returned to the U.S. for a concert and masterclass at the AGO region IV convention in Nashville, TN. Andrews and Fishell are available as soloists and as a duo via Concert Artist Cooperative, 892 Butternut Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903; 415/479-3532.

Philip Crozier & Sylvie Poirier played 19 concerts in Europe last summer, including programs at Montpellier Cathedral (France), Monaco Cathedral, five concerts in Germany, 11 concerts in Poland (Warsaw, Lodz, and Lezajsk), and the Czech Republic. On September 12 Crozier played the Canadian premiere of Petr Eben's Hommage à Henry Purcell at St. James United Church, Montréal. In October the duo traveled to Italy for concerts at St. Agostino, Saluzzo; Chiesa Parrocchiale, Portula; Cattedrale, Fossano; and Santuario de St. Rita, Turin, as part of the International Organ Festival in Turin. Upon returning from Italy, Crozier & Poirier are recording their second CD of organ duets. The duo has also commissioned a new duet from Barrie Cabena.

Per Frendahl is featured on a new recording, Espanordica: Works by Stefan Lindblad, on the Swedish Society label (SCD 1069). The program features baritone Francis Keeping and includes Linblad's Espanordica (Rhapsodia, Nocturne, Litanias), Two Songs (Hingabe, Besinnung), and Hommages (Ouverture, Capriccio, Meditation, Toccata). For information: Organ Odyssey International, 26586 Las Tunas Dr., Mission Viego, CA 92692-3933; ph 714/364-6979; fax 714/364-6979-55.

Claude Girard is featured on a new recording, Entre Vents et Marées (S-120512). Recorded on the Casavant 1895/1922 - Guilbault-Therien 1989 organ at the Church of St. Patrice at Riviere-du-Loup (Québec), the program includes works of Bach (S. 527, 593), Buxtehude, Saint-Saëns, Widor, Gigout, Dupré, Lavoie, and Robert Girard. For information: Claude Girard, 57, du Rocher, Riviere-du-Loup, Québec G5R 1J8 Canada; fax 418/862-2574.



**Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir at Westminster Abbey** 

John Schaefer, Canon Musician at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, MO, led the Cathedral Choir on a 17-day tour of Scotland and England in late July and early August. The choir sang services at St. Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, Southwell Minster, Ely Cathedral, and London's Westminster Abbey, where the musicians were in residence for a week, as well as concerts at the parish churches of Long Melford and Harpenden. On August 31 Canon Schaefer was presented the William F. Yates Trustee Medallion for Distinguished Service to the Arts by William Jewell College of Liberty, MO. The award is the highest non-academic honor given by the college.

**Ewald Kooiman** is featured on Volume 10 of his Bach organ works series on the Coronata label (Cor 2113). Performed on the Gabler organ at Weingarten, the program features the *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat* and the large chorale settings of the *Clavierübung III*.

Nicolas Kynaston is featured on a new recording, Nicolas Kynaston Plays Bach Organ Works at Amorbach, on the IMP label (MCD 90). The program includes the Concerto in d, S. 596, Passacaglia and Fugue in c, S. 582, Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, S. 552, Fantasy and Fugue in d, S. 903 (transcribed by Reger), and four chorale preludes, recorded on the organ at the Abbey Church of Amorbach. For information: Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists, 203/560-7800.

Kathleen Scheide was featured in recital at two summer conventions. She performed a program of harpsichord music with liturgical themes at the national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) in Cincinnati in July. In August she demonstrated the oldest extant organ using the Austin universal windchest system, an 1894 Clough and Warren at Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Detroit, for the OHS national convention. Dr. Scheide concertizes under the management of Artist Recitals Concert Promotional Service.



Larry Schou

Larry Schou was awarded tenure at the University of South Dakota, where he is associate professor of music, teaching organ, harpsichord, theory, and musicology. He was also recently awarded a 1995 South Dakota Arts Council Fellowship grant in recognition of artistic excellence and creative achievement in South Dakota.



**David Spicer** 



Aeolian-Skinner/Austin console

On October 1 the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield (CT) presented an organ and orchestra concert featuring organist David Spicer and the Connecticut Valley Chamber Orchestra. The concert celebrated the installation of a new console for the church's Austin organ opus 2403. The console is an extensive rebuild by Austin of the 1934 Aeolian-Skinner console from Christ Church, Philadelphia. The program included the Concerto in G Minor of Poulenc and the Concerto for Organ, Harp and Strings of Hanson. For information: 203/563-7759.



Frederick Swann

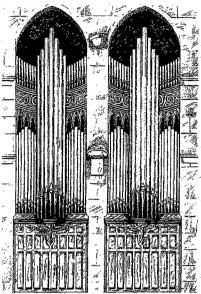
Frederick Swann has made two trips to Europe in recent months. In June he performed at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, the Lindenkirche in Berlin, and at St. Michael's Church in Hamburg. This past September he traveled to Paris, where he was a member of the jury for the First International Organ Competition sponsored by the city of Paris. The competition rounds were held at Ste-Germain-des-Prés, Ste-Clotilde, Ste-Séverin, La Madeleine, Trinité, Ste-Pierre-de-Chaillot, and Ste-Eustache.



Carol Williams

Carol Williams completed her fifth concert tour of Finland, which included a visit to Estonia. Concerts took place at the Malmi parish of Helsinki (3-manual 1984 organ by Heinrich); Hämeenlinna (3-manual 1964 organ by Kangasala); Rapla, Estonia (2-manual 1939 Kriisade); Tammisaari (2-manual 1939 Kriisade); Tammisaari (2-manual 1844 Anders Thule organ restored in 1992); Pornainen (2-manual 1977 neo-baroque organ by Kangasala); and Lauttasaari (1959 Kangasala organ). The U.K. concert organist has moved to the U.S. to pursue postgraduate study with Thomas Murray at Yale University.

Ridgewood United Methodist Church, Ridgewood, NJ, sponsored "Pipescreams," its popular Halloween organ concert and show, on October 28. Organists included Richard Frey, Harriet Dearden, David Rutherford, Drew Kreismer, Jim Chiappini, and Sheldon Eldridge. Also on the program was a haunted house, a magician, a juggler, a unicycle rider, children's songs, a show entitled "Halloween Town," "Ghoul School," and a witch training school.



E.M. Skinner opus 327 at St. Luke's Church, Evanston, IL

The E.M. Skinner Opus 327 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Evanston, IL, is undergoing a complete restoration in two phases. In April, 1994, the 19-rank Swell division was shipped to the A. Thompson-Allen Company shop in New Haven, CT, and was returned in time for a festival service on October 2. The cost of the second phase is set at \$385,000 and is planned

between Easter, 1997 and the end of 1998. A variety of fund-raising efforts has been organized, including an "adopta-pipe" program. For information, write: The Organ Restoration Fund, St. Luke's Church, 939 Hinman, Evanston, IL 60202.

Friends of the Wanamaker Organ reports that the May Company of St. Louis (under its Hecht's banner), new owners of the Woodward & Lothrop/ John Wanamaker retail chain, has stated that the firm will preserve the Eagle, the Christmas Light Show, and the Grand Organ as part of the Wanamaker tradition. The music and organ-maintenance program are to continue as planned. For information contact: Friends of the Wanamaker Organ, 224 Lee Circle, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-3726; 610/519-1348.

The Louisville War Memorial Commission and the Louisville OHS chapter have announced the formation of the William H. Bauer Foundation for the Preservation of the Pilcher Organ at Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Bauer, who began the preservation effort for this organ, was an authority on the Henry Pilcher's Sons Organ Company. The auditorium houses a 4-manual/88-rank organ, the firm's largest. Pilcher was based in Louisville for many decades and operated until 1944, when it was purchased by M.P. Möller. The auditorium organ was installed in 1927 and dedicated in 1929 by Charles Courboin. Its installation in the four corners of the room remains virtually unchanged. However, changes to the building in 1954 muted the organ's sound. Because of age and neglect, the organ's mechanism is in danger of failure. In addition to a complete renovation of the organ, the foundation hopes to bring about changes in the structure of the room to reopen and enhance the organ's tonal egress. The auditorium's concert schedule will include silent movie presentations by organists from the classical and theatre world. All donations are tax-deductible and should be made out to the William H. Bauer Foundation, 3819 Jupiter Rd., Louisville, KY 40218. For information: 502/584-4911 or 502/451-9593.

The Buzard Organ Company, Champaign, IL, has announced the expansion of its factory and office space to nearly double its former size. The new facilities include a wood shop dedicated to windchest and component part fabrication, a pipe-handling and voicing studio, a drafting room, small workshops and a luxury apartment for visiting recitalists. The space is being developed on the second floor of the companyowned 1897 four-story red brick hotel building. The renovations will allow the firm to increase its production in response to market demands, and to entertain hiring of additional experienced organbuilders.

The renovated second floor retains

enced organbuilders.

The renovated second floor retains much of the original wood trim, doors and transoms, including glass french doors leading to the voicing studio and executive suite. The original elevator of cast iron with brass trim, rebuilt in 1950, has been mechanically restored and is being refinished. Additional renovation to the Romanesque building's facade—new thermal windows, new forest green trim, tuckpointing, cleaning, landscaping, and new awnings—bespeaks Buzard's commitment to restoration of this historic landmark building and improving the downtown Champaign area. The company is a recipient of a grant award from the City of Champaign to assist in the costs of these renovations. The Buzard Organ Company builds mechanical and electric-slider chest key action organs.

Schaedle Pipe Organ Services, Cincinnati, OH, was announced the completion of new organs for St. Maurice Church, Greensburg, IN (2/7 electric action), and St. Paul Church, Athens, OH (2/14 electric action). Gloriae Dei Cantores is featured on a new recording, This Worldes Joie, on the Paraclete Press label (GDCD 020). The choir, under the direction of Elizabeth C. Patterson, with Richard K. Pugsley, handbell director, James E. Jordan, organist, and David Chalmers, pianist, offers 23 selections for the Christmas season, including works of Burt, Warlock, Howells, Tavener, Bax, Rutter, and others. For information: Paraclete Press, P.O. Box 1568, Orleans, MA 02653; 508/255-4685.

The Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Murray Forbes Somerville, is featured on a new recording, Carols from the Yard: The 85th Annual Carol Service, on the Gothic label (G 49075). The program includes 25 selections for choir, organ and orchestra, with Nancy B. Granert, organist, and The Bach Society Orchestra. For information: Gothic Records, P.O. Box 6406, Anaheim, CA 92816; 714/999-1061.

The Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, CA, Thomas Foster, music director, Craig Phillips, organist, is featured on a new recording, Hymns through the Ages, on the Gothic label (G 49074). The program includes 23 selections for choir and organ. For information: Gothic Records, P.O. Box 6406, Anaheim, CA 92816; 714/999-1061

The American Boychoir is featured on a new recording, Hymn, released on both Angel and Sparrow Records. Conducted by James Litton, the program includes 17 traditional and modern hymns, accompanied by St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble, and joined by guest artists Steven Curtis Chapman and Twila Paris. For information: The American Boychoir, Lambert Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540; 609/924-5858.

SoftRay Resources has announced the release of *The Hymnal Reference Manual*, 3rd edition, a comprehensive source of information on hymns and songs. The Master Title Index includes over 1500 hymn titles with basic information about each; other indexes include hymn tunes, meter, and scripture, with key listings, classification listings, keywords, and worship resources. For information: SoftRay Resources, P.O. Box 5345, N. Charleston, SC 29406; 1-800/538-6335.

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

Brock Burroughs died September 2 at Bailey Boushay house in Seattle, after a battle with AIDS. Born in Hammond, IN, on September 23, 1951, he attended the Seminary of Holy Cross High School, South Bend, and the Bishop Noll Institute. In 1973 he received the BA in music from Notre Dame University, where he studied with Arthur Lawrence. At the University of Oregon in Eugene his teachers were Margaret Irwin-Brandon, Joan Benson, and Guy Bovet. He was awarded the Close Fellowship and received the MMus in 1981. In 1982 he was appointed organist of Holy Rosary Parish in Edmonds, WA, where he organized a recital series in 1990. As a harpsichordist he often performed the music of the English virginalists, Frescobaldi, and the early French school. Burroughs was a semifinalist in the 1982 performance competition of the Southeastern Historical Keyboard Society. He built three instruments for himself during his time in Eugene, and in recent years was most often heard in his two ensembles, Musica Myopia and Les Chaise Musicaux. He assisted as organist at St. James Cathedral and at St. Alphonsus Parish (Ballard), and for many years sang in the Compline choir at St. Mark's Cathedral. A memorial mass was celebrated at St. James Cathedral, Seattle on September 23, Burroughs' 44th birthday.

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#### **Carillon News**

by Brian Swager

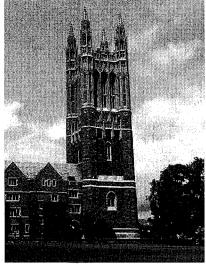
1995 GCNA Congress

The 53rd Congress of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America was held at Princeton University, June 21–25, 1995. Robin Austin, Carillonneur of Princeton University, served as host. There were 114 registered participants representing Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, Ireland, The Netherlands, and the USA. The Congress served as a commemoration of Professor Arthur Lynds Bigelow (1910–1967), Princeton's first carillonneur and one of America's first campanologists. Bigelow hosted GCNA Congresses at Princeton in 1946 and 1966.

Guild President Larry Weinstein opened the Congress with a recital on the Princeton University Carillon. His program featured Ronald Barnes' Capriccio 3, commissioned by the University for the rededication of the renovated instrument in 1993. Other congress recitalists included Janet Dundore, gress recitalists included Janet Dundore, Carillonneur at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, PA; Richard Watson, cam-panologist and designer of the refitted Princeton carillon; Jeff Davis, Assistant Carillonneur at the University of Califor-nia, Berkeley; Tin-shi Tam, Carillonneur at Iowa State University; and Luc Rom-bouts, Carillonneur at the Catholic Uni-versity of Louvain Belgium and City versity of Louvain, Belgium and City Carillonneur of Tienen, Belgium.

An excursion on Friday enabled participants to visit two other area carillons. Robert Byrnes, Carillonneur at the University of Northern Iowa, was heard in recital at Grace Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. Arie Abbenes, instructor at The Netherlands Carillon School and City Carillonneur of Utrecht, Eindhoven, Asten, and Oirschot, performed to St. Betar's Exiscopel Church in Mor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown, New Jersey. Richard Morgan, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, demonstrated the 1930 E.M. Skinner organ there as well as playing a recital on the organ in the Princeton University Chapel.

John Agraz presented a case study on carillon maintenance and construction, cariion maintenance and construction, stemming from his experiences with the Berkeley carillon. Karel Keldermans and Richard Watson made presentations on the North American Standard for carillon keyboard construction. Milford Myhre and Sally Slade Warner led a workshop on arranging music for caril-lon—participants had sent in arrange-ments and transcriptions in advance for



**Cleveland Tower at Princeton University** 

commentary at the Congress. Jo Haazen gave a talk on the Belgian Carillon School, of which she is director. Arie Abbenes and Jacques Maassen presented the Dutch Carillon School's video production on carillon playing technique. Luc Rombouts reported on the recent discovery (April, 1995) of a manuscript of the carillon works of Matthias van den Gheyn which includes six unknown works.

Princeton University Archivist Ben Primer organized an exhibit on Arthur Bigelow and the "Class of 1892 Bells" from materials in the Bigelow Papers at Firestone Library. Chimemasters Bob Fieldman and Donald Beer organized activities at Trinity Church for those who play chime. The church has a 12-bell Meneely/Paccard chime.

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Officers for 1995–96 include Larry Weinstein, President; Gloria Werblow, Vice-President; Phillip Burgess, Treasurer; Janet Tebbel, Corresponding Secretary; and David Hunsberger, Recording Secretary. Jane Tebbel, Jeff Davis, and Andrea McCrady were elected as members at-large of the board.

A certificate of extraordinary service was awarded to Margo Halsted upon completion of her 15-year editorship of Carillon News, the newsletter of the

Carillon News, the newsletter of the GCNA. Her successor in that position in Brian Swager. Honorary membership status was conferred on Albert Bertram, Walter Pittis, Gary Walker, and Ronald Barnes. Lori Lamma, a student of Ronald Barnes, played an advancement recital and was voted into carillonneur

membership.

The Royal Eijsbous Bellfoundry sponsored an elegant banquet. John Taylor



I. to r., Honorary Members Bertram Pittis and Walter Pittis; congress Host Robin Austin; and Albert Pittis, at Grace Episcopal Church, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Bellfounders sponsored a luncheon at St. Peter's in Morristown. And the Verdin Company sponsored the annual pizza party. As a post-congress event, Janet Dundore and Janet Tebbel organized a tour of Philadelphia-area carillage. Seller Slede Weeper extended as lons. Sally Slade Warner extended an invitation to the 1996 Congress which she will host in Cohasset, Massachusetts, June 25–28.

GCNA composition competition

The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America is sponsoring a composition competition for new music for carillon. The piece must be written for an instrument of up to 48 bells with a compass of C, D, D#, thence chromatic through c3 C, D, D#, thence chromatic through c<sup>3</sup>. First and second prizes will be \$800 and \$400, respectively. The deadline for entries is January 15, 1966. Winning compositions will be performed at a congress of the GCNA and will be published by that organization. A 90-minute video tape demonstrating aspects of playing and composing for the carillon, geared toward composers, is available for \$15 postnaid. For competition rules and to postpaid. For competition rules and to obtain the video tape, contact John Gouwens; Att. Composition Competi-tion; CMA #133, 1300 Academy Road; Culver, IN 46511-1291.

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# Music for Voices and Organ

by James McCray

#### Baroque cantatas: Bach and more

I need Bach at the beginning of the day almost more than I need food and water. Pablo Casals (1876 - 1973)

It has been a decade since the big Bach celebration (1685–1985). For the past ten years, as a church musician, I found that I programmed more Bach cantatas than any other single composer of extended works. While this has not thrilled all of my congregation, it has continued to be a source of renewal for

me.
In this age of extensive use of trite church music, there is something magi-cal about working on Bach and bringing his music to life. Careful study of the score always fascinates and surprises. Sharing some of Bach's mysteries with the choir during rehearsals never fails to evoke excitement from them. Ronald Stevenson points out in Western Music that "Handel was a man of the world; Bach a world of man."

In any congregation, most people have heard of Bach, but, somehow, he remains distant. Imagine what might happen if Hollywood made a movie happen if Hollywood made a movie about him in the same spirit as Amadeus or the more recent Immortal Beloved (Beethoven)! Would there be this surge of interest? Perhaps. But, the fun in Mozart is so much more obvious than the joy of Bach, so it would probably be less enduring to the "general" public. It is not only the layers of depth in Bach, but even on the surface there are musical challenges which keep his music

musical challenges which keep his music from being over-exposed. Yet, 300 years later, his music still communicates. His penetrating examinations of the Bible still illuminate. Bach festivals abound throughout this country. For example, here in Fort Collins, we have held a weekend Bach festival in February for

almost 20 years.

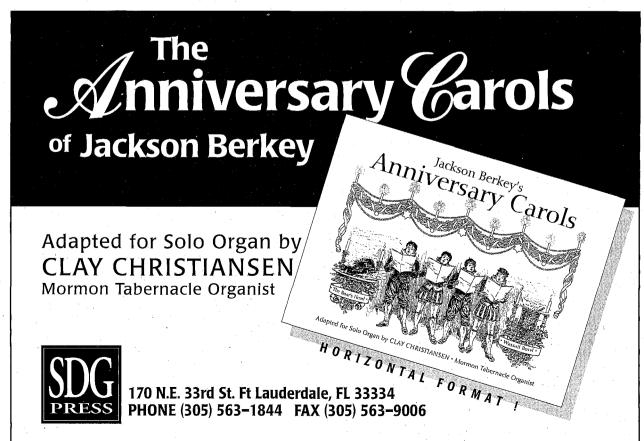
Buxtehude cantatas are considerably easier to perform; they are more "immediate" but do not have the staying power. I find that long after performing a Bach cantata, his message/music still seems to linger. His cantatas stretch the understanding of the textual concerns and that may be a bit of the problem with today's congregations. In Bach's time, the services were often five hours in length so having a 25-minute cantata in that peri-od gave everyone a chance to truly think sage was integrated in so many ways during the service, that hearing a new perspective on it through music made it even more interesting. Did the typical congregation member really see the point? Doubtful. about the day's message. Also, that mes-

There are over 200 of these wonderful works which have survived. Many are not that difficult and use limited instrumentation. It is good to be reminded that they were written for local musicians in a church. A useful tool is William J. Bullock's little book, Bach Cantata's Requiring Limited Resources (University Press of America, Inc., ISBN 0-8191-3863-0) which is a guide to the



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less formidable cantatas. This book chronicles these selected works in out-

chronicles these selected works in outline form and will serve as a beginning for anyone seeking works that will be appropriate to her/his group.

The works reviewed this month are all from the Baroque period including several Bach cantatas. Give your choir and yourself a treat by including a few Baroque works in this year's church offerings. Many of the works below are published by Carus-Verlag (order from Mark Foster Music Co.) and they are excellent editions and highly recommended. Often the choral parts are published separately from the keyboard score in order to cut costs. score in order to cut costs.

Lobe den Herren den machtigen König der Ehren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation), BWV 137, J.S. Bach (1685–1750). SATB, SATB soli, and orchestra of 2 violins, viola, 2 oboes, 3 trumpets, timpani, and basso continuo, Carus-Verlag 31.137/03, no price given for keyboards score (M+). Designed for the 12th Sunday after Trinity, this 15-minute cantata has five

Trinity, this 15-minute cantata has five movements. The first is an extended, choral fantasia that clearly states the popular hymn-tune Lobe den Herren in the soprano with busy counterpoint beneath it. The other verses of this chorale are used in succeeding move-ments: verse 2, alto aria; verse 3, sopra-no and bass duet; verse 4, tenor aria. Verse 5 is the usual block-chord chorale treatment for everyone (have the congregation join in the performance in typical Bach style). Both German and English versions are included.

Schauet Doch und sehet ob Irgenschauet Doch und sehet ob Irgendein Schmerz sei (Look ye then, and see if there be a sorrow like my pain), BWV 46, J.S. Bach. SATB, ATB soli, 2 violins, viola, 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 1 trumpet, and basso continuo, Carus-Verlag 31.046/03, no price given (M+). given (M+).

This 20-minute cantata has six move-

ments and is for the 10th Sunday after Trinity. Typically the opening move-ment is a large choral setting and the last movement is the straightforward chorale tune. The bass aria is extensive and will require an experienced singer due to the long melismatic lines. Other movements include recitatives by an alto and a tenor, and an alto aria. (English/German texts.)

Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen (Praise God Throughout All The Land), BWV 51, J.S. Bach. Soprano solo, 2 violins, viola, trumpet, and basso continuo, Carus-Verlag basso continuo, Carus-Verlag 31.051/03, no price given (D-). Bach wrote numerous solo cantatas.

Many conclude with a choral setting of the chorale, but this is only for soprano solo and orchestra. There are four move-ments which take about 20 minutes; the soprano has many difficult areas and will need solid technique to sing the long, melismatic lines.

Machet die Tore Weit (Let all the gates be raised), George Philipp Telemann (1681–1767). SATB, STB soli, 2 violins, viola, 2 oboes, and basso continuo, Carus-Verlag 39.105/03 (M+).

Telemann, Bach's contemporary, also

produced an extremely large quantity of music. This Advent Cantata has five movements and its structure is similar to those of Bach with an opening choral fantasia, closing four-part chorale, and middle movements for soloists. The solo movements are not long and tend to be more syllabic than Bach. The soprano and bass voices have da capo arias, and tenor a one-page recitative. The opening choral movement is the most challenging section of this cantata, but well within capability of good church choirs.

I am the Resurrection, Andreas Hammerschmidt (1612–1675). Tenor and string orchestra with continuo, Concordia Publishing House 97-

6317, \$2.00 (E).

Hammerschmidt was an early Baroque writer who helped shape the can-

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at Westminster College (PA) and Shadyside's director of music and organist, brings us a program which offers the lighthearted fun of LefebureWely, the whimsical side of Horatio Parker and Charles Ives, the French Romantic traditions of César Franck and Marcel Dupré, the stately
melodies of Cocker and Strauss, the fireworks of John Knowles Paine... and above all, the "romance" of these and other composers from the
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followed the acoustical improvements which were made to the sanctuary during the period when the new organ was under construction.

PROGRAM: Sortie in E-flat - Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wely - Pièce Héroïque - César Franck - Allegretto (from Organ
Sonata in E-flat Minor) - Horatio Parker - Variations on America - Charles Ives - Fountain Reverie - Percy Fletcher - Tuba
Tune - Norman Cocker - Sketch in D-flat Major, Opus 58, #4 - Robert Schumann - Solemn Entry of the Knights of the Order
of Saint John - Richard Strauss, arr.Max Reger - Adagio (from Sonata) - Herbert Nanney - Prelude and Fugue in B Major,
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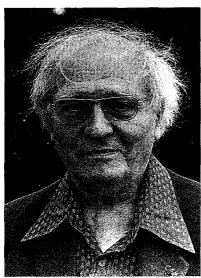
tata. This cantata is sectional, in one movement, and the score contains all of the string parts. Both German and English versions are given. The orchestra plays brief interludes between the vocal lines; both are very easy.

Der Herr ist mein Getreuer Hirt (My Faithful Shepherd is the Lord), BWV 112, J.S. Bach. SATB, SATB soli, 2 violins, viola, 2 oboes, 2 horns, and continuo, Hanssler-Verlag, HE

31.112/03, no price given (M+).

Both English and German texts are provided for this Misericordias Domini cantata. The chorus sings the opening and closing movements, with the chorale distributed to the solos in the middle three movements. The bass movement is called an arioso, but has a recitative at the end of it. The duet is for soprano and tenor and is very delightful; the alto aria (#2) will require a good performer and is the most challenging of the movements.

#### **Book Reviews**



Olivier Messiaen

Olivier Messiaen: Music and Color— Conversations with Claude Samuel. Translated by E. Thomas Glasow, Amadeus Press, 1994. 296 pages. \$29.95. (503/227-2878)

The late Messiaen was never reticent or at a loss for words in talking about his ideas on music and other topics close to his heart. The full program notes accompanying his own pieces guide the listener through his highly personal musical expressions, quoting the inspirations he found in religious texts, and setting forth the materials he chose from the musical and natural world. He was the subject of several films and programs for television and radio, and consented on a number of occasions throughout his career to talk at length with writers with an aim to publish these conversations.

The liveliest are those prompted by the noted French journalist and music critic Claude Samuel, his first set published in 1966 as Entretiens avec Olivier Messiaen, translated into English in 1976 by Felix Aprahamian. Animated, often provocative ("In Bach's music there [is] extraordinary contrapuntal but there's no craftsmanship . . . but there's no rhythm"), always richly informative, this was an important source for the novice in coming to understand Messiaen's unique musical language, and especially for the serious performer in probing the artistic, natural and spiritual orbits which engendered it. Samuel stimulated Messiaen to discuss his philosophy, his sense of color, his ideas on rhythm and how they function in his language, his thoughts on birds, his own output (up to Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum), his observations on teaching, and his opinions on contemporary music to the

In 1984, after the premiere of the opera St. François d'Assise, Messiaen again agreed to collaborate with Samuel on a fresh set of dialogues and an update and clarification of the earlier Conversations. The result was Musique et Couleur, now appearing in English translation by E. Thomas Glasow. Particularly interesting in the revisions of the 1966 conversations are his procedures in notating birdsong (with and without tape recorder), and his remarks about music

and painting.

In the first of six new interviews, Messiaen marvels at how his mother knew, as she carried him in the womb, that he would become a composer. In "Of Sounds and Colors," he describes his unique and simultaneous perception of harmonies and hues. The United States both terrified him ("Mechanized civilization is overwhelming"), and inspired him (Bryce Canyon was the natural wellspring for his *Des Canyons aux Etoiles*, commissioned by Alice Tully). Trips to Japan and Israel gave him not only opportunities to hear concerts of his music, but especially to study the songs of birds new to him. One-lifth of the book consists of his thoughts on his monumental achievement, St. François d'Assise, and how the composer who said in 1966 that "opera . . . is practically dead" came to write one. Finally, world-wide celebration permeates the last interview as he recounts journeys around the globe to attend performances of his music

Organists will find ready opinions on his preferences in organs and on organ music today, as well as how he, a controversial composer, accommodated his own music-making to the needs of litur-

gy for over sixty ye

Engrossed in their immediacy, Messiaen's discourses reveal an artist of farranging interests, of unique viewpoints The greatest rhythmician in classical music is certainly Mozart"), and of respect for artistic integrity ("Ravel was spoiled in his last years by this jazz influence, which really had nothing to do with his personal inclinations"). His love of nature and abhorrence of modern cities, his simple and unchanging faith, and his affinity for the medieval—plainchant, St. Francis, stained glass chant, 5t. Francis, stanieu giass windows—show a personality seemingly "out of sync" with the 20th century. His huge output, his dedication to teaching ("... I first began teaching to earn my living. I didn't want to make money by writing had music, so I chose a nobler writing bad music, so I chose a nobler musical activity"), and his career as a practicing organist, all are facets of a genius of humility, generosity and

ncredible energy.

Included are a selected list of works to 1985, a discography of CDs of works to 1988 (and LPs, where CDs are not available), and a selected bibliography, including articles to 1992.

Essential reading for anyone interested in Messiaen, and totally absorbing, as

–David Palmer Professor of Music University of Windsor Windsor, Ontario

The Purcell Companion, edited by Michael Burden. Amadeus Press, 1995; 504 pp., 21 b/w illustrations, 72 musical examples; hardcover 72 musical examples; hardcover \$39.95 (plus \$6.50 s&h), paperback \$19.95 (plus \$4.50 s&h). Amadeus Press, 133 S.W. Second Ave., Suite 150. 450, Portlar 503/227-2878. OR 97204-3527; Portland,

Purcell is an example of a composer with a tremendous reputation, but of many of whose works are little known. The English are fond of noting that Purcell is the major English composer after the period of Byrd, Tallis, and Gibbons and before the 20th-century English Renaissance of Vaughan Williams, Britten, and Tippett. Anyone familiar with the music of Benjamin Britten knows that much of his style was based on the study of the music of Purcell. Thus Purcell's historical position and reputation are of the highest importance.

The present volume is both valuable and a pleasure to read. It consists of 11 essays divided into five major topics: Introduction, Backgrounds, "A Composer for the Church and Chamber," Pur-cell and the Theatre, and Purcell in Performance. The essays are well written and analyze many works that are unfamiliar even to the professional musician. Many and often long musical examples are included (sometimes requiring the reader to flip several pages to find the appropriate example). There is a consistency among the authors regarding matters of style and analytic approaches which gives the volume cohesion.

Purcell's theatre music, even though it is the longest, does not include musical examples. This inclusion would have been particularly welcome here in that this is a type of Purcell's music that is interesting to many. It may be disappointing to readers of THE DIAPASON that little discussion of Purcell's keyboard is found. In this regard, Andrew Parrott's fine essay on performing Pur-cell highlights important information on English late 17th-century organs and keyboard performance practice. I found the final essay on producing *Dido and Aeneas* somewhat meandering. Would the space that this essay occupies not better have been used to present a list of available performing editions of some of Purcell's major works? Sometimes one comes across a word or phrase that seems "arty," as if the author were trying to impress one with his literary style. The conclusion of *Bonduca*, for instance, is referred to as "a huffing song to end all huffing songs." (p. 359) I am not quite sure what is meant by a "huffing song."

There is much to be learned from a reading of this volume. One discovers, for exemple that the Italian Barracus.

On the other hand, the final essay on

for example, that the Italian Baroque style had an earlier impact on the English than is generally realized. One better understands the complex relationships between Purcell and his contemporaries as well as the influence that some minor predecessors had on this stunning master. One also, by the way, better appreciates the value of some of these lesser masters' music. But more than all of this, one gets a better sense of Purcell's tremendous accomplishment.

—Enrique Alberto Arias

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# **New Recordings**

Petr Eben: Organ Works. Sieglinde Ahrens, organ. Multisonic Digital 310097-2 and 310098-2 (2 compact discs. available separately. DDD. TT=60:56, 58:53).

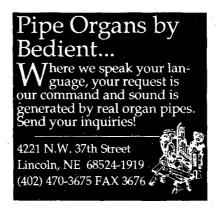
Disc 1: Laudes; Two Choral Phantasies: "O Boze veliky" and "Svaty Václave"; Landscapes of Patmos (with Martin Lenniger, percussion). Disc 2: Sunday Music; Small Choral Partita on "O Jesu, all mein Leben bist Du"; Chagall Windows (with Rudolf Lodenkemgall Windows (with Rudolf Lodenkem-

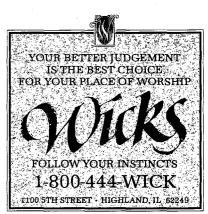
er, trumpet).

The organ music of Czech composer Petr Eben (b. 1929) has been a familiar feature of recital programs over the last two decades, but a diverse recorded sampling has become available only recently. Underneath Eben's Romantic language lies an almost Medieval sense of music's representation of the world order and the human condition. This paradox of subjectivity and objectivity is expressed in traditional structures, a dissonant harmonic vocabulary, and a strong sense of auditory and visual symbolism with deep historical roots, all effectively communicated through the composer-performer's sense of the organ's unique technical possibilities. Sieglinde Ahrens, a faculty member of

the Folkwang-Hochschule in Essen and daughter of composer Joseph Ahrens, feels more of an affinity for the objective qualities of this music than its potential for visceral excitement. The works of rational equilibrium (Small Choral Par-







tita) or rarified mysticism (Chagall Win-

dows) benefit most from this approach.

Most listeners coming to this collection will probably start with Sunday Music or Laudes, an unfortunate introduction to an overall rewarding set of performances. Ms. Ahrens uses the Breit performance of the Hory Logy Kirche, Ober organ at the Herz-Jesu-Kirche, Oberhausen in lackluster performances of these works. If any reality is captured in this shrill and distractingly monochromatic recorded image, such an instrument would understandably compromise the interpretive sensibilities of any organist. The remainder of the program, played on two Klais organs in churches at Mülheim and Oberhausen, is immedi-

at Mülheim and Oberhausen, is immediately engaging.

Sunday Music is a special disappointment. This four-movement "organ symphony" (Eben's own description) should be in turn exuberant, solemn, or apocalyptic, but always extroverted. Despite all its thoughtful organization and rhythmic precision, this performance generates no excitement. By comparison, the admirable Supraphone recording by Kamila Klugarova is more deliberately paced, yet it moves with urgency paced, yet it moves with urgency through all four movements. (This reviewer has not heard the other complete recorded Sunday Music, by Haig Mardirosian on Centaur Records.)

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Ms. Ahrens' successful collaborations with percussionist Martin Lenniger and trumpeter Rudolf Lodenkemper illustrate the two sides of Eben's musical personality. Landscapes of Patmos for organ and percussion is a wild, thorny apocalyptic vision painted in brash colors. Chagall Windows, inspired by Marc Chagall's stained glass creations, moves ors. Chagall's stained glass creations, moves from the descriptive realm into what Eben himself describes in the liner notes as "a view from the material world surrounding us into the world of imagination," ecstatic and ultimately transcendent. This music is stratified, with the organ and trumpet each gliding along its own musical plane. Ms. Ahrens and the late Mr. Lodenkemper coordinate this fancy into a cohesive image with an

almost improvisatory skill and a strong

Most artistic efforts have their high and lows. High points predominate on these discs, and the inclusion of three previously unrecorded works (the previously unrecorded works (the Choral Partita, the Choral Fantasies, and Laudes) makes this collection a useful and enjoyable survey of Eben's work.

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Longwood Pops—The Longwood Gardens Organ CD Vol. 4. Michael Stairs, organ. Direct-to-Tape Recording Co. DTR 8605CD.

Steiner: "Tara Theme" from Gone with the Wind; Joplin/Biggs: The Cascades; Rose: Holiday for Strings; Sondheim: "Send in the Clowns" from A Little Night Music; Herbert: "Jeanette & Her Wooden Shoes" from Sweethearts. Her Wooden Shoes" from Sweethearts; Kander: Theme from New York, New York; Delibes: "Pizzicati" from Sylvia; York; Delibes: "Pizzicati" from syuva; Grieg: March of the Dwarfs; Tchaikovsky: Theme from Romeo and Juliet; Rodgers: "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" from The Sound of Music; Mozart: Turkish Rondo; Webber: "Memory" from Cats; Karg-Elert: Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals; Williams: The Dream of Olwen.

The organ at Longwood Gardens, a sumptuous behemoth if ever there was one, is no stranger to the recording catalogs. Much (if not all) of this familiarity is due to the efforts of DTR, who are responsible for bringing the instrument to the attention of organists and admir-

Michael Stairs has been featured on a number of previous DTR recordings from Longwood A graduate of both Westminster Choir College and the Curtis Institute, he holds the coveted position of argonist to the Philadelphia tion of organist to the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Stairs plays with just the right amount of drama and swagger, making compre-hensive use of the instrument's seemingly endless and eclectic tonal palette.

There's something here for everyone: a Solo French Horn; Strings by the desk; entire clans of Vox Humanas and Tubas; a 1¼′ Septième and 16′ Holzregal on the a 1% Septiente and 10 Holziegal on the Choir; a 9' Weber concert grand piano; Percussion galore; a 64' resultant and no fewer than five 32' stops, including two reeds. As if this weren't enough, there are three "floating" divisions, including a

heavy-duty Fanfare section.

I must say that I enjoyed this disc immensely! It will curl the ponytails of the purist fraternity, I daresay, especially in its choice of composers: to the best of my knowledge, neither Stephen Sondheim nor Richard Rodgers ever penned a Tiento or a Dialogue sur les grand jeux. However, they knew how to write a good tune, and Stairs knows how to phrase and project one with musicality and taste— an essential skill whether the repertoire at hand is Broadway or

Franck.
Just about everything works well here. Of course, there are works that defy transcription, the Tschaikovsky being a good example. My only other cavil is that at 52 minutes the program is on the short side. DTR has acquitted itself well in recording the instrument; a far from

straightforward task, one imagines.

If undue concern about public image prevents your going to the local record store, then indulge your taste by mail. I'm told that all good mail-order companies carry adequate stocks of plain manila envelopes. la envelopes.

20th-Century Organ Music for Two—Elizabeth and Raymond Raymond Chenault.

Vol. 1-Organ of Roswell United Methodist Church, Roswell, GA. Rutter: Variations on an Easter Theme; Hancock: A Fancy for Two to Play; Susa: Canticle; Pinkham: Requiem Collects; Roberts: Fanfare and Tuckets; Arnatt: Sarabande with Variations; Octopus Music; Wills: Toccata for Two; Callahan: Evensong; Ragtime; Sousa arr. Chenault: The Stars and Stripes Forever.

The Stars and Stripes Forever. (Gothic G 49043)
Vol. 2-Organ of Washington National Cathedral. Hakim: Rhapsody; Shephard: Eclogue; Moore: Allegro for Organ Duet; Roberts: The Juggler; Litaize: Sonate à Deux; Callahan: The Emerald Isle; Sousa arr. Chenault: The Stars and Stripes Forever. (Gothic G 49073) ever. (Gothic G 49073)

Hats off to the enterprising and classy Chenaults for such active championing of the organ duet. Not content merely to sit on their well-deserved laurels as prime executants, they continue to make a frequent and invaluable contribution to the duet repertoire by their imaginative commissioning of works from a cosmopolitan range of stylistic and ethnic sources. Thus it is that the colorful Parisian dialect of Naji Hakim's Rhapsody shares space here with the Queen's English of Richard Shephard's Eclogue; lilewise the spackling ten payedle cut likewise the sparkling lean nouvelle cui-sine of Daniel Pinkham's Requiem Collects appears on the same menu as Charles Callahan's Emerald Isle—a real winner which spares neither heavy cream nor Irish whiskey. The notes on the music, written by the

composers themselves, make for interesting reading, since it is obvious that they have responded, one and all, with vigor to the Chenaults' invitation. This is not to say, of course, that the music is of a uniformly high quality: some of it is rather meager fare. Writing for duet poses its own special problems in terms of texture, and not all the composers have cleared this hurdle cleanly. Like Horace surveying the works of Lucilius, so we too see a stream from which some mud might well be extracted. On the other hand, there is a relative paucity of twentieth-century duet repertoire. Were only one of these commissions to have been successful—which most certainly is not the case—then we would still applaud the Chenaults for their sterling

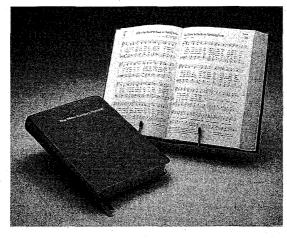
and tireless advocacy.

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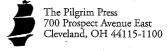
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the fact that the Wills and Rutter pieces are now repertoire staples for duet players. Other works on these recordings will surely follow suit: Pinkham, Callahan and Litaize would head my personal list. Both discs end with the Chenaults' transcription of Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever, complete with "slight harmonic and rhythmic changes to further enhance this rip-snortin', audience-pleasing arrangement." I must say that I remain unconvinced by premise and end result alike; the former striking me as being akin to adding MSG to *filet mignon*. Others may form a more charitable

As for the playing, the Chenaults' international reputation is its own recommendation here. Little more need be said, except that Gothic has done a fine job of recording the two organs. In short, a most welcome pair of discs—yet another feather in the caps of both Gothic and the splendid Chenaults.

—Mark Burton

–Mark Buxton Toronto, Ontario

J.S. Bach. Orgelwerk (Vol. 9). Played by Ewald Kooiman on the Holzhey organ at Weissenau. Coronata COR 2013. No information on price or availability.

The disc (69 minutes) contains the preludes and fugues in G major (BWV 550), D minor (BWV 539), and E minor (BWV 548); the partita on "Sei gegrüsset, Jesu gütig" (BWV 768); and five chorale preludes (BWV 727, 721, 736,

709, and 691).
Other discs in Kooiman's Bach series have been reviewed previously in THE DIAPASON: Vol. 1 by the present reviewer (March 1992) and Vols. 2–8 by Mark Buxton (December 1994), so a lengthy review is scarcely called for. There have been quite a number of excellent com-plete recordings of the organ works of Bach—including some very fine ones from the pre-CD era—and I do not think it possible to pick a "best" version; my own ideal Bach series would be made up of excerpts from several complete recordings. However, Kooiman's certainly ranks with the best. While personal taste is always a factor, this series is surely superior to the one played by Marie-Claire Alain on a collection of old and modern instruments which is cur-

rently appearing on Erato. Kooiman's decision to include one South German instrument among the historical organs used for the series seems surprising, but the results are wonderful. The organ at Weissenau wonderful. The organ at Weissenau (III/41, built 1785–87) has always been overshadowed by the Holzhey organs in Rot and Obermarchtal, to say nothing of the famous Gabler at nearby Wein-garten. The neglect of the Weissenau organ was actually justifiable, for in 1844 Kiene removed most of the reeds and reduced the number of ranks and mixtures, and the devastation was completed by Weigle a few years later. A first attempt at restoration by Walter Supper and the Weigle firm in 1949 was a start, but only the discovery of the original specifications in 1980 made a real reno-vation possible. This was carried out by

vation possible. This was carried out by the Hubert Sandtner firm in 1988–91. Something like 40% of the pipework had to be replaced by new pipes built to the old scales, and much of the mechanism also had to be rebuilt by Sandtner.

It is not possible to tell whether the results actually mirror the sound intended by Holzhey, although a comparison with other existing Holzhey organs suggests that they do. In any case, the organ has a magnificent sound. The mixtures are silvery and possibly a little too retiare silvery and possibly a little too reticent, the flutes sparkle, and the reeds—particularly the magnificent 16' and 8' pedal reeds—are a joy to hear. Incidentally, if Sandtner's reconstructed reeds reproduce accurately Holzhey's originals, one must question the old assumption that both the number and the tone tion that both the number and the tone of Holzhey's reeds revealed French influences, which *might* have reached him through Joseph Riepp or Riepp's famous organs at Ottobeuren. One interesting feature deserves special mention: Sandtner increased the pedal compass from 18 to 27 notes, but the additions are on a separate (electric) chest that can are on a separate (electric) chest that can be cut off if desired.

The rather neglected prelude and fugue in G Major shows off the clear pleno of the organ nicely. Kooiman adopts a slightly slow tempo for the

bouncy fugue, a tempo well suited to the acoustics of the large baroque church. The famous "Wedge" prelude and fugue are also taken at a fairly moderate speed, but Kooiman nevertheless endows them with a compelling drive that unifies the long and complex work. He does not make as many manual changes as do

many performers.

"Sei gegrüsset" shows the variety of sounds available. This is a rather reflective performance, well suited to the text of the hymn. Kooiman shows considerable flexibility in molding melodic lines against a rigidly rhythmic bass. The short chorale preludes benefit from appropriate registration and, once again, a sense of the relationship between music and text.

The accompanying notes, by Kooiman himself, are helpful and include a listing of the registrations used; there is a good, readable English translation.

Kooiman's playing is above reproach. I had reservations about both the performance and the sound in Vol. 1 of this set—though I am sure many listeners would disagree with me—but I have no reservations at all here. Heartily recommended.

Organ Music of César Franck (1822-90) and Marcel Dupré (1886-1971). Played by David Schrader. Cedille CDR 90000 015. Schrader. Cedille CDR 90000 015.
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60657. No price given.

The recording (67 minutes) contains
six works by Franck—Prelude, Fugue
and Variation, Fantasy in A, Cantabile,
Pièce Héroigue, Partenda and Final

Pièce Héroïque, Pastorale, and Final—and one, Variations on a Noël, by Dupré.

and one, Variations on a Noël, by Dupré. David Schrader, well known and admired, particularly in the Chicago area, as organist, harpsichordist, and continuo player, is clearly committed both to Cedille Records and to the Jaeckel organ company. In an earlier review (May 1992) I indicated that, for me at least, some very fine playing had me at least, some very fine playing had been betrayed by an inadequate organ. This is not the case here. Schrader's playing is assured, stylish, and polished, and his performances here, on a most suitable organ, are admirable in almost every respect.

The organ used in the Jaeckel organ The organ used in the Jaeckel organ (1988) of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Duluth, Minnesota. It is a three-manual of 49 stops (67 ranks) based on the work of Cavaillé-Coll, and more specifically on the organ of the Abbaye aux Hommes in Caen, France. There are 14 Pédales de Combinaison; the action between is certificht prochait. the action, however, is entirely mechanical, and even Schrader's arguments in

the liner notes do not make a convincing case for this departure from the Cavaillé-Coll model. I am rather skeptical of the installation of one-sided, historically-oriented organs, but certainly this organ is remarkably convincing in the repertory performed here. At least on the record-ing, the softer pedal stops are rather muddy, and the flutes occasionally sound

shrill, but these are minor quibbles. Schrader follows the best tradition of Franck performance. He stresses the basic simplicity and directness of the *Prelude, Fugue and Variation*, and the result is entirely convincing. The elegant flow of the music is more apparent in the *Fantasy* and in the *Pastorale* than it is in some performances. Heretic that I am. I have always found the Pastorale unsatisof its value. The least satisfactory performance is probably the *Final*. Schrader seems a little *too* controlled, and one wishes for a little additional excitement wishes for a little additional excitement in the final peroration. Possibly the organ does not have anything left, for Schrader, rightly, plays much of the piece at close to full organ.

There are many good versions of Dupré's Variations available. Schrader is technically for located and the final excitations.

technically flawless and he finds all the right tone colors; the performance clear-ly ranks with the best.

The liner notes, by Schrader himself, are relevant and helpful. The music on the disc, very nearly a mini-anthology of favorites, was obviously chosen partly to show the organ's qualities and it certainly does this. A very fine performance on an eminently suitable instrument!

-W. G. Marigold Urbana, IL

# **New Music Miscellany**

#### **Organ and Instrument**

We Praise You, O God; for flute and organ, arr. B. Wayne Bisbee. Augsburg Fortress 11-10455. \$6.00. Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine; for flute and organ, arr. B. Wayne Bisbee. Augsburg Fortress 11-10456. \$6.00.

An interesting feature of these pieces is that the flute never plays the melody. Rather, it provides a descant-like countermelody to the single-voiced melody in the line written for the right hand on the organ. This countermelody always makes some reference to the character of the cantus firmus. The flute part seems more challenging (and in many ways more interesting musically) than seems more challenging (and in many ways more interesting musically) than the organ part. The pedal line is frequently only one note per measure played on the downbeat, followed by the left-hand manual part on beats two and three, creating an "oom-pah" effect which wears thin quickly. "Joseph Dearest" indicates a gentle tempo while "We Praise You" is quite lively. "We praise You" also has some interesting and subtle visits to other keys. It is curious that "Joseph Dearest" has a registration sug-"Joseph Dearest" has a registration sug-gestion while "We Praise You" does not. These pieces provide an easy way for a flute player to be involved in a service which uses these hymns.

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are included. Parts for two trumpets are given in some settings, although there is also the provision for one trumpet. These are straightforward, uncomplicat-ed settings which will be easy to pick up and include in services.

Jubilant Marche for Organ and Two Trumpets, Willa Foster Jones. Art Masters Studios Inc. B-29. \$10.95. Although originally written for a wedding, this stately music would fit a grand

ding, this stately music would fit a grand procession of any kind. In reverse of the usual "trumpet tune" procedure, the organ states the theme first with an accompanying optional timpani. The trumpets follow using intervals of unisons, sixths and thirds. The "B" section modulates to the subdominant. The return of the main theme is accompanied by the trumpets playing alternating nied by the trumpets playing alternating festive descants to the organ theme, pro-viding a full sound for the conclusion. Initial registration suggestions are given, with dynamic markings indicating modifications and/or changes of manuals. The music may be too close to a John Williams movie score for some, but it is nice to have some alternatives to the usual trumpet tunes for festive proces-

4 Festive Processionals, Robert J. Powell. Concordia 97-6147. \$12.50. 5 Festive Processionals, Robert J. Powell. Concordia 97-6100. \$28.50.

These publications contain settings of hymn tunes for organ, brass quartet and hymn times for organ, brass quartet and timpani. The first publication contains settings of "Adeste Fidelis," "The Ash Grove," "Ebenezer" and "Diademata." The second volume includes settings of "Crucifer," "St. George's, Windsor," "Antioch," "Duke Street" and "Italian Hymn." These settings will be most effective if the hymn tune is sung as a processional. Usually the organ and processional. Usually the organ and brass alternate at the beginnings and then play tutti. Each setting has a section titled "Procession" and a section called "Hymn Accompaniment." The procession to the tune "Crucifer" is especially protonoutly going through cayonal long. noteworthy, going through several keys which add a great deal of interest. None of the music is difficult to perform. However, Mr. Powell's usual strong writing style prevents these compositions from sounding trite. Very useful.

3 Hymn Accompaniments for Brass and Organ, Set 4, Charles Schramm, Jr. Concordia 97-6202. \$12.50.

The three hymn tunes treated are "O dass ich tausend (König)," "Kirchen den er" and "Fortunatus New." The arrangements are for brass quartet, timpani, organ and unison choir and/or congregation. The sections are labeled for introduction and specific stanzas of the hymn. Solid harmonizations provide appropriate support for the words of each stanza of the hymn. An interlude before the final verses is included in the first and third compositions, also providing for a modulation in the latter. "Kirken" is especially noteworthy in the way the keyboard part interestingly strays from the restraints of the original four-part hymn time. These are strong settings which provide a change of pace from the usual pattern of brass and organ hymn settings.

Festival Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress," Georg Telemann, arr. by Donald Rotermund. Concordia 97-6200, \$15.00.

It is not apparent from this publica-tion which instrument(s) the original music may have been written for—that information might have been helpful in understanding this arrangement. Telemann wrote many chorale settings for manuals, and this music is similar to those arrangements. The setting is for four instruments (various choices are given in the instrumental parts supplied) and organ. Because the organ part has limited pedal requirements and because there is much duplication in the instrument and organ parts, many adaptations could be made. These duplications also take away from some of the interest that could have been derived from more contrast between organ and instruments.

The setting includes three movements, with the last being the standard chorale setting.

Processional on "Angels from the Realms of Glory," setting by S. Drummond Wolff. Concordia 97-6196. \$6.00.

As the preface states, this is the 17th in a series "designed to encourage congregational hymn singing for festive and special occasions by providing varied hymn settings for organ and brass quartet." The instrumental and keyboard protects are intended to be withing the congregation. parts are intended to be within the range of the average player, and the choir does not need a special score. A festive intronot need a special score. A festive intro-duction leads to a setting for each stanza which varies in harmonies and instru-ments required. The composition con-cludes with a "grand finale." A soprano descant is also included for the final stanza. Many will find practical use for this straightforward hymn-tune setting.

#### **Vocal Solos**

Five Sacred Songs, Richard DeLong. ECS Publishing 4759. \$7.50. Three Wedding Songs for high voice and keyboard, Richard DeLong. ECS Publishing 4758. \$6.50. Richard DeLong, whose life was tragically cut short at a young age last year.

ically cut short at a young age last year,

wrote many pieces for adult and chil-dren's choirs. Here is an interesting look at his works for solo voice. The vocal range is rather demanding, but there is great musical writing in his melodies and accompanying harmonies. One can hear the voice of Herbert Howells in this music (a composer Mr. DeLong admired greatly). The keyboard player who chooses the organ for these pieces will be challenged to come up with the many registration changes required to accompany the changing moods (not unlike Brahms' Four Serious Songs, although not as dense in texture). These pieces lack a bit of rhythmic excitement, and there could have been more variety in musical ingredients used. However, the harmonic and melodic language is delicious. Unfortunately, the cover art-work chosen by the publisher, especially for *Three Weddings Songs*, is embarrassfor Three Weddings Songs, is embarrassingly inappropriate for this music. Please give these collections a look and a listen, and recommend them to your vocal soloists—you will not be disappointed. Titles of the pieces include—Five Sacred Songs: "Seek Ye the Lord" (Isaiah 55:6–9), "Accept the Fountain of My Tears" (from the Byzantine Matins), "Grace" (George Herbert), "Absalom" (II Samuel 18:33), "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" (2 Timothy 2:19; The Wisdom of Solomon 3:1); Three Wedding Songs: "I Will Espouse You to Me Forever" (Hosea 2:21–23), "Set Me As a Seal" (The Song of Solomon 8:6–7), "Blessed Are You, O God of Our Fathers" (Tobit 8:5–7).

—Dennis Schmidt, DMA The Bach Festival of Philadelphia

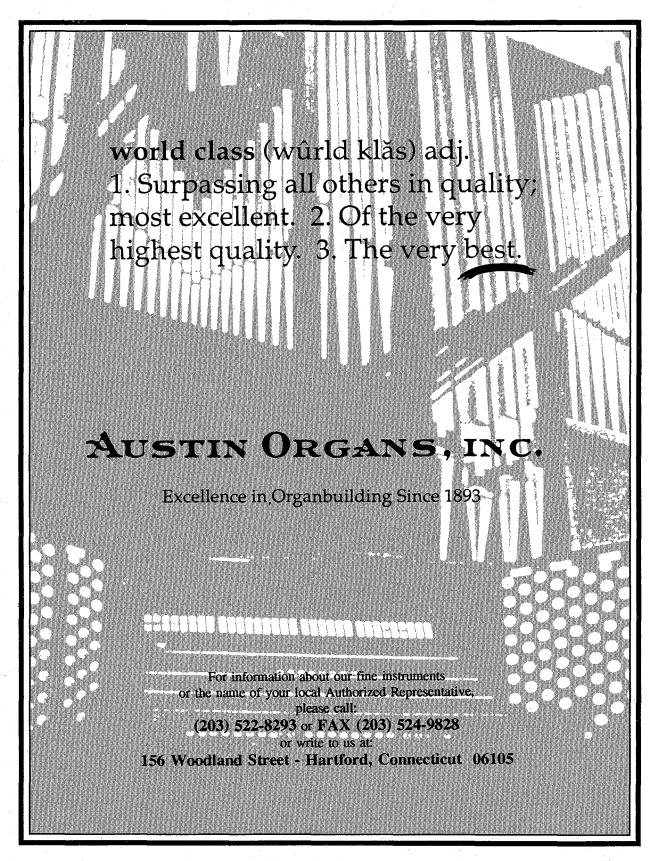
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(E+).

If you are looking for an effective piece that pulls out all the stops yet is not difficult, here it is. The harmonic and melodic structure of the arrangement falls mostly with half and quarter note patterns with some variation. The combination of the organ material with the choral makes for a wonderful Christmas selection. This will certainly be included. selection. This will certainly be included with my choral and bell repertoire this Christmas!

-Leon Nelson



rthur Homer Bird was born in Belmont, Massachusetts on July 23, 1856. He exhibited precocious musical abilities which were fostered by his father and uncle, both of whom were professional musicians, noted as hymn compilers and writers. When only fifteen years old, Bird succeeded his sister, Helen, as organist at the First Baptist Church in Brookline, Massachusetts.

When he was nineteen years old, Bird went to Berlin for musical studies at the Musikhochschule, where he studied piano with Albert Loeschorn, organ with Karl August Haupt, and composi-tion with E. Rohde. At the St. Georgention with E. Rohde. At the St. Georgen-Kirchen in Berlin on April 21, 1876, he gave an organ recital that was particularly noted by critics for his improvisational skills. In 1877 he accepted positions in Halifax, Nova Scotia as organist at St. Matthew's Church and as a faculty member at the Young Ladies' Academy and the Mount St. Vincent Academy; he also founded the first chorus in Nova Scotia, the all-male Arion Club. During a second period of study in Ger-Nova Scotia, the all-male Arion Club. During a second period of study in Germany (1881–1886), he was a composition pupil of Heinrich Urban at the Kullak School of Music and a close friend and compositional disciple of Franz Liszt, who admired Bird's orchestral Carnival Scene enough to conduct several performances eral performances.

eral performances.

Bird's initial major success as a composer occurred on February 4, 1886, when he conducted a program of his own works, including his Symphony in A Major (1885), First Little Suite (1884) and Concert Overture (1885), at the Singakademie in Berlin. Successful American performances later that year American performances later that year included his *Symphony in A Major* by the New York Philharmonic under Walter Damrosch on June 3 and his Carnival Scene by the Chicago Symphony under Theodore Thomas on July 26.

Bird returned to the United States

during the summer of 1886 at the invitation of the North American Saenger-bund to become director of the Milwaukee Music Festival for one year. During this period he was active as a piano and organ recitalist and received favorable reviews for performances of his own

After his return to Berlin in 1887,

Warren Apple holds a high school diploma Warren Apple holds a high school diploma and undergraduate degree from the North Carolina School of the Arts. His graduate degrees in organ performance are from the Eastman School of Music. Further studies have been with Anton Heiller and Arthur Poister. Dr. Apple is currently organist and choir director at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, and is associate professor of music at the University of South Carolina-Aiken, where he holds the Pauline F. O'Connell Chair in Fine Arts. Bird remained there, with the exception of brief visits to the United States in 1897 for a production of his operetta *The Highlanders*, in 1907 for medical consultations, and in 1911 to investigate the possibilities of a commission for an experience All of these vicits included except. opera. All of these visits included organ recitals, and he developed professional friendships in the United States with such organists as Gerrit Smith in New York and Clarence Eddy in Boston.

After he was married to Wilhemine Waldman in Petersboro, England on February 29, 1888, Bird was able to enjoy a luxurious lifestyle due to his 's considerable means; however, the lack of financial necessity greatly dimin-ished Bird's activities as both performer and composer. The Birds maintained opulent mansions in Berlin and in its Grunenwald suburb. The Grunenwald residence was equipped with a house organ. Although their financial holdings were affected detrimentally by the infla-tionary spiral after World War I, the Birds continued to live comfortably in an apartment on the Kurfuestendamm in Berlin. Bird died suddenly of a heart attack on December 22, 1923 during a suburban train ride.

Bird received the Pederewski Prize in 1901 and was named to the National Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1898. He has the distinction of being the first. American composer of a major full-length ballet, Ruebezahl (1886), and of being the first American-born composer to receive commissions from Germany and France.

Because Bird's compositions were almost exclusively performed and published in Europe, especially in Germany and France, his reputation was never great in the United States; however, contemporary critics, such as Louis Elson and A. Lasser, acknowledged him to be America's foremost living composer, rivaled only by Edward MacDowell. Conductor Arthur Nikisch rated him as Conductor Arthur Nikisch rated him as America's finest composer. He was especially noted for his melodious, late Romantic style, his colorful orchestration and his facile counterpoint. Bird considered himself a conservative or "conditional modernist" and was especially critical of both Debussy and Richard Strauss. Bird published three organ pieces during his lifetime; *Three Oriental* 

Example 1. Beginning measures of movement 1 (Allegro moderato), movement 2 (Andante con expressione), and movement 3 (Fuga Allegro) from *Sonata I.* 



Example 2. Measures 1-4 from the theme of Theme with Variations, op. 27.

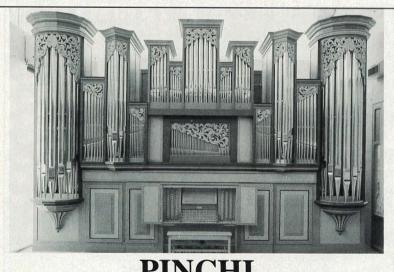


Example 3. Measures 1–5 of the Introduction and the fugue subject from *Introduction and Fugue in d minor*, op. 16.



Example 4. Excerpt from continuous 16th-note theme (measures 17–23) of the Concert Fantasia in f minor.





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Sketches, op. 41 (1898, published 1903); Marcia (published 1902); and Concert Fantasia (published 1904). A fourth organ publication, Theme with Variaby W. H. Dayas from the piano two-hand version and published in 1908. Unpublished organ works by Bird include Fugue on August Haupt (1881); include Fugue on August Haupt (1881); three fugues in a minor, c minor and C major (1881); three sonatas in g minor, A-flat major and c minor (1876); and Toccatina (1905).<sup>2</sup> An additional unpublished organ piece, Introduction and Fugue in d minor, op. 16, was transcribed from the piano four-hand version in 1891 by W. H. Dayas. The manuscripts for four unpublished pieces sion in 1091 by W. H. Dayas. The manuscripts for four unpublished pieces, fugues in a minor and g minor of 1891, a canon trio of 1891, and *Concert Variations in C Major* of 1880, have been lost.<sup>3</sup>

The earliest of these pieces, the three sonatas from Bird's first German sojourn, were never revised or edited by Bird for publication. In spite of their occasional awkwardness and lack of refinement, these sonatas are fully on the level of Rheinberger's sonatas and are noteworthy for their lyric slow movements and fugal concluding movements. The overall sequence of movements is fantasia/andante/ fugue in the Sonata in g minor, andante/allegretto/fugue in the Sonata in A-flat major, and fantasia/adagio/introduction and fugue in the *Sonata* in c minor. A fourth sonata in D major is substantially incomplete. (See Example

Bird's Fugue in a minor on August Haupt of October 1881 and fugues in C major and c minor of December 1881 are also student works from his second Berlin trip. They rival Mendelssohn's op. 37 fugues in craftsmanship and reveal Bird to be an extremely skilled contrapuntist. These works amply support the admiration of contemporary critics for Bird's contrapuntal skills. Although Bird generally avoids such devices as stretto, augmentation, diminution and inversion, rhythmically animated subjects are given rigorously contrapuntal treatment that never dissolves to homophonically dom-

never dissolves to homophonically dominated episodes.

The Theme with Variations for piano two-hand, op. 27 of 1889 was transcribed for organ by W. H. Dayas and published by G. Schirmer in 1891. The variations, in order, include an eighthnote poco allegro; a staccato eighth-note poco più allegro; a moto perpetuo sixteenth-note allegro; a triplet più moderato; sixteenth-note arpeggiations marked allegro moderato; a chorale-like andante ma non troppo; thirty-second note ma non troppo; thirty-second note arpeggiations; and a moderato fugue of one hundred measures. The style of the music is quite reminiscent of Mendelssohn's Variations Serieuse for piano, and the transcription is quite organistic, although one may occasionally wish for fewer octave doublings and a transfer of less of the left hand bass line

transfer of less of the left hand bass line to the pedal. (See Example 2.)

The Introduction and Fugue in d minor, op. 16 is unquestionably Bird's finest organ work. Bird himself must have held the piece in high regard, because it exists in several versions. It appeared in print for piano four-hands in 1887, in an unpublished manuscript for orchestra, in an unpublished manuscript for organ and orchestra, and in an unpublished transcription for solo organ (dated 1891) by W. H. Dayas with corrections by Bird.<sup>4</sup>

The introduction is in free form and must be indicative of Bird's improvisational style. The substantial fugue is reminiscent of the fugues that conclude

Liszt's "Ad Nos" fantasy and Reubke's organ sonata, with a second section that introduces rapid passagework against the principal fugue subject. Also similar to the Liszt fantasia is the final perora-tion which includes a recall of the initial thematic material of the fantasie. (See Example 3.)

Written in 1898, the *Three Oriental Sketches* were copyrighted in 1902 and published in 1903. They are extremely attractive pieces that easily evoke a Middle-Eastern atmosphere through drones, ostinato bass patterns, open fourths and fifths, chromaticism, and grace note fig-

The Marcia in A-flat of 1902 is a ternary-form piece that retains much of the charm and character of Bird's many piano salon pieces. It is well written and falls easily under fingers, but does not show an overabundance of inspiration.

The Concert Fantasia in f minor is clearly the best written and most exciting of Bird's printed organ opuses. It is a large ternary structure of 235 measures in which unbroken sixteenth note figuration in the outer sections gives the same

toccata or organ symphony finale. The central section also shows the influence of Dubois' toccata and the finale to Guilmant's first sonata with its alternation between a chorale-like theme and six-teenth-note figuration from the outer sections. (See Example 4.)
The *Toccatina* of 1906, dedicated to

Clarence Eddy, maintains a moto perpetuo repeated chord figuration throughout, but seems to be closer akin to a Mendelssohnian scherzo than the élan of a French toccata. Its relatively limited amount of thematic material does not maintain interest readily during the piece's 235 measures.

When considered as a group, one is impressed with the compositional quality and musical attractiveness of Bird's organ works. Although none of the pieces are currently in print and manuscript sources are relatively inaccessible, they certainly merit further research and performance.

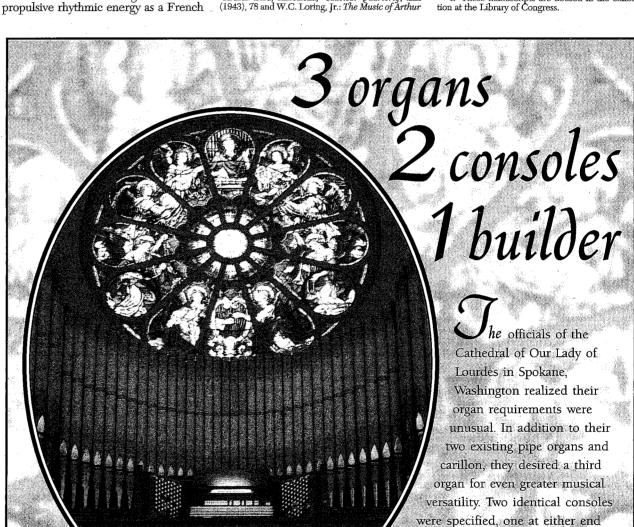
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3. The four sonatas are in a single manuscript sheaf, which contains the fragmentary Sonata III in D major. The cover of the manuscript sheaf which contains Fugue in a minor, Fugue in c minor, and Fugue in C major also lists Fugue in a minor, pugue in g minor and Canon Trio, which are either missing or were never composed. The Concert Variations in C major were performed at concerts in Boston and Halifax in 1880 and have since been lost.

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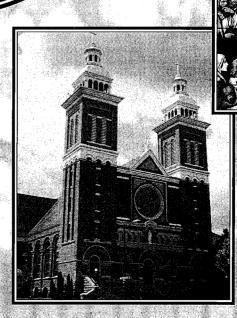
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# Organ Historical Society Convention, 1995

Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 6-12

Bruce B. Stevens

Some 250 lovers of pipe organs and pipe organ music gathered in Michigan in Searly August for the 40th Annual National OHS Convention. They came from across the entire United States, Canada, and such faraway places as Finland and Australia. The elegantly comfortable Campus Inn in the heart of the University of Michigan served as headquarters for a busy week of recitals on 37 old and new organs, four lectures, a carillon recital, and the customary camaraderie and fun that always accompany OHS events.

Sunday

The events of the opening day took place only a short walk from our beautiful headquarters. It has become a tradition to include one vintage theater organ in the lineup of each OHS convention, if possible. Kicking things off this year was an enjoyable program by Scott Smith on the brash and sassy 1927 Grand Barton Theater Organ, located in the restored opulence of the Michigan Theater. To those expecting the sumptuous, booming warmth of a Wurlitzer of the same period, this keen, edgy instrument without booming bass was a surprise. Nonetheless, it is a fascinating and versatile organ, full of intriguing effects. Beginning with The Victors, "the most well-known song associated with the University of Michigan," according to the program notes, and ending ever so cleverly with the encore Another Opening, Another Show from Kiss Me, Kate, ing, Another Show from Kiss Me, Kate, Mr. Smith's leisurely program and relaxed style nicely demonstrated the numerous resources of the restored instrument.

The fine carpenter Gothic-style interior and sympathetic acoustics of the First Congregational Church several blocks away provide an agreeable setting for a 1985 three-manual Karl Wilhelm organ, 1985 three-manual Karl Wilhelm organ, one of two Wilhelm organs featured during the week. Recitalist Larry Visser played a program of works by Bach, de Grigny, Pepping, and his own compositions with ample facility and energy. His own Four Chorale Preludes on "Lobe den Herren," imitating specific well-known organ chorales of Bach, was a hit with the audience and served to demonstrate this mild and pleasant eclectic tracker instrument. OHS conventions are noted for the exceptionally robust. tracker instrument. OHS conventions are noted for the exceptionally robust, bass-dominated congregational singing of a hymn with every organ. It was unexpected that the light tonal palette of this large, perfectly placed but polite instrument was all but obscured by the forceful rendering of "All Creatures of Our God and King." Having released this initial burst of pent-up energy, the group God and king. Having released this intial burst of pent-up energy, the group later evidenced some degree of sensitivity to just how each organ and player "invited" them to sing.

Following the short stroll back to the

Campus Inn, the group enjoyed air conditioned relief from the heat and humidity while listening to a fascinating lecture by Professor James O. Wilkes. A colorful

Bruce Stevens received his musical training at the University of Richmond, the University of Illinois, and the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, Austria. He holds the MMus from the University of Illinois, where he also completed work towards the DMA. In 1972 he won a Danish Marshall Memorial Grant for a year of study in Copenhagen with Finn Viders. From 1975–77 he was a student of Anton Heiller in Vienna. Mr. Stevens is organist of the Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA, and is the founder and director of the Richmond Concert Chorale. He has served as organist and choir director of St. James's Episcopal Church and River Road Presbyterian Church in Richmond, and of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. He is a former dean of the Richmond AGO chapter and currrently editor of the chapter newsletter, yearbook, and the 1995 Region III convention book. As a member of the Organ Historical Society, he has served as chairman of The Historic Organs recitals series. Mr. Stevens has recorded six discs for the Raven record label, including three devoted to the organ sonatas of Rheinberger.

Renaissance man, Wilkes is a professor of chemical engineering at the University, an organist and Associate of the Trinity College of Music in London, and the author of the notable book *Pipe Organs of Ann Arbor*. In much too short a time, he regaled us by zipping through a wide variety of information on pipe construc-tion and sound production, including along the way several imaginative visual demonstrations of the movement of the air in pipes. Utilizing pipe, cardboard, and candle, Professor Wilkes showed us and candle, Professor Wikes showed us that air does not come out of the top of an open pipe and that initial speech involves air being sucked *into* the mouth momentarily, before being blown *out*.

The First United Methodist Church directly across the street from the tall,

glass-fronted lobby of the Campus Inn was the site of our next recital, where we found a large 1958 Reuter organ which found a large 1958 Reuter organ which incorporates ranks of pipes and other parts from the church's 1940 Kimball. Mary McCall Stubbins, organist of the church for 53 years (!), put this congenial instrument through its paces with a program of Couperin and Bach transcriptions and original organ pieces by Sowerby, Titcomb, Doane-Whitworth, and the comic *Pantomime* by Harry Benjamin Jenson For the hymn Ms. McCall jamin Jepson. For the hymn Ms. McCall Stubbins selected words by T. Herbert O'Driscoll, set in 1971 to the great old marching tune Ebenezer (Ton-y-Botel). It was a curious occurrence indeed when this assembly of highly "traditional" church music enthusiasts and practitioners blithely belted out, "Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile, from the aging shrines and struc-tures, from the cloister and the aisle." Would this not include seeking "free-dom" from traditional churches and their pipe organs? Good heavens!

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After dinner we purposely sought no freedom from the evening recital, gathering resolutely in the pews, not the aisle, of the First Baptist Church for what turned out to be an electrifying performance by the "aging shrine's" organist Janice Beck. At the outset we experienced a slight mishap with the hymn: Ms. Beck was only one of several performers during the week whose version of the hymn did not match the one printed in the conventioneers' "Hymnlets." (Future convention committees. printed in the conventioneers. Hymnlets." (Future convention committees, please take note.) Nevertheless, this gifted and experienced artist continued unfazed and opened her recital program with a secure and compelling performance of the Bach E-flat major Fugue. For this reviewer the most riveting and memorable moments came in *Night*Song and Ostinato Dances by Pamela Decker, a long and involved work ending in a frenzied Stravinskyesque dance demanding the utmost in energy, precision, and virtuosity, qualities Ms. Beck possesses in abundance. Three of Rayner Brown's airy *Papillons*, depicting specific butterflies, contrasted nicely with the Decker, as well as with William Bolcom's sweet *Just As I Am* and the closing three works by Vierne. Ms. Beck is to be congratulated on programming one of the more interesting and appealing of the convention's 37 recitals. The organ for this recital is a large 1966 Robert Noehren instrument with precisely 26 ranks of mixtures and a bass "founda-tion" consisting of one light 16' Subbass. Yet it still makes sense and works well in many contexts.

Monday

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At the annual business meeting of the Society, Executive Director Bill Van Pelt announced that the Allen Company had recently given all the historical records of the M. P. Moeller Organ Company to the OHS for its American Organ Archives. This enormous acquisition contains information about one-tenth of all the organs built in the Western Hemisphere! An appeal was made for Hemisphere! An appeal was made for special funds to help deal with storing these materials properly and safely. Convention Coordinator Alan Laufman called our attention to the 1996 Convention. tion in Philadelphia and the 1997 Convention in Portland, Oregon, and then announced the 1998 Convention in

announced the 1998 Convention in Denver.

Following the meeting, organ historian Michael Friesen began turning our thoughts to the past with his admirably articulate lecture on Michigan organ-builders of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Utilizing a good variety of slides, he covered much ground in the short time allowed and displayed his diligent research on the subject.

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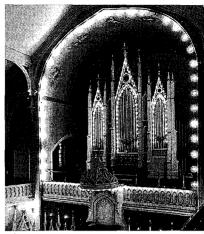
Then we boarded our fleet of four comfortable, modern coaches for the hour-long trip into Detroit and the first of what OHS conventions are principally about: recitals on antique instruments. of what OHS conventions are principally about: recitals on antique instruments. At our first stop, the Martyrs of Uganda Roman Catholic Church (formerly St. Agnes), Susan T. Goodson played a solid program of standard repertoire by Zipoli, Franck, Vierne, and Mendelssohn on the intelligible and civilized Casavant of 1924. The large, handsome, Gothic-style building, with its magnificent, jewel-toned windows and generous acoustics, proved to be only one of many such churches we would see in Detroit: what a delightful surprise for those of us from more "mundane church" areas of the country! And it was good to see the areas around this and other churches coming back to better health following the riots of 1968 and the subsequent decline. These grand and venerable architectural treasures are being preserved, in some instances are being gorgeously restored, and especially are being used. The lunch prepared by our hosts at the church, featuring "African-Detroit" cuisine, was a veritable banquet, resoundingly applauded.

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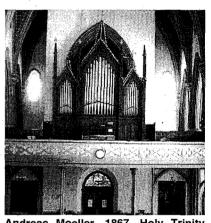
Not far away we entered Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church with gasps of awe. This splendid building, with its rows of grandiose marble columns marching into the horizon while supporting an ever-blue "heaven" above, is breathtaking. The first order of business was the first of the week's presentations of Historic Organ Plaques. sentations of Historic Organ Plaques. sentations of Historic Organ Plaques. The OHS presents these plaques in recognition of an organ's exceptional historic merit. The plaque is intended to be held by the organ's owner in trust for the OHS as long as the owner preserves the organ in a manner compatible with the guidelines of the Society. Through the years this program has encouraged the proper preservation of hundreds of worthy historic organs. In Sweetest Heart of Mary Church the instrument is an 1894 Clough & Warren which has the distinction of being the which has the distinction of being the second organ (indeed, the first extant organ) to employ Mr. John T. Austin's invention, the Austin Universal Wind Chest System. Recitalist Kathleen Scheiders and the second organ of the second organ. de presented careful, sensitive readings de presented careful, sensitive readings of less familiar repertoire by Liszt, Sowerby, and Paine, and included her own *Partita on "Old Hundredth."* The forceful instrument, with its "big room of air" under the pipes, served these pieces well.

Following a brief ride over to St. John-St. Luke Fyangelical Church, the group

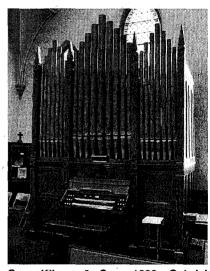
St. Luke Evangelical Church, the group came upon yet another fantastic sight: an



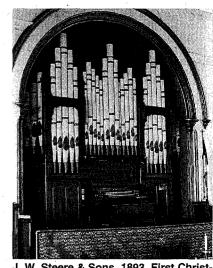
G. F. Votteler, 1874, St. John's-St. Luke Evangelical United Church of Christ,



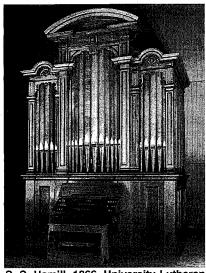
Andreas Moeller, 1867, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Detroit



Geo. Kilgen & Son, 1899, Gabriel Richard Chapel, Ste. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Detroit



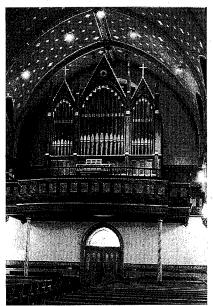
J. W. Steere & Sons, 1893, First Christian Church, Ionia



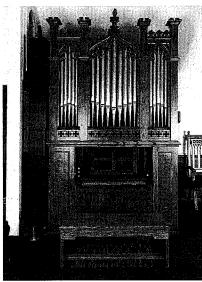
S. S. Hamill, 1866, University Lutheran Church, East Lansing



Henry Erben, 1865, First Presbyterian Church, Cass City



E. & G.G. Hook, 1861, Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, Marine City



Henry Erben, 1857, St. James' Episcopal Church, Dexter

"illuminated light-bulb church." The fanciful carpenter Gothic-style interior of 1874, together with the front-and-center G. F. Votteler organ of the same date, was wired for electricity "in a state-of-the-art fashion" in 1916 under the direction of a parishioner who was an executive with Detroit Edison. Hundreds of light bulbs outline balconies, arches, pulpit, and even the pipe flats and pinnacles on the elaborate Gothic-style organ facade. This carnival atmosphere was heightened by the momentary dimming of the whole shebang every so often, as well as by one bulb on the organ facade that kept blinking in apparent response to vibrations within the case! The instrument has a surprising steely and thin sound for the period, but organist Stephen Schnur, a last minute substitute for another recitalist, made us forget this fact with his amazing prowess: within two weeks' time he learned the previously scheduled organist's entire program, including Dudley Buck's formidable Concert Variations on "The Star-Spangled Banner." None of these pieces had he ever played before, yet he learned and performed them for us with aplomb. This feat did not go unrecognized by the appreciative crowd.

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From this "enlightened," yet cold sounding instrument, we were taken to what was one of the more lovely, cohesive organs of the week: the 1867 Andreas Moeller (no relation to M. P. Moeller) in Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, another beautifully restored Gothic-style edifice with kindly acoustics. The organ has undergone much rearrangement and restoration throughout its history and is undeniably lovely in its present form. Recitalist Dudley Oakes began his engaging program with a charming duet (with organist and conductor Joanne Vollendorf) by the obscure 19th-century composer Josef Labor. Following the premiere of the gentle Reflections by our Australian/Canadian/Floridian OHS colleague Gordon Atkinson, who shared the week with us and performed for us on our Saturday tour, Ms. Vollendorf conducted a quite competent string quartet for a performance of Handel's Organ Concerto, Op. 4, No. 4. Mr. Oakes found suitable and delightful sounds to balance the four strings for a festive, uplifting conclusion.

From here we bused to Ste. Anne's Roman Catholic Church for dinner and our evening recital. Just when we thought we could not possibly see another church larger and more breathtaking, we entered into this huge, "High Victorian Gothic" nave, dazzlingly decorated with much gold gilt, the enormous stained glass windows splashing their late afternoon rainbows over myriads of white and gold pinnacles and carvings. After dinner, organist Barry Turley presented the 25-stop 1887 Granville Wood & Son/1940 Casavant rebuild organ, an instrument of coolly aristocratic, even suave nature, in a varied program of Bach, Pinkham, the lovely Dubois Offertoire, Stanley Weiner, and Reger. Turley's secure, expressive, well-paced playing, together with the dignified instrument speaking optimally into such wonderfully reverberant acoustics from the rear gallery, combined to create a most moving performance of Reger's profound Fantasie on "Wachet auf." The traditional afterglow in the Campus Inn back in Ann Arbor gave the energetic a convivial time to chat about the wondrous sights and sounds of the day, as well as to browse through the astonishing selection of CDs for sale from the OHS shop.

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Westward, ho! Our coach convoy through this green and pleasant land soon arrived in attractive Battle Creek, where the group headed for the Art Moderne W. K. Kellogg Auditorium with thoughts of breakfast cereal uppermost on many minds. However, after another Historic Organ Plaque presentation, organist Larry Schou very soon got our attention with his program on Ernest M. Skinner's 1933 "last showcase instrument built at Aeolian-Skinner." Unfortunately Mr. Schou chose to play a

straight program very straight, using basic prescription registrations for vari-ous French and American 19th-century romantic pieces, rather than using the huge and wonderful organ in its intended, highly colorful orchestral manner to present appropriate repertoire. It was only in Edwin H. Lemare's transcriptions of two popular songs, albeit rather mundane works in Lemare's enormous output, that the true magic of the organ began to shine through. The unique performance practice associated with the fantastic orchestral organs of 60-75 years ago has been largely ignored and forgotten in most organ teaching depart-ments. It takes the likes of such modern orchestral organ poets as Tom Murray, Fred Hohman, Lorenz Maycher, or Tom Hazelton to remind us of what we're missing. Generally, knowledge of and appreciation for such organs and the enchanting style of performance that they facilitate are now waxing, which is good news. But it is a style still very rarely taught and mastered. This style requires of the player an imagination at once soaring and tasteful. It also once soaring and tasteful. It also demands courage to deviate from historic registration toric registration prescriptions and well known rules. These are not classic instruments, and they rebel at being treated as such, keeping their unique magic a secret to be unlocked only by those whose vision encompasses that

uncommon territory.

Next we headed out to the town of Hastings for a visit with the 1867 J. H. & C. S. Odell in Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The instrument, once located in and voiced for another church where it stood nobly free in a rear gallery, is now severely impacted in a chancel chamber behind a heavy, three-foot-thick arch; consequently it sounds imprisoned and remote. This aural effect works strongly against the listener's involvement in all but the dreamiest of music. Here it served to detach many of us from William Lee Elliott's apparently stylish performance of Bach's Partita on "O Gott, du frommer Gott" and Dubois Toccata, What to do with such an installation? Aside from soft nocturnes and meditations, chamber music collaborations with other instrumentalists or singers could have been a path to success.

Lovely Ionia was the site for the next three recitals. The spacious, resonant Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church is a perfect home for the mellow yet clear and balanced Lyon & Healy organ of 1900. This little organ makes a big sound, and it served Marijim Thoene's program based on medieval chant extremely well. It was enthralling to hear the chants sung by a good ensemble of women's voices before the Codex Faenza and Tournemire organ selections. After these and the beautiful Prélude au Kyrie from Hommage à Frescobaldi by Langlais, it came as a jolt that our hymn was Dan Schutte's ever so pop and ubiquitous "You Are Near" before Ms. Thoene continued the recital with eloquent works by Petr Eben and Persichetti—sort of a Tootsie Roll between the Duck à l'Orange and the Baked Alaska!

Moving to the First Christian Church, surely our most colorful venue thus far with its yellow and green windows, teal carpet, red choir loft curtain and upholstery, white-gold-back facade pipes, and a very blue ceiling over all, we heard the chipper playing of Dennis Janzer. Here the hearty 1893 J. W. Steere & Sons organ, generous in scale and full-bodied in tone, is most successful in the dead acoustic. Although this Steere seemed to buck the player a bit in some of the quicker movements, the premiere of Janzer's Suite No. 1: Celebrations and Reflections for Organ (Op. 9) was quite impressive. The last two movements: Exultant Dance—"Heaven be Praised!" and Soliloguw are standouts.

and Soliloquy are standouts.

At the First Baptist Church we encountered one of the more elegant and patrician of the convention's organs—Hook & Hastings Op. 1538 of 1892. Hearing this little instrument reminded us of the preeminence of this great Boston organbuilding company.

Matching the organ in style was young Justin Berg, a sophomore at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids where he studies with William Elliot. Mr. Berg played a varied program of eight short and appropriate pieces beautifully, including Thomas P. Ryder's amusing *The Thunder Storm* amongst works by Zeuner, Bach, Bristow, Brahms, Zundel, Ritter, and Thayer. Hearing such budding talent demonstrate so very well such a fine old organ was one of the more encouraging events of this, or any, convention.

For the evening recital we traveled to University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, where organbuilder and convention chairperson Dana Hull has installed a most successful version of an S. S. Hamill organ of 1866. Greatly rebuilt and enlarged, it still tonally evokes its heritage. And it looks spectacular! Here we were treated to the finished, international concert-quality playing of Deborah L. Friauff. Using largely standard repertoire, she wove appropriate musical magic in works by Pachelbel, Franck, Mendelssohn, Alain, and Bach, displaying her ample virtuosity and mature control of rhythm, phrasing, and musical style. Her performance of Jiri Ropek's Variations on "Victimae Paschali Laudes" was a highlight of the convention, as was her gripping Bach Gminor Fantasy and Fugue. This last was only slightly marred by a dominant-note cipher during the last 10 or so measures—a most lucky note indeed, if it had to happen, for the final measures of a long and great work and performance!

Wednesday

This was our North/Northeast day. After riding through the idyllic country-side north of Ann Arbor, we came to Lapeer, where we were warmly welcomed to the Church of the Immaculate Conception and heard local public school and church Music Man Joseph Dobos demonstrate the 1905 Hinners organ. This little ten-stop instrument, with its truly liquid, lovely flutes, its crisp, bold principals, and its smooth string (no reeds) is a paradigm of successful organ design for a small village church at the turn of the century (and still today). Mr. Dobos' energetic playing was quite convincing in Ballet des Matelotz by Praetorius and later in collaboration with the very gifted student trumpeter Brock Blazo.

After more rural touring, we found in the Cass City Presbyterian Church a gentle, silvery, absolutely elegant little one manual and pedal organ assumed to have been made by Henry Erben in 1865. Fortunately for us the greatly talented organist and pianist Thomas Brown was selected to play this gem, and he provided us with a memorized recital containing some of the more masterful playing of the convention. His Haydn clock pieces and his Arne Introduction and Fugue from the First Concerto reflected the 18th-century lineage of this organ exactly, while delighting us with his profuse musical inventiveness and brilliant technical acrobatics.

Another gem of a later and different sort charmed us in St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandusky. For those familiar with the work of M. P. Moeller only during the last 40 years or so, this little 1898 M. P. Moeller tracker of 4 manual stops and one pedal stop was a surprise. The instrument is at once hefty and gentle: it fills the room with clear, warm, supportive, embracing sound that never tires the ear. Throughout the diverse, engaging program by organist Anita Hanawalt and flutist Karen Cahill, parishioner and "organ curator" Alex Paladi calmly and silently watched the wind indicator on the side of the case and gently raised the bellows as needed, providing ample, living wind. Thanks again go to Dana Hull for the loving and lovely restoration.

Following a long trip to Marine City and dinner at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, we gathered with great expectation in the church to hear the evening recital on the opulent and grandiose 1861 E. & G. G. Hook Op. 300, as devotedly and carefully renovated and enlarged by George Bozeman in 1976. Organist Timothy Huth, having

not the best of nights, succeeded in showing off the exceptionally transparent yet cohesive plenum for counter-point in Bach's B minor Prelude and Fugue. The gorgeous, unsurpassed Hook flutes, the august, classic rosiny diapasons, the exquisite, piquant Oboe, the full-bodied yet radiant chorus reeds, and the awesome Pedal Open Diapason 16' that investigations are designed. 16' that imparts incomparable grandeur to the whole, did not fail to thrill those who have come to love the work of the Hook brothers. What we all suspected is unquestionably true: the Marine City Hook is a *great* organ.

Thursday

As a welcome relief from bus travel, James Hammann opened Thursday with an incisive and entertaining lecture on the "Development of the Orchestral Organ." Terming the orchestral organ "a homophonic cul-de-sac on a long polyphonic highway," Dr. Hammann set his listeners straight on the nature and listeners of this polyphonic highway. importance of this much misunderstood and maligned type of organ. This height-ened our anticipation for hearing another E. M. Skinner masterpiece on Friday at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, where Dr. Ham-

mann was once the organist.

In the vicinity of Ann Arbor we soon arrived in the village of Dexter to hear Mary Ann Crugher Balduf perform on the truly exquisite little 1857 Henry Erben at St. James' Episcopal Church. This multi-talented lady matched the alegant patters of the organ with a wellelegant nature of the organ with a well elegant nature of the organ with a well chosen and arranged program of miniatures impeccably suited to the instrument and lovingly and expertly dispatched. Then with a gentle word and the clever ploy of asking the treble voices to lead off, she also succeeded in getting these normally overly-energetic hymn singers to tone themselves down to match the dulcet tones of this fiveston instrument; consequently the time stop instrument: consequently the tiny instrument and gifted player could guide and support us wonderfully throughout "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" sung

Valentiali, Tell Os of the Night Sting to Aberystwyth.

From this precious, delicate experience, we were whisked off to the University of Michigan School of Music for an expert performance by John Brock on the celebrated Fisk 1985 "copy" of the 1718–1721 Silbermann/Hildebrandt organ in St. George's Church, Rötha, Germany. As one prominent conventioneer put it, "At first I thought that it really wasn't too loud after all, but then he turned on the mixtures!" Overly Overly he furned on the mixtures!" Overly aggressive mixtures and chiffing, clicking principals or not, Mr. Brock very ably and stylishly displayed a great variety of sounds in Baroque works by Muffat, Böhm, and Bach. Having played the original Silbermann (Can we possibly be certain that it sounds "original" today, capacitally following the 1823 reports the especially following the 1833 repairs, the 1935 repairs, the war damage, and the 1947 restoration by Eule?) in the rather intimate, carpeted, pew-padded, non-reverberant Rötha church a few years ago, this reviewer distinctly remembers his surprise and delight at the absence of

chiff in the principal and flute ranks: subtle tonguing attack, yes; chiffing and chonking, no. Thankfully today we're again seeing a trend amongst leading organbuilders towards more refined pipe speech than was the practice during the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

The afternoon was given over to hilarity as the inimitable Jane Edge and her Victorian Nonet Songsters donned costumes for a program of Victorian Gems. The Victorian interior of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ypsilanti, with its 1949 Holtkamp incorporating parts of an 1875 E. & G. G. Hook and Hastings, was ideal for this event. Shall we ever forget the above-mentioned Madame Crugher Balduf, in enormous antique hat and flounces, leading off in Harry Rowe Shelley's heart rending anthem Hark, Hark, My Soul? There was scarcely a dry eye as later the histrionic Madame, in deep throated contralto, over enunciat ed the telling, yet poignant words "o-f s-i-n" in Mrs. M. S. B. Dana's pathetic Flee as a Bird. As expected Mrs. Edge provided witty and perfect organ accom-

From this we emerged to hear Vance Harper Jones on the bold Barckhoff organ of 1905 in the First Congregation-al Church several blocks away. Though housed in a chamber, the modest instrument sounds full and big, smooth and clear in the intimate, dry room. The bluesy Balm in Gilead by Joe Utterback was only one of six utterly unknown works played, the last involving a little routine with a comic Uncle Sam hat. Whether the frivolity of these programs was the result of careful calculation or happenstance, it was the perfect tonic for the traditional Thursday-afternoonslump that invariably occurs in OHS convention weeks.

After the delicious evening banquet at the beautiful Michigan League on campus, we and everyone else on campus were treated to a carillon recital by Margo Halsted and Donald Traser on the great carillon in the university's Burton Tower. A quick trip up the elevator brought many of us into direct contact with this enormous instrument as it was being played. And we organists think our instruments are big and powerful! Then followed what was for many the

highlight of the convention: Professor Robert Glasgow's masterful performance on the famous Aeolian-Skinner behemoth in Hill Auditorium. Recently behemoth in Hill Auditorium. Recently refurbished and provided with a new combination system, reliable key action, and a piston sequencer (liberally used throughout the recital), this organ can certainly astonish and satisfy those in love with the biggest. The program of four works, Marche Funèbre et Chant Séraphique by Guilmant, Arioso and Pageant of Autumn by Sowerby, and Fantasia and Fugue on The Chorale "Ad nos, ad salutarem undam" by Liszt showed the best of everything: a superlashowed the best of everything: a superlative, mature, world-class performer on an enormous and superior instrument he thoroughly understands, performing fine, appropriate literature with consum-mate insight and virtuosity, poetry and

passion. Although excessive heat and humidity in the un-airconditioned hall may have taken a minor toll on note accuracy in some of Liszt's more treacherous passages, the audience was effusive in its resounding praise. Thankfully personal preferences of taste and style, as well as petty comparisons and fault-finding, largely disappear at such a grand event; the eminent artist communicated the music in an extraordinary way, and the audience realized it was the fortunate recipient of something quite spe-

Friday
By this time in the week the troops began to shake down to the intrepid and ardent, but the Friday and Saturday crowds were gratifyingly large this year. Agnes Armstrong, an authority on Félix-Alexandre Guilmant, gave an interesting lecture on this great concert artist, composer, and teacher, leading nicely into her mid-morning recital of Guilmant works at Cass Community United Methodist Church in Detroit. In this much-stressed structure exists largest unaltered nineteenth-century organ in Michigan, a three-manual Johnson & Son instrument of 1892. Although barely playable, Ms. Armstrong succeeded in showing its present "dark brilliance" in a program including three works played by Guilmant himself on works played by Guilmant nimsen on this very organ in 1898. OHS members in the Detroit area, including organ-builders Dana Hull and David Wigton, amounced that they have "adopted" this great instrument for further care and love. It is a treasure, and it was exciting to see the OHS at work once more makto see the OHS at work once more make ing a struggling congregation aware of the worth their neglected organ.

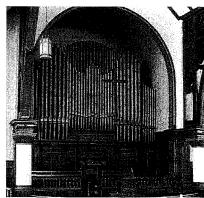
From here we were taken to the From here we were taken to the immense and imposing Old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church to see builder Wigton's magnum opus. David Hufford's expressive and virtuosic playing was a more than able match for this massive and most impressive French-style instrument. The inclusion of a small chamber choir singing the entire Fauré chamber choir singing the entire Fauré Requiem with organ accompaniment as the major portion of the program result-ed in a small disappointment in this par-ticular venue, for it meant that Mr. Hufford had time for only two short organ works, the Hymne d'Action de grâce, Deum" by Langlais, and the opening movement of Widor's Sixth Symphony, to show off what must be a myriad of riches in this organ. Regardless of the pleasant choir and the splendid playing of Mr. Hufford, one was left with a sense of frustration at not hearing much more of this impressive, unusual organ.

We then bused out to Grosse Pointe Farms, only a few miles distant but in reality a world away, to hear an elegant Klais organ of 1989 at The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Presbyterian). David Wagner, one of seventeen of the week's recitalists who studied at the University of Michigan's organ department, managed to give us a good sampling of the colors in this large, first-rate German tracker, unfortunately set in a dry and unflattering acoustic. Immediately after this we moved down the road where Mr. Wagner gave us a too short demonstra-tion on the 1986 Wilhelm organ at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, an organ more satisfying than the Klais to many, probably due to the fine, lively acoustics. Here great excitement ensued when one of our coaches got stuck halfway into the church driveway and half out into a busy, four-lane roadway. There being no immediate remedy for this predicament, despite some amusing antics involving a Jeep and a chain, we consolidated and went on our way with one-third of the group standing in the aisles of the remaining buses

The imposing Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomed us for a delightful dinner and a concert on the famed 1925 E. M. Skinner masterpiece in the soaring Gothic-style church. After a miscue to the audience as to when to begin singing the opening hymn, organist JanEl B. Gortmaker proceeded to play the entire Vierne *Third Symphony* without an audible wrong note. Such



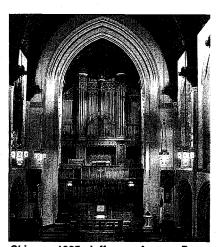
Barckhoff, 1905, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti



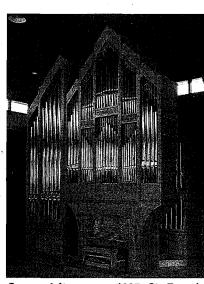
Johnson & Son, 1892, Cass Avenue United Methodist Church, Detroit



Wigton, 1990, Old St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Detroit



Skinner, 1925, Jefferson Avenue Pres-byterian Church, Detroit



Orgues Létourneau, 1995, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor



perfection is so unusual that it is satisfying in itself, but when it is coupled with an intelligent, rhythmically controlled, beautifully phrased, polished projection of the musical ideas behind the notes, it becomes really memorable. The only negative aspect here was the intense disappointment felt by some that the anxiously awaited organ demonstration did not fully materialize: that the magical orchestral effects inherent in this celebrated organ went largely unheard. Bybrated organ went largely unheard. By-the-book registration of standard Euro-pean organ literature did not begin to explore this wonderful organ thoroughly. Even worse, it led to some abuse of the high pressure/high decibel reeds, with oncomitant abuse of the audience's ears. Whether an organ comes off as beautiful, magical, poetic, mighty, and grand, or whether it is perceived as overbearing, opaque, crass, or vulgar is perhaps more dependent on the organist's refined sense of sound and registration with such an orchestral organ than with possibly any other kind of organ. One of the week's lessons, that orchestral organs

the week's lessons, that orchestral organs demand a special and non-traditional approach, was now thrice taught.

An hour later we were back in Ann Arbor for James Kibbie's recital on the brand new 1995 Orgues Létourneau tracker at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. This large, modern "worship center" has recently been redone to feature an admirable acoustic for worship and music which complirectone to feature an admirable acoustic for worship and music which compli-ments this rather bright, pleasing, essen-tially neo-Baroque organ nicely. Even the chiffy flutes are convincing in such an environment. Dr. Kibbie, the organ consultant for this project, must have liked it, for he played to the large crowd, liked it, for he played to the large crowd, including many parishioners and other townspeople, in the stifling heat from memory with confidence, fine style, and, in the main, musical success. His program of great standards was spiced by the inclusion of the beautiful *Nigerian Prayer: "Oba a ba ke"* by Fela Sowande, an African musician who lived and worked in this country for many years before his death in 1987.

Saturday

Nearly a week after the start of the convention, three bus loads of us were still going and going. This year's convention was atypical in its inclusion of so many modern organs, and this day we were treated to four more. Our first stop was St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, in Canton, another modern Church in Canton, another modern "worship center" that unfortunately is not a pleasant home for the David Wigton 1993 "rebuild and enlargement" of an 1885 Carl Barckhoff organ. Enough an 1885 Carl Barckhoff organ. Enough of this instrument has been altered so as to make the original not readily recognizable. Nonetheless, it is an affable organ with a contemporary sound and visual appearance. Organist Brian DuSell's program of Bruhns, Bach, Gigout, Albright, and Vaughan Williams exercised the instrument completely, especially the pedals in Albright's ever

exercised the instrument completely, especially the pedals in Albright's ever popular Jig for the Feet.

Our next stop at Zion Lutheran Church in Detroit, home church of our convention chairman Dana Hull, served convention chairman Dana Hull, served up a host of delights. Many of us were amazed at the rich English Gothic-style interior and the scent of incense of this "High Lutheran" parish. Sitting in a transept was a current Hull project: the ongoing restoration of a mid-nineteenth century Robjohn chamber-size organ in an absolutely exquisite rosewood case. Finally, from the rear gallery, it was a great treat to hear the crystalline and surprisingly refined 1932 Vottler-Holt-kamp-Sparling organ, including its myssurprisingly refined 1932 Vottler-Holt-kamp-Sparling organ, including its mysterious Ludwig Tone 8', a uniquely beautiful flute celeste. Gordon Atkinson played an unusual program, including Little Suite for Organ by English composer Martin Ball, which was commissioned for this recital.

At St. James' Episcopal Church in Grosse Ile we were graciously hosted by a large group of parishioners to a lovely picnic on the grounds, with the refreshing river views and park-like setting reviving our flagging spirits. Inside the old chapel building organist Edward M.

Schramm played an unexpected program on the 1987 Charles Ruggles tracker, a little organ with a big, big sound. The successful realization of Reger's

er, a little organ with a big, big sound. The successful realization of Reger's Introduction and Passacaglia on this 13-stop instrument caused no small degree of astonishment.

It was fitting that the two final scheduled events of the convention featured two venerable and "grand" instruments from the past. At Pilgrim Church back in Detroit Elgin Clingaman offered a well-played recital on an 1889 Granville Wood & Son organ, a very grand sound indeed in a very dead acoustical environment. Bless them, they didn't let dead acoustics deter the creation of true grandeur way back then in the olden days! Just start with a huge 16' Double Open Diapason of wood in the pedal, and the rest would follow naturally. Fascinating parts of this recital were the three works of the Belgian nineteenth-century composer Joseph Callaerts. The increasingly wearied, even jaded, group appreciated particularly his winsome Scherzo, Op. 31.

The opulent, mellow, smooth, rich tonal magnificence of the 1892 George Jardine and Son organ down the street in Trinity Episcopal Church then beckoned, and ignoring tired ears, off we trotted. This wonderful organ, installed far from optimally in a chancel chamber with a small facade and the key desk in

the transept, gives the lie to the mandate that rather low-pressure trackers must be free-standing to be successful. Again, those good old guys really did know how to fill a room with sound, whatever the challenge! Here Joanne Vollendorf appeared for the second time and gave appeared for the second time and gave an engaging program of music by women composers, from Fanny Hensel-Mendelssohn to Frances McCollin. Ms. Vollendorf's musical playing brought a fitting conclusion to a truly outstanding week for many of the participants. But not to let the evening "go to waste," an extra post-convention tour

waste," an extra post-convention tour had been organized only a week or two previously, and an amazing two bus loads of dauntless enthusiasts plowed forward. Were we ever hugely rewarded! Two glorious churches, two scintillating organs, and a superb recitalist awaited

At Fort Street Presbyterian Church, a superb Gothic-style building with a true wonder of a hammer-beam truss ceiling, the organ is plastered across the entire front of the building in an exuberant fantasy of black walnut pinnacles and white, gold, pink, and taupe painted pipes. Here we were met by recitalist Thomas M. Kuras, a formidable organ artist. His program, prepared rather last-minute, included virtuoso works by Bossi, Dubois, and his own *Postlude on "Vigiles et Sanctae"* on the impressive Odell /Wangerin-Weickhardt/Möller/McManus/Price/Robertson/Helderop composite

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However, greater delights awaited. After dinner we rode over to what is certainly one of the most wondrous and awe-inspiring Gothic-style interiors in the country. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is an absolutely glorious, highly colored, many statued, Germanbuilt edifice with equally fabulous acoustics. It is reminiscent of the marvelous Cathedral in Freiberg, Germany, where a great Gottfried Silbermann organ resides. It is the only Detroit church listed on the National Register of Historic Places, primarily for its extraorchurch listed on the National Register of Historic Places, primarily for its extraordinary German stained glass windows. Here Mr. Kuras has played the organ and led performances of weekly choral Latin Masses and regular orchestral Masses for several decades. And this night, play he did. Masterfully! The program included his own extensive Partita for Organ on "Austria" and an utterly charming Berceuse on "O Sanctissima." A thrilling improvisation on not one but three submitted themes brought down three submitted themes brought down the house. The organ here is a 1973 two-manual tracker, modest in size when compared to the building, but generous in tone. Built by local builder William Worden, it incorporates some once-butchered but now restored pipework from the original 1873 Odell organ,



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including the handsome stencilled facade, as well as some other old pipes. tacade, as well as some other old pipes. In essence, however, it is a versatile, eclectic instrument of impressive musical value whose stoplist and sounds closely resemble those of organs being built by leading American tracker builders right now rather than those being built 22 years ago. We went out into the night on a genuine high.

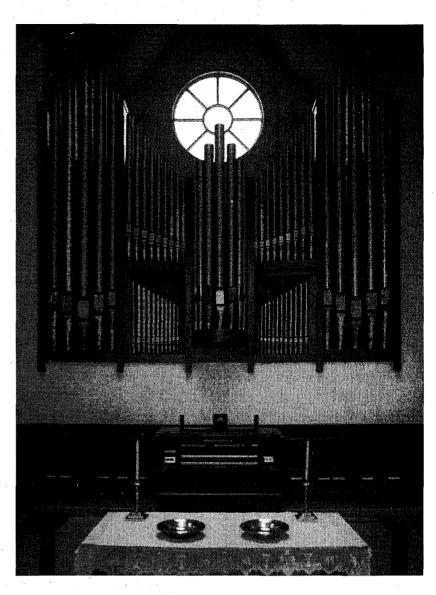
This convention was at once extremely well-organized and relaxed, with a beautifully-planned pace, easy flow, and relatively few snafus. Chairman Dana Hull and her committee, as well as Convention Coordinator Alan Laufman and the OHS staff in Richmond, deserve high praise and deep appreciation for an excellent week. The huge variety of beautiful instruments and churches, the discovery of some exciting, unfamiliar players, the opportunity to hear some old favorite players, the unusual yet appealing programs, the luxurious accommodations, the sumptuous meals and frequent refreshments throughout each day, the comfortable, clean trans-portation, the customarily reasonable OHS prices, and the genuinely friendly and open crowd all combined to make one terrific week

The focus of these yearly gatherings has gradually (and gratefully) expanded from an interest solely in eighteenth and nineteenth century trackers to include serious interest in and appreciation for invitigate and appreciation for senous interest in and appreciation for significant electric action organs from the past and a refreshing look at topnotch, artistic modern organs. Naturally, this has served to attract a larger and more diverse crowd with a wider view of this or The conventions have accorded things. The conventions have expanded to a very full six and a half days which

increasing numbers of people enjoy without missing one single event. Based as these conclaves are on a sincere interest in experiencing as many fine organs, fine players, and fine recitals of organ litfine players, and fine recitals of organ literature as possible in a given week, they are unique in our country and, perhaps, in the world. (For a serious concert organist with awareness enough to notice and process what is going on, just the chance to hear 37 different recitals by 37 different players on 37 different organs in one week, played to the same audience, is an incredibly valuable lesson in what works and what doesn't in terms of planning and playing recitals. For a serious, artistic organbuilder, the chance to hear and compare the degree of success of that many organs in that many American churches in one week is unparalleled.) How fortunate we are to American churches in one week is unparalleled.) How fortunate we are to have the OHS producing such events for our edification and enjoyment as a part of its mission. The Society deserves accolades as it continues to support the cause of genuine pipe organs at this time in America of mounting threat to the use and even existence of such marvelous and poble instruments uphather they are and noble instruments, whether they are old or new.

Next year the OHS conventioneers will gather in Philadelphia for what will certainly be an exhilarating week, Sunday, June 30 through Saturday, July 6. On the Fourth of July we'll be enjoying a dinner cruise on the river, watching the fireworks over the city where our nation was born. From 18th-century Tannen-berg and Dieffenbach trackers to the world-famous monumental organs in the Wanamaker store and Longwood Gar-dens, we'll hear them all. Plan to join us for a week that is unlike anything hap-pening elsewhere.

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Halbert Gober, Organbuilder, Toronto, Ontario, has built a new organ for the studio of John van Leeuwen, Newmarket, Ontario. The organ comprises two manuals and pedal, with five stops. The organbuilder writes:

This instrument is the result of a fascination I have had throughout my 25-year career with the allocation of limited resources in an instrument intended for practicing works large and small. The logic is: to keep the expense of the action to a minimum, concentrating the resources instead on pipes. I also wanted to realize a long-standing intention to make a house organ with a rich, warm 8' principal (with open pipes from low C!) as the basis for an unorthodox but lovely

chorus of stops whose character teeters on the border between principal and flute.

One big challenge in building small organs is that the small pallets and the short distance from key to windchest can actually result in an action that feels too light for the organist. Here the pallets are overdimensioned and the wind pressure relatively high so that the all-important "pluck", which is right at the top of the key travel because of the suspended action, is like that in a larger instrument.

The "test pieces" for any practice organ, of course, are Bach's trio sonatas and this instrument offers several good registrations for them, the most basic being soprano and bass on the Prinzipal 8' in Manual I and pedal, the left hand on the Gedackt 8' in Manual II.

As always, all the pipes for this organ were made in our shop: the burnished lead pipes of the Principal 8' start at tenor c in the façade, with the open bass pipes of maple on the back of the case. The Wood Principal 4' is of black walnut, which imparts to the principal-scaled pipes a buttery, even flute-like, tone. The Traverse Flute 2', of metal, has overblowing ("harmonic") pipes beginning at middle c. The case is of solid rock maple, mortised and tenoned. The pipeshades, with their drapery motif, were hand-carved in black walnut.

—Halbert Gober

#### MANUALI

- 8' Principal 4' Wood Principal 2' Traverse Flute II Cornet (c')

# MANUAL II Stopped Flute

Pulldown from Manual I Dulzian (prep)

Tremulant for all stops



A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Sales & Service, Lithonia, GA, has completed the renovation of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 3008 at the Roosevelt Chapel of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, Warm Springs, GA. The institute was founded in 1927 as a treatment center for polio patients; it now treats a variety of debilitating conditions. The chapel was designed by architect Henry Toombs, a pioneer in accessibility for handicapped persons. There is seating for about 98, including about 30

in wheelchairs. One of the smallest organs built by Aeolian Skinner, the 3-rank, unified, 19-stop, electro-pneumatic instrument was a gift to the chapel of Mr. & Mrs. James McHutcherson of New York City. Schlueter completed a restoration of the all-enclosed diapason, rededit and rich replacements. gedeckt, and viola ranks, as well as refurbishing the 21 non-speaking zinc pipes in the facade. Original ivory keys were restored, and the pickled oak case and console refinished.

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8'	Diapason	
8'	Viola	
8'	Gedeckt	
4'	Octave	
4'	Flute	
4'	Viola	
22/3	Nazard	
2'	Fifteenth	

SWELL Viola Gedeckt Flute Viola

Nazard Tremolo PEDAL Bourdon

Diapason Gedeckt Flute 8' 8' 4' 4' Viola



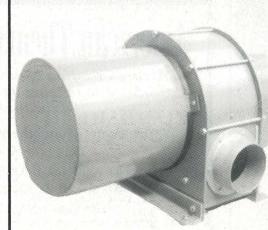
MI, has built a new organ, opus 19, for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Haslett, MI. St. Luke's is a young congregation founded less than 10 years ago in a fast growing suburban setting. The present building includes the worship space which will eventually become the fellowship hall, and recently completed education write. The worship made is of size cation unit. The worship space is of sim-ple design with flexible seating to accom-modate a variety of arrangements. The self-contained instrument can be easily moved on integral rollers to allow for a variety of placements within the space. The case is built of red oak with a "pickled" finish to match the chancel furnishings, the facade pipes are the 8' Principal

in 70% polished tin. The stop list is derived from 9 independent ranks with all but the 8' Principal under expression. The action is electro-mechanical, switching is solid state including a multi-level combination action. The entire instrument is 8' wide, 6' deep (including pedals) and 9' tall and replaces an electronic imitation.

**Tonal Resources 9 Ranks** 

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8'	Principal	49 pipes	70% tin
4'	Octave	73 pipes	50% tin
11/3	Mixture II-III	165 pipes	50% tin
16'	Gedeckt	61 pipes	
	Wood, 1-	-24, balance	30% tin
2'	Spitzflute	61 pipes	50% tin
8'	Viole de Gambe	68 pipes	50% tin
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SWELL PEDAL GREAT Gedeckt
Principal
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Octave
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Choralbass Gedeckt Viole de Gambe 16' 8' 8' 8' 4' 4' Prestant Gedeckt
Viole
Spitzflute
Quintflute
Krummhorn Octave Spitzflute Nazard 4' 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>' 2' Flute Mixture Krummhorn Superoctave Mixture II-III Krummhorn Krummhorn Krummhorn Tremulant



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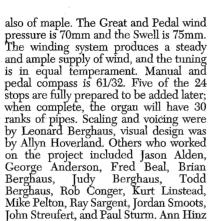
The Berghaus Organ Company, Bellwood, IL, has just completed an organ for Zion Lutheran Church, Hins-dale, IL. Encased and placed in the balcony, it replaces an instrument which was located in chambers on either side of the chancel (with the console and choir all the cnancei (with the console and choir all the while remaining in the balcony). Several ranks of pipes, the console shell and pedalboard were retained from the previous Moeller organ, but were thoroughly reconditioned. The Great division is in the central portion of the case, with the Swell in the right hand tower and the Pedal on the left. Both leave and ston action Pedal on the left. Both key and stop action are electric, and there is a new slider windchest for each of the three divisions. The console shell was completely stripped of its old finish and then restained to match the finish of the organ case. The pedalboard was disassembled, rebushed, given new key coverings, and refinished. The new keyboards have maple naturals and rosewood sharps with the tilting tablet stop controls and designation labels

on the project included Jason Alden, George Anderson, Fred Beal, Brian Berghaus, Judy Berghaus, Todd Berghaus, Rob Conger, Kurt Linstead, Mike Pelton, Ray Sargent, Jordan Smoots, John Streufert, and Paul Sturm. Ann Hinz is the Director of Music is the Director of Music.

#### GREAT

- Principal Rohrflöte Octave Nachthorn

- Quinte Terz
- Octave Mixtur
- Trompete Tremulant Chimes Zimbelstern



Gedackt
Principal
Koppelflöte°
Hohlpfeife
Klein Nasat°
Scharf
Oboe

SWELL

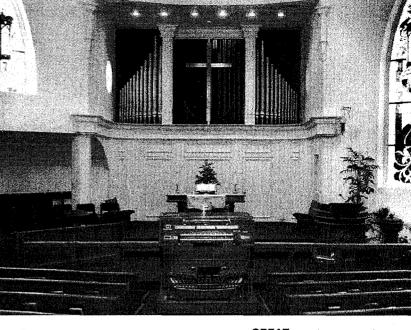
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Gedackt

- Tremulant

#### PEDAL

- Subbass Offenbass
- Choralbass Rauschpfeife°
- Posaune\* Holzregal\*
- \* prepared



Fabry Pipe Organs, Inc., Fox Lake, IL, has installed a new two-manual electro-pneumatic organ for Grace United Methodist Church, Oelwein, IA. The new organ was to be Möller Opus 11851. Due to the insolvency of the Möller firm the graph by a page. Opus 11851. Due to the insolvency of the Möller firm, the organ lay uncompleted in the factory, and was obtained from the factory by the congregation. The specification is based on a non-label 32′ flue and 32′ cornet, as well as an independent 4′ Principal on the Great, designed by Dennis Northway. Fabry handled the completion and installation of the organ as well as the tonal finishing. tonal finishing.

#### GREAT

- Bourdon Principal Gedeckt
- Gemshorn (Sw) Celeste T.C. (Sw)
- Octave
- Gedeckt Nazard
- Super Octave Mixture III-IV Trompette (Sw) Chimes Tremulant

- Rohrfloete
- Gemshorn Gemshorn Celeste
- Spitz Principal Rohrfloete Spitz Octave

- Larigot Klein Octave
- Contre Trompette
- Trompette Clarion
- Tremulant

#### PEDAL

- Untersatz Principal Bourdon

- Bourdon Principal (Gt) Rohrfloete (Sw) Octave (Gt) Gedeckt (Gt) Mixture III (Gt)
- Reed Cornet
- Contre Trompette (Sw) Clarion (Sw)

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#### UNITED STATES East Of The Mississippi

#### 15 NOVEMBER

Choir Concert; St Ignatius Loyola, New York, MY 8 pm

Samuel Carabetta; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

Hindemith Festival; Millersville University,

Millersville, PA 8 pm

Peter Hurford; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 7:45 pm

#### 16 NOVEMBER

Douglas Drake, with oboe & English horn; Columbia University, New York, NY noon

#### 17 NOVEMBER

Erik Suter; Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15

Yale & Harvard Glee Clubs; Yale University,

New Haven, CT 8 pm Le Triomphe de l'Amour; St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA

David Whitehouse; Christ Church Cathedral,

Indianapolis, IN noon The Hilltop Singers; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 12:30 pm

#### 18 NOVEMBER

**David Fedor**; St Peter's Episcopal, Morristown, NJ 7:30 pm

#### 19 NOVEMBER

Martin Haselböck; Yale University, New Haven, CT 8 pm

David Dumler; First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York, NY 3 pm
Keith Reas, with flute; Madison Ave Presbyterian, New York, NY 4 pm
David Drury; St Ignatius Loyola, New York, NY 4 pm

Anne Warf; St Thomas Church, New York, NY

5:15 pm

Lee & Scott Dettra; Trinity Episcopal, Prince-

constant Scott Dettra; Trinity Episcopal, Princeton, NJ 4 pm
Singing Men of Bryn Mawr; Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, Bryn Mawr, PA 7 pm
+Beverly Ward; Episcopal Church of the Holy
Cross, Tryon, NC 4 pm
Douglas Cleveland; Calvary Episcopal, Pitts-

burgh PA 7:30 pm Michelle Hradecká; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 2 pm

Kodaly, *Missa Brevis*; First Congregational, olumbus, OH 4 pm **Bruce Neswick**, with ensemble; Christ

Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY 5 pm

John Bryant; Divine Word Chapel, Techny, IL

Cathedral Choir, with orchestra: Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 2:30 pm

James Diaz; Independent Presbyterian, Birmingham, AL 4 pm

Cavalli, Vespero della Beata Vergina, with orchestra; Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse, New York, NY 8 pm

#### 22 NOVEMBER

Marvin Mills; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

#### 24 NOVEMBER

William Porter; Trinity Church, Boston, MA

#### 26 NOVEMBER

Eric Suter; All SS Ashmont, Boston, MA 5 pm Timothy Smith, with choir; Cathedral Church of St Paul, Worcester, MA 3 pm

Leander Claflin; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

land, OH 2 pm

John Bryant; St Gall Church, Chicago, IL 4

**Douglas Cleveland**; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 6:30 pm

Marianne Webb; Independent Presbyterian,

Birmingham, AL 4 pm
Alan Morrison, with piano; Christ Church
Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm

Malcolm Archer; Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, IL 1:30 pm

#### 29 NOVEMBER

Julian Goodwin; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

#### 30 NOVEMBER

Ralph Kneeream, with mezzo-soprano; St Gregory Episocpal, Boca Raton, FL noon

Trent Johnson: Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15 pm American Boychoir; St James Church, John-

American Boychoir; First Congregational, Manchester, VT 7:30 pm Gillis, *The Gift of the Magi*; Greene Mem United Methodist, Roanoke, VA 6:30 pm (also December 2)

Montovani Christmas Orchestra & Chorus;

Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL Handel, *Messiah*, with orchestra; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY 7:30 pm

A Merry Music Hall Christmas; Mem Music Hall, Methuen, MA 7 pm (also December 3, 3

Lessons & Carols; Church of the Holy Trinity,

New York, NY 11 am
The James Chorale; Immanuel Ev Lutheran,
Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

#### 3 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols; Cathedral Church of St Luke, Portland, ME

Baroque Christmas Concert; King's Chapel, Boston, MA 5 pm

Lessons & Carols; Church of the Advent, Boston, MA 6 pm American Boychoir; Mechanics Hall, Worces-

ter, MA 7:30 pm The Yale Camerata; Yale University, New Haven, CT 3 pm

Choral Concert, with orchestra; Madison Ave Presbyterian, New York, NY 4 pm Lessons & Carols; Grace Church, Utica, NY 4

Scott Dettra; Cadet Chapel, West Point, NY 4

Lessons & Carols: St Peter's Episcopal, Mor-

ristown, NJ 3:30 pm

Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault; Clayton

State College, Morrow, GA 3 pm Pierce Getz; Christ Lutheran, Duncannon, PA

Karel Paukert: Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 2 pm Menotti, *Amahl*; Cathedral of St John, Milwau-

kee, WI 8 pm (also December 4, 3 pm)
Lessons & Carols; St Luke's Episcopal,
Evanston, IL 5 pm (also December 10)
Bach, Cantata 61; Cathedral Church of the

Advent, Birmingham, AL 11 am

### 5 DECEMBER

Chanticleer; Immanuel Congregational, Hartford, CT 8 pm

Handel, Messiah; Church of St Ignatius Loyola, New York, NY 7:30 pm (also December 6)
American Boychoir; Waterloo Village, Stanhope, NJ 11 am

Julie Brown; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm
American Boychoir; Salem United Methodist,

Rochester, NY 8 pm

Karel Paukert & Bruce Shewitz; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 7 pm Douglas Reed; Univ of Evansville, Evansville,

#### 7 DECEMBER

Wolfgang Rübsam; Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, IL 7:15 pm Gordon Atkinson; St Gregory's Episcopal,

Boca Raton, FL noon

#### 8 DECEMBER

Mark Dwyer; Trinity Church, Boston, MA

American Boychoir; The Baptist Temple, Charleston, WV 7 pm Handel, *Messiah*, with orchestra; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL

Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault; Church of the Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, FL 8 pm

#### 9 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols; Immanuel Congregational, Hartford, CT 4 pm

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#### 10 DECEMBER

Benefit Chamber Music Concert; Church of the Advent, Boston, MA 4 pm

Lessons & Carols; All SS Ashmont, Boston, MA 5 pm

Thomas Murray; Yale University, New Haven,

Kent Tritle; St Matthew's Church, Wilton, CT 4

Arthur Haas, harpsichord, with ensemble; Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, NY 5 pm American Boychoir; Church of St Ann, Hobo-

ken, NJ 7:30 pm Musikanten, Music for Advent; St Mark's Epis-

copal, Washington, DC 4 pm Wayne Oratorio Society; Wayne Presbyterian, Wayne, PA 7:30 pm Robert Sutherland Lord; University of Pitts-

burgh, Pittsburgh, PA 3 pm

Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

land, OH 2 pm American Boychoir; Trinity United Methodist, Lima, OH 3 pm

Handel, Messiah; Pick-Staiger Concert Hall,

Evanston, IL 3 pm His Majestie's Clerkes; Quigley Chapel, Chicago, IL 2:30 pm

Lessons & Carols; Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm

#### 11 DECEMBER

American Boychoir; St John's Lutheran, Fremont, OH 7:30 pm

#### 12 DECEMBER

Handel Messiah with orchestra: St Thomas Church, New York, NY 7:30 pm (also December

Bruce Neswick; Galloway Mem United Methodist, Jackson, MS 7:30 pm

#### 13 DECEMBER

Victor Fields; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

#### 14 DECEMBER

The Virgin Consort; St Mary the Virgin, New

Stephen Kolarac, St Gregory's Episcopal, Boca Raton, FL noon

#### 15 DECEMBER

Erik Suter; Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15 American Boychoir; Trinity Cathedral, Tren-

ton, NJ 8 pm Choral Concert; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 12:30 pm

#### 16 DECEMBER

American Boychoir; Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 8 pm

His Majestie's Clerkes; St Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL 8 pm

#### 17 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols; South Church, New Britain, CT 4 pm Christmas Concert; St Ignatius Loyola, New

York, NY 4 pm Handel, *Messiah*; Trinity Church, New York,

Lessons & Carols; St John's Church, Washington, DC 11 am Lessons & Carols; First Presbyterian, Wilming-

Lessons & Carols; First Presbyterian, Wilmington, NC 11 am
Lessons & Carols; St Gregory's Episcopal,
Boca Raton, FL 4 pm
Lessons & Carols; Christ Church Cathedral,
Lexington, KY 7 pm
Family Christmas Concert; College of
DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 4 pm
Britten, Ceremony of Carols; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 8:30, 11 am
Lessons & Carols; Fourth Presbyterian, Chicado. IL 6:30 pm

go, IL 6:30 pm **Stephen Tharp**; Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, IL 3:30 pm

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# Robert Glasgow, masterclass; First Presbyterian, Oklahoma City, OK 1:30 pm The American Boychoir; Cathedral Church of St John, Albuquerque, NM 7 pm Christmas Special Concert; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL (also December 15 19 NOVEMBER

Wolfgang Rübsam; Westminster Presbyter-ian, Lincoln, NE 5 pm Texas Christian University Concert Chorale; St

His Majestie's Clerkes; University Church, Hyde Park, IL 2:30 pm Choral Concert, with orchestra; First Presby-terian, Arlington Heights, IL 4 pm

19 DECEMBER
American Boychoir; St Bartholomew's Church, New York, NY 8 pm

Kirkwood Flute Ensemble; St John's Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

American Boychoir; State Theatre, New

Britten, *Ceremony of Carols*; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY noon

Brian Jones; Trinity Church, Boston, MA

Karel Paukert: Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

Richard Hill; Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15 pm

Lessons & Carols; Church of the Advent, Boston, MA 6 pm

Lessons & Carols; St Luke's Episcopal, Evanston, IL 7 pm

Delbert Disselhorst; Trinity University, San

Antonio, TX 8 pm

Robert Glasgow; First Presbyterian, Okla-

Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

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UNITED STATES

17 NOVEMBER

homa City, OK

West of the Mississippi

12:15 pm

Brunswick, NJ 8 pm

Stephen Presbyterian, Ft Worth, TX 7:30 pm **Alan Blasdale**; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

#### 26 NOVEMBER

Archdiocesan Choir Festival; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

#### 27 NOVEMBER

\*Frederick Swann, workshop; Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 7:30 pm

#### 28 NOVEMBER

Frederick Swann; Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 7:30 pm (also November 29, 10:30

#### 3 DECEMBER

Choral Concert; Ted Mann Concert Hall, Minneapolis, MN 2, 7 pm (also December 10) Texas Baroque Ensemble; Arts Center,

Texas Baroque Ensemble, Alls Center, Mesquite, TX 4 pm

David Higgs; Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, CA 2 pm

William Catherwood; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

Procession With Carols; All SS Episcopal,

Beverly Hills, CA 5 pm

# 4 DECEMBER

Schola Cantorum of Texas; St Stephen Presbyterian, Ft Worth, TX 8 pm

### 7 DECEMBER

Handel, Messiah, with orchestra; St Mark's Cathedral, Seatle, WA 8 pm (also December 8 &

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Lessons & Carols; St Stephen Presbyterian, Ft

Worth, TX 6 pm
Phoenix Bach Choir; Arizona State Univ West,

Phoenix, AZ 3 pm Choral Concert; Church of the Beatitudes, Phoenix, AZ 7 pm

Phoenix, AZ 7 pm
Phoenix Bach Choir; First United Methodist
Church, Phoenix, AZ 8 pm
Richard Davis; St Mary's Cathedral, San

Francisco, CA 3:30 pm Christmas Choral Concert; La Jolla Presbyterian, La Jolla, CA 5:30, 8:00 pm

#### 15 DECEMBER

Susa, The Wise Women; Grace & Holy Trinity

Episcopal Cathedral, Kansas City, MO 8 pm Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along & Wassail Party; Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 7:30 pm

#### 17 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols; Church of the Ascension, Lafayette, LA 4 pm Susa, *The Wise Women*; Grace & Holy Trinity

Fiscopal Cathedral, Kansas City, MO 2 pm Glendon Frank; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm David Higgs; Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, CA 7 pm

#### 22 DECEMBER

Texas Baroque Ensemble; Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm

#### 24 DECEMBER

Christoph Tietze; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

Jeanette Tietze; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### 15 NOVEMBER

Bridget Marshall; Notre Dame de France, London, England 7:30 pm

#### 16 NOVEMBER

James Johnstone; St James Church, Clerkenwell Green (London), England

17 NOVEMBER
Thomas Trotter; St Paul's Anglican, Toronto,

#### 18 NOVEMBER

Thomas Trotter, masterclass; Deer Park United Church, Toronto, Ontario

#### 20 NOVEMBER

Gillian Weir; Ulster Hall, Belfast, Northern Ireland 7:30 pm

#### 23 NOVEMBER

Richard Pilliner; St James Church, Clerkenwell Green (London), England

29 NOVEMBER
Gillian Weir; Leeds Parish Church, Leeds, England 7:30 pm

#### 30 NOVEMBER

Gillian Weir; Day-School, University, Huddersfield, England 10 am

Gerard Brooks; St James Church, Clerken-

well Green (London), England

#### 1 DECEMBER

Gillian Weir, masterclass; Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, England 10 am

#### 4 DECEMBER

Gordon Stewart; Birmingham Cathedral, Birmingham, England 7:30 pm

#### 13 DECEMBER

**Duncan Middleton**; Église Notre Dame de France, London, England 7:30 pm

# **Organ Recitals**

LEE AFDAHL, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, June 13: Alleluyas, Preston; Prelude and Fugue in a, Bach; Carillon, Mathias; Postlude pour l'Office de Complies, Alain; Pièce Héroïque, Franck.

JANET SATRE AHREND, Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes, Spokane, WA, June 11: Prelude and Fugue in E, Lübeck; Récit de Tierce en taille, de Grigny; Suite in C, Zipoli; Prelude and Fugue in e, Bach; Prelude, Hensel; I want to walk as a child of the light, Biery; Holy God, we praise thy name, Carlson; Gift of finest wheat, Callahan; Prelude in a, Respighi; In dulci jubilo, Waters.

MAHLON E. BALDERSTON & DAVID MATLON E. BALDERSTON & DAVID A. GELL, Samarkand Chapel, Santa Barbara, CA, July 23: Suite in B-flat, Handel; Concerto No. 1 in C, Soler; Jesus and the children, The sweet bye and bye, Martin; O Master, let me walk with thee, Bitgood; Variations on "Holy, holy, holy," Lovelace.

KAREN A. BARR, St. Thomas Church, New York, NY, May 28: Homage to Perotin, Roberts; Passacaglia (Symphony in G), Sowerby; Nova, Roberts; Adagio for Strings, Barber; Variations on "America," Ives.

RUTH BENNING, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, August 15: Fantasia in E-flat, Saint-Saëns; Prelude and Fugue in b, Bach; Rhapsody, op. 17, no. 1, Howells.

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JAMES BIERY, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, CT, May 21: Prelude and Trumpetings, Roberts; Communion, Purvis; Suite, Borowski; Three Hymn Preludes, Biery; Toccata, Weaver. June 4: Alleluyas, Preston; Fantasia and Fugue, Parry; Psalm-Prelude, op. 32, no. 2, Howells; Tuba Tune, Cocker; Benedictus, Rowley; Processional, Canzonetta, Toccata Giocosa, Mathias. June 18: Crand-Choeur dialogué, Gigout; Adagio, Allegro (Symphonie VI), Widor; Suite, op. 5, Duruflé.

WILLIS BODINE, with Schola Cantorum, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, June 13: Messe propre pour les Convents, Couperin; Partita: Was Gott thut, das ist wohlgetan, Pachelbel; Prelude and Fugue in b, S. 544, Bach.

TIMOTHY BUENDORF, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, July 25:  $Symphonie\ I\ in\ d,$  op. 14, Vierne.

DAVID BULEY, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 27: Vesper Voluntaries, Elgar; Fond d'orgue, Basse de trompette, Tierce en taille, Récit, Dialogue, Marchand, Cantilène, Grand Choeur Dialogue, Reed; Master Tallis' Testament, Howells.

ELIZABETH & RAYMOND CHEN-AULT, Washington National Cathedral, June 25: Sonata à Deux, Litaize; Eclogue, Shep-hard; Allegro for Organ Duet, Moore; The Emerald Isle, Callahan; Rhapsody, Hakim.

ROBERT DELCAMP, Basilica of the ROBERT DELCAMP, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, June 11: Fantasia in f, S. 608, Mozart; Voluntary in F, Stanley; 6 Versets on the Magnificat, Dupré; A Trumpet Minuet, Hollins; Resurrection, King; Scherzo (Symphonie II), Vierne; Allegro giocoso, op. 150 no. 7. Saint-Saëns 150, no. 7, Saint-Saëns.

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MARY FENWICK, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden, NJ, Ime 11: Tuba Tune in D, Lang; Jesu, joy of our destring, Fugue in E-flat, S. 552, Bach; Canon in A-flat, Sketch in D-flat, Schumann; Chorale in b, Franck; Were you there?, Morning has broken, Wood; Allegro vivace (Symphonie 5), Widor; Voluntary in A, Selby; Spheres, Falcone; Prelude and Fugue in B, Dupré.

THOMAS FITCHES, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 5: Prelude and Fugue in D, Buxtehude; Concerto in c, op. 10, no. 4, Stanley; Trois Méditations sur la Sainte Trinité, Langlais; Charal No. 3 in a Franch Choral No. 3 in a, Franck.

WAYNE FOSTER, University of Florida, WATNE FOSTER, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, June 9: Sutte du deuxième ton, Clérambault; Fantaisie in E-flat, Saint-Saëns; Pastorale, Franck; Four Sketches, op. 56, Schumann; Haec Dies resurgam, Amazing Grace, Hebble; Sur le Rhin, Impromptu, Toccata, Vierne.

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REAL GAUTHIER, St. James United REAL GAUTHIER, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, June 20: Prélude, Récit de Nazard, Caprice sur les Grands Jeux, Clérambault; Prière, Tanguay; Prelude, Andante (S. 528), and Fugue in G, S. 541, Bach; Es ist ein' Ros' Entsprungen, Herzlich thut mich verlangen, Brahms; Carillon de Westminster, Vierne.

DAVID HATT, First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK, July 23: Canon-ic Variations on "Vom Himmel hoch," Bach;



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Sonic Essay and Fugue, Bolz; Variations on "St. Bride," Hatt; Toccata, Capriccio, Basso ostinato, Prelude (Nine Pieces, op. 129), Reger; Sinfonia from Cantata 29, Bach; Fantasy and Fugue, Keller; Prelude: God rest ye merry gentlemen/Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Heller; Three New Pieces, op. 87, Widor; Final (Symphony V), Vierne.

DAVID HERMAN, Basilica of the Nation-DAVID HERMAN, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, June 25: Fanfare, Mathias; Intrada, Voluntary on the "Old 100th," Trumpet Tune, Purcell; Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, S. 631, 667, Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, S. 648, Bach; Music for the Royal Fireworks, Handel; Down Ampney, Bender; Mariales, Hakim; Pavane, Fauré; Alleluyas, Preston.

BOYD JONES, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, July 9: Prelude and Fugue in c, S. 546, Bach; Humoresque "L'organo primitivo," Yon; Improvisation, op. 150, no. 7, Saint-Saëns; Sonate III, Hindemith; Sonata in d, op. 148, Rheinberger.

JEFF JUBENVILLE, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, June 13: Final, Adagio (Symphonie III), Vierne; Cantilène (Symphonie Romane), Widor; Deux Esquisses, Dupré; La Nativité, Langlais; Epilogue on "Nun danket" and "Ballerma," Daveluy.

SARAH KOEHLER, Concordia College, St. Paul, MN, July 23: Prelude and Fugue in g, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Prelude and Fugue in f-sharp, Buxtehude; Partita on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland," Distler; Arioso and Finale, Hurd; Andantino, Pasticcio, Langlais; Variations sur un thème de Clément Leonaculin, Etanica Alain. ment Jannequin, Litanies, Alain.

KEVIN KOMISARUK, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, July 4: Prelude and Fugue in a, S. 543, Bach; Variations on "Wo Gott zum Haus nicht gibt sein Gunst," Distler; Sonata No. 2, Hindemith; Hymne au soleil, op. 53, no. 3, Vierne.

NANCY LANCASTER, with David Baldwin, trumpeter, House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, June 18: Toccata, Martini; Theme et variations "Chantez à Dieu chanson nouvelle," Cellier; Sonata III, Hindemith; Praeludium in c, S. 546, Bach; Sonata Decima, Grossi; Sensa Misura (Sonata for Trumpet and Organ), Hovhaness; Sonata pour Trompette et Orgue, Delerue; Two Pieces, Boulanger; Carillon de Westminster, Vierne.



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EVELYN LIM, Wesley Methodist Church, Singapore, June 10: Toccata und Fuga, op. 59, Reger; Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, Brahms; Litanies, Alain; Variations on "Engelberg," Huay-Ming Ng; Jesus calls us o'er the tumult, Bolcom; Jig for the Feet, Albright; Toccata and Fugue in d, S. 565, Bach.

JOAN LIPPINCOTT, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA, June 26 and 28: Sonata IV in B-flat, Mendelssohn; Trois Danses, Alain; Canticum Novum, Hannahs; Symphonie VI, Widor.

LUDGER LOHMANN & ROBERTA GARY, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, June 8: Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C, S. 564, Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', S. 662, 663, 664; Prelude in Eflat, S. 552i, Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', S. 675, 676, 677, Fugue in E-flat, S. 552i, Bach.

FREDERICK SWANN, The Riverside Church, New York, NY, May 2: Fanfare to the Tongues of Fire, King; Sonatina, Sowerby; Come, sweet death, Bach/Fox; Résurrection, Dupré; Jesus, lead thou on, Karg-Elert; Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue, Willan.

MAX YOUNT, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI, June 11: Fantasie and Fugue in C, David; Pange lingua, Titelouse; Prelude and Fugue in e, Sanders; Vater unser, Scheidt; Christus, der ist mein Leben, David; Valet will ich dir geben, S. 736, Prelude and Fugue in D, Bach.

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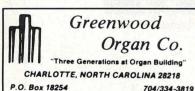
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