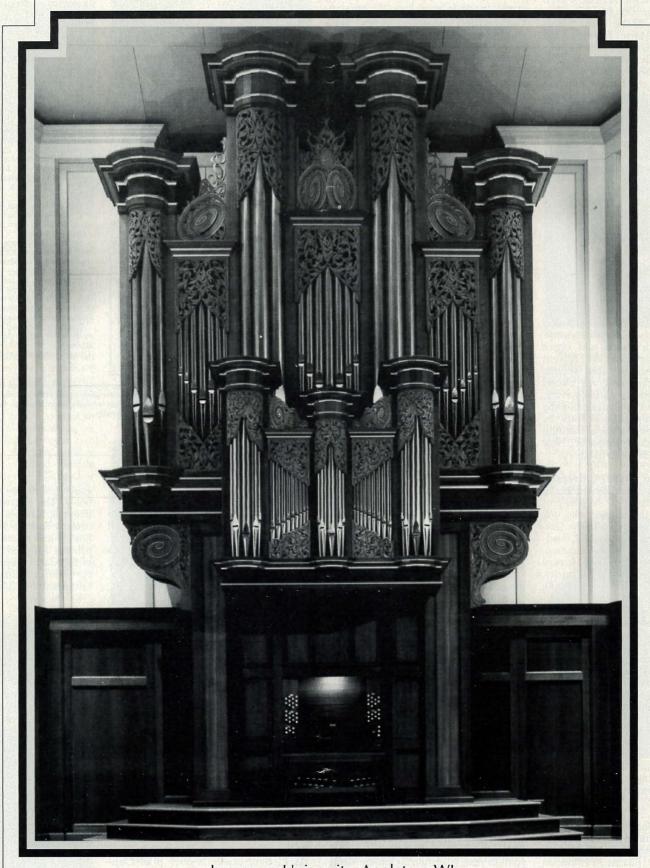
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# **Here & There**

The William Ferris Chorale began its 1995-96 season on December 1 with a Christmas concert featuring Mathias' Ave Rex. The season continues January 19, A Feast of Songs; February 16, works of Franck; April 26, music by younger composer friends of the chorale; June 7, Percy Grainger Salute. Programs take place at Mt. Carmel Church. For information: William Ferris Chorale, 690 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657; 312/325-2000.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame have announced their Organ Concert Series on the recently restored Johnson & Son opus 499 in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, MN. Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, MN. The series began on October 15 with a program by Sisters Elaine Fraher, Janis Haustein, Carol Marie Hemish, and Danita Sticka; January 28, Kim Kasling; and March 17, Thomas Murray. The Johnson opus 499 was built in 1877 for St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church in Rocton, When St. Mary's building was Boston. When St. Mary's building was slated for demolition, the School Sisters of Notre Dame rescued the organ in 1975 and placed it in the chapel of their motherhouse in Mankato. In 1994 the sisters committed themselves to a restoration of the organ, which comprises 45 stops and 2,995 pipes. For information: School Sisters of Notre Dame, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato, MN 56001-2109; 507/389-4200.

The Institute of Sacred Music at The Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University presents a symposium, "The Integrity of Advent," February 1–3. The symposium looks forward toward preparation for Advent, 1996, and features presenters Neil Alexander, Paul Westermeyer, Paul Marshall, Marguerite Brooks, David Connell, Thomas Schattauer, and Susan Caroselli in workchattauer, and Susan Caroselli in workshops dealing with choral and organ resources for Advent and the Advent lectionary for preaching and service planning. Also scheduled are choral reading sessions, Advent choral service, noonday prayer and eucharist, and the premiere of a commissioned work by Robert Sirota. For information: Institute of Sacred Music, 409 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06511; 203/432-5180.

Bowling Green State University has announced its 22nd annual organ competition on March 2. A panel of judges will select the winner who will judges will select the winner who will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to the College of Musical Arts. Application deadline is February 12. For information: Vernon Wolcott, College of Musical Arts, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403-0290; 419/372-2192.

The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, has announced a full tuition scholarship, renewable on a yearly basis, for an Organ Scholar. The recipient will have at his/her disposal the 1985 IV/50 Taylor & Boody organ in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. A detailed resume of the applicant's studies in music and musical experience, as well as a list of organ repetitive, are to be a list of organ repertoire, are to be included with the application. Application deadline is February 15. For information: Prof. James David Christie, Department of Music, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA 01610; fax 508/793-3030.

The Central Illinois Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts will sponsor the Eighth Annual Handbell Festival on the Eighth Annual Handbell Festival on February 17 at Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, IL. The workshop leader is Daniel F. Francabandiero, organist/choirmaster at Riverside Park United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, FL, where he oversees a program of nine choirs which include five handbell groups. His advanced handbell choir has groups. His advanced handbell choir has toured extensively, including trips to

Canada, England and Scotland. The workshop will begin with registration at 8 am and conclude at 3 pm. For information: Laura Drennan, Registrar, 421 E. Mill St., Rochester, IL 62563-9772; 1-800/783-2265; 217/498-8072; fax 217/789-5410.

The Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association will present its 1996 Queen City Convention February 29–March 2 in Cincinnati, OH. The convention will feature over 20 choirs, workshops, clinicians and exhibits. Headliners inleude Anonymous 4, the Mats Nilssons Vokalensemble, the 4, the Mats Nilssons Vokalensemble, the Cincinnati May Festival Chorus with the Cincinnati Symphony, the All-Ohio Collegiate Honor Choir, and the Central Division Children's Honors Choir. For information: ACDA Central Division Convention, ACDA, P.O. Box 6310, Lawton, OK 73506.

The 11th National Organ-Playing Competition sponsored by the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund will take place November 9, 1996 at Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, CA; it will be the 25th anniversary event of the scholarship anniversary event of the scholarship fund. Scholarship awards totaling \$10,000 (first place \$5,000; second place \$3,000, third place \$2,000) will be presented during a reception immediately following the concert-competition. Transportation and accommodations will be provided for the finalists. Applicants must be under 35 years of age on the date of the competition, and must submit a tape-recorded performance of 30–45 minutes. The tape, along with an application form, must be received by September 16, 1996. The required work is both the preliminary and final regards. in both the preliminary and final rounds is Fantasy: Yisrael V'oraita (Torch Song) by Craig Phillips (Selah Publishing Co.), winner of the 1994 Mader Organ Composition Competition. For details and position Competition. For details and application forms, contact: Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 571, Pasadena, CA 91102.

The third North American tour of the Choir of Westminster Abbey is currently being booked for the dates of October 16 through November 3, 1996. Martin Neary has been Director of the Choir since 1988, with Martin Baker as Sub-Organist. The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, under the direction of Stephen Cleobury, has announced the dates of August 25 through September 16, 1997 for their third North American tour. Karen McFarlane Artists represents both choirs. For information: 12429 Cedar Rd., Suite 29, Cleveland, OH 44106; ph 216/721-9095; fax 216/721-9098. The third North American tour of the

The Cambridge Singers, under the direction of Alexander Ruggieri, opened their 1995–96 season with "A Russian Christmas" on December 2 and 3. The program included sacred music of the Russian Orthodox Church, along with carols and folk songs. The 40-voice ensemble was founded in 1983 to serve the Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley, and greater Los Angeles area. For information: The Cambridge Singers, P.O. Box 92200, Pasadena, CA 91109-2200; 818/541-7673.

First Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights, IL, opened its first annual concert season on October 29 with Wolfe & Bennett, a contemporary Christian duo from Atlanta. The series continued on November 12, Leon Nelson with trumpeter Joe Lill; December 17, Rutter Magnificat; February 18, Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus; March 24, Organ-fest with William Aylesworth, John Bryant, Christine Kraemer, Merlin Lehman, Lenn Nelson and Kinstin Lehman, Leon Nelson, and Kirstin Synnestvedt; and April 21, the Ad Hoc String Quartet. For information: 708/255-5900; fax 708/255-3475.

The Bach Society of St. Louis cele brated its annual Bach Festival with three concerts this fall: October 29, Mozart Requiem, Bach Singet dem

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Herrn and Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church; November 5, Bach Aria Festival at Second Presbyterian Church; and November 10, Kathleen Scheide organ recital at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church. For information: 314/832-2224.

The choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montréal, Québec, presented a choral service on October 22 under the direction of Bruce A. Wheatcroft. The program featured Poulenc's Gloria, Raminsh's Magnificat, and Barber's *Agnus Dei*, with pianist Loretta Dueck and organist Corinne Dutton. For information: 514/842-9991.

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, MA, presented its Seventh Annual Organ Benefit Recital on October 15, featuring Lois Regestein, Margaret Angelini, Erik Wm. Suter, Leo Abbott, Mark Dwyer, and Kenneth Starr. The concert is part of the continuing efforts of the Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund for the restoration of the E. & G.C. Hook & Hastings on 801 the E. & G.G. Hook & Hastings op. 801 of 70 stops.

A performance of Honegger's King David took place October 9 at Con-venant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, under the direction of Richard Peek. Andre Lash served as organist, assisted by harp, timpani, and percussion. Narrator was Dr. John Rogers, minister of Covenant Church.

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, TX, presented the dedication

concert of its new Noack organ on October 7. The church's "Bach Organ," two manuals, 30 stops, is in the style of 18th-century Saxon builders Zacharias Hildebrandt and Gottfried Silbermann. The concert featured Martin Rost, organist of the Carl Philipp Emanual Bach Concert Hall, Frankfurt, Germany. For information: 713/523-2864.



Basilica in Lezajsk, Poland

The Basilica in Lezajsk, Poland, has issued an appeal for the renovation of the basilica organ. The basilica contains three organs in the same case, playable from three separate consoles: a one-manual (13 stops) and a two-manual organ (22 stops) in the side aisles, with the central three-manual (40 stops) speaking directly into the nave. The building also houses a considerable collection of carvings and frescoes. The organ is in a deteriorating condition because of woodworm in the case and other problems. The concert organizer other problems. The concert organizer in Lezajsk, Robert Grudzien, has formed a committee to raise funds to arrest the problems. The bank account number for donations is BDK Lublin O/Lezajsk 336822-104694-136, in the name of the Klasztor Oo. Bernardynow. For information, contact Robert Grudzien, ul. Malczewskiego 10/5, 26-609 Radom 11, skr. poczt. 17, Poland; fax 048-257-18.

## **Appointments**



JanEl B. Gortmaker

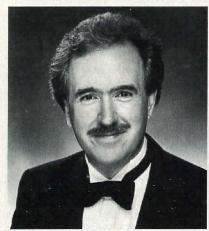
JanEl B. Gortmaker has been appointed Associate Organist and Choir appointed Associate Organist and Choir Director at Bruton Parish in Colonial Williamsburg, VA, where she will work with James S. Darling, Organist and Choirmaster. Her responsibilities include recital performances and direction of the Polhom Chair of Adults Board Citation Pelham Choir of Adults, Boys and Girls, a choir named after Peter Pelham, who served as the first organist of the parish during the 18th century. Dr. Gortmaker received the DMA from the University of Michigan, where she studied with James Kibbie, serving as his graduate teaching assistant and as administrative assistant for the Annual Conference on teaching assistant and as administrative assistant for the Annual Conference on Organ Music, and where the organ faculty awarded her the Patricia Ludlow Scholarship. She also studied carillon with Margo Halsted. Gortmaker received the MMus in organ and harpsichord from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, studying with Larry Schou. Recent activities include a performance at the Organ Historical Society National Convention, lectures on the organ symphonies of Louis Vierne, and a document on the organ works of Mendelssohn. Bruton Parish hosts over 100 recitals annually. The original organ dates from 1756, and an organ case by Samuel Green dated 1785 stands above the altar. An expansion of the organ by Aeolian-Skinner under G. Donald Harrison was completed in 1955. The most recent renovation was by Orgues Létourneau in 1994, bringing the organ to 105 ranks. to 105 ranks.



**Debra Hoepker** has been appointed Organist at St. Mark Lutheran Church (ELCA), West Des Moines, IA. She will

play the newly-installed 37-rank Holtkamp organ and continue as Direc-tor of Music, conducting the adult choir and three youth choirs. Ms. Hoepker received the B.A. degree from the Uni-versity of Northern Iowa, and has pursued graduate studies in organ, church music, and choral conducting at the Uni-versity of Northern Iowa, Drake University, and the University of Minnesota. Her organ teachers include Marilou Kratzenstein and Carl Staplin, and she has studied choral conducting with Bruce Chamberlain and Sharon Hansen.

#### Here & There



Colin Andrews

Colin Andrews recently returned from his second visit to Poland this year, where he was a member of the jury for the Gdansk International Organ Compethe Gaansk International Organ Competition. Other jury members included Wijnand van de Pol (The Netherlands/Italy), Joachim Grubich and Josef Serafin (Poland), David Titterington (England), Ulrick Spang-Hanssen (Denmark), and Bruno Oberhammer (Austrick) mark), and Bruno Obernammer (Austria). After the competition, Andrews joined his wife, Janette Fishell, in a solo/duo performance at the Crystal Cathedral as featured guests in the "Hour of Power" broadcast. Andrews & Fishell Fishell are represented by Concert Artist Cooperative, 892 Butternut Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903; 415/479-3532.



Franklin D. Ashdown

Franklin Ashdown's Tuba Tune in D-flat, published by H.W. Gray/Warner Bros., was given its American premiere by James M. Drake as part of a guest recital at the Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on September 24. Additional performances of Ashdown's music have been given at the Tabernacle by Kenneth Udy and by Tabernacle organist Clay Christiansen, who included ist Clay Christiansen, who included Sunday Scherzo in the April 30 broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word."

James Autenrith will retire on December 31 after serving for 35 years as organist and choir director at the United Methodist Church in Potsdam, NY. He previously served churches in Gloversville, Utica and Auburn, NY; the First Congregational Church, Battle Creek, and The People's Church, Lansing, MI. After studying with Arthur Poister at Syracuse University, he



James Autenrith

taught organ and church music at Michigan State University, and then joined the faculty of the Crane School of Music, SUNY, at Potsdam, NY, retiring as a full professor emeritus. Mr. Autenrith has been an active member of the AGO for 55 years, having joined the Central New York chapter as a high school student. He has been an officer in six AGO chapters, and has served as a state and regional chairman and faculty advisor to two student Guild groups. Fifty years ago, while serving in Germany with the U.S. Seventh Army, Autenrith was in Heidelberg rehearsing for a Christmas taught organ and church music at Michi-U.S. Seventh Army, Autenrith was in Heidelberg rehearsing for a Christmas concert with the Seventh Army Choral Society at the time General George S. Patton died, and served as organist for Patton's funeral on December 23, 1945. Mr. Autenrith will continue to teach privately and will present a limited number of recitals and workshops.



Gregory D'Agostino

Gregory D'Agostino is featured on a new recording, Monuments of Germanic Music, on the Centaur label (CRC 2246). The program was recorded on the V/141 Möller organ at National City Christian Church, Washington, DC, and includes Wagner's Meistersinger Overture (transcribed by Lemare), three of Karg-Elert's Pastels from the Lake of Constance, two Bach chorales and the Passacaglia, S. 582, and four works of Liszt. D'Agostino holds the MMus and DMA from The holds the MMus and DMA from The Juilliard School, where he studied with Jon Gillock and Vernon de Tar, and harpsichord with Lionel Party. He has performed at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, and with the Hong Kong Philharmonic, San Diego's Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, Fairfield Orchestra, Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, New York Sinfonic and the Juilliard Cham York Sinfonia, and the Juilliard Chamber Orchestra. For information: Centaur Records, 8867 Highland Rd., Suite 206, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; ph 504/336-4877; fax 504/336-9678.

Janette Fishell has received promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and tenure at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, where she has taught since 1989. She previously taught at Scarritt Graduate School and the University of North Alabama. Several of Dr. Fishell's East Carolina students have won prizes in national competitions, completed research projects which led to published articles, and successfully completed AGO certification examina-



Janette Fishell

tions. In addition to university activities, she has also developed and taught church music outreach courses for area church musicians. Fishell continues concert activities with her husband Colin Andrews. Up-coming engagements include tours of South Africa, Thailand, Malaysia, S. Korea, Australia, Japan, Iceland, Italy, Finland, U.K., and Germany as well as concerts in the United States.



Gerre Hancock

Gerre Hancock will perform in con-Gerre Hancock will perform in concert for the Royal College of Organists at Oxford University in England in January. He will also lecture at the Royal School of Church Music, introducing his recently published textbook, *Improvising: How to Master the Art* (Oxford University Press). Dr. Hancock is Organist and Master of the Choristers at St. Thomas Church, New York City. at St. Thomas Church, New York City, and is a member of the faculty of The Juilliard School and the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music.



Barbara Harbach

Harpsichordist **Barbara Harbach** is featured on a new recording, *Sonatas by Elizabeth: Elizabeth de Gambarini and Elizabeth Hardin*, on the Hester Park label (CD 7702). The program includes 12 pieces by these two 18th-century composers, played on a 1987 harpsichord by Willard Martin. For information: Hester Park, NW 310 Wawawai Rd., Pullman, WA 99163-2959; 509/334-4660. 509/334-4660.

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, Lexington, KY, recently completed a 17-day tour of England under the direction of organ-



Christ Church Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, Bruce Neswick, organist-choirmaster

ist-choirmaster **Bruce Neswick**. The 40-member ensemble sang two weeklong residencies at Norwick Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and was accompanied by Schuyler Robinson, assistant organist at Christ Church and professor of music at the University of Kentucky. This season the choir will sing concerts in Memphis and Cincinnati, and will perform *Messiah* and the *Coronation Anthems* of Handel in concerts with the Lexington Bach Ensemble. In addition, the boy choristers sang with Louisville Opera in three productions of *Carmen* in November.

Richard Peek's Fantasy on 'Slane', scored for organ, brass, and percussion, was premiered at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, on October 24. Performers included Richard Peek, the Carolina Brass, and percussionists from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. The work is dedicated to Joseph B. Martin IV, commemorating his ordination to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Michael Stairs is featured on a new recording, It's Christmas Again at Longwood Gardens, on the Direct-to-Tape label (DTR9504). Mr. Stairs is joined by violinist Davyd Booth in 17 seasonal selections, including original pieces, transcriptions and carol arrangements. For information: Direct-to-Tape Recording Co., 14 Station Ave., Haddon Heights, NJ 08035-1456; 609/547-6890.



Kenneth DeJong conducts a massed choir in the home of David and Cheryl Salmen

On May 7, 80 invited guests from 10 states gathered to inaugurate the 3-manual, 47-rank organ in the Wessington, SD home of **David and Cheryl Salmen**, regional representatives of the Reuter Organ Company. A service of Evensong was preceded by a massed choir rehearsal and dinner. Frederick Hohman was organist and Kenneth

De Jong was choir director. The choir sang Beethoven's "Hallelujah," Vaughan Williams' "Old Hundredth," and Friedell's "Draw us in the spirit's tether." Homilist for the evening was Robert T. Wagner, president of South Dakota State University. The Salmen home and organ will be available on a limited basis for recitals, evensongs, and silent movie nights. For information: 605/539-1900; fax 605/539-1915.

North Texas parishes of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod held a hymn festival on August 25 at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Walter Pelz served as organist and was commissioned to write a hymn concertato for the event. The festival choir numbered 200 and represented 30 area parishes.

The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians met July 23–27 for their biennial conference at the University of Denver, Parkhill Campus. The theme of the conference, "The Book, the Meal, the Song," focused on worship, with skillshops, reading sessions, and plenary addresses by Gail Ramshaw, Paul Harms, Austin Lovelace, and Gordon Lathrop. A hymn festival, led by Donald Busarow and Austin Lovelace, took place at St. John's Cathedral, Denver, and was recorded for the ALCM's "Congregational Song Series." During the banquet, Carl Schalk and Richard Hillert were honored with lifetime memberships in the ALCM. The two charter members received plaques honoring their service to the church.

New Albion Records has announced the release of Annum per Annum, featuring contemporary works performed by Christoph Maria Moosmann. The program includes Cage, Souvenir; Pärt, Annum per annum, Pari intervallo, Mein Weg hat Cipfel und Wellentaler, and Trivium I-III; and Scelsi, In nomine lucis, performed on the 1859 Cavaillé-Coll at Poligny and a 1978–79 Sandtner in Rottenburg's Dom St. Martin. For information: New Albion Records, 584 Castro St., #525, San Francisco, CA 94114; 415/621-5757; fax 415/621-4711.

Colorado State University has announced the release of Christmas at C.S.U., Vol. 4 (a two-CD set), featuring the CSU Chamber Singers, the CSU Faculty Brass Quintet, and organist Robert Cavarra. The recording features organs by Casavant at the University and by Marcussen at First United Methodist Church in Ft. Collins. Available for \$20 from the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO 80523.

Warner/Reprise Nashville has released the recording, A Time of Healing: Music from the Oklahoma City Memorial Service. Shortly after the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, a memorial service was held to honor the families of those who were wounded or died in the explosion. The recording includes music from that service: works of Beethoven (2nd movement of Symphony No. 7), Bach (Air, Bist du bei mir, Sheep may safely graze), Ravel (Pavane for a Dead Princess), Joncas (On Eagle's Wings), Manual (Alleluia), Rachmaninoff (3rd movement of Symphony No. 2) and others, performed by the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra, Canterbury Choral Society, Children's Choral Society of Oklahoma, and vocalists Susan Powell and Ernestine Dillard. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of the recording will benefit Project Recovery OKC, the campaign on behalf of the victims and their families. For information: 1-800/758-9858.

Women of Note Quarterly, a magazine of historical and contemporary women composers, has in its Vol. 3, No. 2, May 1995 issue an extended review of four recent recordings of organ music by women composers. Performers reviewed include Kimberly Marshall, Christa Rakich, Calvert Johnson, and Colette Schlegel Ripley. Earline Moulder also writes an extended study

of the organ music of Elsa Barraine (b. 1910). The *Quarterly* is published by Vivace Press, NW 310 Wawawai Rd., Pullman, WA 99163-2959; 509/334-4660.

WLE has announced the release of First Organ Book by Wayne Leupold. The book is a basic introduction to the organ, a concise beginning organ method, and a collection of easy organ music. It is an outgrowth of a two-year project initiated by the National Committee on the New Organist of the AGO, and is designed as an introduction to the organ for any keyboard player with at least three years of study. All of the compositions are intended to be accessible to any keyboardist or pianist with no prior organ training. Available for \$20 (WLE 600053). For information: Wayne Leupold Editions, 8510 Triad Dr., Colfax, NC 27235; 910/996-8445.

Greenwood Press has announced the publication of William Thomas McKinley: A Bio-Bibliography, by Jefrey S. Sposato. The book provides a complete biography, discography, and in-depth catalog of his works, including music for trumpet and organ, choral works and numerous instrumental works; 328 pp., \$69.50. For information: Greenwood Publishing Company, 88 Post Rd. W., P.O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881-5007; 203/226-3571.

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation has announced the establishment of the Performing Arts Medicine Program at its West Orange, NJ facility. The program will provide outpatient services for all amateur and professional performing artists: singers, actors, instrumental musicians, dancers, etc., with an interdisciplinary approach. For information: 800/248-3221, ext. 2748.

Allen Organ Company has installed a three-manual 57-stop Allen at Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE, which speaks from four chambers: Swell from the far left, Great and Pedal from the center, Choir from far right, and Festival Trumpet and Swell Antiphonal from the rear.

### **Nunc Dimittis**

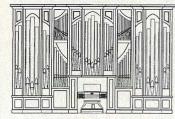


Harold P. Berg

Harold P. Berg, of Schaumburg, IL, died September 26 at the age of 82. He was born on June 14, 1913 in Chicago, and served as organist and choir director of Edison Park Lutheran Church, Chicago, from 1932–46. He then served as organist and choir director at St. Paul United Church of Palatine until 1992. In 1982, St. Paul's Church honored Mr. Berg's 50 years as a church musician by confering on him the title Minister of Music. In addition, he worked as an accountant at Aeroquip Corporation for 34 years, retiring in 1978 to work part-time for Savage Brothers of Elk Grove Village. He is survived by his wife Marion M. Berg, two children and six grandchildren.

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Leslie Neal Casaday, principal parish musician of St. Philip's Church, Jackson, MS, died Februrary 21 after an extended illness. He was founding director of the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy, and served as a Licensed Lay Reader and Eucharistic Minister of the Episcopal Church. Born on November 11, 1940, in Memphis, TN, he was educated at the University of Mississippi and Memphis State University. He studied organ with Thomas H. Webber and Richard T. White. Previous church appointments include Underwood United Methodist Church, Memphis, 1958–60; St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown, TN, 1961–65; First United Methodist Church, New Albany, MS, 1967–71; and Christ Episcopal Church, Holly Springs, MS, 1972–74. He also served as guest organist-choirmaster at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Memphis, 1960–70. Last December St.

Philip's Church honored Mr. Casaday for his 20th year as organist and choirmaster there. In 1993 he received the Association of Diocesan Liturgy and Music Commission's National Award for his contribution to the music of the Episcopal Church. He was also honored by the creation of the Leslie Neal Casaday Scholarships for participants in the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy.

Howard Swan died on September 18 in Newport Beach, CA, at the age of 89. Long considered the grandfather of choral music in Southern California, he served as choral director at Occidental College for 37 years. After his mandatory retirement in 1971, he went on to teach at Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine. His Occidental choir was selected as one of four in the nation and 16 in the world to perform at the International University Choral Festival in New York's Lincoln Center in 1969. A popular guest conductor, Mr. Swan was often

selected to organize and director choirs for national conventions. He is author of the book *Music in the Southwest* and the article on Los Angeles music in the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, and co-authored *Choral Conducting: A Symposium*. He is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

# Isolde Ahlgrimm: A Remembrance

by Larry Palmer

Isolde Ahlgrimm, harpsichordist, scholar, master teacher, died in Vienna on October 11, 1995. Born July 31, 1914, Ahlgrimm was recognized internationally as a major interpreter of the harpsichord repertoire, particularly the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Her virtually-

complete Bach cycle was recorded between December 1951 and May 1957 for Philips of Holland. A frequent member of competition juries in Bruges and Leipzig, Ahlgrimm was known for her brilliant concerts and for her teaching at the Salzburg Mozarteum, the Vienna Hochschule für Musik, and in guest professorships at Oberlin and Southern Methodist University.

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These notable facts concerning Ahlgrimm's career are the stuff of biographical dictionaries. But there was so much more! In my article *Isolde Ahlgrimm as the "Widow Bach"* (THE DIAPASON, June, 1968), I attempted to convey some sense of the lovable human being behind the public figure.

"Frau Ahlgrimm, you are so much at home in the Bach style that I sometimes think you knew Johann Sebastian personally. Are you sure that you're not Bach's widow?" I once asked jokingly at a harpsichord lesson in Vienna. Her eyes twinkling, Isolde Ahlgrimm responded, "As I once said to my husband Sebastian . . . " From



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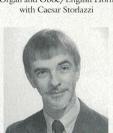
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that moment she has been the "Widow

Bach" to me.

Ahlgrimm had reason to be in a merry Ahlgrimm had reason to be in a merry mood that morning. Her performance at the pedal harpsichord of Bach's *Art of Fugue* had been a resounding triumph the preceding evening. The capacity audience in Vienna's Mozart-Saal had risen and burst into spontaneous applause as she finished playing the sixth Counterpoint in a fiery, French Overture style. At the conclusion of this monumental work, which she had played from memory, the audience she had played from memory, the audience would not allow her to leave the hall with-out playing an encore. We were all amazed

out playing an encore. We were all amazed at her sheer endurance as she began the Chromatic Fantasy! Questioned later as to why she had chosen that particular work, she responded simply, "But of course—it is in the same key."

The Viennese critics were unanimous in their praise of her playing. I chuckled as I read in the New Austrian Daily News: "Isolde Ahlgrimm is deeply immersed in the world of Johann Sebastian Bach," for she was, at that very moment, demonstrating to Max Yount just what pieces she might one day play on the harpsichord in musical revenge against those pianists who insist on playing the harpsichordist's repertoire: Debussy, Granados (which sounded very well on the guitar-like sounds of the lute stops), and even a snatch of Kitten on the Keys! . . .

In May 1983 Ahlgrimm gave her last public concert in Vienna, two weeks before she underwent an operation for cancer. She wrote the following January:

I am so thankful, I did not know, that my Itali so thankini, I did not know, that my little concert in May was the last! But to play with the feeling it IS the last, I could not do it. . . In December 1983 it was fifty years that I started officially to play . . . (piano of course) . . . So, I did not make it with the day, but at least with the year [to fifty years of concertizing].

Ahlgrimm continued to teach in Vienna until 1987; her successor, Gordon Murray, was appointed in 1986, but she completed her work with four continuing students from her studio. Her retirement years were not easy ones, for she was increasingly afflicted with Parkin-son's disease. In 1992 she moved from her apartment in the Strudlhofgasse to a pensioner's room at Türkenschanzplatz. Because of limited space in this small room she gave up her library and her instruments.

Hoping to send something to help in this unsettled time of her life, I found a miniature harpsichord, crafted in exacting detail by Art Bell of Arlington, Texas. We sent this model instrument to "Ille" (the diminutive name by which Ahlgrimm was known to her close friends). Her response (in a letter of July 22th [sic], 1992) was typical of the expressive, if idiosyncratic, way in which she wrote:

How can I thank you? The package has arrived and you should have seen me, the packing was put aside, I started to cry! Having my harpsichord back means so much to me. It was the worst moment of my moving, of the whole moving! I just felt, what it means to say goodbye forever (when I gave my harpsichord to the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde...) As it is now, [the model harpsichord] has a place

of honor in my bookshelf, and I feel as if of honor in my bookshelt, and I reel as II [the real instrument] would have come back, telling me, that I should not be unhappy, it always will keep me in memory . . . I do still hope to get a place on the side of my harpsichord, somewhere on a nice cloud, [with] the little one holding my hand are a little baby. hand as a little baby.

What a family with which to contemplate eternity: Sebastian (apologies to Anna Barbara and Anna Magdalena Bach!), the hundreds of students who are Ahlgrimm's "children," and both double-manual and model-sized harpsidouble-manual and model-sized harpsi-chords! And for us who say "goodbye" (or better, "Auf Wiedersehen"), we do so with profound gratitude for the beauty of the music and the beauty of spirit she shared with us. Thankyou, and peace . . . Professor, Frau Ahlgrimm, Widow Bach, Ille, . . . beloved teacher and friend.

#### **Carillon News**

by Brian Swager



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#### **Bok Tower Festival**

The eleventh International Carillon Festival at Bok Tower Gardens near Lake Wales, Florida, will take place February 10–18, 1996, featuring guest carillonneurs Gideon Bodden (The Netherlands), Gildas Delaporte Netherlands), Gildas Delaporte (France), John Courter (Berea College, Berea, KY), Sam Hammond (Duke University, Durham, NC), and Bok Tower carillonneur Milford Myhre and assistant carillonneur William De Turk.

The Festival will pay tribute to the remarkable musical career of Ronald Barnes, who recently retired after completing 50 years as a professional caril-lonneur. His most recent post was at the University of California at Berkeley. Previously he served at Washington National Cathedral and at the University of

There will be daily recitals at 3:00 p.m., displays of Mr. Barnes' satirical drawings of carillons, organ cases and

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#### **Evergreen Church Music Conference**

Winter Park, CO, July 24-30

The Evergreen Church Music Conference took place July 24–30. Because the original site in Evergreen, CO (home of the conference since its founding in 1907) was sold this past year, the conference was held at the Iron Horse Resort Retreat in Winter Park. Donald Pearson, organist-choirmaster of St. John's Cathedral in Denver, served as Dean of the conference; John Repulski was conference coordinator.

The conference began with an opening Eucharist service. After dinner, Dr. Charles Kiblinger, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Denver, gave the first of a series of lectures on the Catechumenate, an innovative program to bring people into the church in this post-Christian era. David Conte, professor of composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, spoke about techniques of choral composition. Throughout the week he gave several sessions on his choral and organ compositions. The first day ended, as did every day, with a sung Compline service.

Tuesday began with a lecture on "The

Practical Church Musician" by Richard Webster, organist-choirmaster of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL. John Repulski then presented "Getting Started with Handbells," with many practical suggestions for rehearsal techniques and repertoire. Donald Pearson ended the day with an introduction to the new recording of his choir at St. John's Cathedral and the choral music of Alan Hovhaness.

Wednesday began with a bus trip to Evergreen where a Eucharist service was held at Douglas Chapel in the Hiwan Homestead near the former conference site. The rest of the day's events were held at St. John's Cathedral, beginning with a workshop on "Enhancing Vocal Quality" by Marilyn Hetzel, professor and director of theatre at Metropolitan State College in Denver. Frederick Swann, director of music and organist at the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA, spoke about his upcoming evening recital, giving background information about the repertoire, the organ, and gender of the control of the eral ideas on effective programs and adapting them to various instruments. After high tea (fortunately it was iced tea in the 100-degree heat), the St. John's Cathedral Summer Choir presented a concert under the direction of Richard Webster, assisted by Eric Plutz, assistant organist of the cathedral. Following dinner, Frederick Swann played a recital well-suited to the cathedral's 1938 Kimball organ.

On Thursday, Frederick Swann offered helpful solutions to the problem of adapting orchestral accompaniments of adapting orchestral accompaniments to the organ, interspersed with many entertaining stories of his wide-ranging experiences as a church mnusician. Richard Webster followed with a presentation on working with children in the church setting, and rehearsed a group of choristers from St. John's in preparation for a service the next day. John Repulski and Don Pearson then presented "Liturgical Music with Handbells," and Frederick Swann led a workshop on different styles of hymn-playing. shop on different styles of hymn-playing, followed by a reading session of recent choral publications.

Friday began with Frederick Swann fielding a lively set of questions and dispersions of provides to the session of the session

cussion of various topics on church music. Following continuing workshops by Charles Kiblinger, David Conte, and Richard Webster, the afternoon ended

with an Evensong service sung by the choristers of St. John's, conducted by Richard Webster and assisted by Eric Plutz. In the evening, Thomas Troeger, professor of preaching and communica-tion at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, presented the first of two extended workshops entitled "The Landscape of the Heart: Church Music and the Sacred Imagination." His presentation included opportunities to sing some of his hymns, many of which have been get to reverse by Carel Deser His been set to music by Carol Doran. His second workshop on Saturday morning was followed by the final Eucharist ser-vice in Winter Park. The traditional talent show ended the Winter Park portion of the conference on Saturday night. The conference ended with the Sunday morning service at St. John's Cathedral.
—Carolyn & John Skelton

## Music for Voices and Organ

by James McCray

#### Children's choirs

And, O those voices of children singing under the dome!

Paul Verlaine (1844-1896)

Children's choirs have enjoyed a rebirth of interest in recent years. While Europe continued the quality tradition of its past, in America children's choirs went for volume. With school and church choirs in great numbers, the emphasis in this century has been on getting children involved in singing, and while that does result in quality in some while that does result in quality in some while that does result in quality in some arenas, often it turns into "experience." Children's choirs help set patterns of singing. They often result in establishing a life-long love of singing. Of course, the changing of the voice for both boys and girls will have a large impact on attitude and continuation. Children's voices tend to be the same with fewer basic differences: as they mature the differences: ences; as they mature the differences increase making greater distinctions

among them.

Some of the curious problems of involvement occur later as they get older. Lower numbers of children sing in junior high choirs than in elementary school groups. Furthermore, those numbers become less enouraging when comparing high school and college. A high school with multiple choirs throughout the day might have 15–20% of the entire school singing. A look at our large universities with over 20 000 students usu versities with over 20,000 students usually reveals an involvement of less than 1% in both vocal and instrumental ensembles.

In churches, where everyone is sup-posed to sing two or three times a Sun-day (hymns), the critical mass is even more consequential. Without participation from the congregation, the service suffers greatly. Our large church, sadly, is a non-singing church. Each year as music director, I program several works in which the congregation is to join the choir and repeatedly the music suffers choir, and repeatedly the music suffers because of their lack of participation. Furthermore, on those times when a choir is not present to lead the singing, the service seems very flat.

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Somehow, America's approach to singing (i.e., everyone gets involved) is not working. We are not a singing nation. Our national anthem and alma mater performances at athletic events sound like an instrumental work with mumbling! Maybe these increased numbers of children's choirs will change this direction as they mature into the next direction as they mature into the next century. Support children's choirs in churches, schools, and communities. If these young people can be convinced that what they are doing is truly important and good, maybe they will continue tant and good, maybe they win continue to participate as they get their "new voic-es" so that group singing will improve. We've taken prayer out of the schools and community events, maybe singing is

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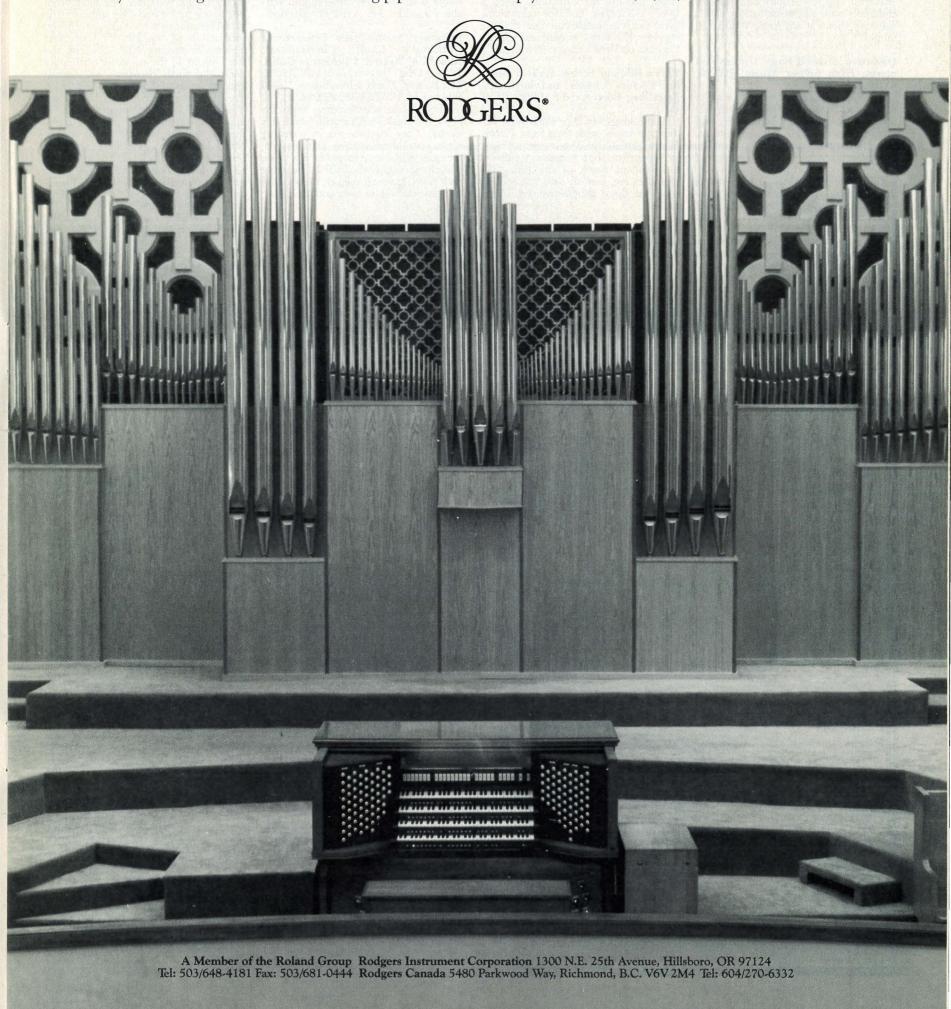
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the next to go because of a lack of interest. In the 1950s Rachel Carson's Silent Spring was a book everyone was reading as it predicted the environmental problems we are experiencing today. Could this happen in singing? The thought of a Silent Church is sobering. The reviews this month feature music for children's

Wind-Song, Richard Kidd. SSA unaccompanied, Boosey & Hawkes Co., B6539, \$1.75 (D-).

This anthem is part of the excellent Doreen Rao series which features quality music for children. Many in the series are less difficult than this; both sacred and secular works are included. The text is composed of various words in diverse languages which describe the wind. Some countries represented include Japan, China, Brazil, etc. The music is ethereal and challenging, beautiful and effective. This will require an advanced children's choir and would work well for women's choirs at any level. Wonderful

Questions, Russell Nagy. Unison and piano, High Street Music, JH520, \$1.10 (E).

The numerous questions all result in the answer of God in this rhythmic setting for young voices. It is repetitive and near the end has an optional descant. The syncopations and dancing rhythms will make this a fun children's work.

A Child's World, Betty Ann Ramseth and Melinda Ramseth Hoiland. Unison and two-part settings with Orff instruments, Augsburg Fortress, 11-10315, \$4.95 (E/M-).

This is a collection of songs, activities and prayers for very young children; the book serves as a resource for the teacher. All songs may be sung unaccompanied or with the Orff accompaniment patterns. The topics cover the year with texts for Thanksgiving, Autumn, Mother's Day, etc. Easy music with useful teaching ideas and concepts—highly

recommended to directors of the very young. Most of the songs could be taught by rote.

When We Played House, Alice Parker. Two part children and piano, Huron Press of Jaymar Music Limited (Canada), 02:271, \$1.50 (M+).

Parker's setting is an extraction from her extended cantata, "That Sturdy Vine", for children and adult singers. The gentle music often is canonic for the voices and the piano adds a quiet, float-ing background that is at times soloistic. Although challenging, it is not overly dif-ficult and could be used on a concert or

The K.K. Davis Junior Choirbook for Sacred and Festival Occasions, arr.

K.K. Davis. SA and keyboard, Galaxy Music Corp., 1.2005, \$3.25 (M).

There are 11 songs for various occasions; five are for Christmas. Each is brief, 1–3 pages, and the accompaniment tends to double the vocal lines for support. The music is easy and suitable support. The music is easy and suitable for most children's choirs in churches.

Three Biblical Songs, Robert Buck-ley Farlee. Unison and keyboard, Augsburg Fortress, 11-10604, \$1.40

These songs would be suitable for various age levels, with texts from Psalms, Hosea, and Luke. The accompaniment is supportive, but remains somewhat independent much of the time. The melodies are easy to sing; the middle song has three strophic verses. Useful music.

Songs from the East Wind, Shirley McRae. Unison and Orff instruments, Choristers Guild, CGA-575, \$1.10 (E).

These four Asian hymns are for Epiphany, Harvest, Christmas and General. A wide variety of instruments is used and presented in full score in the music. Useful suggestions are included. The music is easy, often more complicated for the instruments than singers.

I am Jesus' Little Lamb, arr. Rene Clausen. SA, piano, and 2 flutes, Mark Foster Music Co., YS 301, \$1.25 (M-).

The flutes are used throughout and usually have busy lines, often in parallel thirds. The keyboard music is easy, usually doubling the flute lines. The choral music has three stanzas, each is different. Charming, tender music.

Come to the Lord with Singing, Jay Althouse. Unison and two-part anthems with keyboard, Alfred Music Co., 11475 (director's edition)

no price given (M-).

There are six anthems for the church year in this collection; a separate book for the singers is available (11476). Included are teaching suggestions. The music is simple, very tuneful, and suitable for grades 3–6. A useful collection.

Stepping Stones (An Ecumenical Children's Choir Curriculum), Ronald A. Nelson. Choristers Guild, Level One (pre-school) CGBK55, \$22.95 and Early Elementary Level

(first grade) CGBK56, \$22.95.

These books are resource items for choir directors working with children's choirs. They contain music, teaching ideas, vocal development, lesson plans, etc. and will be a weeful wide Forthese etc., and will be a useful guide. For those church directors who will be working with the very young singers, these books will provide helpful hints and ideas.

#### **Book Reviews**

Gabrieli to Vivaldi, by Eleanor Self-ridge-Field. Third revised edition, Dover Publications, 384 pp., 0-486-28151-5, paperbound, \$13.95. This book began as a doctoral thesis at

Oxford University in 1969. This thesis was turned into a book which was published in 1975 as part of *Blackwell's Music Series*. For Dover's Third, Revised Edition, Selfridge-Field provided additional information and appendixers a glossary and further hibliography. es, a glossary, and further bibliography.
Thus this study represents almost 30 years of work on the Venetian tradition of instrumental music beginning with the works of Giovanni Gabrieli and his contemporaries in the late 16th century and concluding with Antonio Vivaldi and his many contemporaries in the early 18th century. The purpose of this book is to present the principal instrumental genres of this period of remarkable activity and to highlight the contributions of the major composers of sonatas,

concerti, toccatas, etc.

The author points out in the preface that she is interested in demonstrating the continuities of genres within Venice and showing the sometimes underappreciated importance of the sonata. Within these guidelines the reader is offered a rich and panoramic view of Venetic instrumental music from the Venetian instrumental music from the later Renaissance into the later Baroque. Not only are the major composers considered but also their lesser-known conscholars and performers are accordingly offered much to think about. For example, the early chapters of Part II will provide organists and harpsichordists with many suggestions for repertory in the form of toccatas, ricercars, and canzonas. Later chapters which deal with such famous composers as Albinoni and Vivaldi not only highlight their better-known works but also consider some obscure compositions that deserve wider recognition recognition.

This book clarifies many major points of music history. For example, dynamic indications are found in the Capirola lute book long before their celebrated appearance in Gabrieli's Sonata pian e forte (1597), and the distinction between the chamber and church sonata was first made by Massimiliano Neri in his Opus 1 of 1644—many decades before the consistent application of these categories by Corelli. Selfridge-Field also makes clear that the three-movement format of Fast-Slow-Fast associated with the Vivaldi concerto has its origins, at least in part, in the sonata. The author also points out that Albinoni plays a greater role in the formation of the late Baroque solo concerto than is generally appreciated. Indeed, the final chapters give one a better sense of the interaction of late Baroque instrumental composers, thus allowing one to judge Vivaldi's accomplishments within a broader perspective. In one of the final sections, important consideration is given the musical rela-tionships between Venice and Vienna as well as other parts of Europe. This discussion demonstrates the powerful impact of Venetian styles and composers during the period under consideration.

In many ways, Venetian Instrumental Music should be used as a reference tool rather than a book that one reads from beginning to the end. For instance, the valuable information resulting from the scholarship of the last 20 years first appears in chapter XIV. This, by the appears in chapter AIV. Ims, by the way, results in the necessity of flipping back and forth between the original chapters and the short paragraphs which provide the updated views. Selfridge-Field has included many valuable appendixes at the end, including information on the musical staff at San mation on the musical staff at San Marco, as well as a glossary of important terms and many indexes. These materials can and should be used as ways of gathering specific information on Venetian composers included in the book as well as related topics.

One can have few criticisms regarding such a major accomplishment. It would seem that an "evolutionary" view is seem that an evolutionary view is sometimes implicit. There are some statements regarding how works antici-pate later styles or how a given compos-er or series of works "lead" to subse-quent developments. We all are prone to this sort of thinking, but we need to be aware of its danger of not allowing one to see the individual composer within his own context. The words canon and canonic are often used to describe free imitation. The word canon implies some sort of strict procedure, usually involving the replication of lines over a considerable period of time, not the sort of relaxed imitation of parts one finds in Venetian sonatas and concerti. As implied above, one might wish that the more recent thinking of the author as well as the bibliographic references had been folded into the narrative rather than been given these are slight criticisms in in-book's extraordinary value.

—Enrique Alberto Arias DePaul University Chicago, IL

Tim Carter. Music in Late Renais-Amadeus Press, 1992. 288 pp. Musical examples, notes, bibliography, index. ISBN 0-931340-53-5. \$37.95, 800/327-5680.

By way of introducing his topic, Tim Carter (on the faculty at the University of London) poses one of the more maddening questions facing cross-disciplinary historians: Why do traditional definitions of period style suggest than unsic is a more conservative art form, lagging behind language and the visual arts in their response to the spirit of the times? Perhaps music is not so conservative, but our style definitions are inaccurate. After if the Renaissance was the result of cultural foment on the Italian peninsula, how is it that Franco-Flemish polyphony—especially that of Josquin—became ny—especially that of Josquin—became the musical standard of the High Renaissance? Carter attempts to answer these questions by studying the music in its cultural and commercial contexts, viewing the Renaissance as a pan-European phenomenon, and recognizing that a native Italian music directly influenced by the Humanist movement existed outside the sphere of the imported Franco-Flemish style. His acceptance of Renaissance Italy as a proto-national entity bound together by printing, commerce,

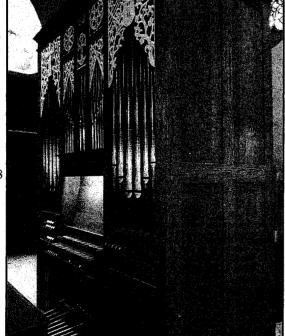
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and political intrigue rather than just a collection of geographically adjacent but independent city states sets the stage for a reconsideration of Renaissance, Mannerist, and early Baroque styles. What follows is not a Renaissance music primer, but a second-level survey for readers who already have some familiarity with the mid-sixteenth to early seventeenth century genres: madrigal, sacred polyphony, theatre music, opera, and instrumental music. The chapter on instrumental music includes coverage of organ literature and the instrument's role in the liturgy.

–Randy Neighbarger Durham, NC

Schwarz, Berthold (ed.). 500 Jahre Orgeln in Berliner Evangelischen Kirchen. 2 vols. Berlin: Pape Verlag 1991. Available from The Organ Literature Foundation, 45 Norfolk Rd., Braintree, MA 02184-5918. Paperbound \$73.00 (cloth \$92.00), plus \$3.00 postage per order.

There are actually eight contributing authors, and Uwe Pape was responsible for designing and assembling the book, which contains a very large number of

which contains a very large number of illustrations. One might add that the paperbound edition of the two oversize volumes is very solid as well as attractive.

The restriction to Protestant churches is not, in the case of Berlin, a very serious one, although the exclusion of concert-hall organs is a bit unfortunate. However, information on about 850 organs past and present is included. Seven chapters deal chronologically with organs in Berlin; each chapter consists of a general discussion of leading builders, the above to sixting of their instruments. the characteristics of their instruments, and their technical innovations; finally there is quite detailed discussion of notable instruments of the period.

The first three sections are purely his-

torical, since there is only one organ built before 1800 that is preserved in something like original condition. This is the organ of Princess Anna Amalie, for which C.P.E. Bach wrote his well-known sonatas. It is discussed in considerable detail. The dearth of early instruments is only very partially the result of war damage; for a variety of reasons—one of them the booming economy of the 19th century—Berlin's record of organ preservation is below average.

The extensive discussion of significant

figures from each period is particularly valuable. Of the 18th-century builders, only Joachim Wagner is widely known as a name, and even he is a candidate for the title of least appreciated major builder, at least in North America. His influential followers, Migendt, Scholze, and Marx—the latter dominated later 18th-century building—are here given their due. Perhaps Wagner's lasting influence explains the conservatism of Berlin builders; as late as 1790 Marx built a two-manual of 27 stops, nine of them on the pedal—the instrument also included 15 ranks of mixtures and a five-rank cornet. Another unjustly neglected figure is C. A. Buchholz, the leading builder of the early 18th contrary. There builder of the early 19th century. There are helpful references to extant organs by these early builders located outside of Berlin, many of them in the present state of Brandenburg.

Organbuilding in the late 19th and 20th centuries (down to 1945) was dom-20th centuries (down to 1945) was dominated by large firms, most of them not headquartered in Berlin: Ladegast, Walcker, Steinmeyer, Furtwängler & Hammer, and above all Sauer, who built more than 100 organs in Berlin. Schuke, a relatively new firm, played an honorable part in the rather late and tentative Berlin version of the *Orgelbewegung*, but after the Second World War, the two Schuke firms (Potsdam and West Berlin) Schuke firms (Potsdam and West Berlin) achieved a leading position in Berlin organbuilding, a position really challenged only by Walcker, who established a Berlin branch. Since only 126 of 250 Protestant church organs survived the war, many of these small instruments in the suburbs, it is not surprising that the chapter on post-1945 organbuilding is very long.

The book is rounded off by a complete

listing of churches, with skeletal information about all known organs (including size) in each, a list of all the known organs by several builders, and extensive indexes of names and locations.

A few minor weaknesses appear when one tries to use this work as a reference tool. Information about the various organs in a particular church is some-times widely scattered, especially if two significant instruments of different periods are involved. Some of the discussions of individual organs do not indicate the ultimate fate of the organ—destruc-tion in World War II, for example though most do. The missing informa-tion can be found in the complete listing of churches, probably with the help of the index, which does, however, contain some errors and omissions. Finally, some pictures are not dated, though again most are. Inevitably, in a compli-cated work like this, there are some (but very few) typos. None of these will trou-

ble most readers.

This is an important and invaluable publication. Furthermore, it is enjoyable reading and a very beautiful book. It appeared as the 134th publication of the Gesellschaft der Orgelfreunde, and was subsidized by various commercial firms as well as by the protestant Landeskirche of Berlin. This results in a price that by of Berlin. This results in a price that by modern standards is more than reasonable. Strongly recommended to anyone interested in organs and essential for any respectable music library.

—W.G. Marigold Urbana, IL

## **New Recordings**

Four Masterworks for Organ. Frederick Swann at the organ of The Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, CA. Mendelssohn: Sonata No. 1 in F Minor; Bach: Passacaglia & Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582; Franck: Choral No. 1 in E Major; Searle Wright: Introduction, Passacaglia & Fugue. Gothic CD G 49049 TT: 57'01"

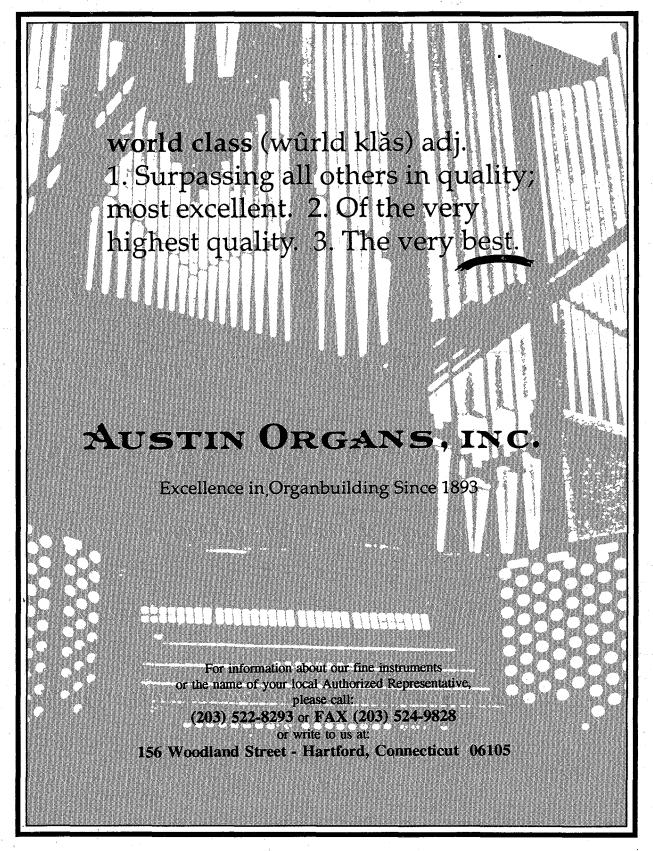
An anecdote by means of introduc-tion: Several years ago I attended an 'official reception" in London with a col-"official reception" in London with a colleague; the promise of decent, free lunchtime food had been too good to miss. But what a let down! "Things just aren't the same these days," my friend bemoaned, as we surveyed the provender on offer: warm wine of dubious provenance, together with lumps of "healthy" cheese-free cheese on cocktail sticks and prunes wrapped in bacon-free bacon. "Let's repair to the pub to repair the damage." (Pork pie and real ale is a most efficacious if somewhat sybaritic

panacea in such instances.)

The same might be said of the good old eclectic organ program, which lost its tenure many moons ago. It's not just the same any more. Everything is highly specialized these days, what with the complete this and the complete that. Very few people will dare record four big works on a general purpose instrument. works on a general purpose instrument. Even when they do, the results are mixed. Large Bach works are delivered on tiny-scale registrations which rob the works of their dignity. Mendelssohn, seen as a watered-down, effete Mr. Nice Guy, suffers a similarly ignominious fate. And what is done to Franck is the name of outher tigits in well.

of authenticity is, well . . . Consider, too, the multifarious evils of any organ with more than five ranks. The organ world suffers from a pandemic surfeit of Cassandras, blithering on about how large, unwieldy instruments are bad for our communal health. "Uncontrollable monsters, devoid of the ability to make music! Full of sound and fury, signifying nothing!" As they say, it takes one to know one.

Frederick Swann's disc answers the prayers of those among us who crave deliverance from the "Organ Lite" movement, that alarming coalition of the



musically constipated and the terminally daft. Here is a top-notch musician, who really knows how to play and project a large organ with spectacular conviction. It's a fine art, and those who attribute it merely to years of playing sizeable instruments miss the point by many a mile: after all, I've had over three decades of intimate acquaintance with my ears, nose and throat, but an expert otolaryngologist I most certainly ain't.

The Crystal Cathedral instrument is familiar enough to make prolific discussion of its history redundant. The trick in playing a wide variety of music on a large, eclectic organ is how best to render a performance that makes sense. Take the Bach Passacaglia, for example. I'm sure that it sounds splendidly copasetic on one of the many small choruses this organ possesses; on the other hand, that approach would sound absurd in such a large building. But if you register on too large a scale, then that also misses the boat.

Swann answers these musings in definitive fashion. Not only is he the master of the instrument, but of the acoustic also. Again, there is a fine knack to making music in a swimming acoustic, and Swann has it in abundance. Use of the ears and a copious supply of musical horse sense are probably the key ingredients here; I shall refrain from carving this in stone, since it is obviously quite unthinkable in the 1990s that such old-fashioned and intuitive things can have any bearing whatsoever on good musicianship.

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Lesser mortals, faced with the candy store that is the Crystal Cathedral organ, might indulge to excess, leaving the listener both dissatisfied (it's rather tricky to give a cohesive reading of a piece when the main concern is to highlight every reed, every flute, every string) and queasy. On the other hand, some, scared witless by the resources at their disposal, might abstain from putting the instrument to work. Swann uses the organ with panache, sensitivity and taste. Under his fingers, the tonal and acoustical possibilities of instrument and building become the handmaidens of musical communication.

Bach, Franck and Mendelssohn seem not to have suffered from their transatlantic translation. Searle Wright, of course, has had less of a journey, although this in no way detracts from what is a sterling performance. How refreshing, incidentally, to see a substantial American work sharing the spotlight with three favorite lollings.

with three favorite lollipops.

Hats off to one of this continent's finest exponents of our instrument for

his devotion to music-making rather than musical trendiness. This disc will win friends for the organ, and might just remind some of us why we took up playing in the first instance. Gothic's engineers have made a fine job of surmounting the many challenges posed by such a recording, and the booklet presentation is pithy without succumbing to sparseness.

It would be gratifying to think that Mr. Swann, too, likes Lincolnshire pork pie and real ale, and that he sautés his food in real butter. Contemplation of same notwithstanding, do buy this disc. The combination of master musician and great literature is, like pork pie and real ale, pretty unbeatable.

-Mark Buxton Toronto, Ontario

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. Das Orgelwerk. Vols. 2 & 3. Played by Peter Planyavsky. Motette CD 11281 & 11291. No information on price or availability.

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Vol. 2 includes: Sonate Nr. 3 für Orgel
A-Dur, Ostinato c-Moll, Allegro B-Dur,
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contains: Sonate Nr. 5 für Orgel D-Dur,
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A-Dur, Präludium d-Moll, Fuge d-Moll,
Fuge e-Moll, Sonate Nr. 6 für Orgel dMoll, and Nachspiel D-Dur. Neither disc
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The shorter compositions are a rather mixed bag. Several of them are essentially juvenile exercises and some of them are really fairly dull. The two independent fugues in Vol. 2 fall intro this category, while the "Fughetta" of Vol. 3, mildly unusual in that it opens with an announcement of the theme in the pedal, and the "Ostinato" (Vol. 2) are exciting works.

Planyavsky is an acknowledged specialist in Mendelssohn's organ music and all the performances here are superb. I was able to sit in on a master class by Planyavsky—devoted to the Mendelssohn sonatas—a few months ago, and his performances do actually follow his own advice! He favors relaxed tempi, pays very careful attention to the often long musical lines, and eschews any hint of virtuosity. The outer movements of some of the sonatas are often played as display pieces—not here! Planyavsky tends to save the heavy stops for occasional use; he adds mixtures only when

power is required, not as a normal part of every allegro passage; I am not sure that we ever hear full organ on these discs! There is no overdone sentimentality here either; just listen to the last movement of the sixth sonata.

The organ used is a three-manual of 40 stops (about 55 ranks) built in 1985 in Perchtoldsdorf, near Vienna, by the Austrian firm of Johann Pirchner. This is a rather Romantic instrument with two enclosed manuals, no mixture on the third manual, and voices like Cor Anglais and Oboe. The choruses are clear and bright, and the pedal manages to combine substantial weight with clarity. Planyavsky does not have to resort to the pedal reeds for those "active" passages! Certainly the organ suits Planyavsky's conception of Mendelssohn very well. Arguments about an ideal "Mendelssohn" are allegated.

Arguments about an ideal "Mendelssohn" organ are probably pointless. As Planyavsky points out in the liner notes, Mendelssohn actually played the organ in public more in England than in Germany, in part because organized concerts were more firmly established there as part of musical life. (Planyavsky's reference to the great Town Halls and their large organs is, however, questionable, since virtually all of the sizable civic organs date from slightly after Mendelssohn's time.) Mendelssohn undoubtedly knew and played on a wide variety of instruments: as a student in Berlin he would have known organs built by Wagner and his successors; in Saxony he became acquainted with, and apparently liked, some Silbermanns, and probably played some of the more recent organs documented in Oehme's inventories. In England he played on numerous instruments—some of them by German builders—of various sizes and types. Unfortunately, late Romantic or symphonic organs are often chosen as suitable "Mendelssohn" instruments; pure chronology tells us that the composer can have known few such organs. All of the German organs that Mendelssohn is known to have played were conservative instruments that remained essentially late Baroque in overall design. I think that Planyavsky aims at registrations that Mendelssohn might well have used. This is surely the most satisfactory practical approach.

wen have used. This is surely the most satisfactory practical approach.

Planyavsky has supplied excellent notes on Mendelssohn and his organ works (German, with good English and French translations). There is absolutely no information about the performer, who will, however, be known to most organists. One would appreciate more information about the organ; there is no indication of the type of action and no information about accessories.

There are at least three competing recordings of Mendelssohn's organ works on the market at the moment: John Scott at St. Paul's Cathedral, Rudolf Innis in a Klais organ in Beckum, Germany, and John Stansell on a Kuhn organ in Frankfort, Germany. I have not been able to hear all of these. However, for me, Planyavsky is the Mendelssohn performer of choice. This is a magnificent recording, played on a suitable

instrument by a performer who has a real understanding of the music. Very highly recommended.

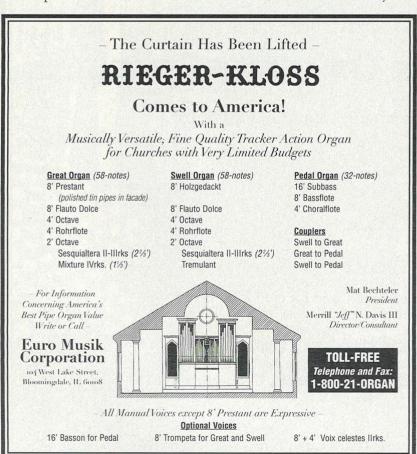
-W. G. Marigold Urbana, IL

Pomp and Circumstance. David Drury at the Sydney Town Hall Organ. ABC Classics 438 881-2 (compact disc. DDD. TT=75:42) Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, op. 39 (arr. Lemare); "Nimrod" from Variations on an Origi-

March No. 1, op. 39 (arr. Lemare); "Nimrod" from Variations on an Original Theme (Enigma) (arr. Harris); Bach: "Air" from Suite No. 3 (arr. Phillips); Whitlock: Sonata in C Minor; Liszt: Fantasy and Fugue on "Ad nos, ad salutarem undam"; Hollins: A Trumpet Minuet; Vierne: Carillon de Westminster; Drury: Improvisation on a Theme

of Peter Sculthorpe.
David Drury's first recording at the Sydney Town Hall, Music for a Grand Organ, earned well-deserved critical comment, and this new follow-up offering is equally worthy. Both discs feature the instrument William Hill & Son built for Sydney between 1886 and 1890. At its inauguration, the organ was the largest in the world, with 126 speaking stops over five manuals and pedal. Hill amazed the music community of his day by including the world's first 64-foot reed stop, a wooden Contra Trombone. Mr. Drury, Director of Music at St. Paul's College—The University of Sydney, has put together a program engineered to prove that the organ is more than a period piece or a sideshow behemoth. Indeed, although Hill's creation is a prime example of late Romantic giantism, it preserves the traditional tonal concept of piling up ascending pitch levels rather than (or perhaps in this case in addition to) amassing vast seas of unison tone. The performances are musical and disciplined, with the Liszt "Ad Nos" and Drury's own Improvisation warranting special attention. The recorded sound is warm, flattering, and just a little distant. Thrill seekers should be aware that in the passages where Drury pulls on the 64-footer (dutifully pointed out in the liner notes), the big reed will probably be inaudible except on the most high end, state-of-the-art sound systems. A specification list and selected registrations are included.

list and selected registrations are included. The ABC Classics label is an admirable project of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Their catalogue contains many interesting offerings of wider scope than just organ music or things Australian. Some months ago PolyGram assumed American distribution of ABC Classics in America. This should have insured ready disc availabilty; however, PolyGram seems unable or unwilling to handle the micromanaging necessary to a label that will admittedly always be for small specialty markets. I have tried to order various ABC items from retail and mail order CD suppliers across the country with absolutely no success, and the stories I've heard from other record buyers and retail personnel suggests this is not



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an uncommon experience. The organ recordings are fortunately also available through the Organ Historical Society, but this is no help for the remainder of the ABC Classics offerings. They deserve better.

Biber: Mystery Sonatas. William Tortolano, violin. Charles Krig-baum, organ and harpsichord. GIA CD-286 (2 compact discs. No SPARS code. TT=61:14; 66:11); 708/496-3800.

Not so very long ago, a dolorous Greek chorus of musical Cassandras bewailed the impending "ghettoization" of an entire body of musical literature. Followers of the dark arts of early music performance, practice, were so the performance practice were (so the prophets warned) about to take over all music written before 1800, rustling Bach, Handel, and Mozart out of the Bach, Handel, and Mozart out of the standard repertory and into their exclusive domain, in the bargain sanitizing from these masterworks any expressive qualities. The ensuing years of fertile cross-pollination between modern and period instrument performance have clearly proven the doomsayers wrong, and this new recording is a fine example of the modern music making that comes of the modern music making that comes out of historical knowledge.

Heinrich Franz Ignaz von Biber spent the first part of his career as a violinist and composer in the Czech city of Kromeriz in the 1660s and 70s. Local custom at court and chapel favored the use of scordatura, tuning the violin to sitches other than the common F-A-Dpitches other than the common E-A-D-G, and Biber often used the technique. In the published score of Biber's programmatic sonatas for violin and continuo based on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, each sonata is prefaced by the preferred *scordatura* tuning. The violin part is then notated as if in normal tuning, thus the music does not sound as written. The sonatas, in the form of dance suites, are divided into three groups of five, each group representing the "joyful" (Nativity), "sorrowful" (Crucifixion) or "glorious" (Resurrection)

mysteries.

These sonatas offer unusual technical, stylistic, and rhetorical challenges to musicians playing for modern audiences. William Tortolano brings his experience of baroque violin performance and extensive research on Biber's music to these recordings. Tortolano's choice to record with modern instruments is in keeping with a robust performance concept emphasizing the music's virtuoso and coloristic features over the contemplative. The full-bodied sound highlights plative. The full-bodied sound highlights the dissonant resonances of the scordatura, especially in the sixth sonata, "The Agony in the Garden." Charles Krigbaum provides a strong musical partnership from the keyboard. He makes no attempt to pull neo-baroque sounds from the 1917 Vakler-Holtkamp-Sparling organ in St. Mary's Church, Richmond, IN, but takes advantage of the instrument's colorful flues and reeds to reflect each sonata's individual affect. The organ continuo is colorful, sustained and discreetly embellished. More active bass lines were realized on the harpsi-chord. The sonatas were not intended to thou. The solidates were not intended to be heard all at one time, but listening through these discs at one sitting is a pleasure because of the performance's vitality and variety. Only the most dogmatic early music purist would object.

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Sonatas recording currently available features the early music ensemble Tragicomedia on the Virgin Classics label with an entirely different view of Biber's music. Tragicomedia emphasizes rythmic and figural rhetoric for a rarified mystical effect. The period instruments make ethereal sounds, and the use of

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several continuo instruments—organ, harpsichord, lute, regal, harp, viol— singly and in consort reflects the influ-ence of Italian musical practice in the northern Catholic countries. The artisitic success of these two recordings so different in sound and concept is on its own enough to forever banish any lurking fears of an unyielding early music orthodoxy.

—Randy L. Neighbarger
Durham, NC

# **New Organ Music**

10 Seasonal Humntune Preludes for the Church Year, Robert J. Powell. GIA Publications, Inc. G-3829. Publications, Inc. \$8.00.

Nine Service Pieces for the Church Year for Organ, arr. Robert J. Pow-ell. Harold Flammer Music HF-5194. \$8.00.

Robert Powell's usual appealing style is present in these hymn tune settings which cover all seasons of the church

year. These compositions are rather short and uncomplicated, capturing the essence of the hymn tune's character and text. Many hymn tunes new to conand text. Many hymn tunes new to contemporary hymnals, especially the Episcopal Hymnal 1982, are present in the first volume. Notable are the settings of "Go, tell it on the mountain" in a captivating 5/4 arrangement in the first volume and of the Gregorian chant tune "Christ is born today" in the second volume. These accessible compositions should prove quite useful.

Preludes on Four Hymns, Richard Proulx. Augsburg Fortress 11-10051. \$7.00.

Included in this publication are settings of "Italian Hymn" (Moscow), "Land of Rest," "Leoni" (Yigdal), and "Westminster Abbey." The settings of "Land of Rest" and "Leoni" were published separately by Augsburg about 25 years ago (Augsburg numbers 11-0845 and 11-843). These engaging settings use appealing harmonies, rhythms and registrations. In the four-movement "Variations on Westminster Abbey" the composer decorates the melody in four

different styles, including one in the par-allel minor key and one as a trumpet tune. Imaginative and original treat-ments of these well-known hymn tunes.

# 7 Hymn Preludes, Set 2, Donald Rotermund. Concordia 97-6168.

In the Foreword to this publication, the composer states that these compositions are intended "to serve in close proximity to the singing of the respective hymn: specifically, to announce the hymn tune and assist in establishing the overall character of the text just prior to its being sung by the congregation." Some could also be used as "alternatim settings, giving worshippers devotional time to read the text as the organ 'sings' the stanza." Two of the settings are written in homage to composers who had an influence on the style in which these compositions are written—Flor Peeters and Garth Edmundson. The complete tune is present in each composition. One setting is written in a trio style and another in a carillon style. The approach to each composition is fresh and not predictable.



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Partita on "Christ ist erstanden" (Christ is Arisen), Kevin J. Sadowski. Concordia 97-6166. \$7.50.

This is an interesting and challenging set of six variations on the Reformation Easter tune derived from the plainsong tune "Victimae paschali laudes." The composer uses a shortened form of the hymn tune, which appears in a variety of voice parts through the movements. The harmonizations are quite unconventional, especially considering the age of the original hymn tune. However, they give the melody a new life in "new clothes," showing us how resilient a tune it actually is. The fourth and sixth variations will be the most challenging to the player, as they are both toccata-like settings using triplets in the manual parts. The last variation also includes canons running at several levels in the hands and feet. The most interesting harmonies used are in the meditative fifth variation. Registration suggestions are given throughout. Those who undertake the discipline to learn this piece should be rewarded by its interesting character, and it may serve to acquaint more people with this impor-tant Easter hymn.

Tender Thoughts; Six More Preludes on Early American Hymns for Organ, Peter Pindar Stearns. Harold Flammer Music HF-5197. \$7.50.

This is another collection of accessible hymn tune preludes by Peter Pinder Stearns and the second to feature early American hymn tunes As more of the American hymn tunes. As more of these early American hymn tunes appear in contemporary denominational hymnals, it is nice to have organ pieces which are related to them. The composer has demonstrated in earlier publications his creative style in composition which eminates from the character of the hymnals. nates from the character of the hymn tune itself. The tunes in this collection are "Resignation," "Charlestown", "Foundation," "Tender Thought", "Star in the East" and "Restoration." Even the accompaniments capture the essence of the hymn tune's style, often quoting motives which are a part of the tune itself. The composer weaves in and out of keys like a skilled improviser. His skill as a composer using formal devices is clear in the double fugue on

Suite for Organ on "Westminster Abbey," Peter Pindar Stearns. H.W. Gray GB00694. \$4.50.

Suite for Organ on "Leoni," Peter Pindar Stearns. H.W. Gray GB00684. \$4.50. Canzonas and Fugue on "Hyfrydol," Peter Pindar Stearns. H.W. Gray GSTC01106. \$4.00.

Fantasy, Choral and Fugue on "Ora Labora," Hymn tune of T. Tertius Noble, Peter Pindar Stearns. H.W.

Noble, Peter Pindar Stearns. H.W. Gray GSTC01066. \$4.00.

The composer of these works is not easily identified as the same composer who has published a number of organ collections based on hymntunes for Harold Flammer (such as the previous review). Mr. Stearns shows a quite different face in these compositions for H.W. Gray's Contemporary Organ Series and Saint Cecilia Series—more complex, more difficult, but more intercepting at the same time. Based on four esting at the same time. Based on four rather traditional tunes, he leads us into a quite different look at these tunes through interesting, but unusual, harmonizations and textures.

The Suite on "Westminster Abbey" is divided into four movements, labeled Prelude, Offertory, Communion and Postlude, structured much like an improvisation in the French style. The prelude uses the first phrases of the hymn tune and alternates between a louder section which is toccata-like and a softer section with flute and celeste. The offertory takes the melody beyond the first phrases and has a mystical quality, although harmonies are more conventional when the melody is present. The hymn tune is completed in the commu-nion section, which employs unusual harmonizations. The postlude is a fughetta with two themes based on the beginning and ending phrases of the beginning and ending phrases of the hymn tune. The conclusion is a full statement of the tune with an alternate harmonization (which could be used when the hymn is sung). This is a very worthy setting of this majestic tune.

The Suite on "Leoni" follows a similar structure to the above, although the harmonizations used put this grap prices.

monizations used put this organ piece even further away from the sound of the original hymn tune. The composer uses the melody upside-down in the second and fourth movements—interestingly, in the fourth movement, it mirrors the

original tune in the relative major key.
The Canzona and Fugue on "Hyfrydol" is an interesting combination of forms, in that the instrumental canzona led to the development of the fugue. The theme of the canzona takes on an other-worldly quality as it migrates through many different keys and types of texture. The fugue uses a decorated versions of the hymn tune's first phrase as its theme.

its theme.
The Fantasy, Chorale and Fugue on "Ora Labora" also explores many differ-

ent keys as it progresses. It ends with a strong harmonization which could also be used independently.

These rather unorthodox pieces are welcome additions to the repertoire of organ works based on these hymn tunes. They will require time to prepare, but will be worth the effort.

Eight Psalm Impressions for Organ Volume II for worship and recital, Douglas E. Wagner. Hope Publish-ing Company Code No. 1748. No price listed.

The Foreword to this collection states, "Each original work in this collection was written to amplify the thoughts and emotions expressed in the chosen Psalm verse." Included are movements entitled arioso, chanson, elegy, a festive trumpet tune, orison, postlude, processional and rondo giocoso. At the beginning of each work is a dominant theme which recurs a few times and which also serves as a concluding idea. The tuneful melodies of these pieces will have many uses for of these pieces will have many uses for regular services, weddings and funerals. The pedal lines could have been more active and tunefully involved in the pieces instead of just supporting harmonies. However, the uncomplicated style will be appealing to organists with limited abilities.

Variations on "St. Anne," Walter Watson. Ludwig Music Publishing Co, Inc. #0-15. \$6.00.

Since recent hymnals have consistently lowered the keys of many hymns to make them more singable in the range of the average parishioner, it is interesting that this composer chose to set St. Anne in the key of E-flat major. Not all the variations remain in this key—the first uses the key signature of A-flat major and the tune remains in E-flat major (but the tune adjusts to the accidental (but the tune adjusts to the accidentals created by the new key signature). Additionally, the third variation is in A-flat major and the concluding variation is in A-nat major and the concluding variation curiously ends with the strong feeling of D-flat major. Strong beats of the melody are rhythmically switched in the first variation to align with the ostinato accompaniment. The second variation is a pastorale with the tune hidden in the harmonies. The third variation is dancelike, going easily from A-flat major to E-flat major to B major before returning to the original key. The fourth variation is marked "Stately" with bell-like chords and adventuresome harmonies. The text "Time like an ever rolling stream" comes to mind as these chords sound like a giant bell tower chiming the hours. This concluding variation is tonally quite dif-ferent from the variations which precede

it, making for a rather strange ending to this set of variations.

Prelude and Passcaglia (In Festo Pentecostes), James Woodman. ECS Publishing No. 4595, \$8.95. Sonata in C, James Woodman. ECS Publishing No 4596. \$12.00.

Here are two more publications by an accomplished New England composer. They are difficult works which will be challenging for both the performer and the listener, but are an interesting look

at current practice in organ composition.

Prelude and Passacaglia was first performed in 1981 at the contemporary Organ Music Festival in Boston. As the introduction states, "The Prelude is a setting of 'Veni Creator' constructed over five complete statements of the passacaglia theme in the bass. The Passacaglia itself then proceeds for fifteen continuous variations during which the wind and fire imagery of Pentecost is made vivid to the ear." The harmonic approach is almost dodecaphonic, but the plainsong time corner through the plainsong tune comes through strongly. The piece increases in intensity and rhythmic vitality as it proceeds to the end. It is a dramatic portrayal of the event of Pentecost which will add great-

ly to a Pentecost service.

The Sonata in C was first performed in 1990. Its three movements rely on the same thematic source materials—two series of seven notes which are outlined in the introduction. Since there is no hymn tune as a basis, the piece is more abstract than the preceding. The second movement provides some more conventional harmonies.

—Dennis Schmidt, DMA The Bach Festival of Philadelphia

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This arrangement is based on "I Wonder as I Wander" by John Jacob Niles and "Kings of Orient" by Jerome Hopkins with performance notes by the arranger. The marriage of the two melodies works well and, as noted by Mr. Gramann "the pairing of these Mr. Gramann . . . "the pairing of these melodies seemed quite natural as I could not help but imagine the wise men 'wondering as they wandered,' out beneath the sky in search of the Christ Child.'

-Leon Nelson

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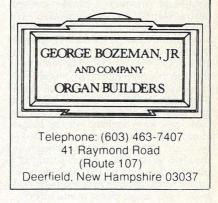
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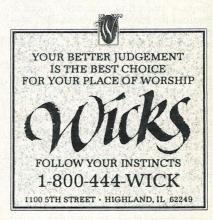
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One of the leading events to make news on the OrganNet—technical name, PIPORG-L—was the 1995 conname, PIPORG-L—was the 1995 convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders in San Jose, California. Dave Schutt, a founding member of Piporg-L, lives in San Jose and, with several members of the list, gave play-by-play descriptions of events as they occurred. High points included presentations on San Francisco Bay area organbuilding, including a visit to the Schoenbuilding, including a visit to the Schoenstein Organ Shop, hosted by Jack Bethards. Robert Bates' presentation of the three fabulous organs (Fritts, Murray Harris and Fisk) at Stanford University was unforgettable. E.M. Skinner organs played a prominent role in the presentations with Nelson Barden's humorous presentation of a serious subhumorous presentation of a serious subject—"Secrets of Successful Restora-tion." A riveting lecture, followed with a video presentation of the "demystifica-tion" of pitman chests by Joseph Dzeda and Nicholas Thompson-Allen, curators of the organ at Yale.

of the organ at Yale.

This was high powered stuff.

As various secrets and suggestions were let out of Pandora's box, they soon hit the net, often the same day they were presented. Once on the wire, they mushroomed into "threads" or lines of discussion. One of the most interesting topics was that of twing always good for was that of tuning, always good for many points of view.

For example:

Date: Thu, 12 Oct 1995 17:49:47 -0500 From: Eugene Blackstone <cvsrehb@UABCVSR.CVSR.UAB.EDU> Subject: AIO Convention (Day Three)

Dave Schutt reports:

Bill Visscher talked about the tuning of mixtures. He had some little felt cones that had been fabricated to keep some pipes in the mixture from playing. They seemed to be very effective, and you don't end up with cotton all over the place. Bill had a 7rank note that he tuned and a big scale Cornet that he tuned (one note).

Dave: while we have been using felt cones for tuning mixtures at home, when it has come to tuning the V Cornet, felt cones stuck in the top of the pipes have been ineffective in preventing the pipes from speaking (off pitch, of course). So we have used cotton wads on sticks. I gather there must be something special about Bill V.'s felt cones that silenced the large scale Cornet? If so, I'd like to try it. (And I presume that others of you use felt cones, too, and could tell me in what way they are constructed to silence a wide scale Cor-

A quick reply came in:

Date: Thu, 12 Oct 1995 17:58:19 -0700 From: Peter Schmuckal <peter@SCHMUCKAL.COM> Subject: Re: AIO Convention (Day Three)

I was also at that talk. Bill was using bushing cloth, not felt to construct his cones. They were a lot heavier than felt.

And another.

Date: Thu, 12 Oct 1995 21:04:21 -0700 From: Jim Tyler <tylerj@CRL.COM> Subject: Tuning Mixtures (Was: Re: AIO

Convention (Day Three))

Another approach is a handful of tuning "mops." These amount to a bundle of short pieces of string or yarn taped to the end of a long thin rod. They can be gently lowered into the pipe, where the mop effectively interferes with the pipe's speech The ones I've used have been thin metal rods, but I should think thin acrylic (perspex) rods would be lighter and perhaps less likely to damage the languid if accidently dropped into the pipe, rather than gently inserted. You have to have quite a collection of these mops, in a variety of sizes, but they last quite a while if carefully made. They don't "shed" the way cotton does. Cones are, however, better for the \*really\* tiny pipes near the top of the com-

Hope this helps!

Another reader was concerned for the health of languids:

I am personally fearful of placing anything that has any weight on the languids. I use bushing cloth cones. They can be placed on the top of the pipe or inverted. The largest one that I use will fit over a 2' pipe (the lowest pitch mixture I presently tune is a 2-2/3'). The smallest ones are about 3/8" dia by 1". There is something strange about the conical shape that stops the pipe from speaking. They are also very light weight and only rarely move the tuning slide. During tuning seasons I carry them nested in my shirt pocket (try that with your paint brushes and rods!).

Lanny Hochhalter <hochhltr@teleport.com>

And another:

Date: Fri. 13 Oct 1995 20:06:26 -0400 From: Cullie Mowers <CullieM@AOL.COM>

Subject: Mixture-tuning caps
The "felt" (actually heavy bushing cloth) caps for Tuning mixtures are \*great,\* and I've used them for years. I've also presented sets of them to organ maintenance colleagues after seeing bits of cotton, slivers of paper, etc. scattered on the walkand rack-boards of organs they service! The last set I bought (1989, under the name "K-D Kaps") cost \$15.00; they were made by Kathy Foley. The address at that time was: K-D Kaps, PO Box 9223, Bolton, CT 06043. These are cones very professionally sewn out of heavy red bushing cloth. Each set contains several sizes; forget just how many, and how many caps of each size, but they do the job on virtually every mixture I've encountered. Only exceptions have been the lowest-pitch rank of one Pedal mixture, and one bizarre mixture we ran onto which had slotted pipes in the lower pitch ranges. I hope that Ms. Foley or her heirs and assigns are still in business; \*everyone\* oughta have these gadgets in the tool box.

I could not resist sticking in my two

Date: Fri. 13 Oct 1995 23:26:03 EDT From: Herbert Huestis <70771.1047@COMPUSERVE.COM> Subject: Tuning Mixtures

For what its worth, I have found that the most effective "mop" for tuning high mixture pipes is a very small artist's paint brush—or two for bigger pipes and mops for the biggest. They completely silence the pipe as well as clean the dust from the languid. Artist's brushes are invaluable when tuning coned pipes, since the removal of the dust is often all that is nec-

essary to "tune" the pipe.

This "cleaning" of the languid tends to return the pipe to its original tuning. And if the brush is carefully inserted, the tuning mechanism will not be altered.

These tuning procedures are the mark of the most careful and sensitive technicians-for example, Robert and Richard Lahaise, who take care of the famous Hook organs in the Boston area. Of their work, Thomas Murray wrote:

ork, Thomas Murray wrote:

The First Church of Jamaica Plain (where the Hook brothers are said to have been members) is a superb Hook instrument of 3 manuals and 31 speaking stops, built in 1854 and surviving in virtually unaltered condition. The smaller pipes, most of which are still cone tuned, are well preserved thanks to careful tuning procedures employed over the years. The writer recalls watching with great interest as the Mixture and Sesquialtra stops were "tuned" prior to our recording sessions by the removal of dirt from the pipes with a tiny camel's hair brush, a practice which significantly reduces the risk of damage to the pipes by the use of tuning cones. (Liner notes from Mendelssohn Organ Sonatas, Sheffield label.)

Could there be any better recommendation for this technique?

Well, there you have it. That's how a "thread" works on the OrganNet. To follow threads, you log on and read all the messages on a particular subject. Often it will start with some inoccuous com-ment and balloon into a full-fledged discussion that may take you well into uncharted territory.

Let's hope you don't have to navigate

through any storms, or get "burned" by a "flame." And who knows what you will find? There is so much to learn!

Many thanks to these volunteers who have typed specifications or made other contributions to the Osiris Archive! Thanks to these efforts, there are more than 1100 organ specifications and other data housed at this World Wide Web

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Sidebar Subject: Some Tuning Humah.... Date: 14-Oct-95 at 05:58 From: Edward Peterson INTERNET: peterson@rosnet.win.net

TO: 70771,1047

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Please check your Autoexec.Dingbat file before running this program. running this program; It must contain the line "SET Tongue-in-cheek"!

Start:

Tune\_Organ: if "out-of-tune badly" run subroutine1; else goto Tune\_Reed; next;

Tune\_Reed;
if In\_Tune leavewellenoughalone;
if "flat" GoSub2Flat;
Sub2Flat:
withdraw - scrape, scrape;
cool - insert;
play - assess; play - assess; if "nowsharp" GoSub2Sharp; if "stillflat" GoSub2Flat; expect "InTune" when InTune goto Next\_Reed; else goto Tune\_Reed; next:

if "sharp" GoSub2Sharp; Sub2Sharp: withdraw - file, file; cool - insert; if "stillsharp" GoSub2Sharp;
if "nowflat" GoSub2Flat;
expect "InTune"
when InTune goto Next\_Reed;
if "error" returnto Tune\_Reed;

expect "InTune" ifandwhen In\_Tune goto Next\_Reed;

Next\_Reed:
 goto Tune\_Reed;
 next;
 if Not\_In\_Tune loopback else;
 when "temperamentbad" gosub4 Find\_Wolf;
 if "temperamentgood" find
Distrust\_Ears\_Anyway;
 expect "In\_Tune"
 quitif In\_Tune;
 else goto Tune\_Reed;
 next;

Find\_Wolf: d\_vvoir: gosub1 Set\_Temperament; endif "In\_Tune";

[Subroutine1]:

Set\_Temperament:

if "bad" goto Start\_Over;

else goto Call\_Tuner;

ifgood Thank\_God;

if "UknowwhatURdoing" proceed;

then goto Tune\_Organ;

endif "notknowwhatURdoing";

endsubroutine1;

next:

Call\_Tuner: goto Call\_Number; wait; wait months; wait manymonths; iftuned pay handsomely; else goto Start\_Over;

Pull\_Hair\_Out: then goto Start\_Over; ifnot hairy gosub1; quit;

Start\_Over:
call Subroutine1;
ifgood loopback Tune\_Organ;
else goto Pull\_Hair\_Out;
if "understandthis" goto ITT Tech;
if "notunderstandthis" goto music school;
failquit;
quit;
endif "last resort":
call Call\_Tuner;
end



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Everett Ellsworth Truette was among the leading figures on the musical scene in the United States around the turn of the century. Born in Rockland, Massachusetts, in 1861, at the age of seventeen he was already participating in recitals at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he was studying organ, piano, harmony, counterpoint, and theory. In 1883 he was among the earliest graduates to receive the Mus. Bac. degree from Boston University's College of Music, where he receive the Mus. Bac. degree from Boston University's College of Music, where he had served as organist at other graduation ceremonies. Subsequently he studied organ with Augustus Haupt in Germany, Alexandre Guilmant in France, and William T. Best in England, over a two-year period. In addition to teaching organ, piano, harmony, and theory at his large studio in Boston—it contained a three-manual, 19-stop, tracker pipe organ, in addition to a grand piano and a pedal piano—he was organist and choirmaster in a church in Newton, Massachusetts, and served as conductor of two large choral groups. He also maintained an active career as an organ recitalist, playing over 400 concerts and dedicatory programs throughout the country. His other accomplishments included the publication of over thirty organ compositions, collections of organ music, and anthems, issued by his own company, along with a successful book on organ registration, first launched in 1919. One of the founders of the American Guild of Organists in 1896, he was active in that association as its first Secretary and later as Dean. He was editor of the Organ Department of *The Étude* for seven years until 1907, and continued to write for that magazine until 1928. Seven months before his death in 1933 he played his last recital at the church where he had served as organist and choirmaster since 1897. church where he had served as organist and choirmaster since 1897.

Early in the 1890s Truette conceived the idea that culminated in his most ambitious literary venture, the publication in May 1892 of the first issue of *The Organ*. In his inaugural editorial, Truette admitted the limited audience for such a publication, and described the magazine not as a partisan or trade journal but as an educational enterprise for nal, but as an educational enterprise for the discussion of topics of interest to music students, professional musicians, and lovers of organ music generally. His general aim was to broaden the familiarity of these people with the construction and uses of the organ through information about notable organs, technical and tonel metters, extra presents are some organs. tonal matters, organ concerts, new organ music, and the sayings and doings of prominent persons associated with the instrument

During its short existence only two volumes—twenty-four issues in all—of *The Organ* were published, and the categories of its contents varied hardly at all. There were biographical sketches of past and contemporary composers of organ music, contemporary recitalists, and organ builders; and descriptions of and organ builders; and descriptions of recent organ installations in the United States and historic organs in England and Europe. One article described the first organ in the United States, imported from England by a wealthy Boston merchant around 1700.<sup>2</sup> Each issue included two or three organ pieces, some composed or arranged specially for the journal. Other recurrent contents the journal. Other recurrent contents included articles on organ construction and organ playing; specifications of new organs, programs of organ recitals, a question and answer column, correspondence in the form of reports and letters from near and far, a section of miscella-

rom near and far, a section of miscella-neous announcements about organists and their activities ("Mixtures"), and a column of humor ("Cipherings"). Although Truette's editorial at the end of the first year expressed satisfaction at the confidence shown by readers, sub-scribers, and advertisers, in the penulti-

mate issue he announced that publication would be suspended. The reasons were primarily financial, related to a continued financial depression: many subscribers and advertisers were in arrears, and Truette was unable to meet payments to composers and writers for their published items. Reminding his readers that remittances for the balance of unexpired subscriptions would be forthcoming, and that back issues could be purchased at the regular rate of twenty-five cents each, Truette ended by saying "we close the purchase of the purchas ing, "we close the mucilage pot, hang up the scissors, and say au revoir."3

The highly informative and entertaining material contained in the twenty-four issues of *The Organ* is of great historical significance. Taken as a whole, its contents present a broad panorama of the state of the organ culture in the United States in the mid-1890s: organ building organ planing propriets. building, organ playing, prominent recitalists, major events, and opinions on topics of interest to the musical commu-

Organ Building

The organ builders of the Boston area—the focus of organ building in New England in the concluding decade pineteenth century—and in of the nineteenth century—and in neighboring northeastern states were responsible for the installation of many large instruments in prestigious churches and other locations.<sup>4</sup> Advertisements

es and other locations. Advertisements by the following organ builders appeared in almost every issue of *The Organ*.

The Roosevelt Organ works, managed by Frank Roosevelt (1865–1894) after the death in 1886 of his father who founded the company in 1872, was responsible for two of the largest organs in the world: a four-manual, 115-stop instrument in a Garden City cathedral in instrument in a Garden City cathedral in 1883, and a four-manual, 107-stop instrument in the Chicago Auditorium in 1889. When the company closed in 1893, various rights and patents relating to adjustable combination action, wind chests, and electro-pneumatic and tubu-lar action were transferred to Farrand &

lar action were transferred to Farrand & Votey, a Detroit company.

The Farrand & Votey firm emerged from a buy-out of the Whitney Organ Company in the mid-1880s by the family of one of the partners, William Farrand (1854–1930). The company built a large four-manual instrument for the control Chicago Ermedition in 1892 and gigantic Chicago Exposition in 1893, and installed equally large instruments in the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh, the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee, and in var-

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ious churches. The other partner, Edwin Votey (1856–1931), invented the self-playing Pianola in 1895, shortly after the company began building organs for the Aeolian Company, with which it eventu-

ally merged.

Although the Hook factory of organ building was well established by 1860, and Francis Hastings (1836–1916) became a partner in 1871, Hook & Hastings of Boston acquired its name upon ings of Boston acquired its name upon the death of one of the founders, George the death of one of the founders, George Hook (1807–1880). The factory operated at its peak level of activity at that time, producing an average of 46 instruments a year, including larger instruments of up to 81 speaking stops, along with several models of small, readymade, moderately priced stock instruments, available on short notice.

Another prominent Massachusetts

Another prominent Massachusetts builder was George S. Hutchings (1835–1913), who entered the organ factory of Elias and George Hook at the age fory of Elias and George Hook at the age of twenty-two, leaving in 1869 to form a new association with several other Hook employees. In 1884 he began building organs under his own name, some of considerable size featuring patented changeable combination pistons. He constructed more than 600 instruments during his lifetime, including a three-manual tracker organ installed in Everette Truette's Boston studio in 1897.<sup>5</sup>

James E. Treat (1837–1915) had been working with various organ building firms for over twenty-five years before

he connected with a wealthy interior decorator, Edward F. Searles, who com-missioned Treat in 1886 to build an missioned Treat in 1886 to build an organ for his opulent mansion in Great Barrington, Massachusetts (Everett Truette was one of two organists who gave the opening program). Searles later subsidized the establishment of a factory for Treat, which became the Methuen Organ Company. In this enterprise cost was no object, the best materials were used, and the most competent workmen were hired. Treat's advertisements in *The Organ* warned "No specifications for competition—Prices not the lowest." For a time Treat was treasurer of the United States Tubular Bell Company, Methuen, Massachusetts, another Searles' business that advertised its products for churches, turret clocks, and public buildings in *The Organ* ("Ding-Dongs, 2 bells; Peals, 4 bells; Chimes, 8, 13 and 15 bells") Among Treet's other intellations bells; Peals, 4 bells; Chimes, 8, 13 and 15 bells"). Among Treat's other installations was the Searles Memorial Organ in Grace Church, San Francisco, in 1894 (in memory of Searles' wife who died in 1891); Everett Truette played a demonstration program at Treat's factory before the organ was delivered. The organ and the church were destroyed in the disastrous earthquake and fire that the disastrous earthquake and fire that devastated San Francisco in 1906. One of the pallbearers at Treat's funeral was Everett Truette.

George Jardine & Son, New York, was the concluding incarnation of a family enterprise that flourished in the last four decades of the nineteenth century. For

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most of that time, the firm was led by the son, Edward, who was a church organist and frequent recitalist in inaugural grams for Jardine organs. The firm's largest "Grand Organs" included several four-manual instruments in churches in and around New York, and one in a Pittsburgh cathedral; three-manual instruments were placed in churches as far away as San Francisco and New Orleans.

Samuel Pierce (1819–1895) learned pipemaking in the Hook factory, but moved to Reading, Massachusetts, in 1847 to open his own shop, from which he supplied many organ builders in Boston and elsewhere with pipes, pipe organ materials, and other accessories. His advertisement in *The Organ* boasted, "Front Pipes Decorated in the Highest Style of the Art"; Pierce had a special department in a separate building re-served for this facet of his operations.

Although the Mason & Hamlin Organ & Piano Company built a few stock-model pipe organs in the 1890s, they were noted for their elaborate reed organs, with two manuals and pedals, and decorative dummy pipe facades; these instruments were powered by the strong arms of boys or young men who worked a handle on the side of the case. The company's advertisement in *The Organ* featured the "Liszt Church Organ," described as "the most perfect instrument of its class, superior to small pipe organs." These claims were accompanied by a letter from Alexandre Guilmant, who testified that the organ "is of beautiful tone and will be very useful to persons wishing to learn to play the Great Organ."

Other organ builders whose advertiseand decorative dummy pipe facades;

Other organ builders whose advertisements appeared in *The Organ* included Carl Barkhoff, John H. Sole, Johnson & Son, William King & Son, Morey & Barnes, M.P. Möller, Cole & Woodberry, Woodberry & Harris, Geo. H. Ryder, Henry F. Miller, and J.G. Marklove. In addition, the Henry F. Miller & Sons Piano Company, Boston, offered "The Pedal Piano—Indispensable to Organ-ieta"

Organ Recital Repertoire

The content of organ recital programs in the mid-1890s was determined by a variety of factors: the performers' backgrounds, training, musical interests, and technical abilities; reverence of the performance of the performa tradition and the attraction of the new; the perceived musical preferences of audiences; and the tonal resources of the organs. During the two years of its publication, *The Organ* printed the programs of 136 organ recitals, consisting of 956 selections in all. Of these, 264 (28 percent) were transcriptions of works by major composers of the eighteenth and interest printed that the second sec nineteenth centuries, such as symphonic or instrumental movements, operatic overtures, and marches. The most frequently performed arrangements were from Wagner's operas *Lohengrin* and *Tannhäuser*, and pieces from Handel's *Samson* and *Occasional Oratorio*, along samson and Occasional Oratorio, along with his ever-popular Largo. Audiences heard interpretations of marches by Chopin (Funeral March), Gounod (Funeral March), Mendelssohn (Wedding March), Meyerbeer (Le Prophète, Schiller Festival March, and others), Schubert (Marche militaire); and operatic overtures by Flotow (Stradella, Martha), Rossini (William Tell), and Weber (Oberon). The frequency of performance of organ transcriptions of works by these and other composers is given in this table. given in this table:

	Number	Percent
Wagner	36	14
Handel	27	10
Mendelssohn	19	7
$\operatorname{Gounod}$	14	5
Rossini	11	4
Schubert	10	4
Weber	9	3
Beethoven	8	3
Chopin	8	3
Meyerbeer	7	3
Haydn	7	3
Flotow	7	3

The inclusion of transcriptions and arrangements in organ recitals was also widespread in Canada and England, and

the practice attracted much criticism, even though it served the valuable function of providing the general public with opportunities to hear works that other-wise would remain unknown. In its second issue, *The Organ* reprinted a letter from a London magazine by the English organist William T. Best (1826-1897), organist William T. Best (1826-1897), perhaps the greatest concert organist of the nineteenth century, on the topic of organ arrangements. Best was responding to an article by Walter Parratt, Organist to the Queen, who was hostile to the practice of arrangements, calling them "examples of misapplied skill" that were having "a disastrous influence over organ music, as in the majority of such programmes two-thirds at least are arrangements of orchestral and choral arrangements of orchestral and choral works." Best retorted by pointing to "the father of all arrangers," Bach, and other musicians whose integrity would not allow them to select music unsuitable for the organ; even Guilmant, he pointed out, had recently engaged in the prac-tice. Furthermore, he added, "in tice. Furthermore, he added, "in endeavoring to raise the musical taste of the humbler classes, the municipal authorities of our large towns did not intend their concert organs to be restricted to the performance of pre-ludes, and fugues, and somewhat dry sonatas." Best argued that a wellarranged slow movement of an instru-mental work was preferable to a dull specimen of original organ music. Even so, he thought that the higher forms of so, he thought that the higher forms of musical composition should only be introduced warily and gradually. Best had a very large repertoire, and his con-cert programs always included several arrangements. A sketch of his career included this assessment of his abilities:

Mr. Best's skill in handling the organ is something marvellous. When playing, his two hands perform feats of registration which would require three hands for most any other performer; and those who consider the organ a "cold instrument" have but to listen to his playing to become convinced that one who is so thoroughly skilled in manipulating the resources of the organ can produce effects of expression and tone-coloring which they never thought were possible. S

As for original works, Alexandre Guilmant's organ compositions were the most frequently performed, led by his Marche funèbre et chant séraphique and several of his Sonatas. Bach's Preludes and Fugues were played often, particularly the dramatic *Toccata and Fugue in* D Minor, but there was only a single per-formance of a Chorale Prelude. Handel was represented by his Organ Concertos, and Mendelssohn by his Sonatas, and Preludes and Fugues. Works by composers of the day included favorites by Batiste (Communion in G, Offer-toires), Buck (Variations on The Last Rose of Summer), Dubois (March of the Magi Kings, Toccata in G), Lemmens (Storm Fantasia), Salomé (miscellaneous works), and Spinney (Harvest Home, Vesper Bells). Some short pieces by George E. Whiting, a member of the organ department of The New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, were played as frequently as Widor's Symphonies. Rheinberger's Sonatas also were played from time to time. The frequency of paging and produced to the control of the contr quency of performance of original works for organ by these composers is given in this table:

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<b>\$</b> .	Number	Percent
Guilmant	78	11
Bach	55	. 8
Salomé	. 38	. 6
Dubois	35	5
Handel	34	5
Batiste	31	5
Buck	28	4
Mendelssohn	24	3
Lemmens	21	- 3
Rheinberger	21	. 3
Spinney	20	3
Whiting	19	3
Widor	19	3

**Frequent Performers** 

Of the 136 organ recitals reported in *The Organ* during its brief existence, many were played by organists who were unknown outside their own immediate neighborhoods; only two such recitals

involved women organists. These concerts were not always stand-alone stand-alone events, but were shared with assisting artists: violinists, instrumental ensembles, vocal soloists, and choirs. Neverbles, vocal soloists, and choirs. Nevertheless, about half of the recitals were played by only six performers, several of whom toured extensively. The most active players were Harrison M. Wild, Chicago (14 percent of reported recitals), whose 128th recital was reported in 1893. Clarence Eddy. Chicago (14 recitals), whose 128th recital was reported in 1893; Clarence Eddy, Chicago (10 percent), J. Warren Andrews, Minneapolis (7 percent), and William C. Carl, New York (7 percent).

Clarence Eddy was the subject of a biography that described him as the most widely-known organist in the country. Eddy, who showed musical ability at the age of five, studied organ with

at the age of five, studied organ with Dudley Buck before becoming a church organist at the age of seventeen. Later he received instruction in Germany from Augustus Haupt, who characterized him as "undoubtedly a neer of the greatest Augustus Haupt, who characterized him as "undoubtedly a peer of the greatest living organists." Soon after his appointment at the First Congregational Church in Chicago, Eddy began his recital career. After joining the Hershey School of Musical Art in 1876 as general director, he gave a represibility of the first terms of the control School of Musical Art in 1876 as general director, he gave a remarkable series of one hundred weekly organ recitals without repeating a number; the concluding program in 1879 contained music composed specially for the occasion. Eddy dedicated more organs than any other organist of his day, including the great Auditorium organ in Chicago, and he gave recitals at the Paris Exposition, the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, and the Vienna World's Fair, in addition to the Vienna World's Fair, in addition to concert tours in the United States and visits to Canada. Eddy's other activities included his appointment as one of the judges for two organ music competitions sponsored by *The Organ*, his efforts in organizing the 1893 North American tour of Alexandre Guilmant, and his series of fifteen concluding recitals on the Festival Hall organ at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, where a total of 62 vertical varies and the chicago world's Fair in 1893, where a total of 62 vertical varies and the chicago world's Fair in 1893, where a total of 62 vertical varies are stated of 62 vertical varies and the chicago was stated as the chicago recitals were played by various organists. A review of one of Eddy's dedication recitals testified to his gifts as a player, as well as exhibiting the laudatory style of music reviews typical of the time:

His programme of last evening was carefully arranged, and was carried out in the most masterly and artistic style. The most difficult subjects were brought out clearly and distinctly, while the intricate part of his work was interpreted with a sweet and sympathetic touch. There is an individuality about Mr. Eddy's playing that distinguishes him from the less skilful performer. With him the organ is not the noisy instrument it often appears when in the hands of unskilled players, but under his touch the great pipes breathe forth the most eloquent notes, and those who were strangers to the wonderful melody that can be obtained from so large an instrument be obtained from so large an instrument were astonished at the ease with which he was able to control its wonderful resources. was able to control its wonderful resources. The hearers manifested the warmth of their appreciation by long and frequent applause. The programme was chosen with great care and embraced masterful compositions from Händel, Wagner, Flotow, Gounod, that were selected with the view of teeting the instrument. of testing the instrument. . . . The Storm

Fantasie of Lemmens, a descriptive piece, was superbly rendered.... The Old Folks at Home, with variations, went to the hearts of the hearers, and elicited prolonged applause. <sup>10</sup>

Eddy also contributed letters to The Organ, including a long discourse on organ pedaling, in which he concluded that "an absolutely free and independent use of the heel in pedal playing . . . is as important as a skilful employment of the thumb upon the manuals," and another on playing the organ from memory in er on playing the organ from memory, in which he maintained (referring to the which he maintained (reterring to the most noted organists of his time, such as W.T. Best, Alexandre Guilmant, Eugene Gigout, Charles Widor, and others) that "organists are heard at their best when they are unhampered by the mental strain attendant upon committing to memory the compositions they play." 12

memory the compositions they play." 12
The only visiting recitalist reported in
The Organ was France's distinguished
organist and composer, Alexandre Guilmant. He was the subject of a biographical article that compared as his result of the composition of t ical article that commented on his youthful demonstrations of musical ability as an organist and composer, his period of study with Jacques Lemmens in Bel-gium, his frequent inauguration of orgaini, his frequent manguration of organs and concert performances throughout Europe, and the compositional style of several of his organ pieces. <sup>13</sup> The journal devoted considerable attention to Guilmant's North American tour in the fall of 1893, arranged by Clarence Eddy, in which the virtuoso played thirty concerts in less than eight weeks, including four at the Chicago World's Fair. The Chicago correspondent offered qualified praise for the master's performances:

At present everything with us is Guilmant....

Though we cannot rave over this master's technique, we are carried away by the wonderfully clean and neat treatment of all his numbers. The breadth and truly marvellous conception of whatever he undertakes are indeed wonderful.

are indeed wonderful.

In his improvisations we expected more dash than was given; but a tone-poet, like a word-poet, is not always inspired.

In all his numbers Mr. Guilmant was encored and re-encored, and in some instances had to get off the organ bench twice, and even three times, before he was allowed to proceed.

During his tour Guilmant played other recitals in various cities in the United States and Canada. In Boston, 5,000 people attempted to secure the 2,200 available tickets for Guilmant's two concerts. An enthusiastic reviewer stated:

Mons. Guilmant has raised organ playing to a point of virtuosity equal to the work of the celebrated pianists, and with him there is no chance to grumble at the "impossibilities of the organ." His playing of the above programme [works by Bach, Salomé, Lemmens, Schumann, Tombelle, Dubois, Best, Chauvet, Martini, Mendelssohn, and six of Guilmant's own compositions] was magnificent.

Guilmant's advent in this country is proving to sceptics that the organ is a concert instrument, and that organ recitals will draw as large and enthusiastic audiences as the best conhectes.

On his tour through Eastern Canada,

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Guilmant found a copy of Mendels-sohn's *Elijah* on a hotel piano in Niagara Falls, and he impressed the guests with his playing of several selections and an extemporized fugue from the score, along with a few of his own compositions. He was met by a former Parisian organist in Hamilton, Ontario, visited the Mason & Risch piano factory in Toronto, and played for an audience of 5,000—many standing—at the inauguration of a new organ in a Montréal cathedral. Guilmant felt quite at home on the Casavant instrument because all the stop names were in French.<sup>16</sup>

Occasionally The Organ ventured onto the international scene by publishing the recital programs of several English organists; in particular, William T. Best, who performed not only in England but also in Australia, where he played a series of twelve inaugural recitals on the new organ in Centennial Hall, Sydney, in 1890.<sup>17</sup> The programs of Auguste Wiegand, the Belgian organist who became City Organist in Sydney, Australia, were also reported, along with those of several other performers in that country.

#### **Timely Topics: Organ Design and** Construction

Of all the preoccupations of organists in the last decade of the nineteenth century, as reflected in the columns of The Organ, some were unique to that period, while others still are matters of interest today to experienced players and students of the organ alike. Most of the issues related to organ construction have long since been settled, but they were

matters of intense interest at the time.

It should be recalled that organ building at the time was in a state of flux, and there was no universal agreement on many aspects of organ layout and con-struction. An article in the inaugural issue, "The Evolution of the Swellissue, "The Evolution of the Swellbox," which touched upon both design aspects and their implications for performance, stimulated a debate that continued unabated for about six months. Responding to the author's claim that "the excess of Swell" was incompatible with the highest principles of organ construction, some writers advocated the "multiple swell" governing all divisions of the organ as a means of greater expression and control, while others opposed the idea as more mechanical gadgetry that smothered the organ's tone

The position on the console of the balanced swell pedal was also a matter of spirited debate. Truette himself initiated the topic and published the opinions of his fellow organists on various builders. practices that ranged from center to extreme right, high or low above the pedals. Some favored having the pedal sunk into the case directly over upper B or C of the pedal keyboard, while others (including William C. Carl) preferred it midway so that either foot could be used. Harrison M. Wild, the Chicago organist, facetiously suggested that "For many organists (?) the best position would be to the left of the pedal-board, institute of seal "20" just out of reach."20

In the concluding decades of the nineteenth century, organ builders in the United States and Europe were constructing instruments of enormous size for installation in large buildings worldwide. This issue was raised in an article on "Monster Organs,"<sup>21</sup> which inquired whether organs having more than a hundred or more speaking stops were compatible with the highest grade of concert performances. On the issue of quality over quantity, William T. Best was quot-ed as stating that no organ needed more than fifty stops, and that "the varieties of organ tone are few, and the repetitions of the organ-builders are simply a nuisance to the player, though very useful to the builder from the white elephant point of view after erection." Although one correspondent demurred from Beet's prescription appending a specific Best's prescription, appending a specification of an ideal instrument of eighty registers, another agreed with Best in principle, but deplored the reckless dis-tribution of colorless stops in many

organs, and advocated a more scientific system of tonal design in organ construc-tion. Later in the debate one correspondent despaired of defining the "ideal organ," while another submitted a specification for a three-manual, 54practical organ, claimed to be suitable in every way for any purpose. The journal later published a list of twenty of the world's largest organs that included these having 100 or more speaking stops:<sup>22</sup>

Town Hall, Sydney, Australia, 5/128 [126], Hill & Son, 1889; Cathedral, Riga, Russia [Latvia], 4/124, Walcker, 1883; Cathedral, Garden City, 4/115, Roosevelt,

Albert Hall, London, 4/111, Willis [1872]; Auditorium, Chicago, 4/100, Roosevelt,

St. Sulpice, Paris, 5/100, Cavaillé-Coll,

1862 (reconstructed); Cathedral, Ulm, Germany, 3/100, Walcker, 1856:

St. George's Hall, Liverpool, 4/100, Willis, 1867.

At the other extreme, the W.W. Kimball Company, Chicago, developed a two-manual, eight-stop portable pipe organ, with pneumatic action throughout and a new system of feeders; the two pedal stops were vibrating free reeds exhausting into qualifying tubes. This space-saving instrument (all enclosed in a swell box), with its dimensions of six feet wide, three feet, six inches deep, and seven feet high, was designed with a detachable pedal board so that it could be taken down, boxed, and set up by anyone.<sup>23</sup>

An alleged decline in organ building generally was attributed to unhealthy competition among manufacturers committed to various "hurry-up" methods, low-grade materials, and "a maximum of claptrap mechanism, overblown stops, and cheap construction." At the same time, the author hoped that an "ebb of the swell-box flood, which . . . threatens the inundation of the entire instrument" would restore fine voicing and preserve the distinctive character of each manu-al.<sup>24</sup>

The business side of organ building was addressed in a discussion of organ builders' rights, common points of mutual interest, safeguards against delays in construction, redress for losses, and the negotiation of contracts with church organ committees. It was recommended that a convention of organ builders be held in Boston for the consideration of these matters <sup>25</sup> sideration of these matters.

A series articles on "The Hope-Jones System of Electrical Organ Control," 26 described the technical details of the English inventor's new system of con-necting a moveable console to the organ mechanism by a flexible cable, the second- or double-touch keyboard for bringing into action another rank of pipes, the replacement of stop drawknobs by stop keys, and a rapid sforzando pedal. It was claimed that these innovations in construction would also bring about a revolution in organ playing through the instantaneous attack made possible by the elimination of cumbersome mechanisms.<sup>27</sup>

The possibilities of the introduction of electricity into organ construction inspired a visionary speculation on "The Future of the Organ." The author imagined a new process of musical composition, in which the notation—perhaps as elaborate as that of an orchestral score—would be instantly translated into sound through electrically-sensitive In this whimsical system, notes would be perfectly executed, along with appropriate registration and expression, as if emanating directly from the mind of the composer. Although instruments would still have manuals and pedals for those unable to compose in this fashion, present organs would someday seem tame and unwieldy relics of the past!

#### **Timely Topics: Organ Playing**

As part of its declared educational mission, *The Organ* offered miscellaneous advice on performance, either in

the form of short articles or in a question and answer section. For beginners in particular, an article in an early issue advocated a mastery of manual parts on the piano, followed by slow practice on the organ using the soft stops, to achieve accuracy and clarity.<sup>29</sup> A later article on pedal playing covered the proper seating position on the bench, locating the relative position of the notes, exercises in intervals, and playing hymn tunes.<sup>30</sup> A discourse on registration touched on classes of organ tone, and offered general guidelines for combining stops for dif-ferent contexts, such as chords, arpeg-gios, solos, accompaniment, and special effects.<sup>31</sup> A uniquely practical piece consisted of a measure-by-measure discussion of the registration of the Adagio from Mendelssohn's First Organ Sonata, which was published in the same

For organ students and experienced players alike, there were two collections of "Don'ts." These assorted proscriptions denounced sliding about on the seat when playing pedal passages, sway-ing back and forth anytime, using the tremulant when accompanying singers, improvising every prelude and postfude ("How can your congregation stand your music all the time?"), keeping the right music all the time?"), keeping the right foot on the swell pedal, changing combi-nations before the end of a phrase, grumbling when the pastor announces different hymns on Sunday from the ones provided on Saturday, and forgetting to turn off the water motor, among other things.

The perennial problem of how to get an adequate amount of organ practice time in cold churches during winter months was addressed by a recommendation submitted by an ingenious organist: construct a tent over the console, heated by a kerosene lamp to raise the temperature of the miniature studio to

temperature of the miniature studio to room temperature in ten minutes.<sup>34</sup>
For players at all levels of accomplishment, the issue of whether one person can be both a good organist and a good pianist, and whether practice on one instrument is injurious to performance on the other, was discussed in terms of differences between piano and organ keyboard touch finger position legate keyboard touch, finger position, legato playing, overlapping tones, and fortissi-mo playing.<sup>35</sup> The discouraging conclusion was that it would be impossible for any one person to achieve the artistic heights of both Guilmant and Paderewski, for example; the required hours of practice would be prohibitive in an already too-short life. Nevertheless, among the advantages a country piano teacher might expect by becoming an organist included greater opportunities for being heard on both instruments, and the career advantage of working in the "elevated atmosphere" of a church. Piano students, on the other hand, were said to regard their art solely from the Bohemian side.

The early issues of The Organ announced that eight pages of organ music would be found in every number, a large part of which would be composed or arranged specially for the journal, the rest selected from the best writers for the instrument. This project was carried out consistently throughout the period of publication: a total of 45 selections by 26 composers were printed. These consisted mainly of short andantes, marches, and other melodies designed for players of modest technical abilities. Only two transcriptions were among them: Wagner's Wedding Processional from Lohengrin, and a Serenade by Gounod arranged by Everett Truette. Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Widor were among the composers of original works, along with Batiste, Dubois, Merkel, Salomé, and others whose pieces were often heard in organ recitals of the time. Truette published five of his own short

The center of formal instruction in organ playing in the 1890s was The New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, whose organ department had been established about twenty years before its advertisements appeared in *The Organ*; a brief history of the institution was published in a later issue of the journal.<sup>37</sup> In

1894, two three-manual pipe organs, two two-manual pipe organs, and ten two-manual reed organs manufactured by the Estey Company specially for the needs of Conservatory students, were available for instruction and practice. In addition to the regular courses in organ playing, there were other classes in choir accompaniment, improvisation, and organ construction and tuning (a special nine-stop, two-manual, uncased organ was erected specially for the use of this class). The student tuition for a ten-week term in classes of four was \$20.00; organ practice was 10 cents per hour and upwards. The board of instruction consisted of George E. Whiting, Henry M. Dunham, and Allen W. Swan, all of whom were frequent recitalists in Boston and surrounding areas. Thousands of organ students received their training at the Conservatory, and many of them later filled important positions throughout the United States and in

MORE POWER NEEDED gational singing."
Organist. "Then we must have a new organ."
Why es?" "I think we should have congre-

"Why so?"
"This instrument isn't powerful enough to

drown 'em out."

—Topeka Capital.38

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# Cover feature Brombaugh Opus 33 Lawrence University



Information supplied by George Edward Damp, University Organist, Associate Professor of Music, and Chair, Departments of Music History and Historical Keyboards, and by John Brombaugh.

John Brombaugh, Organbuilder, Eugene, Oregon, has built the firm's opus 33 for Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin. The three-manual, mechanical action organ is a mix of many historical styles, and comprises 42 stops, 49 ranks, and 2,496 pipes. The stop and combination action is a solid state system with 32 levels of memory 12 general pipes. combination action is a solid state system with 32 levels of memory, 12 general pistons, and eight pistons for each division. Lawrence Memorial Chapel has a deep orchestral stage with good acoustics, so the organ has been placed at stage rear on a raised platform which puts the organist in view of the auditorium audience and allows interaction with musicians and directors on stage. A shallow cians and directors on stage. A shallow loft 12 feet above the floor at the back of the stage that runs to the ceiling offers. effective acoustic projection of the Swell and Pedal divisions.

The architectual design of the main

The architectual design of the main case housing the Great and some of the Pedal was inspired by the 1685 "Father" Smith organ at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The Positive is based on an idea used by Charles Fisk, cantilevered in front of the main case over the organist's head. The major parts of the casework are made from white oak fumed by concentrated ammonia, then oiled. The unfumed white oak decorative carvings and pipe shades were designed and exeand pipe shades were designed and executed by David Campbell. The Swell division is located in the loft above and behind the main case. The Pedal Posaune and Subbass are located in the loft or under the Swell.

The principal design influence on the

loft or under the Swell.

The principal design influence on the majority of pipes and voicing is from old North German/Dutch organs. The Great reeds are based on the late classical French type and the Swell reeds and some of its flues are based on ideas of "Father" Henry Willis. Tuning is based on an unequally tempered system developed by Herbert Anton Kellner; pitch is a440. The front pipes for the Great case are 98% lead; Positive facade is of 98% tin; the majority of interior plenum pipes are 23% tin; bass resonators of the Contra Oboe are partially of copper. The are 23% tin; bass resonators of the Contra Oboe are partially of copper. The Pedal Subbass is of Douglas fir; the bass octave of the 32′ Posaune is of tulip poplar. All pipes were fabricated in the Brombaugh shop, and all metal pipes are hammered. Smaller open metal pipes are cone tuned; stopped metal pipes have soldered caps.

are cone timed; stopped metal pipes have soldered caps.

The manual keys have line-engraved natural keyplates made of cow shinbone; sharps are ebony. The keyscale follows that of Andreas Silbermann's organ in



Robert Dodson, Christa Brom-h, John Brombaugh, George baugh, Damp

Marmoutier, Alsace. The flat pedalboard follows the old American standard. Compass is 56/30. Other details around the keydesk include ebony moldings near the keys, zebrawood keycheeks, and music rack of zebrawood with a frame of ebony and fumed white oak. Stop knobs with engraved nameplates are turned of boxwood, rosewood, or coca bolo.

The slider windchests have tables of western red cedar on a grid of white oak and sugar pine. Alaskan yellow cedar sliders are used with modern slider seals, and sugar pine toeboards. Pallet valves are made from laminated poplar or Sitka spruce. Manual pallets are covered with a single layer of leather; pedal pallets are covered with fet and leather. The suspended with glues tradeers made from pended action uses trackers made from Alaska yellow cedar; rollerboards use steel rollers with welded arms and teflon bearings. The Swell division features shades of laminated Sitka spruce, mechanically controlled.

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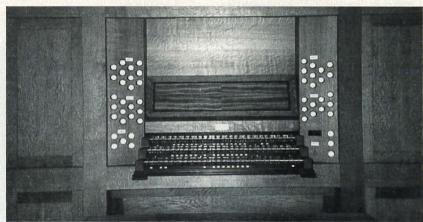
The wind system consists of two large single-fold wedge bellows in a room below the stage, and a third small wedge bellows below the Swell windchests. Wind is supplied by a one horsepower blower, conveyed through large rectangular wooden wind conductors. The wind is musically flexible without requiring any assisting stablizers. The Pedal Posaune and Subbass are on 130 mm; the remainder of the organ is on 87 mm. the remainder of the organ is on 87 mm. Two tremulants are present: the tremulant affecting the Great and Positive is based on a form used by Arp Schnitger and can be adjusted for depth by the position of the activating knob; the Swell tremulant uses a small motor-driven weight on the Swell bellows.

The Brombaugh staff included Chris Fralick, David Campbell, Karl Nelson, Keith Spahn, Michael Korchonnoff, Darron Welch, Terry Lambert, Mark Werner, Mathew Vettrus, Trent Buhr, Bob Lea, Fred Spencer, Christa Brombaugh, and John Brombaugh.
The Memorial Chapel, built in 1918

as a World War I memorial, contained previous organs by Steere (1919), Kim-ball (1934), and Schantz (1965). The organ department was chaired from 1926 to 1969 by La Vahn Maesch (who served as Dean of the Conservatory 1954–70), and Miriam Duncan from 1969–84, when George Edward Damp was appointed University Organist. Robert Dodson is Dean of the Conserting vatory. The new organ was dedicated on May 5, 1995 with a recital by Prof. Damp featuring works of Alain, Muffat, Couperin, Below, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Brahms.



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Keydesk



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PEDAL Subbass

Subbass Praestant\* Octave+ Spielflote\* Octave Contra Posaune

Posaune (ext) Trumpet (ext) Trompette\*

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	GREAT		POSITIVE		SWELL
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8'	Spielflöte*	8'	Gedackt	8'	Vox Celeste (tc)
4'	Octave	4'	Octave	4'	Principal
4' 2'	Koppelflöte	4'	Rohrflöte	4'	Spitzflöte
2'	Octave	2'	Octave	22/3	Nasard
	Mixture IV-VI		Sesquialter II	2'	Waldflöte
16'	Bombarde		Sesquialter II Scharff IV-VI	13/5	Tierce
8'	Trompette*	8'	Dulcian		Willis Mixture III
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Sw/Gt

\*Great stops that transmit to Pedal +Some bass tones common with another stop

# **New Organs**



The Faucher Organ Company of Biddeford, ME has recently completed their Opus #9 for St. Catherine of Siena Church in Preston, CT. It replaced an electronic. Budget limitations and lack Church in Preston, CT. It replaced an electronic. Budget limitations and lack of available floor space almost precluded the option of a pipe instrument. Faucher designed the main organ case to be completely hung off the concrete wall allowing for head clearance for the choir members. The 16' Bourdon chest was also symmetrically hung. Blower, reservoir and the firm's own solid-state switching system are discreetly installed within the central window well, housed within matching casework. The oak roll-top console is equipped with a multi-level combination action. The 8' Principal basses comprise the facade which screens the structural swell box housing the rest of the pipes. The compact main screens the structural swell box housing the rest of the pipes. The compact main chest was computer designed by the firm's own proprietary CAD program. The organ's six ranks allow true quint and tierce mutations, string and celeste, flute and principal tone families. The tonal outcome was enhanced by lack of church carpeting. Craftsmen on this pro-ject included Larry Quellete, shop forechurch carpeting. Craftsmen on this project included Larry Ouellete, shop foreman; Tom Kovacevic, solid-state; Steve Leighton, console; Ron Goulet, P.E., engineer; Tom Snow, technician. Design and tonal finishing were performed by Robert Faucher, president and artistic director. Pastor of the church is Rev. James P. Carini.

#### GREAT

- Principal Rohrgedeckt Dulciana
- Octave
- Gedeckt Twelfth
- Fifteenth Sesquialtera II Mixture III
- Chimes

#### SWELL

- Stopped Diapason Viol
- Viol Celeste
- Principal Gedeckt Violina
- Nazard

- Piccolo Tierce Quintflute Fife

#### PEDAL

- Bourdon Principal Gedecktbass
- Quintbass Choralbass
- Flute Mixture III



The Roche Organ Company of Taunton, MA, has built a new mechanical action organ, its opus 35, for the Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich, RI. The eight-rank, one manual and pedal instrument is located in the rear corner of the square-shaped room and is diagonally opposite the pulroom and is diagonally opposite the pulroom and is diagonally opposite the pul-pit. The V-shape of the case top and pipe facade was suggested by the minister, The Rev. Frederick E. Gillis, to comple-ment the period and architectural lines of the 1963 concrete and wood building, which seats 80. The case is of red oak and the facade pipes are of polished 75% tin. The manual keyboard has natural key platings of grenadilla, and pear wood key platings of grenadilla, and pear wood sharps with bone tops. Barbara Owen

served as consultant for the church. The dedicatory recital was played by Lee Ridgway. The Stopped Flute is made of wood; the Principal is 70% tin; Viola, Octave, and Quint are 50% tin; Spire Flute, Nazard, and Tierce 30% tin. Compass is 56/30.

### MANUAL

- MANUAL
  Stopped Flute Treble/Bass
  Viola Treble
  Principal Treble/Bass
  Spire Flute Treble/Bass
  Nazard Treble
  Octave Treble/Bass
  Tierce Treble
  Quint Treble/Bass

PEDAL Bourdon (ext)



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Visser Rowland Associates, Inc., Houston, TX, has built a new organ for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Gainesville, FL. The 40-stop organ was built in 1994 and installed in January and February of 1995. Pieter Visser designed and voiced the entire organ and supervised its construction. The organ is split in two cases: the south case houses the pedal and the north case houses the in two cases: the south case houses the pedal and the north case houses the manual divisions. Chest layouts in the manuals are the company's standard tierce layout and the pedal chest is diatonic. The wind system has two wedge bellows, one for the pedal and one for the manuals and wooden wind trunks throughout; the wind has a gentle living character. The mechanical action for the pedal has a thirty-nine foot run: mechanpedal has a thirty-nine foot run; mechan-ical key action has a traverse roller board mounted under each wind chest built entirely out of wood. The console is detached from the organ case so the organist can play and direct the choirs. Consultant was the church music direct. tor David Benson.

#### **RUGWERK Manual I**

- Praestant Gedekt Octaaf

- Spitsfluit Nasard

- Superoctaaf Terts Kleinmixtuur III
- Kromhoorn Tremulant

#### **HOOFDWERK Manual II**

- Bourdon Praestant
- Roerfluit
- Octaaf Nachthoorn
- 22/3
- Kwint Woudfluit Sesquialter II Mixtuur V
- Trompet

#### ZWELWERK Manual III

- Holpijp Gemshoorn
- Gemshoorn
  Gemshoornceleste
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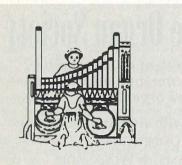
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- Praestant Gedektbas (12 pipes)
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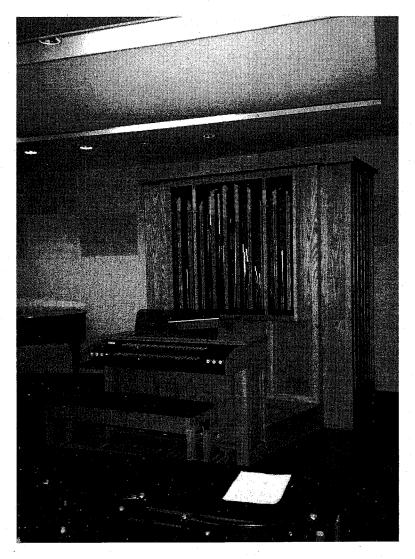
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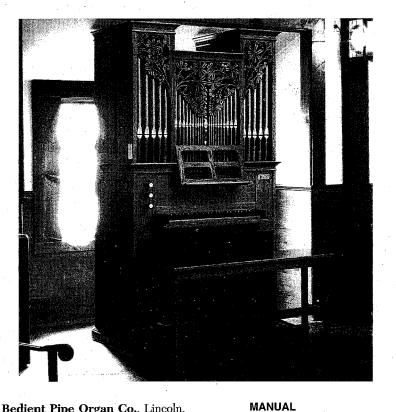
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F. Nordlie Company, Sioux Falls, J F. Nordlie Company, Sioux Falls, SD, has built a new organ for Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan. The firm's opus 29 is a practice organ for the ground floor classroom of Ferris Hall on the Yamate Campus. The organ is inspired by romantic "catalog organs" of the last century, specifically Hooks from the 1870s and 1880s, prompted by growing interest in 19th-century performance practice and repertoire (Ferris has neopractice and repertoire (Ferris has neopractice). ng interest in 19th-century performance practice and repertoire. (Ferris has neo-classic organs by the Noack and Taylor & Boody workshops.) The century-old school has over 90 organ students. Tonal and visual designs were limited by budget and low ceiling. Sharing the Bourdon between manuals (a common feature of the grapher Hock cetalog organs) and the smaller Hook catalog organs) and using stopped basses of differing scale for the 8' open ranks allows encasement and expression via a balanced Swell ped-al. No pipes stand in the facade; rather, swell shades and a black walnut screen echo the shape of a 19th-century art-glass window found in Ferris' Old Main. glass window found in Ferris Old Main. The Prestant-Diapason duplex is an either/or register; drawing one retires the other stop. Mechanical key and stop actions; steady wind by box reservoir, curtain valve, and high speed electric blower; WP 75 mm; casework of oiled white ash with black walnut trim; ebony

and boxwood-plated sugar pine keyboards; eight engraved bone-plate labelled boxwood drawknobs; oak pedal labelled boxwood drawknobs; oak pedal keys with maple and walnut plates; pedalboard form and console dimensions are taken from Cavaillé-Coll. Metal pipework is of traditional tin/lead alloys (flue pipes, Andreas Grunemann, Betheln; Oboe by Roland Killinger, Stuttgart); wood pipes were made in the Nordlie workshop of black walnut and poplar; 9 stops, 6 ranks, 310 pipes; compass 56/30; tremulant and ventil for Flute and Oboe by foot treadles; I/Pedal, II/Pedal, II/I by foot treadles. Principal organ instructors at Ferris are Professors organ instructors at Ferris are Professors Yuko Hayashi and Tomoko Miyamoto. University Chancellor Seigo Nakajima approved the project after meeting with Nordlie Co. designer David Beyer. Shipping, delivery, and set-up were coordi-nated by Masami Ishida of Ferris' Businated by Masami Ishida of Ferris' Business Office. Installers were John Nordlie and David Beyer, with assistance from Miss Nami Hamada, a prep student. Builders of the organ included Donald, Dale, Paul & Trintje Nordlie—immediate family of John; Eric Grane, Martin Larsen, and David Beyer, technical staff; Christian Boy and Jason Hankin, apprentices; and Gloria Ochsner, office staff.



Bedient Pipe Organ Co., Lincoln, NE, has built a new organ, opus 42, for St. Mary's on the Harbor Episcopal Church, Provincetown, MA. The threestop, three-rank instrument has a case of white oak, pipe shades of red gum, and features mechanical key and stop action. The organist is Gary Miles; pastor is The Rev. George Wells.

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#### UNITED STATES East Of The Mississippi

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

pm American Boychoir; Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ 8 pm

The New Oratorio Singers; St Francis de Sales, Lake Zurich, IL 7:30 pm
Choral Concert; Cathedral Church of the

Advent, Birmingham, AL 12:30 pm

#### 16 DECEMBER

American Boychoir; Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 8 pm
Preston Smith, with flute; Stella Maris Church, Sullivan's Island, SC 5 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,

Tower Hill Choir, with orchestra; First Presby-

terian, Red Bank, NJ 5 pm
Lessons & Carols; St John's Church, Washington, DC 11 am

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
The New Oratorio Singers; Divine Word
Chapel, Techny, IL 7 pm
Family Christmas Concert; College of
DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL 4 pm
Britten, Ceremony of Carols; Fourth Presbyter-

ian, Chicago, IL 8:30, 11 am Lessons & Carols; Fourth Presbyterian, Chica-

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

#### 20 DECEMBER

Britten, *Ceremony of Carols*; St Thomas, New York, NY 12:10 pm Kirkwood Flute Ensemble; St John's Church,

Washington, DC 12:10 pm American Boychoir; State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ 8 pm

#### 21 DECEMBER

Preston Smith, with chorus; Grace Episco-pal, Charleston, SC 7 pm Britten, *Ceremony of Carols*; Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY noon

#### 22 DECEMBER

Brian Jones; Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15 pm

#### 24 DECEMBER

Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 2 pm

#### 29 DECEMBER

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

#### 31 DECEMBER

Lessons & Carols: Church of the Advent.

Boston, MA 6 pm Lessons & Carols; Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD 10:30 am

Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland, OH 2 pm

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

#### 5 JANUARY

Nancy Granert; Trinity Church, Boston, MA 12:15 pm

Twelfth Night Madrigal Dinner; St Luke's Episcopal, Evanston, IL 7 pm

#### 7 JANUARY

Lessons & Carols; St Luke's Cathedral, Portland, ME 3 pm
Lessons & Carols; Church of the Holy Trinity,

New York, NY 11 am

Michael Kleinschmidt; St Thomas Church,

New York, NY 5:15 pm
Preston Smith, with choir; Stella Maris
Church, Sullivan's Island, SC 4 pm
Jon Gillock, with harp; Moorings Presbyterian, Naples, FL 4 pm
Calvert Johnson; First Presbyterian, St
Petersburg Fl 3 pm

Petersburg, FL 3 pm Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

land, OH 2 pm Choral Concert; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 5:30 pm

#### 8 JANUARY

Clarion Music Society; Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse, New York, NY 8 pm

#### 9 JANUARY

Calvert Johnson; First United Methodist, Orlando, FL 8 pm

#### 12 JANUARY

David Chalmers; Trinity Church, Boston, MA

#### 14 JANUARY

Victoria Shields; Old Dutch Church, Kingston, NY 3 pm Quentin Lane; St Thomas Church, New York,

NY 5:15 pm Musica Antiqua, Cologne; Holy Trinity Church,

Philadelphia, PA
Donald Dorman; Emmanuel Church,

hestertown, MD 4 pm

Calvert Johnson; Riverside Presbyterian, Jacksonville, FL 3 pm RSCM Girls' Choir Festival; St John's Episco-

pal, Tampa, FL 5 pm Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

Craig Bodoh, lecture; Immanuel Presbyterian, Milwaukee, WI 3 pm

#### 15 JANUARY

Marilyn Keiser; Cathedral of St Philip, Atlanta, GA 8 pm

#### 16 JANUARY

Calvert Johnson; First Presbyterian, Coral Gables, FL 8 pm

Bach, Mass in B minor, Avery Fisher Hall, New

York, NY 8 pm (also January 19, 20, 23)

Preston Smith & Arlan Sunnarborg, organ duo; St Paul's Episcopal, Summerville, SC 8 pm

#### 19 JANUARY

Rodger Vine; Trinity Church, Boston, MA James Diaz; Christ United Methodist,

Greensboro, NC 8 pm **Douglas Reed**; University of Evansville, Evansville, IN 12:15 pm

Ferris Chorale: Mt Carmel, Chicago, IL

John Weaver, masterclass: First Presbyterian, Lakeland, FL 10 am

#### 21 JANUARY

Karl Moyer; St Thomas Church, New York, Y 5:15 pm Phillip Compton; Longwood Gardens, Ken-

ett Square, PA 2:30 pm

David Herman; United Methodist Church,

Newark, DE 3 pm Ludger Lohmann; Duke University, Durham,

NC 5 pm

Todd Wilson; First Presbyterian, Greenville,

SC 3 pm Willis Bodine Chorale; United Church, Gainesville, FL 3 pm David Higgs; First Presbyterian, Naples, FL 4

John Weaver; First Presbyterian, Lakeland,

Calvert Johnson; St Andrews Episcopal, St Petersburg, FL 4 pm Karel Paukert; Cleveland Museum, Cleve-

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Bach Chamber Ensemble; St John's Cathe-

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#### 26 JANUARY

Edwin Starner; Trinity Church, Boston, MA

Judith Hancock; Holy Trinity Lutheran, Akron,

OH 8 pm Chamber Music of Holland Hopson; Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL 12:30 pm

#### 27 JANUARY

Gillian Weir, masterclass; St Paul's Episcoal, Cleveland Heights, OH 10 am **Gillian Weir**, masterclass; Cleveland Muse-

um, Cleveland, OH 3 pm

Paul Avres; St Thomas Church, New York,

Karl Tricomi; Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA 2:30 pm

Paolo Bordignon & Ken Cowan; Ursinus ollege, Collegeville, PA 4 pm Mary Preston; Shadyside Presbyterian, Pitts-

burgh, PA 4 pm

Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault; First Presbyterian, Decatur, GA 4 pm

Gillian Weir; Cleveland Museum, Cleveland,

OH 3 pm
Todd Wilson; United Methodist Church, Wor-

thington, OH 7:30 pm

Sally Cherrington, Stephen Schnurr, David Whitehouse; St Ita Church, Chicago, IL 8 pm John Eggert; Concordia College, St Paul, MN

3:30 pm Choral Concert; Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm

#### United States West of the Mississippi

#### 15 DECEMBER

Susa, *The Wise Women*; Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Kansas City, MO 8 pm

James Welch; Immanuel Lutheran, Saratoga, CA 7:30 pm

Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along & Wassail Party; Trinity Episcopal Church Par Hall, Santa Barbara, CA 7:30 pm

#### 16 DECEMBER

Christmas Concert, with orchestra; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 4 pm (also December 17)

#### 17 DECEMBER

Debra Hoepker, Carl Staplin, with ensemble; St Mark Lutheran, West Des Moines, IA 3 pm Lessons & Carols; Church of the Ascension,

Lafayette, LA 4 pm Susa, *The Wise Women*; Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Kansas City, MO 2 pm Lessons & Carols; St John's Cathedral, Dener, CO 4:30, 7 pm

Glendon Frank; St Mary's Cathedral, San

Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

David Higgs; Davies Symphony Hall, San rancisco, CA 7 pm

James Welch; LDS Church, San Bruno, CA

7:30 pm

#### 20 DECEMBER

Christmas Concert, with orchestra; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 5 pm

#### 22 DECEMBER

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

Jackson Berkey, Anniversary Carols; St Mark Lutheran, West Des Moines, IA 11 am

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

#### 31 DECEMBER

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

James Welch, with ensemble; St Mark's Episcopal, Palo Alto, CA 8 pm

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Jane Smith; Scottish Rite, Tucson, AZ 12:15

Musica Antiqua; St John's Cathedral, Denver,

7 JANUARY Lessons & Carols; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

10 JANUARY Mary Lou Barker; Scottish Rite, Tucson, AZ

12:15 pm

David Higgs; First Congregational, Colorado

Springs, CO
\*Richard Elliott; Mormon Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, UT 7:30 pm

14 JANUARY
Texas Wind Symphony; St Stephen Presbyterian, Ft Worth, TX 8 pm
David Higgs; First Christian, Colorado
Springs, CO 3 pm
Valley Chamber Chorale; Church of the Beat-

itudes, Phoenix, AZ 7 pm

Alexander Frey; St Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

Judith & Gerre Hancock; First Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 4 pm

#### 16 JANUARY

Mary Gifford, with ensemble; Church of the Ascension, Lafayette, LA 4 pm
Frederick Swann, workshop; Redlands University, Redlands, CA 10 am

#### 17 JANUARY

Susan Ferré, with gamba; First United Methodist, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm

Frederick Swann; Redlands University, Redlands, CA 8 pm

#### 20 JANUARY David Hatt: Scottish Rite. Tucson, AZ 11 am

#### 21 JANUARY

Susan Ferré, organ & harpsichord; St Stephen Presbyterian, Ft Worth, TX 7:30 pm Kenneth Mansfield; St Mary's Cathedral, San

Francisco, CA 3:30 pm University of Redlands Choir; La Jolla Presby-terian, La Jolla, CA 4 pm

#### 24 JANUARY

Lynn Moser; Scottish Rite, Tucson, AZ 12:15 pm

Eric Plutz: St John's Cathedral, Denver, CO 8

Jeffrey Brillhart; St Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, WA 8 pm

Frederick Swann; Grace Lutheran, Escondi-

#### 28 JANUARY

Kim Kasling; School Sisters of Notre Dame Chapel, Mankato, MN

James Diaz; University of Texas, Austin, TX 4 Christoph Tietze; St Mary's Cathedral, San

### 29 JANUARY

Francisco, CA 3:30 pm

Boulder Bach Festival: St John's Cathedral. Denver, CO 8 pm

#### 31 JANUARY

David Wachter; Scottish Rite, Tucson, AZ 12:15 pm

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### 4 JANUARY

Gillian Weir; RCO Oxford Course; Oxford University, London, England (through January 6)

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19 JANUARY

**Gillian Weir**; Christianskirk, Fredericia, Denmark 7:30 pm

20 JANUARY

Sylvie Poirier & Philip Crozier; Central United Church, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario 8 pm

21 JANUARY

Gillian Weir; Sondersmarkkirk, Viborg, Den-

### **Organ Recitals**

DAN ALWIN, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, August 22: Praeludium and Fugue in D, Buxtehude; Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Passacaglia in c, Bach.

AGNES ARMSTRONG, Cathedral of Güstrow, Germany, July 20: Praeludium und Fuge d-moll, op. 603, no. 6, Czerny; Offer-toire sol mineur, Franck; Der Mond ist aufgegangen, Kropfreiter; Lotus, Strayhorn/Wyton; Will o' the Wisp, Nevin; Joy, Peloquin; Ciacona f-moll, Pachelbel; Durch Adams Fall, S. 637, Bach; Canzona, Langlais; Praeludium und Fuge d-moll, op. 37, no. 3, Mendelssohn.

JAMES BURCHILL, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, August 10: Two Trumpet Tunes and Air, Purcell; Six Fugues with Introductory Voluntaries, Nares; Prince of Denmark's March, Clarko

JAMES CALKIN, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, August 22: Fantasia super "Komm, heiliger Geist," S. 651, Bach; La Volta, Coranto, Byrd; Daunce, Watkins Ale, anon.; Alléluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel, Messiaen; Le jardin suspendu, Alain; Le Cloches de Hinckley, Vierne

JEFFREY DAEHN, with Susan Adolph-son, violinst, and Laura Schlosnagle, oboist, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, August 1: Prelude, Fugue and Cha-conne, Buxtehude; Sonata No. 3, Pergolesi; Concerto No. 2 in B-flat, Handel; Carillon de Westminster, Vierne

MERRILL N. DAVIS III, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, August 29: Berceuse and Finale (*Firebird*), Stravinsky; *Ronde Française*, op. 37, Boëllmann; *Praeludium in C*, Bruckner; Orgelsolo (*Slavonic Mass*), Janacek; Improvisation on "Shalom chaverim."

DONALD FRASER, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, August 3: Toccata in d, BuxWV 155, Buxtehude; Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, S. 663, Prelude and Fugue in D, S. 532, Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, S. 688, Bach; Fantaisie in A, Franck; Carillon-Sortie, Mulet.

T. WOOLARD HARRIS, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, August 15: Overture, Rejoicing, Bouree, Minuet (Royal Fireworks), Handel; Grand plein jeu, Fugue, Duo, Clérambault; Fanfare, Soler; Master Tallis' Testament, Howells; Praeludium, BuxWV 137, Buxtehude; Toccata (Symphony V), Widor.

PAUL JESSEN, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, August 1: Grand Choeur Dialogue, Gigout; Les Elfes, Bonnet; Prière et Berceuse, Guilmant; Hommage à Igor Stravinsky, Hakim.

STEVE LAPLANTE, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, July 11: Sketch in f, Schumann; Cantabile, Franck; Symphonie No. 4, Widor.

TAMMY-JO MORTENSEN, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, August 8: Praeludium und Fuge e-moll, Bruhns; Prelude in G, Mendelssohn; Concerto in a, S. 593, Vivaldi/Bach; Pastorale on the 23rd Psalm, Kloppers; Toccata, Andriessen.

KARL E. MOYER, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC, August 24: Canons in b and B, Schumann; Inventions in B-flat and d, Bach/Reger; Passacaglia (Symtos) phony in G), Sowerby.

K. JOYCE MYNSTER, with Christine Salhany, flute, First United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE, June 7: Scherzo, Ridout, Concerto in F, op. 4, no, 5, Handel; Pavane, Drayton; Fantasy on a Theme of Purcell, Steel; Pavan and Galliard, Byrd; O praise the Lord with one consent, Thy mercies, Lord, shall be my song, Best; A Mixolydian Menuet, A Phrygian Berceuse, A Dorian Pastorale, Thiman; Dialogue I, Hurford; Psalm Prelude, Set II, No. 3, Howells. No. 3, Howells.

NANCY YOST OLSON, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, June 20: Choral No. 1 in E, Franck; Ronde Française, op. 37, Boëllmann; Tu es petra, Mulet.

NICHOLAS PAGE, Central Methodist Church, St. Saviourgate, York, England, July 5: Triumphal March, Hollins; Cantabile, Franck; Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', S. 676, Bach; Menuetto I, Puccini, arr. Moore; Spring Song, Hollins; Country Gardens, arr. Grainger; The Glow-Worm, Lincke; Largo, Allegro, Aria and Two Variations, Festing, arr. Thalben-Ball; Passacaglia, Sowerby; "The peace may be exchanged" (Rubrics), Locklair; Sonata No. 3 (Britannica, op. 152), Stanford.

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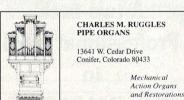
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KAREL PAUKERT, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH, May 3: Plein jeu, Basse de trompette, Récit, Dialogue, Marchand; Two Little Preludes and Fugues in C and F, Three "Schübler" Chorales, Toccata and Fugue in d, Bach. May 10: Five Italian dances from Intabolatura Nova, anon.; Triptyque, op. 58, Vierne; Concerto in G, Ernst/Bach; Batalla Imperial, Cabanilles. May 17: Toccata seconda, Frescobaldi; Sonata in F, Pergolesi; Suite cortesana, anon.; Le banquet céleste, Transports de joie, Messiaen. May 24: Toccata in C, Sonata seconda in a, Seixas; Sonata in Transports de Jole, Messachi May 24: Tocdita in C, Sonata in a, Seixas; Sonata in A, Soler; Partita on "Veni Creator Spiritus," Verschraegen; Jésus accepte la souffrance, Messiaen; Ière Gymnopédie, Satie; Postludium (Glagolitic Mass), Janácek.

WILLIAM PICHER, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, ME, August 9: Grand March (Aida), Verdi; Sortie in Bb, Léfebure-Wély; In thee is joy, S. 615, Bach; Good Christian men rejoice, Liszt; Holy God, we praise thy name, Burkhardt; God Father, Praise and Glory, Picher; Noel X with Variations, Daquin; Dreams, McAmis; Tqccata in b, Gigout; The Lost Chord, Sullivan.

DAVID PIZZARO, Berliner Dom, Ger-DAVID PIZZARO, Berliner Dom, Germany, July 23: Miniature Trilogy, Coke-Jephcott; Voluntary in e, Stanley; Voluntary in A, Selby; Praeludium und Fuge in c, Bach; Sinfonia und Quadrupel Fuge über "Aus tiefer Not," Pillney; Cantilena, Cortège et Litanie, Dupré; Legende, Cappelen; Adagio, Barber; Variations on "The Star Spangled Banner," Paine.

SYLVIE POIRIER & PHILIP CROZIER, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, June 27: Fugue in d, Kellner; Variations on an Easter Theme, Rutter; Fantasie in c, op. 35, Hesse; Mutationes, Eben; Toccata on "Happy Birthday," Bölting.

ALAN REESOR, St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 20: Prelude and Fugue in C, S. 545, Bach; Ave Maria von Arcadelt, Liszt; Flute Solo, Arne; Symphony II, Widor.

ERIK REINART, St. James United Church, Montréal, Québec, June 6: Schmücke dich o liebe Seele, S. 654, Prelude and Fugue in e, S. 548, Trio Sonata No. 2 in c, S. 526, Bach; Allegro–Fugue (Sonata on the 94th Psalm), Reubke.

MARK M. RING, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, June 6: Toccata, Gigout; Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Thalben-Ball, Psalm Prelude, op. 32, no. 1, Howells; Carillon-Sortie, Mulet.

DENNIS SCHMIDT, Deering Community Church, Deering, NH, July 14: Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, S. 552, Sonata No. 2 in E-flat, Bach (with Lynn Compton, flutist); Adagio for the Musical Clock, Beethoven (with Charlotte Price, duo organist); Partita on "Whatever God ordains is right," Pachelbel; Concerto in D, 1st movement, Haydn (with Dan Farina, trumpeter); Requiescat in Pace, Sowerby; "Ei! Wie Schmeckt" (Coffee Cantata), Bach (with Holly Outwin-Tepe, soprano, and Lynn Compton, flutist); March upon a theme of Handel, Guilmant.

JOHN A. SCHULTZ, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, June 27: Sonate I, Hindemith; Symphonie Gothique, Widor.

MORGAN SIMMONS, Elliott Chapel, Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, IL, June 19: Rigaudon, Campra; Schmücke dich o liebe Seele, Walther; Prelude and Fugue in b, S. 544, Schmücke dich o liebe Seele, Bach; Three Short Preludes, Schroeder.

MARY SKALICKY, Oliwa Cathedral, Gdansk, Poland, July 25: Toccata, Adagio i fuga C-dur, S. 564, Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein, Bach; Wariacje na tema "Victimae paschali," Ropek; Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Brahms; Fantazja i Fuga na temat BACH, op. 46, Reger.

PHILIP ALLEN SMITH, with Chris Allyson Price, trumpeter, Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, CA, August 30: Ein feste Burg, In dulci jubilo, Langlais; Introduction, Allegro, Martini/Alain; Out of the depths, The Lord has gone up, Pinkham; Mas-

ter Tallis's Testament, Howells; Final: Allegro

SAMUEL S. SORIA, Cathedral of the Holy Angels, Cary, IN, July 23: Sinfonia, We thank Thee, Lord, S. 29, Sonata VI, S. 530, Fantasia and Fugue in g, S. 542, Bach; Grand Choeur Dialogué, Gigout; Pastorale, Roger-Ducasse; Final (Symphonie VI), Vierne.

KENNETH STARR, St. Sulpice, Paris, France, July 2: *Marche*, *Triptych Symphony*, Cochereau.

ROBERT TEWES, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, July 11: Chaconne in e, Buxtehude; Andante (Sonata in d), Bach; Pastorale, Frank; Sonate III, Hin-

CHARLES BOYD TOMPKINS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, July 3: Trumpet Tune, Philips; An Wasserflüssen Babylon, S. 653, Fantasia and Fugue in g, S. 542, Bach; Rain over the Quaker graveyard, Sunday night (Views from the Oldest House), Rorem; Sketch in D-flat, Schumann; Allegro (Symphony VI), Widor.

WILLIAM VANDERTUIN, Grace Anglican Church, Brantford, Ontario, June 6: Trumpet Tune and Air, Purcell; Water Music Suite, Handel; Air, Bach; Canon in D, Pachelel; Musical Clocks, Haydn; Toccata in F, Driffill. June 13: Te Deum Prelude, Charpentier; Concerto in G, Soler; Scherzo, Gigout; The Little Windmills, Couperin; Finale (Sonata 1), Guilmant. June 20: Prelude in Classic Style, Young; Concerto in G, Be thou but near, Bach; Fantaisie in E-flat, Saint-Saëns; Londonderry Air, Rawsthorne; Triumphal March, Lemmens. June 27: A Trumpet Minuet, Hollins; Air and Gavotte, Wesley; Fantasie on "Wilhelmus," Zwart; Tune in E, Thalben-Ball; Pomp and Circumstance No. 1, Elgar. WILLIAM VANDERTUIN, Grace Angli-

D. DeWITT WASSON, Cornwall Manor, D. DeWITT WASSON, Cornwall Manor, Cornwall, PA, June 18: Sonata in d, op. 42, Guilmant; I love to tell the story, Ore; The lily of the valley, DeCou; Praise to the Lord, Rotermund; Cortège et Litanie, Dupré; Air (Capitol Suite), Warlock; Praise, my soul, the king of heaven, Manz; Where cross the crowded ways of life, Sadowski; Come, you thankful people, come, Cherwien; Chant de May, Jongen, Prelude and Fugue in e. Bruhns gen; Prelude and Fugue in e, Bruhns.

DEAN E. WHITEWAY, Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, July 18: Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele, Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, Ach Gott erhor mein Seufzen, Was Gott tut das ist wohlgetan, Krebs; Elegiac Prelude, Bales; Nu la oss takke Gud, Hovland.

ANNE & TODD WILSON, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford, CT, June 30: Liebesfreud, Kreisler, arr. A. Wilson; Adagio and Fugue in c, K. 426, Mozart; Slavonic Dance in A-flat, op. 46, no. 3, Dvorak, arr. Biery; Variations on the hymntune "Langham," Neswick; Fantasia in f, op. 103, Schubert; Le tombeau de Couperin, Ravel, arr. Biery; The Ride of the Valkyries, Wagner, arr. Dickinson/Lockwood.

TODD WILSON, City of Birmingham Town Hall, England, July 5: Overture: Comes Autumn Time, Sowerby; A Fancy, Stanley; Tune in E, Thalben-Ball; Variations on "America," Ives; Prelude on Early American Hymn Tunes, Shearing; L'Abeille, Schubert; Variations sur un Noël, Dupré.

BRETT WOLGAST, with Susan Schutte Brackett, flute, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, May 4: Fantasy in f, K. 608, Mozart; Sonata VI in G, S. 530, Bach; Fantasy on "Slane" for flute and organ, Larsen; Conversation Piece for Flute and Organ: Cecilia and Pan Do Sums and Division, Simmons; The Suspended Garden, Alain; Prelude and Fugue on the Name of ALAIN, op. 7, Duruflé.

TERRY & LAURA YOUNT, Williams-TERRY & LAURA YOUNT, Williamsburg's Bruton Parish, June 20: Grand Choeur Dialogué, Gigout; Songs from Harmonia Sacra, Purcell; Abide with us, S. 649, Kyrie! O God, Holy Ghost, S. 671, Bach; Prelude and Fugue in E-flat, Saint-Saëns; Adagio in e, Bridge; "At dusk" (Four Last Songs), Strauss; Final (Symphonie I), Vierne; "Summertime," Gershwin; The Washington Post March, Souss



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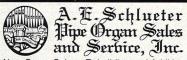






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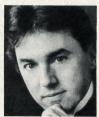
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