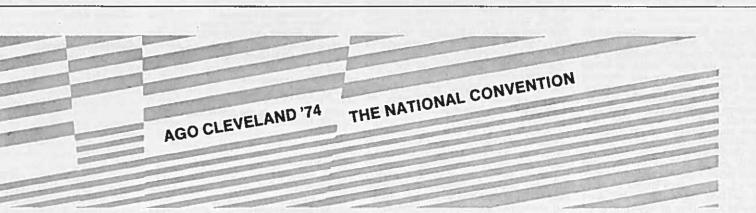
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#### THE FORM OF THE PAST

#### by Robert Schuneman

#### **Gustav** Leonhardt

Gustav Leonhardt Four morning sessions were given over to Gustav Leonhardt, the extraordinarily gifted harpsichordist and musicologist from Amsterdam. His Monday and Wed-nesday sessions were repeat performances of his concert, half organ music, and half harpsichord music. Held in the lovely setting of Trinity Cathedral, four instruments were placed at his disposal: a brand new 2-manual and pedal Brom-baugh organ temporarily tuned in meantone temperament; a small 2-manual and pedal Flentrop tuned in one of Werkmeister's temperaments; a large French style Dowd harpsichord on loan from Lisa Crawford of Oberlin; and a large Cucchiara and Pierce harpsichord on loan from its Cleveland owner. Mr. Leonhardt opened his concert with Scheidemann's Gagliarda in D minor.

and Pierce harpsichord opened his concert with Scheiden owner. Mr. Leonhardt opened his concert with Scheidemann's Gagliarda in D minor. The lovely and light dance rhythms were immensely heightened by the meantone temperament of the Brombaugh organ, as was the capriciousness of the harmonies in Böhm's Capriccio in D. Then followed three voluntaries by M. Locke, which Mr. Leonhardt played on the Flentrop organ, and Johann Eberlin's Toccata and Fugue in A minor played on the Brombaugh organ. Mr. Leonhardt's playing of the pieces was exciting indeed. There is scarcely a keyboard player alive who can achieve the spontaniety of affect, the delicacy and elegance of the rhythms, and the abundance of musical expression within the style of the music as well as Mr. Leonhardt. The essence of his playing involves an accute sensibility to the style of the baroque period – its manners and habits – combined with an un-canny sense of musical intuition which results in very free performances that make the music sound as fresh today as if it were composed just yesterday, and yet without anything being forced or labored. But one must question his choice of instruments for the Locke and Eberlin pieces. The Locke pieces would have worked well, and indeed were written for meantone tuning. Thus, they sounded a little bland on the much more tempered Werckmeister tuning. But particularly the Eberlin piece should not have been played on the meantone instrument, for the chromatic writing of the fugue brought forth harmonies in quick succession that require semitones not available in that tuning, and therefore displayed the "wolf" at its worst. Many people in the audience complained about the "out of tuneness" of the Brombaugh organ at this point. The fault lay not in this outstanding and beautiful instrument, but in the fact that the Eberlin piece was not meant to be played in this tem-perament. As a matter of fact, the Eberlin work would probably have sounded time in the Werkmeister tuning. But, this fault as

Turning to the harpsichord for the second half of his concert, Mr. Leonhardt continued to show his enormous grasp of the music and even more of the detail of his playing in Bach's Suite in E minor, three Three-Part Inventions (E-flat, G, and G minor), and three pieces by F. A. Forqueray, La Rameau, La Sylva, and La Guignon. (On Wednesday, he substituted Bach's English Suite in G minor for the suite and the inventions played Monday.) Again, the audience was treated to some delicious playing, so free and expressive as to transport one completely out of place and time. Especially in the French pieces was Mr. Leonhardt at his heet.

out of place and time. Especially in the react place which has best. On Tuesday, Mr. Leonhardt spoke quietly about the interpretation of Baroque music, espousing the view that the player needs to learn as much as possible about the practices and manners of the period before attempting to interpret the music. But he was also clear in recognizing that no matter how close one gets to the music, no matter how much research and study one does, one must always make musical decisions and musical interpretations from one's own intuition, and ultimately there is probably not just one "right" way to play any one piece. Then he went on to show how he approaches such things as rhythm and articulation, musical expression and interpretation by treating the subject of *(Continued on page 4)* 

#### PRESSURE BRINGS NEW MUSIC

**AUGUST, 1974** 

#### by Marilou Kratzenstein

The strong emphasis placed on contemporary music was a courageous move on the part of the convention program committee. Lectures and demonstrations of an instructional nature were combined with concerts representing different trends in modern organ music. The convention provided a well-balanced survey of much that has been happening in the organ world in recent years. For conven-tive participants who were not acquainted with such music, it must have seemed like an overdose of a strange and bitter medicine. Even for some who have kept abreast of recent developments, such intense exposure to contemporary music within a relatively short period of time was occasionally fatiguing. I firmly be-live, however, that this type of convention was something we really needed. As was sometimes directly stated, and at other times merely implied, we must not shu ourselves off from the mainstream of the musical world and allow our-selves to be content with organ tradition alone. This point seems to be especially relevant for American organists at this particular point in history. We have a grow this continent than ever before. The very imaginative work which some of these builders are doing may stimulate more good composers to write for the instrument. For years, our better composers usually avoided the organ like the plague. Or else they made a token contribution to the literature through one or we minor pieces. In recent years, we've seen encouraging signs that this attitude is beginning to change. In addition, we probably have more well-trained organ-ists than can be found in any other country. Unfortunately, it's still easier for an organist in some European countries to acquire recognition as a major concert an organist in some European countries to acquire recognition as a major concert and organist in some European countries to acquire favorable forces were to come used than it is for an American organist to gain similar recognition. But – who

knows? — this situation could change, if enough favorable forces were to come together at the right time. Perhaps now is the right moment to make a big thrust forward. To do that, we will certainly have to broaden our outlook in order to become a more signifi-cant part of the general musical community. With respect to the performance of music from previous eras, this implies, among other things, that we take greater cognizance of the research in performance practices that has been done by musi-cologists and performing artists from other areas (harpsichordists, string players, etc.). Much of what they have learned and are already practicing, especially in the area of Baroque music, could be used to liven many a dull organ performance. As for contemporary composition and improvisation, we need much more exposure to all areas of current creativity in order to realize more of the organ's potentiali-tices. ties.

#### "The Troika"

Gerd Zacher, Jean Guillou, and William Albright, the three stellar artists within the modern music framework, each approached the organ quite differently. With respect to registration, Zacher stands totally apart from the other two. As a Ger-man, he is not only an outspoken advocate of the tracker organ, but he obviously values instruments which have stops of highly individualistic character. This goes hand in hand with the "Werkprinzip" in which each division of the organ has an independent character of its own. Zacher usually employed registrations that contrasted as sharply as possible, many of them quite unconventional. He also changed registration with extreme rapidity. His other techniques of manipulating the organ (which will be mentioned later in contection with his lecture-demon-stration) were developed partially by him and are now commonly employed for all of the avant garde organ works which have grown out of the Ligeti-Kagel stream. Such music is most frequently heard in Germany, where it received its primary encouragement, but it is certainly not unknown in other countries. Jean Guillou's registration, on the other hand, is basically an outgrowth of the French Romantic-Modern school, where homogeneity of sound is a prime *(Continued on page 4)* Gerd Zacher, Jean Guillou, and William Albright, the three stellar artists within

Hartt College Annual **Contemporary Organ** Music Festival -A Review

#### by George Black

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In the four years of its existence, the Hartt College Annual Contemporary Organ Music Festival has become a ma-Organ Music Festival has become a ma-jor force in the organ world. It brings together both composers and organists ranging from students to the most ex-perienced, and this opportunity for per-sonal contact is in itself commendable. Better still, with invitations and com-missions and promises of performance, it has encouraged the writing of what is now a significant number of new com-positions, several of them by composers positions, several of them by composers who had never before written for organ. Best of all, it provides a chance for com-posers to hear performances of their own works and those of others, and for organists to hear a lot of new repertory played by someone other than them-selves. Such an event cannot fail ulti-mately to have a profound influence on both the composition and the performance of contemporary organ music in North America.

in North America. This year's festival was held June 3-7 in Hartford, and consisted of eight lectures by Iannis Xenakis, Daniel Pink-ham, and Clyde Holloway, one panel discussion, eight concerts (six formal and two informal), four concert pre-views, and three receptions and parties.

#### **Iannis Xenakis**

A new composition by Iannis Xenakis is always a musical event of internation-al importance, and Hartt College is to be congratulated on persuading such a great composer to write his first piece for organ. Although in the event it was not possible to perform it at this year's festival, the composition was very much festival, the composition was very much in everyone's mind and conversation. Like the other works of Xenakis, it is of staggering difficulty, but there is no question that it is a major addition to the repertory, and its first performance is something for all of us to look for-ward to with eagerness. Xenakis himself is one of the most extraordinary people of the 20th cen-tury, a polymath rooted in the cultures of both Greece and Europe, an artist who studied with Messiaen while work-ing with Le Corbusier, accomplishing

of both Greece and Europe, an artist who studied with Messiaen while work-ing with Le Corbusier, accomplishing strikingly individual works in both architecture and music, a heroic man who bears on his face the scars of his participation in the anti-Nazi resistance in Greece. During the festival, he lec-tured for two sessions on the topic of "Formalization in Musical Composi-tion," basing his material largely on what he has already published in his book. Lectures by great public figures are nearly always a disappointing re-hash of things the hearers already know, but in this case the material, though not new, remains challenging, to say the least, and the presentation in Xenakis' fluting, gentle voice was utterly electrifying. He managed to range in a single paragraph from black holes in the universe to Heraclitus, without ever really straying from the subject of musical composition. He used illustrations from his own compo-sitions, including a tantalizing excerpt from a recent work for piano and or chestra called SYNAPHAI-CONNEXI-TIES, not yet available on recordings. TIES, not yet available on recordings. He also showed slides of his scores, and of the graphs used in the composition of some of his music. One of the most memorable experiences of the whole week was to sit in a dark room and one the startic heavilied shorts being week was to sit in a dark room and see the starkly beautiful charts being projected on a screen. As Xenakis point-ed to important features, the patterns fell over his face and his burnt-orange shirt, casting his striking profile as a silhouette on the screen behind. In the case of CHORRIPSIS, he traced the progress of the music on a multi-colored diagram as a recording was being play-ed, producing a breath-taking combina-tion of sight and sound. Only one composition of Xenakis was performed during the week. Written for

performed during the week. Written for clarinet and cello, CHARISMA was

composed in memory of Jean-Pierre Guézec. It is based on a text from the Iliad in which the soul of Patroclus "took wing for the House of Hades, be-wailing (Xenakis used the French word grinçant) its lot and the youth and manhood that it left." Henry Larsen and Harry Clark, the latter on very short notice, gave a forceful and in-tense performance of this anguished work. work.

Music of Messiaen

The personal domination of the week by Iannis Xenakis was in fact surpassed by the musical domination of Messiaen. by the musical domination of Messiaen. Nenakis himself referred to the week as a Messiaen festival. Ten hours of lectures by Clyde Holloway were matched by performances of the com-plete Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité (again by Holloway), eleven movements from the other or-

same Trime (again by Frohoway), cleven movements from the other or-gan works, two piano pieces, and three important chamber works. No one could be better qualified to speak on Messiach's music than Clyde Holloway. Apart from the intensive ex-amination of the scores and writings which is to be expected of a scholar who has written a doctoral dissertation on the subject, Holloway has played all the organ music on the Trinité or-gan, has worked extensively with the composer, asking him detailed questions and receiving direct answers, and has even prepared American performances of Messiaen's music under his supervi-sion. His familiarity with the compo-ser's mind and music permit him to speak with unparalleled authority. He undertook to work through all of Messiaen's music in the time available to him, describing it and situating it

Messiaen's music in the time available to him, describing it and situating it in the composer's life, and then com-menting on performance problems in the organ works. Although it proved impossible to carry out this Herculean task successfully, many valuable insights and unexpected pieces of information were passed on, and it is to be hoped that this information will be published and made more widely available. Lec-tures on detailed matters of interpreta-tion are extremely useful, although there is always the risk that the com-ments intended for page 37, measure 8, may get written into someone's copy on page 33, and be passed on to a generation of students. Having already done a full week's

on page 35, and be passed on to a generation of students. Having already done a full week's lecturing, on Friday evening Holloway played the *Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité*, proving himself to be the ideal model of the scholar-performer. An exemplary illustration of all the things he had said earlier, his performance managed at once to be faithful to the complexities of the printed score, while achieving the lib-erty and flexibility necessary for sensi-tive expression. The dazzling shifts of style, color, and approach which this great piece demands were handled with consummate skill. By their sheer length, the Méditations demand great resources of both energy and musicianship, and Holloway never flagged in his projec-tion of the work's fervour. I cannot im-agine a better performance. agine a better performance.

agine a better performance. The other Messiaen organ works played on the first two days of the festival by members of the Hartt Col-lege faculty and student body provided a context in which to situate the *Médi-tations*, and were performed at a con-sistently commendable level.

Perhaps more valuable to the or-Perhaps more valuable to the or-ganists present, because they are less familiar, were the performances of the chamber music. The Quatuor pour la fin du temps was played in the beauti-ful surroundings of the Hill-Stead Art Museum by Raymond Hanson, piano, Henry Larsen, clarinet, Renato Bona-cini, violin and Paul Olefsky, cello. The setting was a former private house de-signed by Stanford White just after the turn of the century. Surrounded by signed by Stanford White just after the turn of the century. Surrounded by paintings of the French impressionists and a distinguished collection of porce-lains, in an acoustical environment which turned out to be unexpectedly favourable, the quartet received an ex-pressive, refined performance, high-lighted by outstanding playing in the solo movements and by a beautiful piano sound. The performers were all members of the faculty of Hartt Col-lege. lege.

The next day the same violinist and pianist returned to give an elegant per-formance of the *Thême et variations*, Messiaen's only work in this form.

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In the Chants de terre et de ciel there In the Chants de terre et de ciel there was an admirably sympathetic rapport between the performers, Sofia Steffan, mezzo soprano, and David Abramovitz, piano. The pianist seemed to catch the mood of the piece perfectly, and the singer negotiated the great technical and emotional demands of the shifting moods of the piece with great skill. It and emotional demands of the shifting moods of the piece with great skill. It seems a pity that a singer who has in-vested so much time and artistry in the preparation of these songs would not go the rest of the way and correct her disastrous French pronunciation. It is hard to ignore the distortions which misplaced vowels and ill-formed con-sonants create in the timbre and articu-lations of the music of a composer who is noted for his attention to such mat-ters. ters

The solo piano music was represented by two *Preludes*, played in a thought-ful manner by Allan Sternfield.

#### First Performances

One of the most valuable contribu-One of the most valuable contribu-tions of the Hartt College Contempo-rary Organ Music Festival is the op-portunity it provides to hear a lot of new music. Even without the Xenakis picce, there were first performances of five compositions.

The first to be heard was Elliott Schwartz's Prisms for organ and elec-tronic tape. In it fragments of sound glance about the room, occasionally seeming to move off into the distance. Gradually they begin to form them-selves into what appear to be half-re-membered snatches of familiar tunes, until suddenly unmistakable and yet unexpected quotations from various hymns float to the surface, amusing in their very clarity. This engaging and cheerful piece was beautifully per-formed by Hartt College faculty mem-ber Elizabeth Sollenberger. It is a worth-while achievement to have persuaded Elliot Schwartz to write his first piece for organ, especially since it now ap-pears that it will not be his last. Heidi von Gunden's Stop Tabs and Draw Knoch is a kind of nlowned hap.

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pening for an organist (in this case John Holtz) who plays temple blocks, tom-toms, gong and a police whistle as well as the organ, while giving ap-propriate signals to a chorus who per-form on organ pipes of various sizes and speak the names of stops in sprech-stimme (Gedeckt has never sounded so much like an obscenity), and an au-dience which participates by blowing soft whistle tones on organ pipes. I found it an interesting, if perplexing experience at the time, but it stays in the mind, and I find that I have liked it better and better as I have thought it better and better as I have thought back on it. Oddly enough, this was the only piece which could be considered even mildly outrageous in an otherwise rather staid week.

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only piece which could be considered cven mildly outrageous in an otherwise rather staid week. Stuart Smith's Gifts, for organ and two melody instruments, was performed in the Meeting House in Farmington, with the players spread at some dis-tance from one another in the gallery which runs around three sides of the building. The sound floated down from above with a grace which matched the surroundings. The piece allows quite a lot of freedom to the players, and the result was an admirable interplay of silences and interwoven textures. This was Smith's fourth piece for the festi-val, each more interesting than the one before, and it certainly is to be hoped that he will keep up his interest in the organ. In this performance he was well served by the sensitive and intense play-ing of Elizabeth Sollenberger, organ, Douglas Worthen, flute, and the ubiqui-tous Henry Larsen, clarinet. Another regular contributor has been Daniel Pinkham, and his fifth compo-sition written for the festival, Liturgies for organ, percussion, and tape, received a spirited performance by Leonard Raver and Judy Chilnick, with the composer operating the tape and giving graceful cues. Although spikier and edgier than Pinkham's other recent works, it is, like them, a reflection of the elegance and wit of the composer himself.

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Joseph Mulready's Prayer, for a he-teroclite group of apparently irreconcil-

able instruments, had the disadvantage able instruments, had the disadvantage of coming at the end of a very long program towards the end of the week. It was ably performed by Barbara Pear-son, soprano, Donald Sinta, alto saxo-phone, Eileen Harris, cello, Thomas Goldstein and William Hayes, percus-sion, and James Frazier, organ, with the composer conducting composer conducting.

#### Other Works Performed

Other Works Performed The tone of this year's festival tended to be rather earnest, and the emphasis leaned towards the intellectual rather than the sensory aspect of music. The interior of Hartt College provides con-stant mortification of the senses of sight and touch, although Joseph Mulready and his wife made heroic and much appreciated efforts to mitigate the in-sult to the sense of taste offered by the University of Hartford food services. After two and a half days in the grim organ studio, the trip to the bright and airy interior of the two hundred-year- old Meeting House in Farmington for a program suited to that place on a summer's afternoon was a genuine de-light. This was also the only program (apart from the two which consisted of a lance and structure which are a pleasure in themselves. It was the only chance to hear music from European contries other than France, including Kurt Bossler's Kaleidoshop for two or-gans, the main Holtkamp in the church and the Gabriel Kney positiv; Wim de Ruiter's Muziek for two organs, two trumpets, and trombone, a work with some rather remarkable passages inter-spersed with some rather dull ones; and

trumpets, and trombone, a work with some rather remarkable passages inter-spersed with some rather dull ones; and Kropfreiter's Concerto Responsoriale for two organs, a pleasant, harmless piece. Also included on this program were Daniel Pinkham's engaging Concerto for Celesta and Harpsichord Soli, now al-most twenty years old, and Edward Clark's Prelude for handbells and tape, a successful attempt to produce indoors Clark's Pretude for handbells and tape, a successful attempt to produce indoors an aural effect which is familiar to travellers in Europe. This piece ought to be a winner with handbell choirs all over North America. The various keyboard instruments used in the pro-gram were played with taste and precision by Leonard Raver and Edward Clark

Clark. Among other pieces performed at the festival were *Start*, an amusing fan-fare piece by Ronald Sindelar, played by Elizabeth Sollenberger, and *Torque* by David Isele, an intense, difficult piece, described by the composer, who was present, as jittery and nervous, and well played by student Jeffrey Shaw. Joseph Goodman's *Two Dialogues* for organ and tape were given a tidy per-formance by Edward Clark, but seemed rather unimaginative, coming as they rather unimaginative, coming as they did after the two very arresting works of Elliott Schwartz and Heidi von Gunden. Jean Guillou was represented by three of the Sagas, played by Richard Crafts. They produced the usual sharp division of opinions about their value,

division of opinions about their value, although the playing was admirable. Ross Lee Finney's *Advice the Hours of Darkness Give*, performed by Thomas Day, provided an abrupt and rather welcome change of style in a program largely dominated by Messiaen. Although William Albright was pres-ent, only two of his minor pieces, a hymn and the *Alleluia Super-Round* for voices, were heard. The latter pro-duces great blurry waves of sound and managed to survive as a piece despite glum looks and rather inadequate sing-ing from the performers, not to menglum looks and rather inadequate sing-ing from the performers, not to men-tion audio-visual effects added by a photographer. All of Albright's organ works to date have been performed at previous festivals, yet it seems a shame that one of the most powerful and ori-ginal composers for organ in America should be represented in such a pershould be represented in such a per-functory way, especially when some of his music for piano or ensemble would have been a more appropriate choice.

It is to be observed that the festival committee does not appear to favour any one approach to composition over another, and while this creates a con-siderable unevenness in the music persiderable uneventices in the music per-formed, it also makes an exceptionally wide range of experiences available to the participants. As in previous years, two informal concerts were held at which those attending the festival could share new works known to them. Some most interesting things showed up there, including Alden Ashforth's Sailing to Byzantium for organ and tape, a beauti-fully serene composition certain to ap-peal even to those who like neither the organ nor electronic music, played by James Bossert; David Isele's Prologue James Bossert: David Isele's Prologue and Conjugation, played by Kasha Zur-awel: Stuart Smith's Legacy Variations No. 99 for three melody instruments; and compositions by Judy Martin and Iain Hamilton, performed live and on tape by Linda Walker.

In the past, sessions demonstrating the use of synthesizers have not always been successful, but this time Daniel Pinkham, using relatively simple equip-ment with no keyboard, gave two ses-sions in which he revealed himself to be a masterful teacher, giving lucid expla-nations followed by adroit answers to all questions and encouraging beginners to try their hand.

all questions and encouraging beginners to try their hand. Congratulations must be extended to John Holtz and the other members of the Hartt College organ faculty for their tireless and imaginative efforts to prepare this festival and to keep it run-ning so smoothly, especially considering the exceptionally large number of per-formers involved. It is clear that they have the support of their colleagues, many of whom prepared excellent per-formances of difficult works for this festival. In addition to all the other efforts involved, the selected list of twentieth century organ compositions prepared by Elizabeth Sollenberger for the 1972 workshop has been revised and is now available again. (Copies may be obtained by sending \$3.00 to the Organ Department, Hartt College of Music, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, GT 06117.) Credit must also be given to the students, who not only played with the kind of professionalism which would make any teacher proud, hut also went far beyond the call of duty in being helpful and pleasant to everyone. everyone.

Composers, and organists interested in contemporary music, should start now saving their pennics for next year's festival. If it lives up to this year's, it will be one of the outstanding events of the year. of the year.

#### ANTON HEILLER CANCELS TOUR DUE TO ILLNESS

Lilian Murtagh regrets to announce the cancellation, due to severe illness, of the transcontinental tour of Professor Anton Heiller. Professor Heiller suffered a mild stroke following a con-cert in Switzerland July I, and his doctors have advised him against underdoctors have advised him against under-taking the very arduous American transcontinental tour which had been fully booked with both recitals and master classes. The tour, which included Canadian appearances as well, was to start August 5 with four weeks of teach-ing in St. Louis at the Washington University summer session, and ex-tended to November 16.

#### PERSICHETTI GIVEN **TWO HONORARY DEGREES**

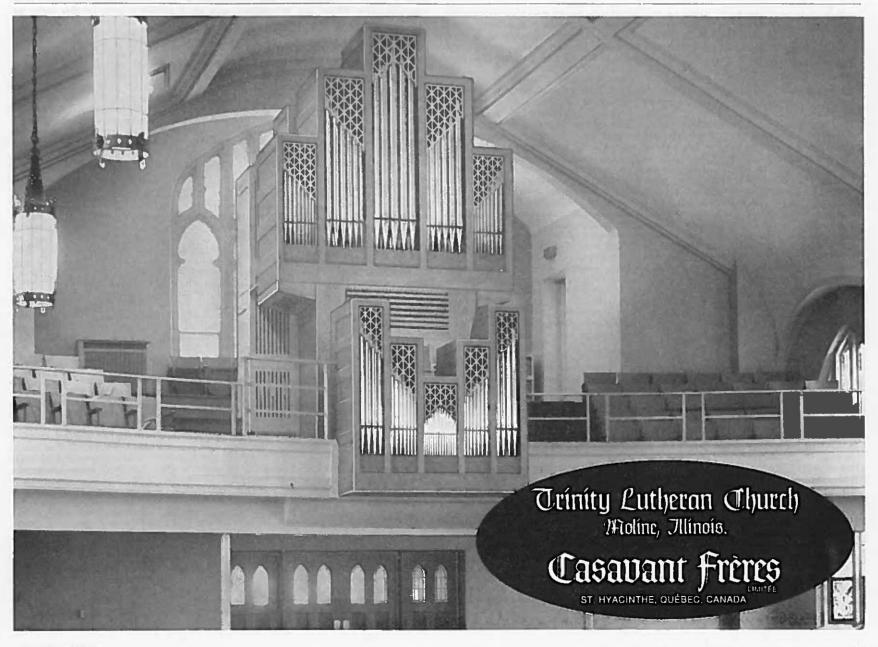
Composer Vincent Persichetti has recomposer vincent reistcheth has re-cently received honorary doctorates from two prominent colleges in recognition of his significant contributions to American music.

American music. At its commencement on May 19, Mil-likin University in Decatur, Illinois awarded Mr. Persichetti an honorary doctoral degree, and on May 29 a like honor was conferred by the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Persichetti was also the commencement speaker at the Peabody exercises.

Mr. Persichetti is currently on leave from the Juilliard School in New York, fulfilling a 1973 Guggenheim Fellow-ship award.

LAWRENCE ROBINSON, organist of Richmond, Virginia, did the unusual (for an organist) on April 28 at Randolph-Macon Col-lege in Ashland, Virginia — he played a piano recital. His program included works by Haydn, Bach, Schumann, Paderewski, and Gastelnuovo-Tedesco.

LEWIS AND HITCHCOCK, organ builders of Silver Spring, Maryland, have restored the 1875 1-manual, 3-stop August Pomplitz organ in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Baden, Mary-land.



The Form of the Past (Continued from page 1) Eberlin's fugue (played the previous day) in great detail, explaining as much as possible what he does with it and why he does it. All this was done at the Brom-baugh organ.

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In his final session, Mr. Leonhardt turned to the harpsichord, telling some of the differences in manner and technique between organ playing and harpsichord playing. Then he spent the rest of the session talking and playing in great detail the first page of the *Toccata Ottawa* of Frescobaldi's second book of toccatas. There is absolutely no way in which the breadth, depth, and essence of Mr. Leonhardt's art, both in his concerts and in his workshops, can be put adequately into words. One must be present to hear with his own ears, to experience with his own senses and mind what this great artist is about. But one thing is clear — when Mr. Leonhardt plays, this old music is as alive to us now as anything preitten. If there are any form support present day, musicing about a message written. If there are any fears among present day musicians about a museum culture into which we are all slipping, then Leonhardt is to be thanked for bringing this marvelous music out of the museum and into a live and vibrant setting, meaningful for our time.

#### **Robert Nochren**

A new and lovely 3-manual organ built by the Janke firm of Göttingen, West Germany became the vehicle for an all-Bach recital (which included the Partita on "Sei gegrüsset," Preludes and Fugues in A, B minor, Trio Sonata in C minor, and the Fugue on "Wir glauben") played by the eminent performer and organ builder, Robert Nochren. Whereas Mr. Leonhardt's approach to Baroque music natently involves a musicological one. Mr. Nochren made a plea via his program builder, Robert Nochren. Whereas Mr. Leonhardt's approach to Baroque music patently involves a musicological one, Mr. Nochren made a plea via his program notes for reserved caution in applying scholarship to the performance of these works. Not wishing to denigtate the value of scholarship in the performance of old music, he placed himself solidly on the side of those that believe that the music of Bach is expressed completely and clearly in the scores just as they stand. On the other hand, Mr. Nochren made quite clear that there is no way to avoid the intrusion of the personality in the performance of the music, and that it is the obligation of the performer to bring his intuitive faculty to bear on the inter-pretation. On this latter point, he was in complete agreement with Leonhardt. What then of the playing of this glorious music? Unfortunately, we heard him on the first day of his performance. The church was beastly hot, and filled to overflowing. The acoustically dead room was thus even deader than usual, and the temperature and the humidity in the roow caused tuning problems in the organ. Moreover, the organ was new, and its mechanical action had not been "broken in" sufficiently for such conditions, and there were problems with the

organ. Moreover, the organ was new, and its mechanical action had not been "broken in" sufficiently for such conditions, and there were problems with the action. Furthermore, Mr. Noehren was obviously having an "off day" of it, making far more errors than we have ever heard him make. Nevertheless, one could grasp his strong feelings about the "sacredness" of Bach's score, and through all these problems there was a glimmer of the extremely devoted and careful performer. We heard from many others, who heard the same recital the following morning to a much smaller audience, that the playing was outstanding. Using a completely legato style of playing, and registering the organ in crystal clear fashion, Mr. Noehren set forth Bach's scores in unadorned fashion for the audience to contemplate. He did his best: the church was just too small for such audience to contemplate. He did his best; the church was just too small for such a large audience.

#### Robert Glasgow

**Robert Glasgow** still "traditional" type of music in the lovely Victorian cathedral-like atmosphere of st. Michael Church. It was a complete performance of Tournemire's *Sept Chor-als-Poèmes pour les Sept Paroles du Xrist*, Opus 67. Playing a large Baldwin custom "multi-wave form" electronic instrument, Mr. Glasgow exhibited his great love and care for the style of the music by evoking deep moods, expressive of the seven last words of Christ on the cross, Tournemire's mysticism is evident in every note, and his impressionistic communication is evident to the listener only if the performer is at once acutely under the spell of Tournemire's evocation and feeling as well as aware of Tournemire's means of achieving the spell via the spell and cast it to the audience beautifully in spite of the organ, which only partially achieved Tournemire's desired means. Particularly the full organ sounds with reeds were most successful, but individual soft stops occasionally intruded with the character of synthetic, electronic qualities on the quieter and more con-templative sections. Most of all, at least to this writer, the array of imitation the speaker units) presented a visual mismatch with the mood of the work and the building. But it is seldom that this music is played, and no finer performance of it could have been presented. It was a moving performance, and Mr. Glasgow is to be thanked for it.

#### **Competition Winner**

Competition Winner The national competition had been held the previous Friday with Marilyn Mason, Andrea Toth, Warren Hutton, Donald G. Wilkins and Haskell Thompson acting as judges for the previous year's regional winners. Peggy Marie Haas, presently director of music at St. James Church, Richmond, Virginia, was the winner, and Mark B. Smith the runner-up. Miss Haas displayed her winning ways in her recital on the Holtkamp organ at Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights. Beginning with Messiaen's *Transports de Joie* played from memory, Miss Haas proved to the audience that she has the assuredness and poise appropriate to a national competition winner. It was a dazzling opener by a very self-assured per-former. Scheidt's variatious on *Est-ce Mars*, Bruhns' *Prelude and Fugue in G*, and Bach's *Trio Sonata in G minor* were given clean and solid performances, technic-ally very sound, but less free and interesting from a musical viewpoint. No matter, such a fine performer as Miss Haas will eventually become more learned and free in matters of style as she matures. The only real musical weak point of her per-formace occured in the climax of Persichetti's *Shimah B'koli*, where the intensely difficult piece builds to full organ and should be reduced gradually. In this case, formance occured in the climax of Persichetti's Shimah B'koli, where the intensely difficult piece builds to full organ and should be reduced gradually. In this case, full organ was reduced to a soft registration with the flick of the foot on the crescendo pedal, thus evaporating the highest point of tension in the piece in a moment. Things went better, aside from a short memory slip, in Dupre's Variations on a Noel. Beginning with a very reserved tempo on the verge of being too slow, each variation built steam, and Miss Haas ended in a blaze of virtuosity appropriate to the finale. This poised young woman proved to be popular with the audience, who gave her a standing ovation. She deserved it. (Continued, page 5) (Continued, page 5)

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consideration. In addition, one detects a touch of Messiaen. Guillou's handling of organ sonorities and organ techniques is not particularly innovative. His music often requires a large organ in a reverberant room. Much of William Albright's music is also designed for a large instrument in lively acoustical setting. Although he considers color to be very important in a structural way, he has done little exploration of modern registrational possibili-ties. His registrations are typical of the French-influenced American school. More-over, both he and Guillou paint their canvasses with large swabs of color, in contrast to Zacher, who changes registration abruptly, creating fragmentary effects. As for the general approach toward composition, Zacher is an innovator, through and through. The mechanical workings of an organ are his prime inspiration. He feels a kinship with old organs and with music of the distant past, but he has deliberately cut himself off from more recent tradition. Guillou, on the other hand, has been influenced by Messiaen, and finds his

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Inspiration not in the instruments first of all, but in philosophical ideas. His music is the expression of a mysterious inner world, whose language is sometimes too veiled to be immediately understood by his audience. In contrast, Albright is direct. Like Guillou, he does not break with recent tradition. But, unlike Guillou, he does not create an esoteric art whose main appeal is intellectual. Albright's music, which incorporates recognizable elements from the past in a modern context, communicates to the listener a variety of levels. His is very human music, in the most vital sense of the word "human."

#### Gerd Zacher

**Certa Zacher** The first of these three artists to perform was Gerd Zacher in a program entitled *Die Kunst einer Fugue by Gerd Zacher (Bach's Counterpoint No. 1 in Ten Different Interpretations*). Already in the title and its subtitle, one sees Zacher's break with 19th and 20th century traditions. What he presented was not a set of "interpretations" of Bach's *Contrapunctus I*, as the word "interpreta-tion" is commonly understood. Instead, within his own philosophical framework, he was altering Bach's music (comating drastically) in a strengt to make it tion" is commonly understood. Instead, within his own philosophical framework, he was altering Bach's music (sometimes drastically) in an attempt to make it relevant to the present. By illustrating things which can conceivably be done to music of the past, Zacher believes he is exploring the latent potentialities of great historical works. To me, trying to make a Bach composition sound as if it was re-written by Messiaen, or someone else, may be opening a Pandora's box which we will later regret. One could also rearrange the colors of a Rembrandt painting, extend or shorten the lines here and there, add a few pieces of scrap metal and rubber tubing, and then congratulate himself on having made that old work of art relevant to the latter 20th century. I personally don't think that Rembrandt and Bach need that kind of "help." Their universal power of communication is in no sense diminished by the fact that they are historical. Looking at the program in a lighter vein, Zacher's Kunst einer Fugue was a vehicle to display new ways of using the organ. It also reminded me of a term paper, a most clever one, surveying compositional techniques of Ligeti, Messiaen, Kagel, Allende-Blin, and various others. As Zacher is a witty man, with an extra-ordinary imagination, his musical allusions were most amusing. If one takes it all as a musical joke, it is fun. But, in spite of the amusement, one should re-member that Zacher is consciously making a statement concerning his view of the role of the interpreter and his view of an historical composer's rights (or lack of them).

the role of the interpreter and his view of an historical composer's rights (or lack of them). Gerd Zacher's second program was a lecture-demonstration entitled "The Inter-dependence of New Performance Practice and Organ Design." In a lucid, well-organized presentation, he explained novel ways of using the organ (varying the key pressure, pulling the stops slowly in and out, turning the motor off and on, etc.). These techniques allow the organist to create some of the sounds which modern music demands. He also emphasized a fact, sometimes overlooked, that many of these effects can be realized only on a tracker organ. In this way, we were reminded that tracker instruments are to be prized not only for the greater sensitivity and control they provide for performances of historical music, but for

were reminded that tracker instruments are to be prized not only for the greater sensitivity and control they provide for performances of historical music, but for their appropriateness to the music of today and tomorrow as well. Assisted by Michael Corzine and Antone Godding, Mr. Zacher performed Juan Allende-Blin's Sons brisés, one of his own compositions entitled Szmatzy, and Improvisation ajoutée by Mauricio Kagel. One was repeatedly struck by Mr. Zacher's wealth of imagination and his humor. Uninhibited, he'll try anything, or so it appears. Just listening to his registrations (intense, wierd, and constantly changing) was one of the most stimulating parts of the convention. The 1972 Holtkamp organ at the Cleveland Institute of Music was a good vehicle for the pungent sonorities which he required. He and his assistant performers exhibited great skill in manipulating the organ to produce uncommon effects (indeterminate pitch, etc.) Each listener will no doubt have his own opinion as to the ultimate worth of these compositions, but the performers themselves were spectacular.

#### **Jean Guillou**

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#### The Form of the Past (Continued from page 4)

**Gregg Smith Singers** Gregg Smith Singers Although one new commissioned work was presented in the concert given by the Gregg Smith Singers, most of their program was made up of music out of the American heritage. The new work was Ned Rorem's Missa Brevis, commissioned by the Cleveland Chapter of the A.G.O. for the convention, and for which copies of the score were available for convention goers. It was a lovely setting for the concert — Cleveland's historic Arcade, a vast indoor shopping mall with marvel-ous iron railings and skylight of 1890 vintage. The acoustics were somewhat vast, therefore, and even the commercial atmosphere did, new detract from the religious

concert – Cleveland's historic Arcade, a vast indoor snopping mail with marver-ous iron railings and skylight of 1890 vintage. The acoustics were somewhat vast, therefore, and even the commercial atmosphere did not detract from the religious character of Rorem's music. Written in a tonal idiom, as is most all of his work, the Missa Brevis utilizes the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei (Latin text) in a cappella settings. Notable for the dialogue between very drama-tic and difficult solo declamations preceding almost every part of the Mass and choral declamation of the text, the Missa Brevis has much immediate appeal. It evidences Rorem's usual sensitivity to the text and his careful use of lyric melody. We are sure that the work will be found appealing by many for liturgical use. The rest of the program was given over to the kind of music that Gregg Smith champions so much and which his singers do so well – American music of the past. Early hymntunes by Brownson, Morgan, Selby and a later work from The Celestial Country by Ives made up the first half of the program, and Civil War songs, ballads, love songs, and "good times and humorous" songs by Stephen Foster, George Root, Walter Kittridge, Henry Work, Charles Ives, T. Frank Allen, and the Hutchinsons made up a frothy second half of the program. We have heard the Gregg Smith Singers to better advantage in the past. In this concert some of the tight-knit ensemble was missing that we so well remember from his former years, and Smith's conducting seemed to us to be much more indifferent than in former years. Nevertheless, it is still the Gregg Smith singers who can bring gusto and verve to this kind of music, and we were thankful that at least the American past was not slighted in such a convention (as it usually is). Far former hearmer than the comparison of severe struct by their freehthe American past was not slighted in such a convention (as it usually is). Far from being embarrassed by these American songs, we were struck by their fresh-ness, especially in the unique architectural surrounding in which they were presented.

#### Ohio Chamber Orchestra

Ohio Chamber Orchestra Infortunately, the Cleveland Orchestra was not able to play for the convention as was originally planned. A renegotiation of the orchestra's union contract changed the playing schedule and made it impossible for them to appear at this time. The slot was filled by the Ohio Chamber Orchestra under guest conductor Louis Lane. The 35-member professional ensemble provided a welcome change in the organ-laden convention in Severance Hall on the next to the last evening of the convention. It was appropriate to open with Bloch's Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra with Piano Obligato, written in 1926 for the Cleveland Orchestra and premiered by them in the same hall. And the performance was full of energy, giving the neo-classical work its full due. In spite of the inherent triteness of Respight's suite, The Birds, and in spite of a very loose performance, it provided light relief before intermission. Schubert's Symphony No. 5 in B-flat was given a driving performance, sacrificing some of the more delicious turns of harmony the evening, the audience was treated to a delightful "happening" in the form of Cleveland composer Donald Erb's Souvenir. Noting the presence of balloons on the stage boxes and a bicycle on stage during the performance of the Schubert souvenir Mr. Erb was cooking up for them. In the best of humor, the orchestra lift the stage and took up random places in the audience, the lights were turned down and ultra-violet lights on the stage apron were lit up, giving the whole halt a black-lit aura. The conductor signalled the time sequences of aleatoric figura-tions played by the orchestra members with the wave of a flashlight on stage. Balloois were let loose, dance figures (illumined with black light) filled the apron of the stage with marvelous shenanigans, and the action got the whole apron of the stage with marvelous shenanigans, and the action got the whole apron of the stage with marvelous shenanigans, and the action got the whole apron of the stage w audience out of their seats to join in the lun, for which the score and the accom-panying electronic tape provided marvelous background music. It was a master-stroke of good fun and humor to end the concert, and we are sure that most convention goers have a much less stuffy view of contemporary music as a result. The "souvenir?" Well, most of the audience were still wearing their smiles long afterwards. We think that is indeed a rare souvenir!

Miscellaneous Lest this report sound like all that happened of worth at the convention were the musical performances, we hasten to add that the convention program was loaded with a great variety of worth-while workshops on all kinds of subjects from children's choirs to improvisation. Their number precluded our reviewing them all. But they certainly were the meat of what was intended to be a sincere effort on the part of the program committee to provide something educational for every member's interest. And so Helen Kemp, Gregg Smith, Donald Erb, Marilyn Mason, Arthur Poister, Burton Garlinghouse, Gerre Hancock, and Louis Lane did provide much excellent material from which to learn. And finally, the closing dinner (the official banquet was held on the opening night of the convention — a fine idea, especially for those who cannot attend the whole convention, and also for those who are generally tired at the end of it) featured Billy Nalle playing the Rodgers theatre organ as a fitting and entertaining end to the convention was ready for some "pops."

#### MEGAN JOHNSON WINS NEW JERSEY COMPETITION

The annual Jane Whittemore Organ

The annual Jane Whittemore Organ Competition sponsored by the Metro-politan New Jersey Chapter A.G.O. was held on May 6 in the First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, New Jersey. The contest was open to Chapter members and/or students of Chapter members under the age of 21. First place winner was Megan John-son who received a prize of \$100, a cer-tificate, and a performance of the win-ning pieces at the Chapter's June meet-ing. Second place winner was Debbie Sulo who received a prize of \$35 and a certificate. Third place went to James Meier in the form of \$15 and a certifi-cate. cate.

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John Weaver was the judge, assisted by Howard Vogel and Rodney Schuller, organist of the host church. Ten contestants each played a fugue by Bach, a chorale prelude by Brahms, and a contemporary work from a list of six specified composers.

#### AUGUST, 1974

NANCY JORDAN WINS C.C.W.O. COMPETITION

Nancy Jordan of Evanston, Illinois, won the 1974 Gruenstein Award Con-Nancy Jordan of Evanston, Innois, won the 1974 Gruenstein Award Con-test in organ playing sponsored by the Chicago Club of Women Organists. The contest was held at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Miss Jordan is presently a graduate student at North-western University where she studies organ with Grigg Fountain. She is a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina where she was a student of David Lowry. Second place winner in the contest was Patricia Ellen McAwley of Appollo, Pennsylvania, a student of Donald Wil-kins in Pittsburgh. Other finalists in-cluded Ann Anway of Waterloo, Iowa, a pupil of Robert Gant; Renee Less-man of Houston, Texas, a pupil of Joyce Jones; and Elizabeth Naegele of East Lansing, Michigan, a student of Corliss Arnold.

Chairmen of the contest committee were Edna Bauerle and Hazel Quinney.

Pressure Brings New Music (Continued from page 4) opening one. Colloques No. 4 is a well-constructed piece, and it was given a brilliant performance by all of the musicians. Later in the week, at his improvisation session, Jean Guillou offered to convey

Later in the week, at his improvisation session, Jean Guillou offered to convey a few random thoughts on improvisation and on the nature of creation in general. Random thoughts they were indeed, with little continuity. Not only that, but they were burdened with false promises, contradictions, pretentious allusions, and faulty logic. His actual improvisations (as I heard them in the Friday session) were, on the other hand, delightful. They were concise and direct (perhaps be-cause the artist knew that he had a strict time limit for this program?). As each improvisation was derived from a provided theme, or themes, the style and form of each improvisation was different — a witness to Mr. Guillou's versatility. Un-like many French organists of the past, he does not rely primarily on time-honored formulae as the basis for his improvisation. One had the impression that each im-provisation was indeed a spontaneous composition.

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#### Miscellancous

In addition to Zacher, Guillou, and Albright, several other personalities rounded out the picture of modern organ music, modern choral composition, and other re-lated items. Donald Erb lectured on "Notation and Performance Practice of the Last Decade." In an easy to understand manner, he described and illustrated the most common new notational symbols. Among other things, he reminded his audience that through new notational techniques, the composer is able to offer the performer more freedom. So, the performer shouldn't be afraid to learn new systems of notation. In another session, Dr. Erb demonstrated an electronic lab, which was certainly informative for those unacquainted with the production of electronic music. He also provided an emertaining theatrical piece at the close of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra concert (described elsewhere). Marilyn Mason conducted a lecture-demonstration on Schoenberg's *Variations on a Recitative*, Opus 40. While Schoenberg can scarcely be considered contem-porary, it was appropriate to have this program during the centennial year of his birth. Referring to comments made to her by Mr. Schoenberg (the work was premiered by her), Ms. Mason corrected some of the editorial errors in the H. W. Gray edition. She also briefly discussed the structure of the piece, and then she played it. Although obviously hampered by having only a small organ at her dis-posal, she attempted to change registration at each variation and to provide as much color as possible. In addition to Zacher, Guillou, and Albright, several other personalities rounded

In addition to presenting modern concert works for organ, the convention In addition to presenting modern concert works for organ, the convention planners did not neglect music for the church service. In a program initiated by the A.G.O., several Cleveland area churches (and a few other institutions) com-missioned a total of 19 works suitable for church performance (both choral music and organ music). Seven of the 19 works were presented in concert on Wednes-day evening. Most of the pieces are of moderate difficulty and are sufficiently con-servative so that a choir director or organist need not worry about alienating his congregation. In earlier centuries, before the role of performer-interpreter became separated from that of composer, the church musician always provided his con-gregation with music which was contemporary. Remembering that, we might try a little more of it today.

gregation with music which was contemporary. Remembering that, we might try a little more of it today. Another work expressly commissioned for this convention was Matthias Bam-ert's A Vision of Daniel, which was premiered during the Festival Worship Ser-vice on Friday afternoon. Recalling the style of Penderecki, this difficult work was well-prepared and was executed with a high degree of accuracy. The text, unfortunately, could not always be understood, but, even so, the music was power-ful. The service itself was beautifully integrated. The scripture reading from the Book of Daniel, providing the theme for Joseph Sittler's sermon and the text for the Bamert composition, was another reminder that the distant past can still speak to us today.

speak to us today. AGO CLEVELAND '74 was extremely well-planned. By pointing out the inter-action of past and present, and by emphasizing modern music which is currently being created, the convention has provided significant stimulation for a new wave of creativity in the organ and church music world.

In most American Protestant church-es, the organ and choir are at the front of the church, yet many church musi-cians would prefer to play and conduct in the rear of the church. This is a disturbing discrepancy between practice and preference.

In the winter of 1970, a number of prominent church musicians were sent questionnaires requesting information and opinions on various aspects of their profession. When asked about the lo-

questionnaltes requesting information and opinions on various aspects of their profession. When asked about the lo-cation of the organ and choir in the churches in which they are employed, a majority of those responding replied that the choir sat in the front part of the church, usually the chancel area, and that the organ console was also there. However, in response to further questioning, most of these musicians also stated that they would *rather* be performing their organ music and con-ducting their choirs from a gallery in the rear of the church. Because an organ sounds better when its many tone qualities have an oppor-tunity to develop and blend before they reach the listener, placing the organ in the rear gallery, above and behind the listeners, affords just such an oppor-tunity. The rear gallery has long been recognized as the ideal location, and the choir was also placed there to be near the organ. If this is such an ideal location for the organ and choir, it is strange that there are so many churches designed with the choir area in the front of the church. How did the reality and the ideal come to be separ-ated by the entire length of the nave? As late as the mid-1800's, most choirs sang from rear galleries; the chancel bocation for the organ and choir was the exception. This was true of both Protestant and Roman Catholic church-es in Europe, England and the U.S. The exceptions to this rule were the large athedrals, where the dialogue between the priest and the choir, which is ne-cessary to the traditional sung services, would have been impossible with the choir far away in the rear gallery. In these cases, the choir was susually placed in the chancel along with the organ, or if a lange organ existed in the rear gallery, the choir was susplied with a smaller second instrument, there being planty of money and space for such luxuries.

smaller second instrument, there being plenty of money and space for such luxuries. In 1833, a group of Oxford theolo-gians whose efforts became known as Tractarianism, or the Oxford Move-ment, began urging the Church of England to adopt what they thought of as earlier and puter doctrines and practices, a sort of theological "good-old days." One aspect of Tractarianism was the urging of greater attention to art and ritualism in the worship ser-vices. To the small parish church this meant copying the ritualism of the great cathedrals, and the most obvious outward sign of this ritualism was the direction of the choir in the front of the church with the clergy. Since many churches were not designed with suf-ficient space in the chancel area for an organ, congregations often resorted to small harmoniums for choir accom-paniment, and the larger and tonally much finer organs were left idle in the for galleries. As new churches were built, the trend to chancel choirs was

# Organ Placement— **Preference vs. Practice**

By Theophil M. Otto

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designed with space for organs. In evaluating the effects of moving the organ and choir from the rear to the front, writers expressed varying opin-ions, but whether they approved of the move or not, none thought that the music benefitted from the move. To quote a late 19th-century writer who was very outspoken in his dislike for the new style: — "Like the choir, the organ has suf-fered sadly by being brought down from the gallery at the west end, where it was a great architectural feature of the church... Our modern architects, with perverse disregard of acoustics, almost always place the organ on one side of the chancel, in a sort of cupboard, which they term an 'organ chamber.' They might as well put it in the steeple." (Henry Cary Shuttleworth, *The Place of Music in Public Worship*. London: 1892, p.56-57). — Germany and other European coun-tries were for the most part not affec-ted by the trends taking place in Eng-land. European congregations today still prefer their organs and choirs to be placed in the rear. However, Tractar-ianism had many followers on the western side of the Atlantic. The ri-tualistic aspects of this movement plus a willingness to accept the English manner of doing things helped the American trend toward chancel choirs and organs during the latter 19th cen-tury. Since then it has become a style sanctified by tradition. These organists and conductors have all had experience with various types of church design, and the majority of them, though they presently work with a chancel choir situation, would prefer a rear gallery location for choir and organ. — When asked the reasons for their preference, several answers were given.

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When asked the reasons for their preference, several answers were given. One is the matter of acoustics mentioned One is the matter of acoustics mentioned carlier: organ and choir simply sound better if the tones are given space to blend and develop their full harmonic potential. A second reason mentioned is the matter of the choir's visibility to the congregation. When the choir is placed in the front of the church, all the choir members are uncomfortably aware that any sudden motion or ner-vons movement by one of them can be very distracting to the congregation. However, when the choir is located in a rear callery, the singers are more rea rear gallery, the singers are more re-faxed, usually sing with more freedom, and in general feel like fellow-wor-shipers with the test of the congregation

Another reason why musicians often prefer rear gallery locations concerns the visibility of the organist. Being in full or even partial view of the con-gregation inhibits the conducting style gregation inhibits the conducting style of the organist-conductor. He knows that the important aspect of the music is its sound and not the antics of the performers. He feels himself on dis-play, and he therefore is not as free in his conducting motions as he might be were he not visible to the congrega-tion. For example, the organist-conducbe were he not visible to the congrega-tion. For example, the organist-conduc-tor may restrict his motion to a small movement of his head when the ac-tual mood and spirit of the music may call for a large arm gesture. This may in turn have an effect on the quality of the choir's singing, since the large, boistrous motion may be just what is necessary to get them fully into the spirit of the music. However, since the conductor wants to avoid drawing attention to himself by his motions, he inhibits his gesture. The motion is timid, and the choir responds timidly since the conductor's gesture motion is timid, and the choir responds timidly since the conductor's gesture fails to inspire the intensity which the music needs just then. In this instance, decorum has prevented the music from realizing its full potential, a situation which would not have arisen had the organist-director not felt himself to be an director.

organist-director not felt himself to be on display. Why, then, do architects design churches with organist and choir in the front, when these faithful servants would rather sing and play from the rear? When church musicians were asked this question, they proposed many possible explanations, but aside from the matter of unchallenged tradi-tion, only one answer survives close scrutiny. Architects are not aware of the musicians' preferences since they simply don't ask them. In matters of construction materials or color schemes, advice from those concerned is eagerly advice from those concerned is cagerly requested, but musicians' opinions about the best conditions for musical per-formance are seldom sought. Will that situation continue?

Theophil M. Otto is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Union Theological Seminary, School of Sa-cred Music. His organ study has been with John Wright Harvey, Vernon de-Tar, David Craighead and Michael Schneider, the last as a Fulbright scho-lar in Colgne Germany In addition lar in Colgne, Germany. In addition to the Master of Sacred Music, he holds a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University and is presently As-sistant Humanities Librarian at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Members of the District of Columbia and Montgomery County (Maryland) Chapters of the A.G.O. traveled to Lu-ray Caverns, Luray, Virginia on June 1 to inspect and hear the Belle Brown Northcutt Memorial Carillon in the

to inspect and hear the Belle Brown Northcutt Memorial Carillon in the Luray Singing Tower, and the Great Stalacpipe Organ located 164 feet be-low the Virginia soil in the caverns. The 47 bells in the Luray Singing Tower, a 1937 installation of the John Taylor bell foundry of England, were played by Charles Chapman, carillon-neur of the Tower. Leland W. Sprinkle, Sr., scientist, mu-sician, and a member of the D.C. Chap-ter, whose imaginative genius produced the Stalacpipe Organ, personally dem-onstrated his unique invention. Stalac-tites in the surrounding walls, tuned by a grinding process to concert pitch, are equipped with a striking mechanism which is controlled by the musician scated at a conventional drawstop 4-manual console with pedalboard. The instrument was first introduced in 1957, and it continues to be expanded as ad-ditional tunable stalactites are discov-ered. The instrument is also playable from an automatic mechanism. The day's outing also included a visit to the Luray United Methodist

The day's outing also included a visit to the Luray United Methodist Church and a demonstration of the 1954 Wicks organ in the church.

#### 1975 MADER MEMORIAL CONTEST ANNOUNCED

CONTEST ANNOUNCED The Ruth and Clarence Mader Me-morial Scholarship Fund will conduct is second national organ-playing com-partition in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 3, 1975. Funds specifically given for this award have been subscribed through the generosity of friends, as-sociates, and the Mader family. It is the bope of the fund's board of directors that this action will indicate their strong desire to continue a dynamic content of the fund's board of directors that this action will indicate their strong desire to continue a dynamic of the Mader. Mader. Applicants for the scholarship com-proposal for their use of the \$1,000 ward in an organ study program of their own choice. Contestants must be final competition (May 3, 1975), and all applications and tape recordings the final competition (May 3, 1975), and all applications and tape recordings the final competition (May 3, 1975), and all applications and tape recordings the the following one major solo opposer written and published after tauary 1, 1965; and one of the six to sonatas (all movements) by J. St. and the movement of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the site of the site of the site of the state of the funder of the site of the state of the site of the site of the site of the state of the site of the site of the site of the state of the site of the site of the site of the state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of the site of the site of the site state of the site of

Bach. Prospective competitors should write to the following for complete informa-tion and application forms: Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 94-C, Pasadena, Cali-fornia 91104. The future success of the fund depends entirely upon contribu-tions, which are happily received at the same address.



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## Appointments

JAY E. WELCH has been named to succeed Richard P. Condie as a conduc-tor of the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City. Mr. Condie retried after the choir's appearances at Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington in mid-July. Mr. Condie had been conduc-tor of the choir for 40 years. Mr. Welch has been assistant conductor of the choir since 1957, and he is also director and conductor of the Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus in Salt Lake City. Named as associate conductors of the choir are JEROLD DON OTTLEY, assistant professor of music at the Uni-versity of Utah, and ROBERT C. BOWDEN of Rock Springs, Wyoming, recording director and assistant to the conductor of the Mormon Youth Sym-phony and Chorus.

SYDNEY HODKINSON, Canadianborn conductor, composer and clarinet-ist, has been named associate professor conducting at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York. He will conduct Eastman's Musica Nova ensemble and teach orchestration.

THOMAS PAUL, noted American basso, has been appointed professor of voice at the Eastman School of Music. He has been serving as a visiting pro-fessor there since 1971. Mr. Paul has long been active in the New York City Opera and other opera companies, and has been an active recitalist and ora-torio singer. torio singer.

THE CONN ORGAN CORPORA-TION, Oak Brook, Illinois, has an-nounced the following promotions: Jack K. Lewis as chief operating executive and president of the corporation; Peter

#### MTNA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL ORGAN COMPETITION

The 1975 Collegiate Artist Organ Competition sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association will be conducted throughout the national or-ganization during the 1974-75 season. A \$600 award is posted for the winner. Contestants must be high school grad-uates not over the age of 26 by the date of the national auditions (April 7, 1975 in Denver, Colorado). Contestants need not be currently enrolled in a college or university, but must be studying with an active MTNA member. The contest begins at the state level, the auditions being decided within each state. Winners at the state level will advance to the division level with audi-tions being held no later than Feb. 2,

state. Winners at the state level will advance to the division level with audi-tions being held no later than Feb. 2, 1975. Division winners will compete at the national competition in Denver. The required repertory for the con-test is as follows: (1) a major prelude and fugue by J. S. Bach (or fantasia or toccata, etc.); (2) a suite, mass, or major composition from the French or Italian school prior to 1750; (3) a work from the 19th or 20th century "sym-phonic school (French, German, or American); and (4) a work composed by an American composer since 1950. Memorization is optional, and regis-trants will be provided if needed. Interested applicants should contact the MTNA state president for exact dates and audition sites for the state level competition; or write James Gal-loway, Jr., National Chairman, College Student Activities, MTNA, Music Dept., North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533. THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY

THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS will be con-ducted by Gunther Schuller on August 20 in a program as part of the International Festi-val of Music in Lucerne, Switzerland. The chorus (trained by Lorna Cooke de Varon) and orchestra will be joined by soloists Susan Clickner, Barbara Wallace, Ray de Voll and Lawrence Bogue in a program which includes the "adagio" from Symphony X by Mahler, Stravinsky's "Requiem-Canticles," the pre-miere of "Three Nocturnes" by Gunther Schuller, Schubert's Symphony VIII, and Ver-di's "Te Deum."

M. Perez as executive vice president; Robert F. Zadel as director of market-ing; John Nelson as director or mer-chandising; Jack Scott as castern divi-sion sales manager; and Merritt Keyes as western sales manager.

DAVID W. ANDREWS has been pro DAVID W. ANDREWS has been pro-moted to manager of instrument repair at the Eastman School of Music, Roch-ester, New York. In this capacity he will supervise the tuning and repair of all musical instruments (planos, organs and orchestral instruments). Mr. An-drews, a graduate of Kalamazoo Col-lege, has been servicing the organs at the school since 1964. He is a member of the Rochester Chapter A.G.O. execu-tive committee. tive committee.



Fred B. Binckes has been appointed to the posts of assistant professor of music theory at Rocky Mountain College and di-rector of music at First Congregational Church, both of Billings, Montana. Mr. Binckes is currently a doctoral candidate at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he is a student of Kirby Koriath. He has also served as organist-choirmaster at St. John's United Church of Christ in Indian-naolis Indiana. apolis, Indiana.

FRANK K. OWEN TO **RETIRE IN SEPTEMBER** 

Frank K. Owen will retire from his

Frank K. Owen will retire from his post as organist and master of the choristers at St. Paul's cathedral, Los Angeles, California on September 30. He has held the Los Angeles post for 21 years. During his tenure at St. Paul's, a traditional choir of men and boys was fostered, and for 13 years after its founding in 1956, he led a full-time choir school at the cathedral. Under his interction, the St. Paul's choir has made many recordings and travelled abroad. Mr. Owen has also been dean of the fos Angeles Chapter of the A.G.O., and 13 years the chairman of the Episcopal focesan Commission on Church Music. He is presently a member of the Com-mission on Liturgy and Music (Episco-pal Church), the Diocesan Department of Schools in Los Angeles, the Hymn of Anglican Musicians, the Friends of Anglican Musicians, the Friends of anember of the Royal School of Church and is its Los Angeles representa-tive.

The cathedral will honor Mr. Owen by inscribing his name in gold letters along with former cathedral organists in a panel in the choir stalls.

JAMES L. BOERINGER, Susquehanna Uni-versity (Selinggrove, Pa.) organist and asso-ciate professor of music, is the author of a book about the music of his former teacher, Richard T. Gore, head of the music depart-ment at the College of Wooster, Ohio. The book, entitled "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song," is published by Chantry Music Press at Wittenberg University, and it is the second in a series being devoted to contemporary composers of church music. The first book in the series dealt with Heinz Werner Zim-mermann.

RICHARD SLATER was the conductor for a performance of Mozart's "Requiem," KV 626, on June 9 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glendale, California. The choirs of St. Mark's Church and St. Francis Episcopal Church, Palos Verdes Estates were joined by soloists Penny Forbes His, Diane Thomas, Michael Sells and Donald Ogren, organist William Beck and an orchestra for the performance.

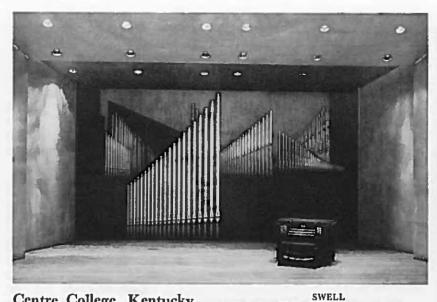
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#### Centre College, Kentucky Gets New Casavant

Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, has recently inaugurated a new fine arts center in hopes of meeting not only the needs of its expanding aca-demic program but also of serving as a center for the performing arts in the central Kentucky region. The \$5-mil-lion building complex, designed by Wil-liam Wesley Peters of the Taliesin As-sociates (Frank Lloyd Wright Founda-tion), was financed by two major don-ors, one of whom was W. T. Grant. The college has named the academic section of the building in his honor. of the building in his honor. In the 1483-seat concert hall-theater

of the building, the college has installed a 57-rank, 3-manual organ built by Casavant Frères Ltée, of Quebec. The organ chamber is situated at the rear of the stage. Storage for the movable console is provided in the chamber be-neath the Positiv division. To focus and direct the sound of the organ, as well as the other music ensembles perform-ing on the stage, the architects have provided a retractable 30 ton acoustical shell, constructed of steel and sheet metal. A screen, also designed by Taliesin, protects the organ when the stage is used for theatrical productions.

The specifications were prepared by John J. Tyrell, regional representative for the Casavant firm, and David Harmon Lewis, former member of the mu-sic faculty at Centre College. David Dodge served as the architect's consult-ant on matters of visual design. The ant on matters of visual design. The 42-stop organ has an ebony finished console, electro-pneumatic action with pitman chests, and is voiced on 2" wind pressure. E. Power Biggs played the inaugural concert on Nov. 15, 1973.

CHARLOTTE and WILLIAM

GREAT Quintaden 16' 61 pipes Prinzipal 8' 61 pipes Oktav 4' 61 pipes Waldflöte 4' 61 pipes Waldflöte 4' 61 pipes Nasat 234' 61 pipes Flachflöte 2' 61 pipes Terz 135' 61 pipes Mixtur V 135' 305 pipes Trompete 8' 61 pipes GREAT

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THE MUSIC OF BACH was featured in a program by The Cathedral Singers, conduct-ed by Robert Finster, at St. John's Cathedral, Denver, Colorado on May 26. Included were Bach's "Magnilicat," the "Colfee Cantata," the motet "Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir," and the cantata "Nun ist das Heil and die Kraft." Dr. Finster played organ works by Bach preceding the program.

THE FRANKLIN (TENN.) CHAPTER AGO installed the following officers for the coming season: Richard Webb, dean; Ruth Thomas and Kay Rhea, subdeans; Lucylle Campbell, secretary-treasurer; Jane La Pella, registrar; Mary Bogart and Ray Tipton, audi-tors; Mary Ellen Cowles, Carrie Warrick and Fred Ricker, members at large.

THE DETROIT CHAPTER AGO has elected the following officers for the coming season: Donald Baber, dean; Edwin Little, subdean; Irene Fraser, recording secretary; Maria Schmitz, corresponding secretary; Leo Haggerty, treasurer; Fr. Robert Wurm, chap-lain; and Harland Jylha, Eleanore Bennik and Kenneth Kelley, board members.

First Presbyterian Church

#### Lewis & Hitchcock **Complete Unit Organ**

Lewis and Hitchcock, Inc has com-Lewis and Hitchcock, Inc has com-pleted a unit organ for the Lakeside Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Vir-ginia. Tonal regulation and voicing were done by George L. Payne, presi-dent and tonal director of the firm. The organ was dedicated on Nov. 4, 1973 with a recital by William Stokes. Pastor of the Lakeside Church is the Rev. William M. Boyce, Jr., and Mrs. W. K. Clifton, Jr., is the organist-choir-master. master.

SUMMARY SUM Flute 16' 85 pipes Principal 8' 73 pipes Quint 8' 80 pipes Celeste 8' 49 pipes Octavin 2' 61 pipes Celeste 8' 45 pipes Octavin 2' 61 pipes Trumpet 16' 85 pipes GREAT Quint (TC) 16' Principal 8' Flute 8' Ouint 8' Principal 4' Fiute 4' Octavin 2' Mixture III Trumpet 8 Trumpet 4 SWELL Flute 8' Quint 8' Celeste (TC) 8' Flute 4' Quint 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub>' Octavin 2' Trumpet 8' Chimes Tremolo PEDAL Flute 16 Principal 8' Flute 8' Quint 8' Principal 4' Flute 4' Mixture II 21/5" Trumpet 16" Trumpet 8" Trumpet 4"

#### Greenwood Unit Organ to Georgia Church

The Greenwood Organ Company, Charlotte, North Carolina completed in carly 1974 a 2-manual unit organ for the First United Methodist Church of Bowdon, Georgia. The new instrument replaces an electronic in the small church which seats 300 people. All Principal work is exposed and free standing in front of the enclosed Flutes, Strings and Reed stops.

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Bourdon 8' Dulciana 8' Unda Maris Bourdon 4' Dulcet 4' Flageolet 2' Larigot 1<sup>1</sup>/3' Krummhorn 8' Tremolo

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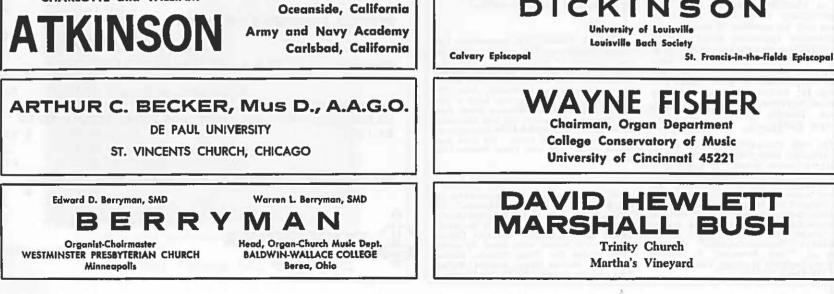
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#### Denton, Texas Church Gets New Sipe Organ

In September of 1973, St. Paul Luther-an Church of Denton, Texas dedicated a new 2-manual, 8-stop mechancial ac-tion organ built by Robert L. Sipe and Associates of Dallas, Texas. The new church building, dedicated about one year before the organ was dedicated, is one of the more striking new modern church buildings in the area. Dedicatory services were conducted by the Rev. Al-ton C. Donsbach, pastor of the church. Dr. Charles Brown, organist and direc-tor of the church and member of the North Texas State University faculty, conducted the church's choir and played the organ. Dr. Brown worked with Mr. Sipe in the designing of the instrument. The organ is free standing in a favor-able acoustical environment, and its able acoustical environment, and its rasework is of oak and rosewood. The manual compass is 61 notes, the pedal

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32 notes.	



#### **Trenton Church** Orders Austin Organ

**Orders Austin Organ** The Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Mercerville, Trenton, New Jersey has placed an order for a new 2-manual Austin organ. The new instrument is to occupy a central position in the rear gallery of the church, and it will have a traditional facade of speaking Princi-pal pipes. Planned for an installation in early 1975, the new instrument will replace an electronic one. The specifica In early 1975, the new instrument will replace an electronic one. The specifica-tions were drawn up by Charles L. Neill, Austin Representative, in consul-tation with the Rev. Edward J. O'Keefe, pastor of the church. GREAT GREAT

GREAT Principal 8' 61 pipes Bourdon 8' 61 pipes Octave 4' 61 pipes Superoctave 2' 61 pipes Mixture II-IV 183 pipes SWELL Rohrgedeckt 8' 61 pipes Rohrgedeckt 8' 61 pipes Viola 8' 61 pipes Voix Celeste 8' 49 pipes Spitzflöte 4' 61 pipes Blockflöte 2' 61 pipes Larigot 1/5' 61 pipes Trompette 8' 61 pipes Tremulant PEDAL

PEDAL Principal 16' 12 pipes (Great) Gedeckt 16' 12 pipes (Swell) Principal 8' 32 pipes Gedeckt 8' (Swell) Principal 4' 12 pipes Trompette 16' 12 pipes (Swell)



The music department of the University The music department of the University of Minnesota has recently acquired a 4-stop positive organ built by C. B. Fisk, Inc., of Gloucester, Mass. The design was worked out by Charles Fisk and Dr. Heinrich Fleischer, head of the organ department at the University. A departure from the usual layout of such instruments is the location of the keyboard at one end. For ensemble playing, this has the advantage of allow-ing the player improved visibility as well

ing the player improved visibility as well as the opportunity to hear the tonal balance more accurately. The location of the stop knobs above the keyboard allows the case to be only slightly wider then the keyboard; the organ will thus fit through a normal institutional doorway. Although nat apparent in the picture, the case is actually wedge-shaped, in the manner of a harpsichord. The upper part of the instrument may be removed from the lower part for moving. The case is of mahogany, the stopknobs are hand turned of rosewood with ivory faces, and the keyboard has naturals of grenadil and sharps of ivory covered rosewood.

The specification is: Stopt Diapason 8', Chimney Flute 4', Principol 2', Regal 8'. The Stopt Diapason is patterned after an The Stopt Diapason is patterned after an 18th century stop by Snatzler, and is made of western red cedar, as is the Chimney Flute. The Principal is of tin, and the Regal is of maple and walnut. All stops are di-vided at middle C, and there is a "ma-chine stop" pedal which when depressed cuts off the Principal and Regal, thereby making possible echo effects such as are required in certain early music, particu-larly of the English school. Similar posi-tives, with somewhat different specificatives, with somewhat different specifica-tions, have also recently been completed for the Yale School of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music.



A new positiv organ has been installed in the teaching studio of Royce Isham, chairman of the music department at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkan-sas. Made by the German firm of Lauk-huff, and imported by Mr. Brummer of Midwest Organ Service of Granite City, Illinois, the instrument will be chiefly used Illinois, the instrument will be chiefly used for continua work, especially for choral performances. The organ contains four stops: Gedackt 8', Rohrfloete 4', Principal 2' and Quinte 1/3'. All four stops are di-vided at middle C. The manual compass is CC to f3, and the pedal CC to d1. An inaugural recital was given by James Bul-lock, head of the organ department at John Brown University, on May 5.

#### **Gress-Miles Builds for** Auburn, Mass. Church

A new Gress-Miles organ of 2 man-uals, 24 ranks, has been installed in Bethel Lutheran Church, Auburn, Massachusetts. Kenneth Simmons is or-ganist and choirmaster of the church. The new organ is located in a case set into the wall high above the rear choir loft with Great and Pedal Principals in the facade. Although each division is designed to be complete, supplementary color is provided by carefully planned extensions and common bases through the use of solid-state switching and al the use of solid-state switching and all electric action. Variable scaling and voicing, especially of ranks used at dif-ferent pitches, are used.

GREAT

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CORRECTION A printer's error inadvertently listed a wrong catalogue number of Alan Stout's newly released organ work, "Study in Densities and Durations," in the C. F. Peters Corporation advertise-ment in the July, 1974 issue, page 9. The correct catalogue number for the work is 66516.



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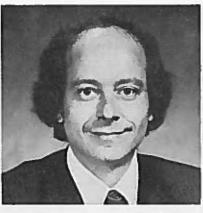
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Frederick L. Marriott, organist and carillonneur of the Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has completed a tour of Europe during the month of July. Mr. Marriott played organ recitals at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and at the Market Church in Hannover, West Germany. Most of the tour was devoted to carillon recitals, however, at the Basilica in Blois, France; St. Rombouts Cathedral in Mechlin, Belgium; the City Halls of Lockeren, Ostend, Tienen, and Antwerp, Belgium. and at the Albert Sweitzer Memorial Carillon in Liebingen, Switzerland.

HOPE COLLEGE, Holland, Michigan, joined the Tulip Time festivities of the surrounding area by presenting organ recitals at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on the campus every hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 16, 17 and 18. Organists heard in the recitals were Kenneth Bruggers, Alfred Fedak, Paul Hesselink, Linda Bush, Kenneth Nienhuis, Thomas Gouwens, Glenn Pride, Michael Bayus, Richard Carlson and Gwynne Vanderwall.

HARRY TIBBS of Birmingham, Alabama, premiered a new work by Langlais at the First Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama on Feb. 19. Entitled "Suite Baroque," the work was written in 1973, and returns to the composer's style of the 1930's and 1940's. The suite consists of seven movements: Plein jeu, Tremolo en taille, Flute, 2 Dialogues, Recit on the Voix Humaine, and Grand jeu, which is dedicated to Dr. Tibbs.



Canadian concert organist Douglas Haas has joined the list of artists represented by Arts Image Ltd. Mr. Haas is a native of Kitchener, Ontario, and he has centered his professional life in his hometown where he is organist at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the largest Presbyterian congregation in Canada. He is a former chairman of the Kitchener Centre RCCO as well as a past national RCCO executive, the founder of the Kitchener Bach Choir, and a frequent performer for CBC broadcasts from Kitchener.

After studies at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, he moved to Rome for a four-year period of study with Fernando Germani. He also served as organist of the All Saints Anglican Church in Rome. Further years of European study were spent in Germany where he was organist of the St. John's Church in Stuttgart. He has participated in the Haarlem summer studies program with Anton Heiller and Luigi Tagliavini, and he has performed as a recitalist and recording artist in a number of European countries.

KENNETH AND ELLEN LANDIS, American husband and wife organ recital duo team, are spending the summer on a recital tour of Europe. July dates in Germany include Munich, Marburg and Erding, the latter during the city's organ festival week. Mr. and Mrs. Landis will also perform in France, Scotland and England. They are directors of music at the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

#### ANDRÉ MARCHAL RETURNS TO U.S. IN FALL

André Marchal will return once again to the U.S. to make a concert tour during the months of October and November. The noted blind organist of Paris, France, has been the teacher of many American students since the First World War. He retired from his position as organist of St. Eustache Church in Paris and as professor at the Institute for the Blind in Paris some years ago, but he is still active as a performer. He recently played a recital in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and the French government minted a silver medal in observance of his 85th birthday.

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HOMER WICKLINE has been playing mon-time recitals each Thursday at St. James Roman Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rather than programming in "potpouril' fashion, he has arranged the programs to follow several series of complete works of composers or in series of nationalities. During the month of May, for instance, three programs were completely devoted to the works of Bach (which will eventually be performed in their entirety), one to Cesar Franck and his circle, and one to Czechosłowakian composers. Mr. Wickline's lucid program notes arcompanying the programs form a notable and informative appendix to these interesting recitals.

MALCOLM JOHNS was the conductor for a performance of Honegger's "King David" in a celebration concert at Temple Beth El, Birmingham, Michigan on June 2. The Chorai Union and Orchestra of Wayne State Unive sity were joined by soloists Jeannette Dagger, William A. Boyce, Eleanor Felver and Edward Kingins. The large and excellently printed program includes a reproduction of Lucas Van Leyden's 16th century engraving now in the National Gallery of Art), "David before Saul."



Diane Bish is now under the exclusive concert management of Jonrad Creative Management, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Miss Bish is organist of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, and a faculty member of the musical arts division of the University of Miami. She has recently been awarded a grant from the National Memorial Foundation of Mu Phi Epsilon to compose a special work for organ and orchestra which she will perform for the first time at the January, 1975 dedication of Coral Ridge Church's new Ruffatti argan. A frequent performer at various conventions, she tours annually the United States and Europe.

THE COLLEGIATE CHOIR OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, Notre Dame, Indiana toured in Europe from May 20 through June 3. Under the direction of James McGray, the choir sang concerts at the Cathedral of Chartres, France, the American Church of Paris, 5t. Rochus Church in Vienna, St. Florian Abbey in Austria, and St. James Church in London, England. They also participated in a workshop and performance on the choral music of Anton Bruckner in Vienna. Arthur Lawrence, organist of St. Mary's College, also aerompanied the group on the tour and played organ pieces in each program.

JOHN ROSE, organist of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey, was named a "Young Artist of 1974" by MUSI-CAL AMERICA magazine in its July issue. Mr. Rose was the only organist among the 17 young artists selected by the national journal as new names to watch for as bright talents.

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LAWRENCE PHELPS AND ASSOCIATES BOX 1421 ERIE PENNSYLVANIA 16512 (814) 454-0193 David N. Johnson's *Two Trumpet Tunes* from Augsburg (\$1.50) break little stylistic ground, but both are suf-ficiently emphatic for festive use. Chordal textures and conventional harmonic progressions are the rule. Techni-

monic progressions are the rule. Techni-cal demands are moderate. Jean Langlais' Cinq Meditations sur l'Apocalypse is available from Borne-mann (no price listed). His Offrande à Marie is published by Philippo/Pres-ser (\$6.00). Both are works of consid-erable scope. The latter draws its in-spiration from Gregorian themes. We confess to being a bit puzzled by the title of Concordia's new J. S. Bach: 14 Chorale Preludes for Harbsichord

the title of Concordia's new J. S. Bach: 14 Chorale Preludes for Harpsichord or Piano (\$1.00). These are pieces for manuals only and include the "small" settings from the ClavierUebung III. Christopher Deamley has arranged a variety of music from Purcell to Mozart in Geremonial Music For Organ: Book 2 (Oxford, \$2.50). Although musical values are in some cases rather slight, the practical focus of the collection is a legitimate one.

values are in some cases rather slight, the practical focus of the collection is a legitimate one. C. H. Trevor's Organ Book No. 4 (Oxford, \$3.95) continues this series with a collection of short pieces and excerpts from pre-20th century reper-tory. There is some questionable editing in regard to suggested registration and deployment of pedal. Alan Stout's just-published Study In Densities and Durations (C. F. Peters, \$4.50) capitalizes upon the unique ability of the organ to sustain any pitch indefinitely with minimal effort. The four-manual Acolian-Skinner in-strument at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. was the specific inspira-tion for the piece and for the registra-tion scheme provided. A large organ with complete registration accessories, at least one registration assistant, and sev-eral felt-covered boards for tone-clusters are absolute necessities in performance. are absolute necessities in performance. Although the notation is essentially con-Although the notation is essentially con-ventional, careful attention will have to be given to novel patterns of fingering and pedaling. Except for a brief impro-visatory section at the climax, pitches (and thus, densities) are indicated quite precisely. Durational relationships are defined within somewhat more flex-ible limits and the piece (by the comible limits, and the piece (by the com-poser's own statement) can vary from 10 minutes to 13 minutes in overall

lo minutes to 13 minutes in overall length. Having had the opportunity to hear this piece in a 1967 performance under the composer's direct supervision, we can attest to its coherence and rugged logic. The "gimmicks" (if so they be) work together toward a musical end. Anyone wishing to perform Xavier Darasse's In Memoriam Jean-Pierre Guézee (Salabert, no price listed) will probably find more rehearsal time re-quired than expediency allows. Calling for organ, two trumpets, horn, trom-bone, tuba and gong, Darasse presents truly formidable problems in ensemble. It seems unlikely that the organist will also be able to function in the role of conductor, as is evidently assumed by the composer. Even instrumentalists

with exceptional rhythmic sense will find much to ponder in this score. In-strumentals parts are not included, but they are undoubtedly available separ-ately from the publisher. We are delighted to see John Fesper-man's excellent new edition of William Boyce: Ten Voluntaries (E. C. Schirmer, \$3.00) less than a year after the pub-lication of a facsimile (Oxford, \$5.30). The Boyce voluntaries are more imagi-native than those of Stanley, sturdier than those of Greene, and more con-sistently engaging than those of Handel. This new edition from E. C. Schirmer is exemplary in every respect — the re-production of an engraved Boyce por-

production of an engraved Boyce por-trait, a lucid preface by the editor, beautiful printing, and good-quality paper stock. In this time of inflation and shortages, moreover, the listed price

is surprisingly low. Keith Weathers' Variations On A Theme By Rayner Brown for trumpet, trombone and organ has been published by Western International Music (\$5.00). Farts for trombone and B-flat trumpet are included. Technical demands are moderately high. Linear organization is stressed, and the harmonic frame of reference is mildly contemporary.

Briefly Noted

Alwyn Laxton, Elegy & Le Motif (Paxton/Belwin, 35p).

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Richard Stoker, A Little Organ Book (Boosey, §2.00). S. Drummond Wolff (arr.), Suite for Organ From the Works of Domenico Gabrieli (Concordia, \$2.00). S. Drummond Wolff (arr.), Seven An-dantes by Telemann (Concordia, \$1.75). Albert Beck, 76 Offertories on Hymns & Chorales (Concordia, \$3.00). A. Kousemaker, Koralboek (Elkan-Vogel, \$4.75 for each of 15 vols.). Derek Healey, The Lost Traveller's Dream (Jaymar/Oxford, \$5.00). Berek Healey, The Lost Traveller's Dream (Jaymar/Oxford, \$5.00). Berek Healey, Voluntary No. 3, Op. 1c (Jaymar/Oxford, \$2.50). Rudolf Bibl (1832-1902), Variations & Fugue on 'Christus ist erstanden' (Har-monia-Uligave/C.F. Peters, \$2.50). Heinz Wehrle, Choralmusik II: 'O Hei-land, reiss die Himmel auf (Editon Eulenburg/C.F. Peters, \$5.00). Steven Quesnel, Fantasie on 'Give To The Winds Thy Fears' (Presser, \$2.00). Paul Earls, Two Pieces For Organ (E.C. Schirmer, no price listed). William Schmidt, Variegations for Alto Saophone & Organ (Western Interna-tional, \$4.00).

- Wesley Vos

# DIMITTIS

PHILIP DORE, formerly director of music at Ampleforth College and or-ganist of St. Mary's Church, Scarbor-ough, England, died at Helmsley, Eng-land on March 25. Mr. Dore had re-corded organ music at Ampleforth Ab-bey for the RCA (England) label.

EDGAR (EDDIE) A. FORD died on June 3 in Lake Hamilton, Florida. He had been solo organist at the Tampa Theatre, Tampa, Florida, as well as at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia, and he was also director of music at Grace Church, Winter Haven, Florida. A graduate of the Yale University School of Music, he later studied with Ernest White.

ARTHUR HONEGGER's memory will be honored on the 20th anniversary of his death in 1975 by the publication through Editions Salabert of a brochure on the composer which will include a biography, photographs, and a list of his works.

## Letter to the Editor

Paris, France, June 2, 1974 To the Editor:

To the Editor:
I would like to make two points in relation to the seventh installment of Ms. Kratzenstein's continuing series, "A Survey of Organ Literature and Editions: France, Since 1800," which appeared in the November, 1973 issue.
(1) The first four works listed for Guillou – Andante symphonique, Cortige de Nonnes, Loetitia Pia, and Nocturne mystique (two of which were published in 1929) – belong to René Guillou and not to Jean Guillou as do the remainder of those listed.
(2) It was stated in the article that André Jolivet has written only one work for the organ – Hymne à l'Univers. I would like to mention the following: Mandala, published in 1970 by Billaudot, Paris, and a winner of the "Schnitgerprijs Zwolle;" and Arioso Barocco, for trumpet and organ, also published by Billaudot in 1970.

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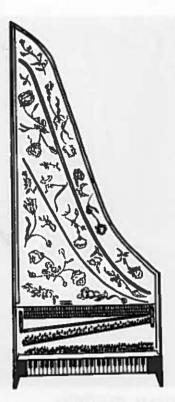
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# HARPSICHORD NEWS

JOHN BOE, Southern Illinois Uni-JOHN BOE, Southern Illinois Oni-versity at Carbondale, played the fol-lowing program at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, March 29; at Kirkwood Methodist Church, Kirkwood, Kirkwood Methodist Church, Kirkwood, Mo., March 30; and at Washington Uni-versity, St. Louis, March 31: Suite 18, Froberger; Partita in D Major, Bach; pieces from Ordre 26, Couperin; Sonata in B Minor for Traverso and Cembalo, Bach (with Jervis Underwood, flute). The Bach partita and flute sonata, along with Handel's cantata Lucretia (Marajean Marvin, soloist) were also performed at the Mitchell Art Museum, Mt. Vernon, Ill., on May 5.

JOHN SHORTRIDGE, the harpsi-chord maker, has moved from Purcell-ville, Virginia to Rockport, Maine. His address is P.O. Box 281, Rockport, Me. 04856.

THE HARPSICHORD, volume 7, number 2, is mostly concerned with a conversation with California harpsi-chord maker Richard Jones.

EUGENIA EARLE has added two titles to the available teaching pieces for younger harpsichordists (of all ages!) Conversation Pieces, 10 canons, work very well at the harpsichord; How to Add Melodic Ornamentation deals with Minuets, and will be a great springboard for those teachers who wish to lead their students into the possibilito lead their students into the possibili-ties of improvisation in 18th-century style. Both works are in the Robert Pace series of piano teaching materials, published by Lee Roberts Music Publi-cations, and available through G. Schir-mer, New York.

WILLIAM PARSONS, Washington, D.C., played a 1969 Lignell harpsichord in a program of music for two keyboard instruments at Pohick Church on May 5th. With Robert Shone at the 1968 Noack organ, the program included: Lieto godea sedendo, G. Gabrielli; Fan-tasia Settima for two lutes, Francesco da Milano; Les Larmes de Boisset, Cou-rante (L'Immortelle), Canaries, Enne-mond Gaultier; Duplum, Hermann Schroeder; Concerto for Organ, opus 7 number 4, Handel.

SYLVIA GHIGLIERI played a Dowd harpsichord for this program at Cali-fornia State College, Stanislaus, on May 21st: Toccata Settima, Canzona Prima, Frescobaldi; Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, Bach; Premiere Ordre, F. Cou-perin; Pieces in D, Rameau.

The Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts presented RICHARD ZGODAVA at the harpsichord for this concert in the Pills-bury House on May 28th: Fantasia in C minor, French Suite in E, J. S. Bach;

Air and Variations, Suite in E, Handel; Pavane for the Earl of Salisbury, Byrd; My Lady Carcy's Dumpe, Anonymous; Adagio, Fiocco; The Festivity of the Grand and Ancient Order of the Guild of Minstrels, F. Couperin. The harpsi-chord was built by Bradley W. M. Benn of Minneanolis. of Minneapolis.

JOSEPH PAYNE played his 1969 Herz harpsichord for this program spon-sored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Peabody-Mason Music Foundation on May 29th: Adagio in G, S. 968, Concerto in F after the Italian Taste, English Suite in D minor, J. S. Bach; Sonatas, K. 309, 485, 250, 87, 145, 10, 105, 521, Domenico Scarlatti; Chaconne and Tombeau de M. de Blancrocher, Louis Couperin. Mr. Payne's new recording SPACED-OUT BACH is now available from RCA.

BACH is now available from RCA. VIRGINIA PLEASANTS played two programs at the Purcell Room, London, recently. On May 28th she played a fortepiano by Adlam-Burnett in this program: Sonata in D, Hoboken XVI/ 42, Haydn; Adagio in B minor, K. 540, Eine kleine Gigue, K. 574, Mozart; Son-ata in C minor, Hoboken XVI/20, Haydn; Variations on "Ein Maedchen oder Weibchen" from Die Zauberfloete, Two Etudes in B-flat Major and A-flat Major, Cramer; Sonata in A Major, opus 33, number 1, Clementi; Alla Ing-harese Quasi un Capriccio, opus 129, Beethoven. On June 14th she played a harpsichord by David Rubio in this program: Four Ducts from the Clavie-rucbung, Part III; Preludes and Fugues in E Major (WTC, II), F-sharp Major and C-sharp Major (WTC, J), Ricer-car à 3 (The Musical Offering), and Partita in D Major, J. S. Bach.

RICHARD PEEK was harpsichord-ist for this recital of Baroque music at Morrison Chapel of Covenant Presby-terian Church, Charlotte, North Caro-lina, on June 2nd: Sonata I for Oboe and Continuo, Handel; Sonata in B minor for Oboe and Harpsichord, Mar-cello; Sonata in F minor for English Horn and Harpsichord, Telemann; Prelude and Fugue in D, J. S. Bach. Prelude and Fugue in D, J. S. Bach.

LARRY PALMER played a new Richard Kingston French double harp-sichord in this program for a Piano Teachers and Students Workshop at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, on June 18th: Wuerttemberg Sonata in E minor, C.P.E. Bach; Prelude in C, Wer nur den lieben Gott laesst walten, Bourree (from the Suite of Signore Steltzeln), all from the Notebook for W. F. Bach, J. S. Bach; Homage a JSB, In Four Parts, Bourree, all from Mikrokosmos, Bartok; Sonatina, Buso-ni; Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903, Bach. 903, Bach.

GUSTAV LEONHARDT played this concert for the 1974 harpsichord festi-val at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, on June 21st: Suite in F Major, Louis Couperin; Son-atas, K. 52, 208, 209, 370, 371, 263, 264, Domenico Scarlatti; La Rameau, La Montigni, La Sylva, La De Guigon, from Pièces (1747), Antoine Forqueray; "English" Suite in G minor, Bach.

Summer Concerts 1974 will be heard in the St. Anna Museum of Luebeck, Germany, on Wednesday evenings from July 24th through August 28th. HILD EGARD KOCH and HERBERT HOEHN are the harpsichordists who will be heard in the Bach Triple Con-certo in A minor, The Musical Offer-ing, and the Fifth Brandenburg Con-certo among many other Baroque works.

We have received (via London) news of the death of the 41-year-old harpsi-chord maker William Hyman of New Jersey.

Music Indexes and Bibliographies number 8 is entitled TWENTIETH-CENTURY HARPSICHORD MUSIC: A CLASSIFIED CATALOG by Frances Redford and Robert Conant. Published by Joseph Boonin, Inc. of Hackensack, New Jersey, it will be reviewed in a forthcoming issue of THE DIAPASON.

Features and news items for these pages are always welcome. Address them to Dr. Larry Palmer, Division of Music, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275.

## Harpsichord Music for a Wedding

#### by Larry Palmer

This season there have been more requests than ever before for harpsi-chord music at weddings. With so many couples seeking something unusual, or forsaking the formality of the tradition-al church wedding for something more personal and informal there seems to be a greater demand for something expersonal and informal there seems to be a greater demand for something ex-traordinary, musically speaking. The programs which I have planned for weddings are, of necessity, largely de-pendent on the instrument being used. Since my portable harpsichord is a one-manual in the Italian style, the pieces I suggest in this article should also be suitable for that great number of "do-it-yourselfer's" who have constructed their own single-keyboard harpsichords. With a small instrument of limited their own single-keyboard harpsichords. With a small instrument of limited color possibilities, I would suggest the addition of at least one other instru-ment. Again, the choice will depend on availability, but I have found that flute ranks number one in popularity; oboe is also extremely useful and versatile in combination with harpsichord; strings offer a wide repertoire, and we have even found it possible to com-bine harp with harpsichord and flute, a combination which is especially nice in that it gives the harpsichordist an occasional rest from constant continuo playing.

occasional rest from constant continuo playing. A few suggestions of possible proces-sional and recessional-type pieces would include the Marche in D Major, the Polonaise, and the Musette from Bach's Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach. These pieces have the double advantage of solo harpsichord performance, or performance as ducts with a melody in-strument taking the top part with an improvised harpsichord continuo. One might keep in mind that the popular "Trumpet" voluntaries of Purcell and Clarke were originally harpsichord Clarke were originally harpsichord pieces; they sound very well in their ori-ginal guise. One could find many other examples of this type of composition in the keyboard suites or lessons of the English Baroque. From Bach I also like to use dance

From Bach I also like to use dance movements from his various suites; ga-vottes in particular seem to work well (after all, he wrote a gavotte as the last movement of his Cantata 202, the "Wedding" Cantata); another gavotte, "Les Moissonneurs" from Francois Cou-perin's Sixth Ordre of Clavecin Pieces might be effective. Another suggestion, Handel's G Major Chaconne. Any happy. light, quick piece works

Handel's G Major Chaconne. Any happy, light, quick piece works well as a recessional. Some personal favorites are Hughes' Ballet from Her-bert Howells' Lambert's Clavichord (1927); the Prelude in D Major from Bach's WTC, Book II; the final movement from Martinu's Sonale; or, again, ment from Martinu's Sonate; or, again, various dance movements from the par-titas, English and French suites of Bach. With flute, the dancelike third movement of Erste Kleine Hausmusik for recorder and clavier of Kurt Thomas (Breitkopf 5684), or numerous move-ments from Sonatas by Marcello, Vival-di, and like composers. With harp we have sometimes used Soler Concerti, the Blanco Concerti (these usually thought of as for two keyboard instruments), or Richard Pur-vis' Concert Champétre, published by World Library.

vis' Concert Champêtre, published by World Library. At a recent garden wedding where the musicians consisted of flutist and harpsichordist, we scheduled the fol-lowing pieces in addition to some of the ones suggested above: Bach, Sonata 2 in E-flat; Vivaldi, Sonata 2 from "Il Pastor Fido" (available in the series Hortus Musicus, published by Baeren-reiter); Mozart, Sonatine in B-flat (a simple classic sonatina arranged for re-corder or flute and keyboard from one

of the Divertimenti for two clarinets and bassoon, and published by C. F. Peters as number 4555); the complete three movements of the Kurt Thomas Hausmusik; and the first volume of Monteverdi's Scherzi Musicali (Baeren-

Monteverdi's Scherzi Musicali (Bacren-reiter). The flutist played Syrinx, Debussy; Sonata in A minor, Bach; and Le Prin-temps, Vivaldi, arranged in 1775 by J. J. Rousseau – all these as solo pieces (another way to give the harpsichord-ist a rest). Harpsichord solos included Toccata Ottava (Book I), Frescobaldi; Toccata Terza, Michelangelo Rossi; and Les Baricades misterieuses (Ordre 6), Couperin. Couperin.

Couperin. Since music itself does not divide into sacred and secular (these categories be-ing provided by words or extra-musical considerations such as use at the opera, the music-hall, etc.) I find all of these pieces suitable for church weddings, as well as home weddings. In church the introduction of the harpsichord for all or part of the music energy as a second introduction of the harpsichord for all or part of the music often gives a spe-cial lift to the ceremony. For the wed-ding participants, a special feeling of uniqueness; for the harpsichordist, a welcome addition to his earning capa-bilities bilities.

### **New Recordings**

Colin Tilney Plays English Virginal Music. Argo ZRG 675. William Byrd: Pavan and Galliard "Tregian," Fantasia in A; John Bull: In Nomine Number 9, My Grief, Two Almans in D; Orlando Gibbons: Ground in A; Giles Farnaby: "Woody-Cock;" Peter Philips: Pavan and Galliard "Dolorosa;" Hugh Aston: Hornpipe; Anonymous: Upon La Mi Re, Chi Passa. This well-chosen program beautifully played on two fine-sounding character-

This well-chosen program beautifully played on two fine-sounding character-istic and appropriate instruments, ele-gantly recorded by Argo would certain-ly get our "record of the month" award if we had one. Tilney's carefully bal-anced program, presenting as it does both the lesser-known extended works (such as the Byrd prices and the Bull both the lesser-known extended works (such as the Byrd pieces and the Bull In Nomine) and some of the shorter dance pieces, is just about as fine an introduction to the overwhelming achievement of the Virginalist compo-sers as one could expect to find. His two instruments, Jean-Pierre Batt's copy of the Paris Conservatoire 1677 Faby of Bologna single-manual harpsichord and the Derick Adlem raplica of the 1611 of the Paris Conservatoire 1677 Faby of Bologna single-manual harpsichord and the Derek Adlam replica of the 1611 Andreas Ruckers virginal from the Vleeshuis, Antwerp, allow the music to speak revealingly, unhampered by un-stylistic registrational possibilities. The playing is extremely fine, match-ing the music and the instruments. Es-pecially moving are the Peter Philips pieces. For a new sound sensation, check out the "arpicordum" which Tilney adds to the Chi Passa. These are little metal hooks which iar against the bass

metal hooks which jar against the bass and tenor strings of the virginal; and what a sound they makel

Manuel de Falla: Concerto for Harp-Manuel de Falla: Concerto for Harp-sichord, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Violin, and Violoncello; Psyche; El Retablo de Macse Pedro. Robert Veyron-Lacroix, harpsichord; instrumental ensemble con-ducted by Charles Dutoit. Musical Heri-tage Society, MHS 1746. Here is a recording of great appeal for anyone interested in the history of the harpsichord in the 20th century. De Falla's Concerto (1926) has already

Falla's Concerto (1926) has already been recorded by many players; among available recordings I would place this

new issue by Veyron-Lacroix close to Rafael Puyana's superlative reading of the *Concerto* (Philips 6505001). Puya-na's use of a Pleyel instrument is ab-solutely right since the work was ori-ginally written for Landowska, and his Latin fire and intensity keep his inter-pretation tops for me. However, Veyron-Lacroix plays extremely well, and the additional works on the MHS disc make it an indispensible one for all lovers of Falla's music. Falla's music.

Psyche is a work that could be used Psyche is a work that could be used to baffle one's friends: I doubt that many people would identify the com-poser, for this is probably the most French and impressionistic of Falla's compositions. The scoring is for sopra-no, flute, harp, violin, viola, and 'cello; the poem is a wispy one by Jean-Aubry. The real prize of this issue is the best variable performance of Falla's marvel.

available performance of Falla's marvel-ous puppet opera El Retablo de Masse Pedro. Here is the work commissioned by the Princess de Polignac which brought the harpsichord back into the orchestra (although Busoni and Rich-ard Strauss had both experimented with ard Strauss had both experimented with such a scoring before this date); the opera brought Falla and Landowska to-gether, thus paving the way for her commissioning of the *Concerto*, a piece which may well be Falla's most intense work. Until now the only recording of the 27-minute opera has been a wretch-ed one on the London label, where the way important harpiched ed one on the London label, where the very important harpsichord part is played on a tacked piano (which can only result in a tacky performance). Now, at last, we have a performance worthy of this scintillating score. One may hear the ghost of Stravinsky's *His-toire du Soldat* lurking behind Falla's Don Quixote, but why fret? Sample this charming and direct work if you don't know it. If you do, you will want this recording. this recording.

Johann Schastian Bach: Goldberg Var-iations, BWV 988. Zuzana Ruzickova, harpsichord. Musical Heritage Society, MHS 1748.

When Wanda Landowska translated Bach via Poland and her Pleyel harpsi-

#### NORTH GERMAN ORGAN

ACADEMY HELD THIS MONTH Although the information has been sent to us too late for advance notice, many readers will be interested in the North German Organ Academy which is being held this month, from August 12 through 25. The event is being spon-sored in cooperation with the Arp Schnitger Society, and is under the di-rection of Harald Vogel, organist and musicologist from Bremen. Mr. Vogel is well known for his performances and recordings of North German Baroque music in which he has attempted to use the keyboard playing techniques of the period. He is also an authority on or-gan building of the late Renaissance and Baroque in North German and Holland. Also on the faculty for the academy is Klaas Bolt, the organist of the Bavo Church in Haarlem, Holland. The first week of the academy will be centered in Aurich, Ostfriesland, and will involve inspection and playing on organs in Rysum, Osteel, Wester-husen, Uttrum, Buttforde, Norden, ACADEMY HELD THIS MONTH

and will involve inspection and playing on organs in Rysum, Osteel, Wester-husen, Uttrum, Buttforde, Norden, Weener, Marienhafe, Ochtersum, Rem-els, Woquard, and Aurich, all in Ost-friesland. On the 20th of August, the group will meet for a day at the A-Kerk in Groningen for a class on the Schnitger organ. On August 22 and 23, the academy visits the Compenius or-gan in Frederiksborg. Denmark, and will visit other historic organs in the area of Hamburg and Lübeck, and on the 24th there will be a demonstration of the Compenius organ in Hillerod of the Compenius organ in Hillerod and in the Cathedral of Roskilde. of

All of the lectures are in German, with English summaries being provided, and lessons and demonstrations are in German and English. Opportunity for all participants to play works by Bach and North German Baroque composers will be offered will be offered.

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chord there was still much of musical interest to be heard in her vital per-formances. If that style of playing turns you on, get her recording of the Gold-berg Variations, still available on RCA (LM 1080). Landowska's 1945 recording is in every way preferable to Ruzic-kova's. I'm afraid that a second generation translation of Bach's work, moving to Czechoslovakia and a Neupert harp-sichord just doesn't make it.

Why? Her sense of architecture is faulty (why, for example, play the aria without repeats and then use repeats in the variations?); the sound of her instrument doesn't have much in com-mon with a harpsichord (can't we, once what for all law to sent the "Beck area; instrument doesn't have much in com-mon with a harpsichord (can't we, once and for all, lay to rest the "Bach-speci-fication" myth which has afflicted the German harpsichord makers for nearly 70 years? The 16-foot is unlikely except in a very few Hass instruments — where it then has its own soundboard-exten-sion; 16' and 8' on one keyboard op-posed to 8' and 4' on the second is basically an unmusical disposition; ped-als for quick changes of registration were not available to Bach; and all this information has been available at least since 1910, reinforced by Ernst's book Der Fluegel Johann Sebastian Bachs, and fully discussed in Hubbard's Three Centuries of Harpsichord Making, Ap-pendix G); and her performance, in general, is of that pedantic, right-note-but-little-soul approach which gives the harpsichord the reputation for being a dry, expressionless instrument. Relying on dazzling registration changes does not hide the fact that the music is miss-ing; technically, too, the ornaments ofing: technically, too, the ornaments of-ten sound very labored, and there are more than a few trills sneaking in beten fore the beat.

To hear the Goldberg's in their ele-gance and majesty, one need only turn to Leonhardt's sensuous reading (Tele-funken, Das Alte Werk SAWT 9474). Without constant "registrations" he al-lows the music to sound. And listen to the lowely conce of improving he is the lovely sense of improvisation he is able to achieve in the theme. The daz-aling technique is there when needed, but the sensitivity is there, too. Bach is the winner here, and the art of the

OLD MUSIC IN BREMEN The 2nd North German Academy for Old Music will sponsor a vocal course for practicing musicians in Bremen, Germany from September 1-7. Spon-sored by the "Gesellschaft Norddeutsche Musikpflege, Bremen", the academy will explore both vocal and choral perform-ance practices of old music, including articulation, tuning, intonation, tempo and rhythmic proportions, and other related studies. In addition, courses will be given in related subjects such as continuo playing in harpsichord, gam-ba, and cello. Lessons, discussions, and concerts will be included in the pro-gram.

gram. The faculty for the academy includes Max van Egmond (vocal), René Jacobs (vocal), Johann van der Meer (choral), Harald Vogel (harpsichord-continuo), Toshinari Ohashi (gamba-continuo), and Richte van der Meer (cello-contin-

Further information may be obtained by writing: Geschäftsstelle Norddeutsche Sommerakademie, Riensberger Strasse 93, D-28 Bremen, West Germany.

RICHARD C. BURNS, audio engineer and student of musical performance at Syracuse University, has been teaching a course in the earliest piano and organ performance styles which can be documented by phono-graph recordings and piano and organ rolls during Syracuse University's summer session. Beginning with an introduction to bel canto singing, the styles of Chopin performance, the music of Liszt as performed by his pupils, and the performance traditions of the music of Schumann and Brahms is included in the in-vestigation. The French organ school was also included with Wayne Leupold serving as guest lecturer.

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harpsichord is served, as well as the higher art of music.

And finally, for summer fun, I sug-gest two unusual records: one is a mat-ter of historical curiosity; perhaps the other is curiously historical.

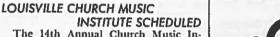
The Claviorganum. Michael Thomas plays Gottlieb Muffat, Suite in G; J. S. Bach, Fantasia and Fugue in A minor, BWV 904: Orlando Gibbons, Galliard in D minor; G. F. Handel, Chaconne in F Major; and William Byrd, The Whis-linge Garman. Musical Heritage Society. MHS 1305 linge Carmo MHS 1305.

E. Power Biggs Plays Scott Joplin on the Pedal Harpsichord. Columbia M 32495.

In many ways these records are com-pletely antithetical: Michael Thomas' playing of the curious Claviorganum (a combined harpsichord and organ rather like the swoose — half swan and half goose) is interesting primarily be-cause of the unusual instrument. The cause of the unusual instrument. The playing is adequate, but hardly exciting. On the other hand, Biggs' romps through Scott Joplin's *Rags* are scintil-lating, foot-tap-provoking, just the right party record for a summer eve-ning, or perfect for an "after THE STING" theater partyl To comment on the use of pcdal harpsichord for Scott Joplin would be to miss the point of so much fun; it obviously isn't historic-ally defensible, but only an old prune would object on these grounds, given would object on these grounds, given the results. The Challis pedal harpsi-chord sounds sufficiently twangy (no doubt a bar-room piano hides in the soul of every harpsichord just waiting to be freed), and a good time is had by Birgs. by Biggs.

One caution: both recordings are best One caution: both recordings are best taken in small doses, and they should be kept out of the reach of children. Joplin Rags, coupled with the insidious influence of the harpsichord theme in the background music to Miss Marple movies just might cause addiction to the harpsichord for life!

- Larry Palmer



INSTITUTE SCIEDULED The 14th Annual Church Music In-stitute sponsored by the Southern Bap-tist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will be held in four sections this year. All sections of the Institute will be held at the seminary's Louisville campus. The first session on October 8-9, 1974

will feature Charlotte Martin, pianist and accompanist, in two workshop ses-sions and a recital. Miss Martin is titu-lar professor of piano at the University of Mexico School of Music and artist in residence at Oklahoma Baptist University.

in residence at Oklahoma Baptist University. The second session will be held on October 21-22 and will feature Helen Kemp in "A Children's Choir Work-shop." Mrs. Kemp is presently on the faculty of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J., and she was several years director of workshops and festivals for the Choristers Guild. William Al-bright, composer and faculty member of the University of Michigan will per-form a piano and organ recital during the session, and he will give a master class on organ literature. On November 1-2, Ralph Appleman, professor of voice at Indiana Univer-sity, will hold workshops and hear the NATS Young Artists Auditions. The final part of the Institute will be held on February 6-7, 1975, and will feature choral conductor Robert E. Page. Dr. Page is professor of mesic at Temple University, director of the Men-delssohn Society of Philadelphia, and director of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra Chorus.





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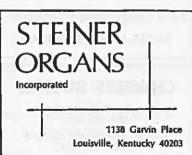




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#### DEADLINE FOR THIS CALENDAR WAS JULY 10

#### 5 August

Joan Lippincott, All Saints Church, Bay-head, NJ Incorporated Association of Organists 974 Congress, Newcastle upon Tyne, England (thru Aug 10)

#### 6 August

Frances Walker, piano, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm Frederick Swann, Riverside Church, New York City 7 pm

7 August Joanne Hiller, Mem Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm Timothy L Zimmerman, Leklands Church, Leklands, Sweden

Leklands, Sweden John Graw, St. Joseph's Oratory, Mon-treal, Quebec 8:30 pm

#### 8 August

Larry King, City 12:45 pm King, Trinity Church, New York

James Lawson, carillon recital, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA

B pm Clyde Holloway, St Michael's Cathedral, Barbadas, West Indies

9 August William Whitehead, Auditorium, Portland, ME 8:15 pm

#### 10 August

J S Darling, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 2 pm Timothy L Zimmerman, Parish Church, Borlänge, Sweden

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#### 11 August

John W Heizer, Shrine of the Immaculate

John W Heizer, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC 8 pm Wilma Jensen, Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City, MO St John Passion by Bach; Aspen Festival Chorale, Helmuth Rilling, dir; Aspen, CO Music for cello, bassoon and organ, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 5 pm

## 12 August

Donna Brunsma, St Thomas Church, New York City 12:10 pm

#### 13 August

Elaine Russell, soprano; Bruce Fifer, bari-tone; Trinity Church, New York City 12:45

Ellen and Kenneth Landis, St Martin in the Fields, London, England

14 August Max Miller, Mem Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

Timothy L Zimmerman, Cathedral, Uppsala, Sweden

International Festival of Music, Lucerne, Switzerland (thru Sep 6)

#### 15 August

John Rose, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm

Canticum Sacrum by Stravinsky, Aspen Festival Chorale, Aspen, CO Margo Halsted, carillon recital, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 8 pm

17 August "A Portrait of Charles Ives"; Aspen Festival Chorale and Chamber Ensemble; Fiora Contino, dir; Aspen, CO Tim Haward, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 2 pm 18 August

Colby Institute of Church Music, Colby College, Waterville, ME (thru Aug 24) Judith Brown, German romantic and contemporary music, Cathedral of St John the Divine, New York City 4:30 pm Raymond Keldermans, carillon recital,

Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI

#### 20 August

Bruce Engel, trumpet, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm C Ralph Mills, Johnson Mem United Methodist, Huntington, WV 8 pm

#### 21 August

Dwight Oarr, Mem Musical Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm Virgil Fox, Philadelphia Orchestra; Sara-Performing Arts Center, Saratoga toga

Springs, NY Rollin Smith, all-Franck, Frick Collection, New York City 5:15 pm Raymond Daveluy, St Joseph's Oratory,

Montreal, Quebec 8:30 pm Timothy L Zimmerman, Trinity Church, Gänle, Sweden

Frederick Swann, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY (thru Aug 23)

#### 22 August

John Herr, St Thomas Church, New York City 12:10 pm Walter Klauss, Trinity Church, New York

City 12:45 pm Marjorie Tibbets Cooke, carillon recital, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 8 pm

#### 24 August

Hans Hielscher, organ; Suzanne Hille, so-prano; Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 2 pm

25 August Poul Martin Maki, music by Bach; Cathe-dral of St John the Divine, New York City 4:30 pm John Conner, US Air Force Academy,

Colorado Springs, CO Richard Hooker, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 5 pm

26 August Stephen Hamilton, First Unitarian, Providence, RI 8:30 pm John Weaver, St Dunstans College Con-ference on Sacred Music, Providence, RI

(thru Aug 30)

#### 27 August

Young-ja Ahn, plano, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm Sandee Rogers, First United Methodist, Huntington, WV 8 pm

#### 28 August

Brian Jones, Mem Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

Reboulot, St Joseph's Oratory, Antoine Montreal, Quebec 8:30 pm

John Weaver, St Dunstans College, Providence, RI 8:30 pm

29 August Nathan B Ensign, St Thomas Church, New

York City 12:10 pm Paul Martin Maki, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm Herman Bergink, carillon recital, Cathe-dral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 8 pm

Frederick Swann, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY (recital)

#### 30 August

Daniel Chorzempa, St Matthew's Church, Lucerne, Switzerland

**31 August** Herman Bergink, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 2 pm

#### 1 September

Frederick Marriott, carillon recital, Kirk in the Hills, MI

#### 3 September

Alison Deane, piano, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm

4 September Yuko Hayashi, Mem Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

#### 5 September

James A Simms, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm

Robert Lodine, carillon recital, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 8 pm

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#### 8 September

Karl E Moyer, St Thomas Church, New York City 4 pm

10 September mezzo-soprano, Trinity Jane Stevens, Church, New York City 12:45 pm

Karl E Moyer, Millersville State College, Millersville, PA 8 pm

## 12 September

Calvin Hampton, Trinity Church, New York City 12:45 pm

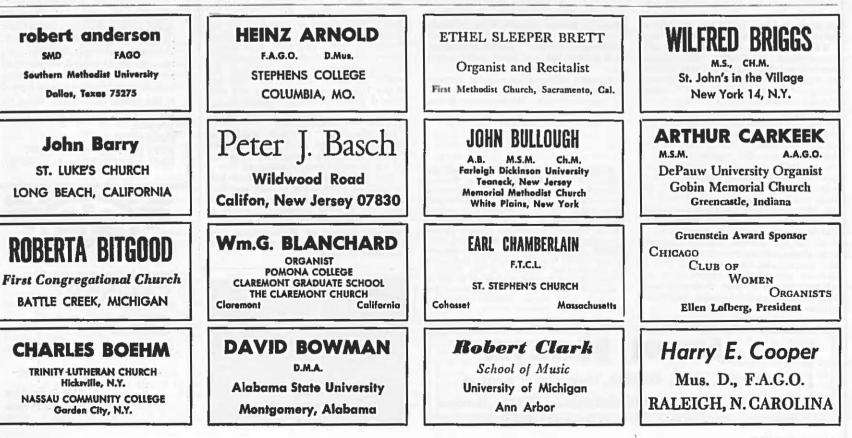
14 September Oswald Ragatz, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA 2 pm

15 September Odile Pierre, St George's Church, New York City 4 pm Caral Teti, First Christian, Lafayette, IN

4 pm Robert Schuneman, Faith Lutheran, Glen

Heinz Arnold, First Presbyterian, Colum-

bia, MO 4 pm Wilma Jensen, Wilson College, Chambers-burg, PA 8:00 pm



# Organ Recitals

James Andrews — Battery Park Christian Church, Richmond, VA May 19: Prelude in G, Vater unser, Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach; O Gott du frommer Gott, Karg-Elert; Lesson for Organ, Selby; 3 Musical Clocks, Haydn; Seelenbraeutigam, Blackburn; Le petites cloches, Marche grotesque, Purvis; Berceuse, Final (Sym 1), Vierne.

Earl Barr — First Methodist, Elyria, OH May 31: Voluntary in A, Selby; Musical Clocks, Haydn; Prelude and Fugue in D BWV 532, Bach; Toccata and Fugue Opus 59, Reger; Adagio (Sym III), Paean, Leighton.

John L Beckman — senior recital, Bowling Green State U, OH Jun 2: Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, Scheidt; Prelude in F minor BWV 534, Ein feste Burg BWV 720, Herstich tut mich verlangen BWV 727, In dulci jubilo BWV 729, Bach; Sonata II, Mendeissohn; Suite Medievale, Langlais. Assisted by vocal quartet.

Bruce A Bangtson — Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA Jun 8: Tuba Tune, Cocker; Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Bruhns; Prelude and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Capriccio CuCu, Kerll; Fantasy KV 608, Mozart; Gammal fabodpsalm, Lindberg; Variations on Veni Crealor, Durufle.

Stephen H Best — First Presbyterian, Utica, NY May 28: Fanfare, Cock; Choral in A minor, Franck; Adagio in E, Bridge; Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G), Elgar; O man deplore your grievous fall BWV 622, Toccata in F BWV 540, Bach; The Celestial Banquet, Messiaen; Allegro (Sym VI), Widor.

Byron L Blackmore — Christ United Methodist, Rochester, MN Jul 16: Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp minor, Buxtehude; Trio Sonata V in C BWV 529; Meditation (Sym I), Widor; Toccata on Ein feste Burg, Copley.

George Blackney — Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word, Rochester, NY Jul 29: Messe pour les Paroisses, Couperin; Trio Sonata I, Bach; Choral in A minor, Franck; Sonata II, Hindemith; Fantastique, R. Verdi.

David Bowman — Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL May 12: The Stations of the Cross (complete), Dupre. Assisted by nerrator Hubert Harper. Mark Brombaugh (organ) and Susan Brombaugh (oboe) — St Stephen's Lutheran, Wilmington, DE May 19: Sonata in B-flat for oboe and continuo, Kirnberger; Partita on Jesu meine Freude, Walther; Canzona for oboe and organ, Badings; Partita for English Horn and Organ Opus 41/1, Koetsier; Grande Piece Symphonique, Franck.

Marilyn Cornelius — student of Frederick Burgomester, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY Jun 21: 3 pieces from Presembeln und Interludien, Schroeder; Trio Sonata I in E-flat, Bach; Choral in A minor, Franck.

Raymond H Chenault  $Jr \rightarrow St$  James's Episcopal, Richmond, VA Jun 16: Incantation pour un jour Saint, Langlais; Concerto II in B-flat, Handel; Chaconne in E minor, Komm heiliger Geist, Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, Buxtehude; Sonata I, Mendelssohn; Lamento, Evocation (Poeme Symphonique), Dupre.

Florence Chung — Cathedral of St Paul, Los Angeles, CA June 14: In Thee is gladness, Lord God now open wide Thy heaven, Jesu priceless treasure, Bach; Adagio (Modal Suite), Peelers; Sonata II, Mendelssohn.

Claire Coci — Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Spokane, WA Jun 15: Paean, Leighton; Epitaphs for Edith Sitwell, Williamson; 4 Chorales for Trumpet with Organ (premiere), Langlais; Symphony III, Vierne; My spirit be joyful (trumpets and organ), Bach; Prelude for Rosh Hashana, Sinfonia III, Sounds and Motions, Berlinski. Assisted by brass ensemble.

Virginia L Coppedge — First United Presbyterian, Dunkirk, NY Jun 2: Prelude and Fugue in E minor, He who will suffer God to guide him, Bach; Aria, Peeters; In Thee Lord have I put my trust, J C Bach; My heart is ever yearning, Brahms; 3 Hymntune Variations, arr J E Shaffer; Benedictus, Rowley; Now thank we all our God, Bach-Fox.

Lorna Lee Curtis — master's recital, student of Vernon de Tar, The Juilliard School, New York, NY May 14: Dieu parmi nous, Messiaen; Sonata in C BWV 529, Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 540, Partita on Sei gegruesset BWV 768, Bach; Prelude on Drop drop slow tears, Persichetti; Toccata, Vierne. Lloyd Davis — Bryn Mawr Community Church, Chicago, IL Jun 2: Sonata on the First Tone, Lidon; Sonatas in E-flat KV 67, F KV 145, and D KV 144, Mozart; Fantasy in G, Trio Sonata in E-flat, Passacaglia in C minor, Bach; first movement of String Quartet Opus 18/6, Beethoven; Choral in E, Franck; Piece in Free Form, Langlais; Lilanies, Alain. Assisted by string quartet.

Merriti N Davis III — Christ United Methodist, Rochester, MN June 4: Improvisation on a Submitted Original Theme; Allegro (Concerto in A minor), Vivaldi; Lento (Trio Sonata in G), Bach; Fantosia KV 608, Mozart.

George W Decker — St Thomas Church, New York, NY Jun 9: The Stations of the Cross, Dupre.

Lee Dettra — St Augustine's Episcopal, Chesepeake, MD May 24: Suite in the Second Tone, Clerambault; Variations on My young life hath an end, Sweetinck; Fantasy KV 608, Mozart; Sonata II, Hindemith; Scherzo (Sym II), Vierne; 3 Small Preludes and Intermezzi, Schroeder; Suite for Musical Clock, Handel; Allegro (Concerto II), Vivaldi-Bach.

Marie-Madeleine Durulle — First Presbyterian, Lancaster, PA May 26: Prelude and Fugue in D BWV 532, Bach; Prelude, Adagio and Variations on Veni Creator, Durulle; Variations on a Noel, Dupre; Requiem (conducted by Reginald Lunt), Durulle.

Johnnye Egnot — Basilica of Santa Trinita, Florence, Italy, May 30: Fantasy in A, Choral in E, Franck; Sonata 1, Hindemith; Fantasy on Wie schoen leucht uns der Morgenstern, Reger.

Susan Ingrid Ferre — Park Temple United Methodist, Ft Lauderdale, FL May 17: Fantasy and Fugue in C minor, Canonic Variations on Vom Himmel hoch, Bach; Sagas V and VI, Guillou; Symphony VI, Vierne.

Wayne Fisher — St Thomas Church, New York, NY Jun 2: Choral in B minor, Franck; How should I receive Thee, From heaven to earth I come, God's Son is coming (2 settings), Pepping; Repons pour le Temps de Paques, Demessieux; Tempo di Scherzo (Sym Y), Vierne; Allegro-deciso (Evocation Opus 37), Dupre.

Jan Furlow — Christ United Methodist, Rochester, MN Jul 30: Psalm 19, Marcello; Toccata (Ocdipe a Thebes), De Mereaux; Prelude, Sarabande and Fugue, Arthur Jennings; Toccata (Sym V), Widor. Rodney A Giles — Washburn U, Topeka, KS May 21: Grand jeu, du Mage; I call to Thee, Christ lay in the bonds of death, Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV 542, Bach; Jesus lead Thou onward, Karg-Elert; Fanfare, Whitlock; Deuxieme Fantaisie, Postlude for Compline, Alain; Pretude and Fugue on ALAIN, Duruffe.

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Kay Oliver Greenhaw — Stephens College, Columbia, MO Jun 2: Concerto in A minor BWV 593, Vivaldi-Bach; Ach bleib bei uns BWV 649, Fantasia and Fugue in G minor BWV 542, Bach; Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Franck; Three Gregorian Paraphrases Opus 5, Langlais.

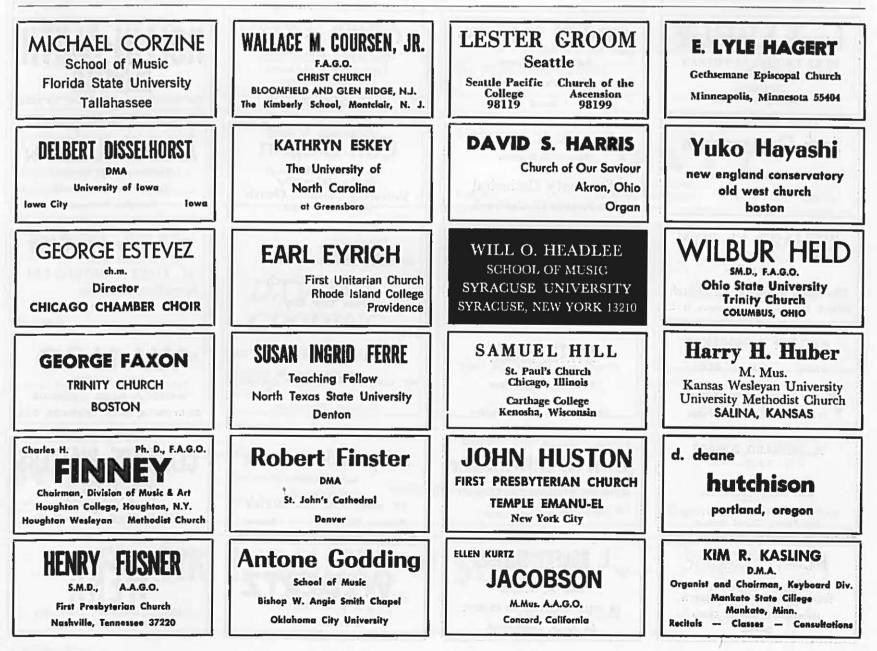
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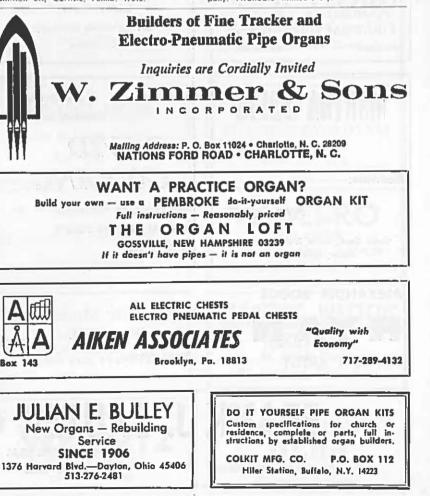
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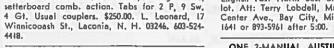
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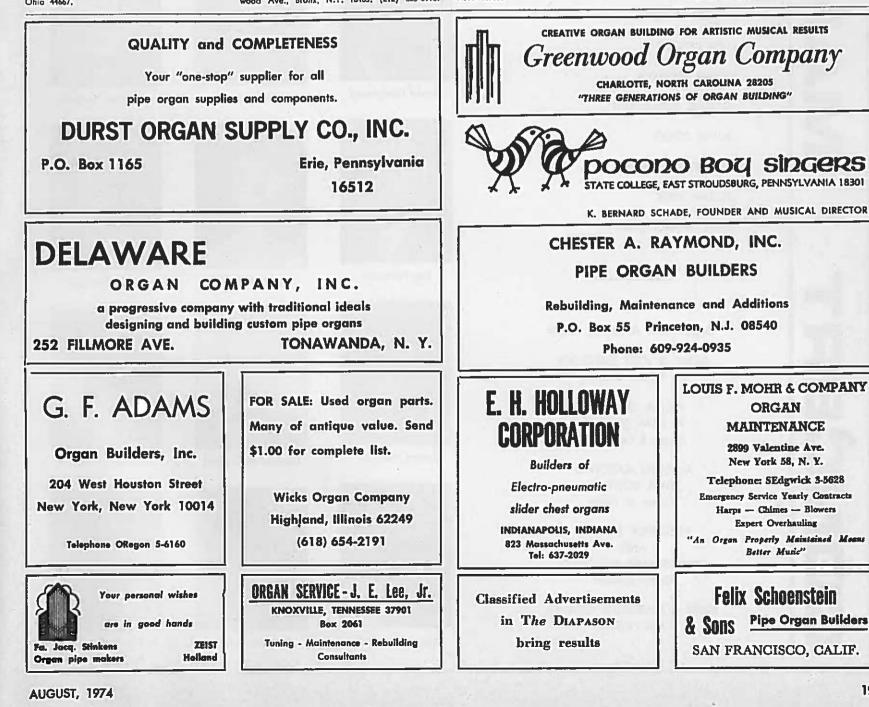
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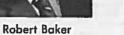
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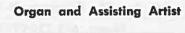
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