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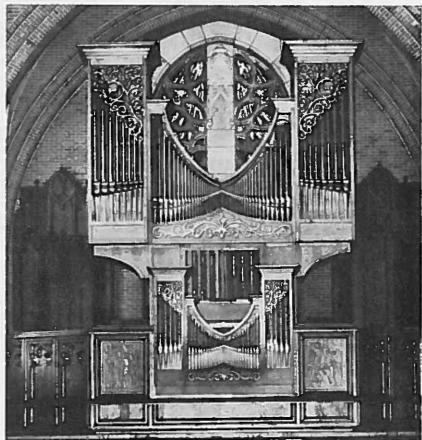
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In Jhis Issue: Space . . .

A tour of Europe and its wonderful churches will convince even the diehard that it is possible for such a building to enclose space in a way that will enhance and produce glorious organ sound. However, in our own country, one of the more neglected areas related to the organ is the subject of acoustics. It is gen-erally held that the acoustics of a building have much to do with the success or failure of the organ in it, yet little is done about it. The general pattern seems to be that a design is made and building built, with primary regard given to almost everything *but* sound. Carpeting, a padded seating, and acoustic tile are added, to comfort and muffle us. A public-address system is then required, and the final result is a room useful for almost everything except good sound. It would seem that we have solved all problems but this one — yet, scientific It would seem that we have solved all problems but this one - yet, scientific information on acoustics is available. One of the valuable lectures presented to the American Institute of Organbuilders' convention last fall concerned acoustics, and we have printed it in this issue. Its technical nature means that it does not always make the easiest reading, but it should be worth the effort and will also be useful for reference.

Of quite a different nature, perhaps controversial, are Guy Bovet's observations on organ playing in this country. It should be noted that his remarks were written by a widely-travelled European organist for a European audience, but what he has to say should be of equal interest to us. Careful analysis will show that he has praise and criticism for both American and European playing.

The Diapason has always been fairly proper and devoted to serious topics. Humor has not generally been its long suit. While we do not propose to change that time-honored stance radically, it does seem that an occasional bit of writing with tongue in cheek might be amusing. With that thought in mind, we have included this month a would-be scholarly article dealing with one of the most neglected areas of performance: Unison Off Performance Practice (UOPP). It may cheer some through what we hope are the last throes of an ugly winter and, even if the UO is now frozen up, this article will assist practice planning for the future. We hope it greets you before April Fools' Day.

### Announcements

"New Directions in Church Music," a church music festival and clinic to take place Apr. 14-16, has been announced by the University of Evansville. William Al-bright, the featured artist, will play an organ concert and present a workshop on the title subject; he will also play a pre-festival concert of ragtime plano mu-sic. Presentations will also be made by Ronald Kauffmann, James Bursen, Lynne Davis, Mark Hatfield, Robert Rapp, and Douglas Reed, and a major festival service will be the climax of weekend activities. "New Directions in Church Music," a will be the climax of weekend activities. Further information may be had by con-tacting Dr. Reed at Music Dept., Univer-sity of Evansville, P.O. Box 329, Evans-ville IN 47702: [812] 479-2742.

Three hymns by California composer John La Montaine have been published by permission of Fredonia Press in the January issue of "The Hymn," the quar-terly journal of the Hymn Society of America. These hymns were commissioned by the Society for its 1977 Chicago Con-vention (see the cover story in this jour-nal, June 1977). Further information on the Hymn Society and its publications is available by writing its national head-quarters at Wittenberg University, Spring-field, OH 45501.

The Extant Organs Committee of the Organ Historical Society has announced the availability of a new list of all known tracker organs in the southwest US, in-cluding California and Texas. It is the second in a series of six regional lists that are being prepared. They are available from David and Permelia Sears, P.O. Box 61. Dunstable, MA 01827, at the cost of production: \$2.80 postpaid. The previous-ly-issued midwest list is \$6.25 pp, and lists of the South and of New England will be available soon.

The Association of Professional Vocal Ensembles, formed this past year, had its first board meeting recently in New York. The organization purposes to provide greater exposure for professional choral music performance and information ser-vices to member groups. An annual meet-ing is planned for June 2-3, in Washing-ton, D.C. National offices, which can pro-vide membership and program informa-tion, are located at 1830 Spruce St. Phil-alelphia, PA 19103. aleiphia, PA 19103

When Toccoa Falls College in northeast-ern Georgia was devastated by the wall of water released by a broken dam one night last November, substantial damage was done to the physical facilities, in addition to many lives that were lost. The music building was destroyed and, with it, 13 pianos, a pipe organ, various other instruments, several personal libraries, 20,000 choral volumes, and the recording studio were demolished. College officials have issued a plea for assistance, and plan to continue their educational mission. plan to continue their educational mission.

Continuum, a group for contemporary music, will present a Messiaen Retrospec-tive in Alice Tully Hall, New York City, on March 20 at 8 pm. Cherry Rhodes will perform three organ works, selected from "La Nativité," "Les Corps glorieux," and "Messe de la Pentecôte." Other works will include "Oiseeux exotique" (chamber or-chestra), "Poèmes pour Mi" (soprano and piano), and experimental piano pieces. piano), and experimental piano pieces.

Garden Grove Community Church in California has announced a series of noon organ concerts which will take place on Tuesdays from 12:15 to 12:50 pm. Staff organists Richard Unfreid, John Kuzma, Mark Thallander, and guests will play the five-manual Ruffatti, described in these pages last October.

### THE DIAPASON

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Wilma Jensen will be the featured re

citalist for a program in celebration of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Chicago Club of Women Organists. The recital will take place April 2 at 3:30 pm at St. Paul's Church, 655 West Fullerton.

The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, has invited interested persons to submit themes to

Günther Kaunzinger at the conclusion of Sunday noon masses. Themes may be of

any musical style, four to six measures in length, and should be submitted to Rob-ert Shafer, Music Director, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Avenue NE, Washington.

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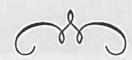
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The 15th Annual Three Choirs Festival has been announced for April 23, in Lex-ington, KY. Participating choirs will be those of Christ Church, Lexington (Rob-ert Burton, director), St. Paul's Akron (Robert Quade, director), and Christ-Church, Grosse Pointe (Frederick De-Hause director) Haven director).

Applicants for the fifth annual Ruth and Clarence Mader memorial competition are reminded that the deadline for receiving entries is April 1. Further information may be found in our Dec. 1977 issue, p. 17, or by writing to P.O. Box 94-C, Pasadena, CA 91104.

The national convention of the Music Teachers National Association will be held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chicaat the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel in Chica-go, Apr. 3-6. Among many sessions in various areas will be ones on historic in-struments (Kenneth Drake, Mary Sadovni-koff, fortepiano; John Ehrlich, gamba; David Harris, harpsichord) and organ — church music (John G. Schaeffer, Mary Lou Robinson, Jerald Hamilton, William Hays, Stephen D. Kort, Norma Stevling-son, and Gary Zwicky). Registration fees vary according to membership status, if any; further information is available from MTNA Inc., 408 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, OH 45202.



### Music for Voices and Organ

### by James McCray

#### Choral Music for the Jewish Faith

The choral music reviewed below con-The choral music reviewed below con-centrates on music relating to the Jew-ish faith. Most of the works are in Hebrew, usually with an English trans-lation suitable for performance. Many of the pieces are designed for use in temple or synagogue services, or as spe-cial music relating Jewish traditions. Both accompanied and unaccompanied music are discussed. music are discussed.

Do Not Separate Yourself (Al tifrosh min hatsibur). Stephen Richards, Trans-continental Music (Alexander Broude Inc.), 991005, 55¢, SATB, cantor, and organ (M).

This piece and the two following works are from a new set of choral works titled *Three Sayings* of *Hillel* which were published under the sponwhich were published inder the spon-sorship of the Union of American He-brew Congregations. In this one, the organ writing is sparse and generally very easy. The cantor's music, for tenor, is sung in Hebrew over a chordal organ background. The choir always sings in English and receives little support from the organ. There is careful attention to articulation and the words are set in short, choppy phrases to permit clean diction.

Do Not Judge Your Fellow Man. (Al tadin et chavercha). ABI, 991006 60¢ (M+).

This setting is more contrapuntal than the first one, and the cantor sings with the chorus at times, whereas alter-nation was used before. The chorus is with the chorus at times, whereas alter-nation was used before. The chorus is still in English and cantor in Hebrew. It is faster in tempo and more energetic in spirit. The vocal ranges are wider for the soprano and tenor. The organ music is busier but still not difficult.

In a Place Where There Are No Men (Bamakom she'ein anashim). AB organ (M).

fective of the three. The mood is more intense, although all three works have sensitivity. There is less choral writing in this last movement and the emphasis is on the soloists.

The texts for all three are taken from Pirkei Avot (Chapters of the Fathers). These settings are recommended for both concert and service performances.

Avinu Małkaynu Chanaynu (Our Father be merciful) . Samuel Adler, G. Schirmer 11911, 35¢, SATB, S solo, cantor (tenor)

11911, 35¢, SATB, S solo, cantor (tenor) and optional organ. (M). This is the fourth movement of a recent setting by Adler called *Hinay Yom Hadin* (Behold the Day of Judg-ment), which consists of four prayers from the High Holiday Liturgy. The other three are unaccompanied and also use a tenor cantor. The setting is de-signed for both concert or temple use, and each movement may be used sepaand each movement may be used sepa-rately. The listing of an optional organ part is misleading, because this often means that the organ material merely doubles the chorus, but this is not the case here. The organ music is different thythmically from the choral material; it is involved but not overly difficult. In the other three pieces, Hayom Harat Olam, Ayl Melech Yoshayu, and Uu'sho-Olam, Ayl Melech Yoshayo, and Uvsho-far Gadol, only a Hebrew text is used, but in this movement, some English phrases are used macaronically. The music is slow and mildly dissonant. There are moments of tone-cluster rhythmic chants as well as contrapuntal writing. Most effective.

Within Thy Gates, O Jerusalem. Sha-lom Aharoni, arr. by Chuck Cassey, Chappell & Co., 2323, 30¢, SATB and piano (E). Taken from a collection of individ-ually published works titled Israeli Songs for Chorus, this setting is very easy and within the performance capa-bility of a junior high school chorus. Hebrew and English texts are provided for performance. The music is not dis-sonant and follows traditional harmonic natterns. patterns.

There are five other titles in this col-There are five other titles in this col-lection, which include: Tower of Youth and Before the Sabbath Candles, both also by Aharoni; Jerusalem, Jerusalem by Naomi Shemre and Norman Newell; and two traditional songs arranged by Heskel Brisman called Israeli Lullaby and Come and Let Us Join the Dance. These settings would be of particular interest to youth choruses seeking easy yet attractive music based on Jewish material. material.

. copnecy. Jacob Avshalomov, E. C. Schirmer, No. 2704, 50¢, SATB, Cantor and organ (M+). This six minut

This six minute work has been re-corded by John Dexter and the Mid-America Chorale. The organ music is America Chorale. The organ music is generally easy but offers contrast to the choral writing; it has registration recommendations throughout. The mu-sic will require mature singers and the ranges for the soprano and tenor sec-tions are somewhat high. A good choir will be needed. There is dissonance and a mixture of homophonic and poly-nhonic writing. phonic writing.

Songs for Hanukah. arr. by Hawley Ades, Shawnee Press Inc., GD-65, \$1.00, SAT and keyboard (E). This collection contains seven

songs which are designed for the middle or junior school age singers. Some of the most common Jewish themes and texts are used; they include Spin, Little Drei-del, Hanukah Candles, Come Light the Menorah, and four others. The accom-paniments, which are better suited for particularly the changing voice whose part stays in the tenor clef.

Awake! Do Not Cast Us Off. Samuel Adler, Oxford U. Press, 94.208, 309, SATB and organ (M). The text is based on a combination

of a Psalm and an ancient Hebrew poem. After a slow seven-measure open-ing, the piece moves into a rapid tempo that employs alternating 2/4 and 3/4 meters. There are some choral unisons and the organ music is very casy. This work could be performed by most choirs and is recommended for both church and temple situations.

### New Organ Music

by Arthur Lawrence

A great deal of new organ music has A great deal of new organ music has come our way recently and we hope to deal with it in a continuing series of reviews. This music varies greatly in difficulty, usefulness, and style, but usually falls into one of two catagories: music which has new ideas and/or craft of composition/arrangement, or music which fails to include high standards of construction or imagination. Jute the which fails to include high standards or construction or imagination. Into the latter group fall many works which an improviser of even moderate ability can concoct without resorting to the printed page; these works are not in-cluded here. The pieces that follow are listed alphabetically by publisher; only new works, as opposed to new editions of older works, are included.

Music for the Service by Gerhard Krapf (Abingdon APM-551; 38 pp., \$6.95). This mildly-dissonant set of pieces can be played on a one-manual instrucan be played on a one-manual instru-ment (although suggested registrations are given for two manuals), without pedal. The composer offers them for "the average church organist seeking ways to enliven the music in services" and this they will do. The nine hymn arrangements – St. Bride, Vom Himmel hoch, Unser Herrscher, Grosser Gott, Gräfenberg, Nun freut euch, Christus der is mein Leben, Commandments, and Ratisbon – will serve for a number of der is mein Leben, Commandments, and Ratisbon – will serve for a number of seasons. Each has a prelude, a short in-troduction, and two free accompani-ments, the second with pedal. The whole set is enclosed by a free fantasia and a festive prelude (or postlude). (Continued, page 16)

### ... and Beauty

The organs on the cover of this issue were chosen not for their size, specifica-tions, builder, or location, but solely for their physical beauty. Each is different and each has had care and effort lavished upon its casework. The saying that a thing of beauty is a joy forever has application here, and the thought that attention to visual detail will also insure attention to aural detail has credence. While it is not impossible for an instrument having a beautiful sound to appear unattractive, such is not usually the situation. Many builders today pride themselves almost as highly for their casework as for their tonal design and voicing — at least one is known to refuse to build even a practice organ without a suit-able case. Such work does not make an organ less expensive, of course, but it does make more cohesive sound, as well as a more beautiful appearance, and it need not be elaborate work. The building of handsome casework is a healthy trend, witnessed more and more frequently today in this country. The specifications of the four cover organs follow.

Steiner Organs, Inc., of Louisville, KY, are the builders of a new 3 manual and pedal organ for the Church of Christ, Union, in Berea, KY. It has mechanical key action with electronic solid-state capture combination action, and replaces an Estey instrument of the 1920's. There are 2,161 pipes, 44 ranks, 30 registers, and a 4-bell zimbelstern. Man-uals are 58 notes with reverse-color grenadil/elm, while the pedals have 32 notes of standard-color maple/ebony in AGO configuration. Stopknobs are of hand-turned rose-wood, and the case is of clear-finished cherry, with spruce pipe screens. The tempera-ment is equal. The organ is located in the front of the church, at the top of the choir area. It was completed in October 1977 and was dedicated in recital on the 9th of that month by John Edward Courter, Berea College Organist, who also acted as consultant. consultant.

GREAT Beurdon 16' Principal 8' (double from g') Rohrfloete 8' Octave 4 Octave 4' Spitzfloete 4' Nasat 2-2/3' Italian Octave 2' Terz 1-3/5' Mixture IV-VI 1-1/3' Trumpet 8'

PEDAL ubbass 16 Subbass to Openbass 8' Gedacktbass 8' Choralbass 4' Mixture V 2' Posaune 16' Trumpet 8' Kornett 4'

SWELL Spitzgedackt 8' Viole de Gambe 8' Voix Celeste (TC) 8' Principal 4' Flute Harmonique 4 Octave Z' Blockfloete 2' Larigot 1-1/3' Aliquot 111 2-2/3', 1-3/5', 1-1/7' Mixture 111-1V 2/3' Fagotto 16' Hautbois B' Cromorne B' Tremulant

COUPLERS Swell to Great Swell to Pedal Great to Pedal

McManis Organs, Inc., of Kansas City, KS, have built a new I manual positiv of 56 notes for the chapel of Independence Sanitarium and Hospital in Independence, MO. It has 4 ranks and mechanical fall-back key action, with divided compass (middle C/C#) and two knobs per stop. The Principal is placed in the façade in tierce formation. The basswood pipe shades were carved by Cyril Dirocto, of the Penn Valley Community College faculty and are based on the Biblical statement "I am the vine and you are the branches:" The C panel shows unpruned grapevines without foliage or fruit, the C# panel has pruned vines with small leaves and fruit, the D panel shows larger leaves and fruit, and the D panel has fully-developed grapes and leaves. A small blower is contained within the schwimmer reservoir. The dedication recital was played by John Obetz on Dec. 11, 1977; his son Peter acted as registrant.

#### MANUAL

Gedackt B' (capped metal) Principal 4' (75%tin) Rohrflöte 4' (50% tin, chimneys from TC) Octave 2' (50% tin)

Detlef Kleuker Orgelbau of Bielefeld, Westphalia, West Germany, has built a new 3 manual and pedal instrument for Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, Greensboro, NC, in consultation with Arthur Howes. It has 32 stops, 47 ranks, all-metal mechanical key action and stop action, with flexible wind. The case is solid white oak with gilded arabesque decorations. The organ is situated in the rear gallery of the church, which has a reverberation time of approximately 4 seconds. The manual compass is 56 notes and that of the pedal, 30 notes.

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Principal 8'		Principal 4'	
Rohrflöte B		Spitzflöte 4'	
Oktave 4' Hohlflöte 4'		Quintation 4' Nasat 2-2/3'	
Oktave 2'		Oktave 2'	
Blockflöte 2'		Terz 1-3/5'	
Mixtur V-VI		Mixtur IV	
Trompete 8'		Krummhorn 8'	
			PEDAL
	BRUSTWERK	Subbass 16"	
	(enclosed)	Oktave B'	
Holzgedackt B' Spielflöte 4'		Superoktave 4	
Principal 2'		Flachflöte 2' Mixtur VI	
Quinte 1-1/3'		Fagott 16'	
Cymbel III		Trompete B'	
Ronkett 16'		Clarion 4'	
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## Some Reflections on the Manner of Organ Playing in North America

#### TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE As sensitive persons we are and have probably always been preoccupied with our image, both singly and collectively. We spend time trying to glean an honest statement from a friend about ourselves as others see us. We search in the eyes of others for a tiny mirror which might reflect a glimpse of our true beings. It is in this spirit that the translation of Guy Bovet's article is offered. The original article appeared last summer in a Swiss journal (La Tribune de l'Orgue) in French and was read by a European audience. It is published here with the author's bermission.

in French and was reased by a sub-author's permission. This article may be a rare look into that mirror, and if taken seriously could speed on this side of the Atlantic the process of the organ development which the -Susan Ingrid Ferre

THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS It is evident that there is an "American" manner of playing the organ. If we wanted to simplify to the extreme and make for a moment an abstraction of the "New Manner" that we will examine at the end of the article, we could try to describe it according to the following criteria: a) tempo and style; b) registration; c) choice of repertoire. First of all one must realize that the art of the organ in general in the United States is still strongly under the influence of the French school of the 1930's. In Canada, for liturgical reasons especially, the influence of England seems stronger. Let's examine the problem then according to our three criteria: a) *Tempo and style*.

Let's examine the problem then according to our three criteria: a) Tempo and style. We argue generally that North Americans play faster and less clearly than Europeans. On the other hand, usually the playing there is technically more sure than it is here in Europe. I see the following reasons: 1) Console comfort. The majority of American consoles are constructed with the greatest maneuverability and comfort in mind. The American Guild of Organ-ists has dictated the standard measure for keyboards (in aerodynamic style) and for pedal boards (fan-shaped) — measures which were fairly well followed until these last few years. Therefore consoles all resemble one another and encourage not only a uniformity of playing among the different artists, but also a uniform-ity of the way in which these artists (who often forget that richness lies in diver-sity) approach the various instruments. One must realize, in order to judge the magnitude of this phenomenon, that it stretches over the territory of a country which has the dimensions of a continentt The presence of electric action (still found frequently) renders playing exces-

which has the dimensions of a continent! The presence of electric action (still found frequently) renders playing excessively easy and permits speeds which the music itself does not always demand. The very intense technical preparation of organists often makes them put the emphasis of their work on perfection, the polished "absolute" of playing, which dulls the angular qualities sometimes necessary for a good performance. The "anatomic" form of the pedal board encourages on the one hand also a certain laziness, and on the other hand this "polished" smooth playing absolutely connected and of a considerable agility, introduced primarily by Fernando Germani, Joseph Bonnet, Lynwood Farnam, and Marcel Dupré — musicians who would agree perhaps on the interpretation of works from the years 1900 to 1960, but who would render a Bach pedal solo for example uninteresting, unarticulated, and therefore lifeless.

main, Joseph Bonnet, Lynwood Farnam, and Marcer Dupre – musicians who would agree perhaps on the interpretation of works from the years 1900 to 1960, but who would render a Bach pedal solo for example uninteresting, unarticulated, and therefore lifeless.
a) Acoustical setting, Almost all of the settings where North American organs are found are acoustically deplorable. Muffled by rugs, curtains, and cushions, the locales are conceived for the speaking voice and the auditors' comfort, but never, or almost never, for a good musical souority. Yet the majority of churches have important music budgets and support one aud sometimes two or three protessional musicians full-time.
It is therefore often necessary to play faster, to make up for this lack of acousties. On the other hand the organist does not feel the need to articulate his or her playing or to make it breather, even though this is not the case for the listener, who himself or herself feels the need no matter what the acoustic is like. This obviously has repercusions as well on the style, often deplorable, in which one play old music.
B) *InterPretive style*. The "Neo-classic" age into which a good part of America has plunged carries with it the fact that just as they still believe in an organ-that-play-everything, they also posses a style that play-everything of us learned in school. Those of us in schools want to approach all styles of organ music from the same point of view, often a very sincerdy musical one, adding perhaps here and there a little unequal hythm or another Baroque gadget of which we've hear a with differences in manners, custons, and languages, and where frackly, all organ music originated, is cruelly felt.
b) *Registration*.
The problems of Americans concerning registration come in large part because of Europe, with its differences in manners, custons, and languages, and where frender even an instrument which would be disporate for their settings which render even an instrument which

in counterpoint, nor does a German mixture have anything to do with a French plein jeu. c) Choice of repertoire. American is just now slowly coming out of a gloomy era in which the lanterns are Franck, Langlais, Dupré, Duruflé, Messiaen, Bach (of course), and a few na-tional composers. Obviously, the first ones are the only ones to sound well on the majority of instruments, and the music of Bach is so strong that it can with-stand the most miserable "cuckoo-clock," so detached from the instrumental con-tingencies that it has absolutely no need for a certain sonority to the exclusion of all else.

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### by Guy Boyet

But the intense and exclusive method of playing this repertoire, in spite of everything a bit decadent, on instruments which are very far removed from the almost living creation that is an organ, makes its mark in an indelible fashion. The fact also of being ethnically uprooted, strangers to that which makes an in-dividual in Sweden very different from an individual in Spain, engenders a sort of indifference, an absence of motivation in esthetic choices, which is a trait one finds with many American organists, even having passed the test concerning taste and choice of repertoire. It is this in large part which determines the famous "American accent" which is easily discernible by simply hearing one piece played at the organ. at the organ.

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THE TURNING POINT
But all is not bleak, for one senses that a powerful wave is rising which will without doubt modify the American organ scene in the ten years to come. In fact, the young blood, the absence of any traditions older than two centuries, and the great versatility of the American people have aspects which are of great quality. Here are the "trump-cards" which we can easily discern:
a) The need and the desire to learn.
A young nation without cultural traditions, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain. They don't need to defend a patrimony, nor are tastes determined by local traditional affiliations which digest and prejudge certain new works. They are powerful enough to sublimate individuals who create obstructions in their midst for personal reasons. Finally, they know how to organize in order to acquire the riches they need. Here is how it works:
1) They travel. One can't even count the number of organ enthusiasts from across the Atlantic who disembark each year in the "high" season, and who, on tours scrupulously organized, visit the most characteristic instruments of Europeans don't budge. Neither can one count the number of those who come to study for a time in Europe, where, moreover, the schools are much less organized than in their own countries.
2) They attract. They attract the cultural ambassadors of the Old-World. They mak these musical ambassadors give concerts, courses, and conferences, and they isten to them. Think of how many workshops, lectures, and L. F. Tagliavini's not her years, and with what confidence, sometimes naiveté, do they listen to the youngest Europeans, the Planyavski's, Harald Vogel's, Xavier Darasse's, and I'm passing over too many . . . Pl And how many European organs they've
3) They are organized. Musical studies in America are accomplished in the framework of universities and culminate with the accountifience.

I'm passing over too many . . . ?! And how many European organs they've installed! 3) They are organized. Musical studies in America are accomplished in the framework of universities and culminate with the acquisition of academic titles. As a consequence, the schools are organized, and they possess numerous, sometimes very beautiful instruments. There is practically no problem in finding a place to practice. The libraries are professionally run, rich, and they receive the musical press of the entire world. All the practical problems of students are resolved also in the framework of the school. There are certain schools which form the core out of which the new wave will come. b) Method and stubbornness. Americans are studious. They have a taste for order, which poses problems for them in the study of French music, for example, for they have trouble admitting that there is more than one correct way to play a piece. If everything could be all black or all white they would be happier. But as long as their professors are competent and they keep after their students with enough consistency, at the end of a generation or two, they will assimilate it. Their academic system permits them also to do research in more depth than is usually done in Europe, and they already possess now more scientific information than we do on a number of subjects (for example, the Spanish organ, or A. Cavaille-Coll). This results in true comprehension of the subject, in spite of their lacking direct contact with the material and often the practice and understanding of the language as well. In that, there is much for us to learn, us this time! () The financial means to learn. As the effort put forth is a kind of national effort, destined to elevate the cultural level of an entire nation, the official means (whether they be from private or public sources is not important) put in motion to do this work are infinitely superior to those that can be mobilized in Europe, where we have under foot the source of all occidental culture. We are as

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always tun. d) Mobility. Americans are not afraid to move. They are more direct, less secretive than Europeans, who find Americans oftentimes superficial. Relationships are simpler, also less authoritarian between teacher and student. Not having a precise ethnic paradigm, living on a continent where boundaries don't exist, they often have a view which is broader in scope and relaxed in its attitudes. It is a terrain which is ideal for the sowing of seeds.

THE BEGINNING OF THE FUTURE The results of all these efforts are beginning to be felt. Some American schools offer very specialized training, on instruments of first-rate quality. This training is centered primarily around the study of old music and reveals a character which could even seem sectarian, which is not surprising if we consider that it is a matter of reacting, and reacting violently against the state of affairs described above. In detail, academia is interested in the following points: Study of the old repertoire in an authentic style Original fingerings

Original fingerings Problems of articulation

Registration

Registration Serious musicological study of the music It must be said, and this is a universal fact, that instruments themselves, if they are good ones, are often better teachers than flesh and blood professors. On this level, a significant effort has been achieved by the organ builder, John Brom-baugh, who builds instruments in a Dutch or North German style, with a rigor which one can only admire and which manifests itself even in the exterior aspect of the casework and the dimensions or form of the keyboards and pedal. He is followed by the builder, Charles Fisk, less rigorous, whose instruments are situ-ated somewhere between the classic French style and that of New England at the end of the Eighteenth century. Numerous European builders have built in America – to tell the truth, almost all the important builders and some of the smaller companies. The Europeans established over there do honorable work. The arrival of Gerhard Brunzema at the head of the Canadian Casavant shop, which could have been a great event, has very much disappointed us and made little effect. We can see that the evolution promises to be interesting and that everything

has very much disappointed us and made little effect. We can see that the evolution promises to be interesting and that everything is there to produce it. Will Americans manage to lose their "accent?" The future will tell. But the lesson that we must gain from the American problem in any case, is that our diversity and our European boundaries, as bothersome as they seem sometimes, are safeguards of our wealth, and that we must do everything to conserve our peculiarities and our differences. This article originally appeared in French in La Tribune de l'Orgue, Vol. 9, No. 2 (June 1977).

In 1953, obviously under the influence of twelve-tone music, Siegfried Reda composed, among other works, some short pieces for the organ. Published by Bärenreiter under the title Sieben Monologe für Orgel (BA 4452), they are provided with registrations for the first Schuke organ in Mülheim/Ruhr, built in 1958/59. Many potential buyers will put the 16-page number aside as too difficult after looking at it super-ficially. One finds on the first page mu-sic without bar lines or measures, with-out key signature, without tempo in-dication, but for double pedal, on five systems, and written for an organ with three manuals. Leafing further, one does not find clarifying names for the movements such as fugue, aria, toccata, or the like. The appearance of the score is not reminiscent of neo-Baroque, French neo-Romantic, or even avant-garde models. The abundance of ac-cidentals suggests twelve-tone music, but is contradicted immediately by diatonic parts. So, helplessness will set in, which leads to laying aside this work, especial-ty since there is no place where one can ind instructions given. Through publication of analyses, mould the journal Musik und Kirche make it easier for its readers to under-stand and practically approach new works and thus open up a dialogue on In 1953, obviously under the influence

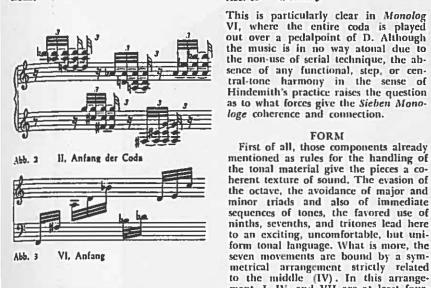
stand and practically approach new works and thus open up a dialogue on works and thus open up a dialogue on new music? A great many players prefer to practice Bach's *C minor Passacaglia* to the *Nativity* of Messiaen, due not to the difficulties in the technique of playing, but to the necessity in new music of arriving at an understanding of the context of the notes in a toilsome way. Here I feel detailed discussions could be helpful. So, in the following some hints are given for Reda's *Mono-loge* as to tonal material, form, and performance, which may make the ap-proach to the work easier.

## TONAL MATERIAL The close of the first Monolog is this sequence of notes played on a 4' flute:



#### Abb. 1 I. Ende

The sequence ends with a hexachord, which is composed of two triads con-structed like a mirror-image. In the first place, the avoidance of octaves excites our attention. The fact that this example is not a special case will be made clear by the following quota-tions: tions:





IV, 2'-Melodie

Abb. 5 VII, Pedal

Abb. 6 VII, Ende

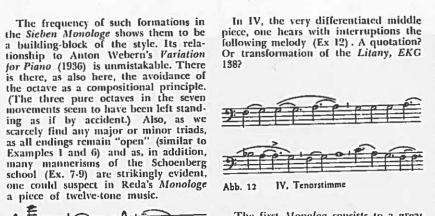
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## **Reda's Monologe**—without Dialogue?

### by Martin Taesler

### translated by Richard Webb

In IV, the very differentiated middle piece, one hears with interruptions the following melody (Ex 12). A quotation? Or transformation of the *Litany*, *EKG* 1382



The first Monolog consists to a great extent of a very dense four-voice move-ment, distributed between double pedal and left hand, which gives the impres-sion of a chorale through its plan. Where this movement loosens up somewhat, one hears in the higher pedal voice the B-A-C-H motive, although a little too high and robbed of its symmetry:



Abb. 13 I. Mitte

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V. Teil C

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V, Tell C

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V, Teil C

Abb. 7

Abb. 9

Abb. 10

I, Anfang

FORM

metrical arrangement strictly related to the middle (IV). In this arrange-ment, I, IV, and VII are at least four-voice movements. They move in a quiet pace in quarters and halves. Only these

movements bring us surprisingly-dia-tonic melodies. These affect the ear like quotations and let us think of chorales (Ex. 11-13). Performed solois-tically on Gedackt 8' (played an octave higher) with Tremulant, the melody in

VII (Ex. 11) sounds four times, each time with slight alteration, and re-minds us of the *amen* in EKG 136.

VII. Anfang

Abb. 11

Abb. s

II, III, V, and VI are essentially freer through-composed trios. In III and VI, one-voice passage-playing dominates, enriched throughout by virtuosic trills and glissandi.

So, each of the Monologe is given its fixed place, which does not make ex-change or isolation of individual move-ments advisable. The close joining of one piece to the next gives us an im-mediately coherent acoustic. In the following, connections between the ending of one and the beginning of the next

F#-F' VI-VII: Tone A"

These connections should become clear in light of the specified registration on a three-manual organ.

#### PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE The registration suggested by the composer avoids strong contrasts. It is oriented toward chamber music. Ge-dackts, flutes, "mild" principals; in I, II, and VI a Zimbel also is used. The reeds are silent, as are the Great mix-tures and the complete chorus. In IV and VII a tremulant is used to render and VII a tremulant is used to render the solo melody prominent; the swell-box is used once in VI.

box is used once in VI. So, one may conjecture that the Monologe can be performed on an in-strument with only two manuals. Of course, one will need a registrant. In I at the trills, he will take off the Zimbel, so that the 4' sound (or 4' and 1') stays on the same manual. II may be manual to advantage on one manual. performed to advantage on one manual; this corresponds even better in several performed to advantage on one manual, this corresponds even better in several places to the structure of the composi-tion. (For example, the top of page 7.) The coda (beginning, see Ex. 2) should be played tranquillo and somewhat softer. III also can be performed on one manual, if the echo parts of the Swell are played after pushing off the corresponding registers (in this way you may have a suitable 4' for the pedal at your disposal). In IV, registrations have to be changed frequently and very quickly, which is possible through the factor of pauses and short rests. The beautiful melody with the tremulant (for part of which see Ex 4) can be played instead of on a 2', an octave lower on a 1'. The "suspended" 4' sounds of the Swell on page 11 can, if

necessary, be played an octave higher on an 8'. Such transpositions of an octave are often the rescue on smaller instruments! Carrying out the three pas-sages A, B, and C in V requires two manuals in order to render prominent more easily the one-voice solo melody (the higher voice in A the lower voice more casily the one-voice solo melody (the higher voice in A, the lower voice in B, the pedal in C). From one time to another, you have to change registers. VI uses in the one-voice passagework the manual sequence GT-RP-SW to make the timbre brighter from step to step. Using two manuals, the brighten-ing is accomplished by retiring the 8' on the GT (with 8', 4', and Zimbel registers) so that GT and RP can be played on the same manual. Before playing the coda in VI there is time to change the registration (in small rooms, on the Swell an 8' and 4' is sufficient). Also in VII the 16' and 4' sound on the Swell possibly may be obtained by playing an octave lower on 8' and 2' registers.

registers. In any case, the transparency of the movements, the movement of the free union leading, and the "unbounded" movements, the movement of the free voice-leading, and the "unbounded" rhythms determine that a light, but characteristically-speaking registration must be chosen. The manuscript shows not only the relationship with Webern, but also the origins from Distler. So, individual voices in general are more suitable for doubling and larger blend-ing of tone.

The tempi should not blot out the forcefulness of the sound through flip-pancy. In this sense, we put the follow-ing markings up for consideration:

1 = 76 III J = 88 IV J = 76 VII 1 = 76-69 VI = ## (Coda J = 69)

The performance then will take up to about 12 minutes.

The printing is easy to read, espe-cially as one does not have to turn over pages within a given Monolog, but there are still some misprints. On page 9 SW, the last should be a quarter in-stead of eighth. At the end of page 11, the values of the notes do not agree for the three systems. I suggest for the up-per voice two quarter rests instead of eighth, quarter, and for the lower voice dotted-quarter-note tied to quarter-note instead of dotted-quarter-note. On page instead of dotted-quarter-note. On page 13, the sixth and seventh pedal notes should be half tied to dotted-quarter inof page 15, the half text to quarter. At the end of page 15, the half rest should appear after the last chord, not over it.

#### TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

TRANSLATOR'S NOTES While Reda's Sieben Monologe have re-ceived a number of significant performances by both European and American organists, Taester's article — Musik und Kirche 40:2 (1970), pp. 120-123 — remains the only criti-cal study of the work to appear in a major professional journal. The octave-designations given by Taesler are those commonly used by organ-tuners, i.e., counting notes from the bottom of the man-uals or pedalboard — the first Ab, the third Eb, etc. To ascertain the exact written and sounding pitches, one should consult the score. Taesler's page 9 correction apparently has been made in recent printings. The correction on page 13 at first itself seems incorrect, but in counting note values, one realizes that a on page 13 at list lisel seems incorrect, but in counting note values, one realizes that a realignment of the pedal line also is necessary. The other two corrections are only incidental for performance. The abbreviation *EKG* refers to the *Evan-*gelisches Kirchengesangbuch, Berlin-Branden-burg (1951).

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Indeed, the quartal harmonics and diminished triads would not contradict this assumption. But if we look for a twelve-tone row, we will run aground. In the first *Monolog*, after five quarter-notes of a nicely canzona-like movement, he brings in all twelve tones, but in no way in the form of a row. If one arway in the form of a row. If one ar-ranges the passage in octave segments (an inclination originating with com-posers), one recognizes the "playing-out" of the D-Minor and D-Major

out" of the D-Minor and D-Major scales with the bypassing of a half-step and addition of a piece of the whole-tone scale on  $D_b$ . The presumption that the tone D has a central significance is confirmed by the openings and ends of all seven movements. The several pat-terns always centering around the note D are no less strict. of one and the beginning of the next Monolog are listed: I-II: Tone Ab' and the upward-oriented movement (Ex. 1) II-III: Fourth, Eb'''-Bb'' III-IV: The four-times-repeated "Nea-politan" D"-G"-Bb''-Eb''' IV-V: Tone Eb'' V-VI: Movement of the middle voice, F## F'

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Left to right: Dr. E. Richard Crabtree, Senior Minister; George B. Butler, Minister of Music; James Caldwell, Allen Organ Rep., First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio.

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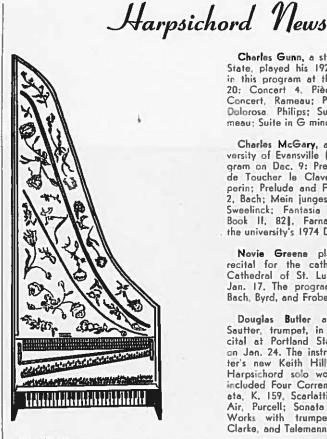
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Harald Vogel, on campus at Westmin-ster Choir College from Oct. 15 to Dec. 2, 1977, as adjunct Associate Professor of organ and harpsichord, gave numerous

organ and harpsichord, gave numerous recitals, lectures, and master classes at the college, including a Harpsichord Consort Workshop Nov. 25-28. Six harpsichords and a pedal harpsi-chord, all by Keith Hill of Grand Rapids, MI, were featured in the workshop. Par-ticipants in the workshop and Westminster students heard lecture-demonstrations on articulation, fingering, and ensemble tech-niques. Hill was present to speak and demonstrate his concepts of instrument making. making.

making. On Nov. 29 Vogel was the featured artist in a harpsichord recital of works by Bach, Buxtehude, Böhm, and Vivaldi, in which he played Hill's Italian, French, Flemish, German, and Aquitanian style harpsichords. The climax of the perfor-mance was the Vivaldi-Bach Concerto for Four Harpsichords in which soloists Mark Brombaugh, Joan Lippincott, Ed Pepe, and Peter Wright were joined by Mr. Vogel, who played the orchestral part on the pedal harpsichord.

Charles Brown, North Texas State University, Denton, played William Sydeman's Variations for Obce and Harpsichord (1969) at the university on Nov. 20. As part of an organ-harpsichord program in the Pro-Arte Series of First Community Church, Dallas, he played Pavan and Galliard: The Earl of Salisbury, Byrd; Suite 5 in C, Purcell; Suite in E, Handel; De ta Mare's Pavane, Sir Hugh's Galliard (Lambert's Clavichord), Howells, on Nov. 21.

Douglas Reed (University of Evansville) was harpsichordist for the Evansville Choral Society's performance of Schütz's Christmas Story and Handel's Messiah, part I, on Dec. 18 in Neu Chapel at the university.

Edward Parmentier (University of Mich-igan) played French Harpsichord Music of the 17th and 18th centuries to inaugu-rate his new Blanchet-type instrument completed by Keith Hill in January 1978. The program, played on Jan. 13: Pièces in C Major, Louis Couperin; Ordre 27. François Couperin; Suite I in G, d'Angle-bert; Suite 5 in C minor, Forqueray. He used the same instrument on Jan. 15 in a "Brunch with Bach" concert at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Institute of Arts.

Larry Palmer (Southern Methodist Uni-versity) played this program for the mu-sic series, First Presbyterian Church, Fort sic series, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, IN, on Jan. 15: Toccata in E minor, S. 914, "English" Suite in A minor, S. 807, Bach; De la Mare's Pavane, Hughes' Ballet (Lambert's Clavichord), Howells; Sonata, opus 52, Persichetti; Prélude non mesuré in F, Tombeau Blan-crocher, L. Couperin; Continuum, Ligeti. The harpsichord, opus 367 (1977) by Wil-liam Dowd. liam Dowd.

Charles Gunn, a student at North Texas State, played his 1929 Pleyel harpsichord in this program at the university on Nov. 20: Concert 4. Pièces de Clavecin en Concert, Rameau; Pavana and Galiarda Dolorosa Philips; Suite in E minor, Ra-meau; Suite in G minor, Handel.

Charles McGary, a student at the Uni-versity of Evansville (IN) played this pro-gram on Dec. 9: Preludes 2 and 4, L'Art de Toucher le Clavecin, Ordre 6, Cou-perin; Prelude and Fugue, F minor, WTC 2, Bach; Mein junges Leben hat ein End', Sweelinck; Fantasia (Fitzwilliam Virginal Book II, 82), Farnaby. The instrument: the university's 1974 Dowd.

Novie Greene played a harpsichord recital for the cathedral series of the Cathedral of St. Luke, Orlando, FL, on Jan. 17. The program included works by Bach, Byrd, and Froberger.

Douglas Butler appeared with Fred Sautter, trumpet, in a "Brown Bag" re-cital at Portland State University (OR) on Jan. 24. The instrument was Mr. Saut-ter's new Keith Hill Italian harpsichord. Harpsichord solo works on the program included Four Corrente, Frescobaldi; Son-ata, K. 159, Scarlaiti; Trumpet Tune and Air, Purcell; Sonata in A Major, Arne, Works with trumpet were by Viviani, Clarke, and Telemann,

Janet Evelyn Hunt, a student at Southern Janet Evelyn Hunt, a student at Southern Methodist University, played this gradu-ate recital on Feb. 4: Sonatas 69 and 88, Soler; Walsingham, Byrd; Concert 3, Pièces de Clavecin en Concert, Rameau; Partita in D Major, S. 828, Bach. She played her own 2-manual instrument which she constructed from a Hubbard kit.

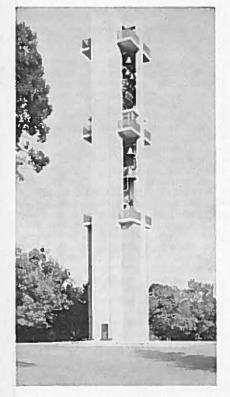
In London, the Purcell Room presented a program in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of Thomas Arne (Jan. 7) featuring Christopher Ball, re-corder; Alan Wilson, harpsichord; Peter Vel, viole da gamba; and Sylvia Eaves, soprano. Included on the program were The Morning (Cantata), Aria: A Wood Nymph, Arne; Fitzwilliam Sonatas, Han-del; Recorder Sonatas, Pepusch. George Malcolm gave a recital of Scarlatti sona-tas in Queen Elizabeth Hall on Jan. 26, and Alexander Skeaping played this pro-gram at St. John's Smith Square on Jan. 27: Prelude, The Queen's Almaine, Byrd; The Queen's Command, Bull; Toccata, Cento Partife sopra Partite, Frescobaldi; Suite in G Major (Book 2), Handel; Son-atas, Scarlatti, In London, the Purcell Room presented atas. Scarlatti.

Virginia Pleasants (London) was the subject of Harold Schonberg's New York Times "Music View" on Jan. 15. Entitled Times "Music View" on Jan. 15. Entitled "Lessons to be Learned from the Forte-piano," the article was occasioned by Ms. Pleasant's successful Dec. 20th London concert featuring selections from Muzio Clementi's Gradus ad Parnassum, played on a Clementi grand from 1823. She will play this program again in Boston on April 4, using a Clementi instrument from a private collection there, and she would be happy to play the program elsewhere if a suitable five-and-one-half octave in-strument is available (FF to c<sup>4</sup>). The Edi-tor of this column will be happy to relay communications from interested persons to Ms. Pleasants. to Ms. Pleasants.

George Lucktenberg will lead his Euro-ean harpsichord museum tour from June through June 19 (departing from Atlan-2 through June 19 (departing from Atlan-ta). A detailed brochure is now available from Dr. Lucktenberg at Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. 29301, He will also be the featured clinician in the 23rd annual Piano Teachers Conference at Michigan State University, July 19-21. Technical and musical preparation of the teenager for various musical styles (baroque to con-temporary) is the theme. There will be lectures, master classes, and recitals for a fee of \$30. Housing is available in the conference headquarters, the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education. For addi-tional information or registration, write Piano Teachers Conference, Room 47, Kel-logg Center, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824.

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

### **Carillon News**



The Springfield Illinois Park District and its carillonneur, Karel Keldermans, have announced the first National Carillon Performance Contest, to be held Sept. 2-4. This Labor Day contest offers a first prize of \$500, and the I. T. Verdin Company of Cincinnati, co-sponsor of the unique event, is offering a small bronze bell. Five contestants will anonymously perform two carillon compositions: one major work from the standard repertoire and a new composition written just for this event. For further information, contact Karel Keldermans, Springfield Park District Carillonneur, 1216 S. MacArthur, Springfield, IL 62704.

Ann Arbor's University Musical Society has recently commissioned Gary White, lowa State University at Ames, to composer a carillon composition, as part of the centennial celebrations of the society. The University Musical Society has its offices on the first floor of the Burton Memorial Tower at the University of Michigan and was directly involved in the building of the tower and the acquisition of the Charles Baird Carillon. The first function of the year-long celebration will be the premiere of this new composition, by Hudson Ladd on June 19, as part of the national congress of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America.



The newly-enlarged and modernized carillon in the Plummer Building at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, NM, was dedicated Sept. 16 with a recital by Hudson Ladd. The 56-bell instrument was modernized by the I. T. Verdin Company and is a particularly beautiful and responsive carillon. The addition of 33 new bells, cast by the Petit and Fritsen Bellfoundry of Aarle-Rixtel (Netherlands), was made possible by donations from the descendants of Alphonso Gooding, a pioneer settler of the area. Dean Robinson, a Carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, is the resident carillonneur. An additional concert was performed by Richard Watson, of the Verdin Co.

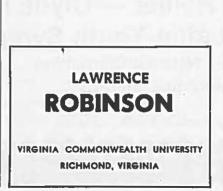
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, has ordered a new 47-bell carillon from the Paccard Bellfoundry of Annecy-Le-Vieux, France, Installation is scheduled for the summer of 1978; Harmannus H. van Bergen, North American representative for the firm, is consultant.

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Recent deaths reported were those of Alfred Paccard, master bellfounder at the Paccard Bellfoundry in France, and Ype Howeler, past president of the Netherlands Carillon Guild.

Carillonneurs and all other performing musicians should take note of the new Copyright Law, which took effect Jan. I and involves all public performances, whether or not admission is charged. Part of the 1978 GCNA Congress, June 16-20, at Christ Church Cranbrook and the University of Michigan, will be a panel discussion of how this new law affects the carillon and performances of carillon music.

News items and materials for this column are always welcome. Please submit them to Hudson Ladd, University Carillonneur, 900 Burton Memorial Tower, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.



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Helen Fan has recently been appointed Assistant Carillonneur at the University of Michigan, where she assists in the performance and administration of the Charles Baird Carillon, Mrs. Fan is a Carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. Gordon Slater, Dominion Carillonneur of Canada, will perform daily 12:30-12:45 on the Peace Tower instrument at the

of Canada, will perform daily 12:30-12:45 on the Peace Tower instrument at the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa. This new schedule obtains whether or not the parliament is in session.

Though the science of acoustics as a formal discipline is relatively new, it is clear that ancient civilizations recog-nized and manipulated some of the fun-damental principles of sound. Archae-ologists have uncarthed all manner of new dynamic artifiction. ologists have uncarthed all manner of sound-producing artifacts. A large class of these fall into the family of idio-phones or membranophones; that is, rattles, gourds, slitdrums, kettledrums, etc., which may have been used for signalling as well as a rhythm base for early music. Others — the horns, pipes and reeds of the aerophone family and the lyres, lutes and fiddles of chordo-phone ancestry — were capable of being the lyres, lutes and fiddles of chordo-phone ancestry — were capable of being tuned for melodic and harmonic ex-pression. This provides convincing evi-dence that ancient practitioners on sonic devices realized many of the physical and acoustical relationships which are involved in the production of pitch, timbre and loudness.

The construction of amphitheaters during the Greek and Roman eras dem-onstrates a further grasp of acoustics. It was known already that efficient reflection of sound required stage areas with large and massive back-walls; that auditors absorbed sound and would therefore need to be seated on a rising therefore need to be scaled on a rising slope; that sound could be concentrated by actors' face-mask megaphones so as to provide greater loudness over given areas; and that sound could be con-ducted over considerable distances through pipe and conduits.

However, the study of acoustics by application of scientific method is barely over 100 years old.

In 1863, Hermann L. F. Helmholtz published his monumental Sensations of Tone. Dover Publications, Inc. pub-lished an appended edition of the work in 1954 and several sections, notably the section dealing with the history of musi-cal pitch in Europe, should be of special

section dearing with the history of musi-cal pitch in Europe, should be of special interest to organists and organ builders. Soon afterwards, Lord Rayleigh de-veloped a system of mathematical equa-tions to describe the behaviour of sound waves in his *Theory of Sound*. These still serve as the groundwork for most of the calculations in acoustics and the of the calculations in acoustics and the

## Room Acoustics by Antony Doschek

"rayl" — a unit of specific acoustic im-pedance — is named in Rayleigh's honor. Also in the late 1800's the American acoustical scientist, Wallace C. Sabine, had been investigating the problems of reverberation time in lecture and concert rooms at Harvard University. His work, Collected Papers on Acoustics, established the first widely-accepted (and most popularly referred to) formtion times in various listening rooms. The practical application of his studies resulted in the design and acoustical treatment of Boston's "Symphony Hall" which after over 75 wars of virtually - which after over 75 years of virtually constant use is still considered one of

constant use is still considered one of the very finest concert halls in existence. P. M. Morse in his Vibration and Sound provided a sophisticated mathe-matical treatment of sound fields in enclosures, and both Harry F. Olson and Leo L. Beranek produced defini-tive texts for the student of acoustics: Element of Acoustical Engineering and Elements of Acoustical Engineering and Acoustics, respectively. Dr. Beranek also wrote and compiled a magnificent vol-ume entitled Music, Acoustics & Archi-tecture, which should be in the library everyone interested in room acous tics

However, one of the most practical references for those concerned with the acoustics of listening rooms is Vern O. Knudsen's and Cyril M. Harris' Acous-tical Designing in Architecture. A thor-ough understanding of this small volume with its concise explanations and simwith its concise explanations and sim-ple mathematics should be a require-ment for every architect concerned with the construction of churches and audi-toria. A practicing acoustician's advice may still be needed but, at least, some of the initial stupidities could be avoidThe afore-mentioned investigators have been – and some still are – out-standing contributors to the field of room acoustics but a great many other important names will be found in their publications and in the *Journal* of the Acoustical Society of America: the field is burgeoning exponentially. is burgeoning exponentially.

is burgeoning exponentially. With an apology for the long histori-cal harangue, we will now deal with a few fundamental requirements for good acoustics in listening rooms. Perhaps it will be interesting to approach the sub-ject from the viewpoint of determining the design parameters which (this au-thor believes) are fundamental to a good listening room. Because noise — random fluctuations of loudness distributed over random bands of the frequency spectrum — is

bands of the frequency spectrum - is one of the major deterrents to hear-ing, the location of the listening room should be a most important considera-tion. However, the choice must bow invariably to population distributions and economics. Aircraft overflights, subways, vehicular traffic, security and dis-aster alarms all contribute to air-borne and solid-borne vibrations that can penetrate and excite the interior struc-tures of buildings into audible reson-ances. Therefore, a noise survey of the site exterior should be made with a view toward localizing the frequency bands and amplitudes of the distur-bances so that a resistive type of build-ing technique can be recommended. Modern day practices include many var-iations of materials and structure that, properly applied, will reduce transmit-ted sound and vibration to acceptable levels. The design and particularly the installation of heating and air condi-tioning ducts and grilles must be taken under close supervision. And the listenand solid-borne vibrations that can

Mr. Doschek, an acoustician and inventor residing in Pittsburg, delivered this address to the annual convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders on on October 3, 1977, in Pittsburg, Pa. In addition to his work in the field of acoustics, he is an experienced violinist.

ing room itself can be further shielded by mechanical floatation; that is, none of its boundaries — walls, floor or ceil-ing — should be in rigid contact with each other or the exterior structure. This is called "discontinuous construc-tion" and has nothing to do with trade unions. unions.

In planning a listening room, as in most all complex pursuits, it is well to make a list of factors that will be of major concern. The points of interest berg will be here will be 1. Normal-mode distribution

2. Reverberation and optimum rever-beration time

3. Diffusion

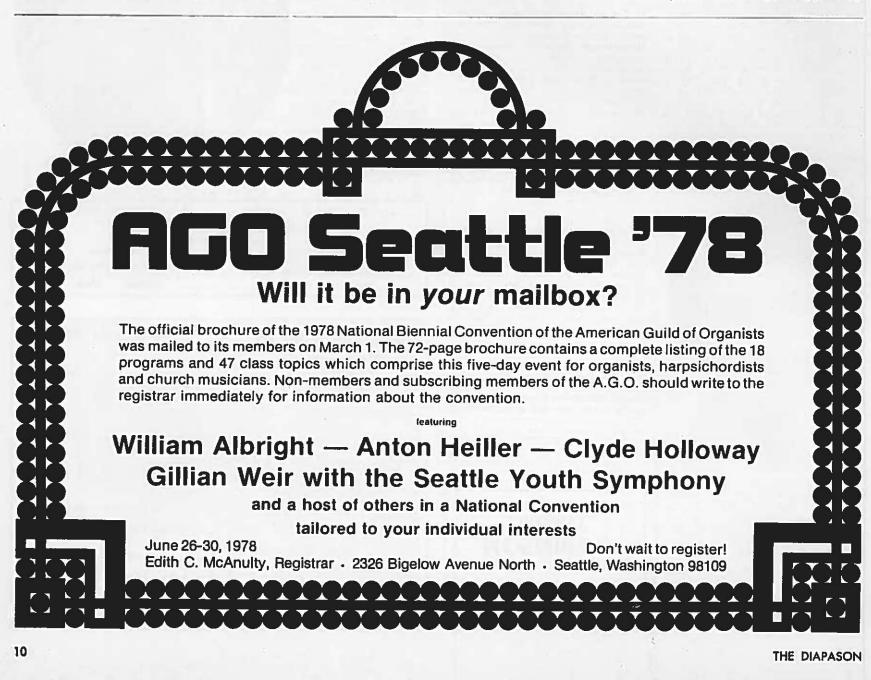
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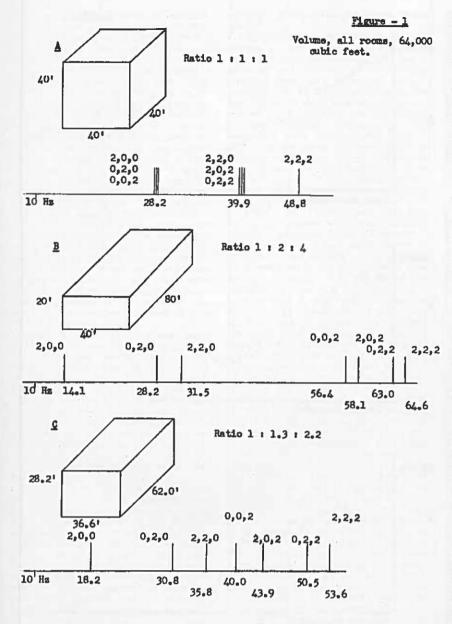
6. Warmth. The first two are related to physical acoustics, the second two are most read-ily approached by application of geo-metrical acoustics, and the last three are strongly influenced by psychoacous-tics and subjectivity.

Normal modes are the natural reso-nant frequencies of an enclosed volume that has been excited by an impacting or vibrating force. The total number of individual modes that can exist with-in the limit of musical sound (up to about 20,000 Hz) is staggering. The formula for the total number, N, is  $N = 4V (f/c)^3 \dots Eq. -1)$ where where

where V is the room volume in cubic feet, f is the frequency limit in cycles/ second (Hz), and c is the speed of sound, taken as 1128 feet/second at 70°F. Thus, if our concern should be cen-tered around a room of 64,000 cubic feet and we will be listening to organ music which can produce harmonic frequencies up to 20,000 Hz, we can ex-pect to be in the presence of over one billion, four-hundred million normal modes! In actuality this is not realizable because of a variety of absorptions but because of a variety of absorptions but even in conventional rooms the number of modes is huge.

Normal modes is huge. Normal modes are designated by a system of "orders." That is, the series of seven 1st-order modes is represented by 1,0,0 - 0,1,0 - 0,0,1 - 1,1,0 - 1,0,1





0,1,1 and 1,1,1. The series of 2nd, 3d, 4th, etc., orders follow the same pattern with appropriate integers. Al-so, mixtures of mode orders can and do exist in actual rooms.

The frequencies of any combination f normal modes can be calculated by  $Hz = c/2 [(n/L)^* + (n/W)^* + (n/H)^*]_{\frac{1}{2}} \dots Eq. -2)$ of

where c is the speed of sound (1128 ft./sec.) n is the integer specifying the mode

order, and

W, H are the room length, width and height in feet. and height in teet. Eq. -2) only works for cubical or rec-tangular spaces. In "fan," "bottle" or "horseshoe" shaped rooms a system of directional cosines must be used to de-termine the sets of normal modes but this is too involved to be of interest here.

here.

In order to visualize the effect of room modes, let us apply Eq. -2) to three geometrically different rooms which have the same volume of 64,000

three geometrically different rooms which have the same volume of 64,000 cubic feet (Figure 1). The cubical room at A – a horrible but useful example – has a dimensional ratio of 1 : 1 : 1 and therefore all three axial modes of whatever orders will have the same denominator in Eq. -2). Solving for the series of seven 2nd-order modes – because the frequencies of the 1st order would be too low to be of interest – we find that we have three modes standing at 28.2 Hz, three others standing at 39.9 Hz and one mode at 48.8 Hz. This means that we can expect trouble with voicing the pedal organ because the A, Dg/Eb and G will all sound substantially louder than their adjacent intervals. Technically speaking, the effect of three modes of equal amp-litude standing at the same frequency means an increase of 4.77 dB-SPL (de-cibels – sound pressure level), a readiu-perceptible increase of loudness. The room shown at B in Figure 1 Note that the dimensions are evenly divisible, one into another. Here the seven 2nd-order modes are well distrib-uted but, again, trouble can be ex-pected because the frequencies of 14. Hz, 28.2 Hz and 56.4 Hz stand in exact octave relationships and another octave

octave relationships and another octave

exists between 31.5 and 63.0 Hz. The musical effect of reinforcement by oc-taves is similar to the physical effect of a pile-up of frequencies as in Figure

IA. The geometry of the room at C is arranged so that the dimensional values in the ratio of 1: 1.3 : 2.2 are not evenly divisible and the spread of nor-mal modes is much more uniform. Fur-thermore, we have only one (close) ocmal modes is much more uniform. Fur-thermore, we have only one (close) oc-tave relationship between 18.2 and 35.8 Hz. Even this minor anomaly could be avoided by juggling the given dimen-sions slightly. The uniform spread of normal room modes is something that the architect should take into considera-tion as a primary precaution against

normal room modes is something that the architect should take into considera-tion as a primary precaution against having the room "ring" audibly at a few prominent frequencies. So much for normal modes per se. Reverberation time — conventionally designated  $RT^{\infty}$  or  $R_{,}$  — is as equally an important factor as mode distribu-tion. Although physically associated, the two phenomena are not the same in that room modes are frequency related while reverberation is time related. The "optimum" qualification in our original list of factors will be dealt with later. Reverberation time is defined as the time in seconds that it takes a sound field to decrease by 60 dB sound pres-sure level, which is to 1/1000th of its original value. And before proceeding to a discussion of reberberation time formulas it may be well to explain the term "coefficient-of-absorption," most commonly stated as "a".

commonly stated as "a". All building materials absorb some All building materials absorb some energy from impinging sound waves and reflect the remainder. Soft or porous materials absorb more energy than hard and dense materials do, and the ab-sorbed energy is converted to heat with-in the material. The coefficient-of-ab-sorption, a, expresses the amount of sound energy absorbed as a percentage. For example, a given coefficient at, say, 512 Hz may be stated as a = 0.03; which means that the material will ab-sorb 3% of the energy at 512 Hz and reflect 97% – per square foot. Absorp-tion coefficients are published by sev-eral testing laboratories and can be found in the referenced literature. The term "sabin" is a unit of one square foot area which absorbs 100% of the sound energy at all frequencies. No building material with a = 1.00 exists at present but a hole in the wall will de nieth. do nicely.

do nicely. The average absorption of a room is represented by A (read a-bar). Then A times the surface area represents the total number of sabins that a room contains, or the total percentage of sound energy that it will absorb at some stated frequency. The calculation of A can be made by

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where

where <sup>81,2,3</sup> are individual surface areas in square feet, having <sup>41,2,3</sup> individual coefficients of ab-sorption at a stated frequency. At this point we are prepared to con-sider reverberation time (RT<sup>∞</sup>) via three formulas that are in constant use by the accurticing A fourth counting by the acoustician. A fourth equation, the Hopkins-Stryker, is of more value

to the electro-acoustician. The Sabine formula, most often quoted in popular (?) articles on acoustics, is  $RT^{\infty} = 0.049V / SA \dots Eq. -4)$ 

where V is the room volume in cubic feet, S is the total surface area in square feet, and

feet, and A is the average coefficient of absorption, found by Eq. -3. This formula is reasonably accurate in very large, reverberant rooms, but, academically, if a is taken as 1.00 (total absorption) there will still remain a period of reverberation in the room — which is inconsistent (though the thought may be of some inspiration to inventors of perpetual motion devices). The Sabine formula stated as  $RT^{\infty} = 0.049V / SA + 4mV$  takes into consideration the Knudsen coefficient, m, which relates to the ab-

takes into consideration the Knudsen coefficient, m, which relates to the ab-sorption of air under specified condi-tions of humidity and temperature, and at specified frequencies. The values of the Knudsen coefficient are generally shown on curves and can be found in the literature. In large rooms at low relative humidity m can be an impor-tant factor. tant factor.

The Norris-Eyring formula is some-what more accurate than the Sabine in smaller rooms and at lower reverberation times. This formula is stated as  $RT\infty = 0.049V / -S \log_{n} (1 - A)$ ..... Eq. -5)

where V is the room volume in cubic feet -S is the total surface area in square feet (with negative sign) log<sub>n</sub> is the natural logarithm of the

log is quantity

quantity (1 - A), the reflectance of the room. Still a third formula, the Fitzroy equation, takes into consideration the distribution of absorptive material over the room boundaries. The effect of ab-sorptive distribution is important beso prive distribution is important be-cause a sound wave gives up a part of its energy at each reflection. The Fitz-roy formula states that  $RT\infty = 0.049V/s [2LW/-log_n (1 - A) + 2LH/-log_n (1 - A) + 2WH/ log_n (1 - A)] \dots Eq. -6)$ where

where V is the room volume in cubic feet,

S is the total surface area in square feet,

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(1 - A), the reflectance, and L, W, H are the length, width and height of the room in fect. However, in the Fitbory formula, A must represent the *average* coefficient of both surfaces carried in the numera-tors of the fractions.

In order to demonstrate what values of RT<sup> $\infty$ </sup> we may expect by solving the three equations for a very reflective room, we will set A at 0.03, the total sur-face area at 9600 square feet and the room volume at 64,000 cubic feet. The calculations are based upon the geome-

Norris-Eyring, Eq. -5), gives ..... 10.78 seconds, and Fitzroy, Eq. -6), agrees with Noris-Eyring at ..... 10.72 seconds. Furthermore, all three formulas agree that the room will be acoustically hor-rible rible.

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#### **Room Acoustics**

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But let us see what happens when we carpet the floor with a material that shows a coefficient of 0.37 at 512 Hz. Adding 592 sabins to the room will surely do a great deal of good (1?) – like taking out a section of one wall over 24 feet square. Then, when we solve for the new conditions,

Sabine gives an RTmof 3.75 seconds.

Norris-Eyring gives 3.59 seconds, and Fitzroy bombs us with ..... 7.63 seconds !!!

The room behaves as it does because

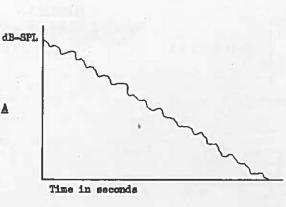
virtually all of the absorption is taking place on one boundary while the remaining five surfaces are still playing handball with the sound waves. The lesson to be learned here is that ab-sorptive materials should be scattered as will be compatible with other de-sign considerations. Separated patches of absorption are more effective than an equal area of material placed con-tignonity tiguously.

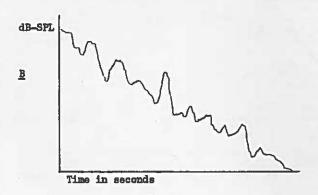
But there is more to reverberation than just the time that it takes a sound field to die out to a virtually inaudi-ble level. The decay of the sound field must be both smooth and linear. The techniques and instrumentation for measuring and recording decay curves and other acoustical phenomena will be found in the referenced literature.

In Figure 2, A shows an essentially perfect sound decay curve. The small ripples are caused by large numbers of interfering room modes, which can not be avoided. These are harmless when contained within an excursion of two or three decibels. At B, Figure 2 shows a more prevalent situation. The severe troughs and peaks of the decay curve troughs and peaks of the decay curve are caused by grossly prominent room mode frequencies acting to reinforce one another when arriving at a point in-phase or to cancel each other when arriving out-of-phase. This is called constructive or destructive interference and is a common phenomenon in physics. Resonant peaks of the kinds shown at B are especially troublesome to the organ voicer. C in Figure 2 is an example of a non-linear (bent) curve which results when the reverbera-tion times in transcepts or open cortion times in transcepts or open cor-ridors are not adjusted to the overall reverberation time of the main audi-torium. The sound field built up - as though by a reservoir — in the adjacent volumes spills out into the auditorium, thus prolonging its normal reverberation times.

Rattles, buzzes and room flutter are also a form of reverberation caused by sound waves bouncing back and forth between reflective, generally parallel surfaces. And the single echo is experi-enced when a replica of a sound reaches the listener in about 60 or 70 milli the listener in about 60 or 70 milli-seconds after the original sound. Not even infestation by mice could be more harmful to a concert hall.

The third of our listed primary fac-The third of our listed primary fac-tors was diffusion. Diffusion describes the scattering of sound throughout a listening area by room surfaces designed to disperse impinging sound waves. The effect of such surfaces is shown by Fig-ure 3. A on Figure 3 shows that the angle of the reflected rays — taken as being normal to a plane wave front — is equal to the angle of the incident rays when these fall on a flat surface. The case does not illustrate diffusion: The case does not illustrate diffusion; only redirection. At B we have the diffusing effect of a convex surface, a very beneficial geometrical form in architectural acoustics. At C we have three kinds of reflections that can be expected from a service structure or expected from a serrated structure or a succession of pilasters. After two re-flections, ray-1 is returning to its point of origin; ray-2 has struck the sharp edge of the protrusion and steepened its incident angle by reason of acoustic diffraction (another phenomenon com-con to physics); and ray-3 is being re-flected as by the flat surface. But the composite of all three rays results in diffusion. Figure 3D is an example of the "bad boy" of room geometry. As might be expected, a concave surface concentrates sound into a relatively expected from a serrated structure or





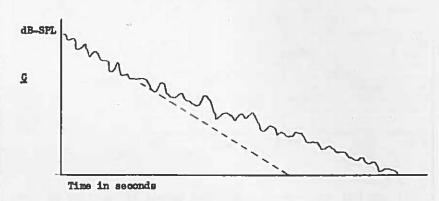
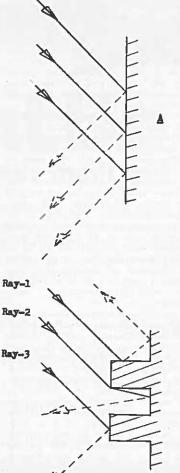
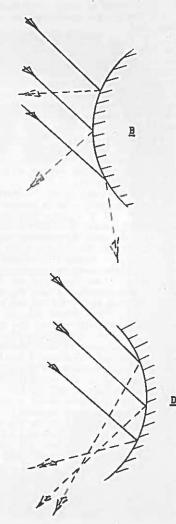




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small zone. If the region surrounding the focal zone of such a surface hap-pens to be occupied by auditors which pens to be occupied by auditors which are capable of absorbing a large part of the sound energy, these listeners will experience a "hot spot" while those in the adjacent area will be in a "dead zone" — relatively speaking. Neverthe-less, concave surfaces can be used ju-diciously to direct sound into otherwise acoustically shielded parts of a room. But diffusing surfaces are not effi-cient dispersers unless they are dimen-sionally comparable to at least a half-wavelength of the frequencies to which

sionally comparable to at least a half-wavelength of the frequencies to which they are exposed. That is to say, low-frequency, long wavelength sounds will virtually ignore narrow wall serrations while broad, irregular contours will have little effect on high-frequency, short wavelength sounds. (The wavelength of a pure tone is found by dividing the little effect on high-trequency, little effect on high-trequency, wavelength sounds. (The wavelength of a pure tone is found by dividing the speed of sound by the frequency of the tone.) Diffusion is not only important it permeates the room with because it permeates the room with the full spectrum of a sound envelope but also because it acts to blend the many diverse timbres produced by musical performance.

Figure 4 shows cross-sectional views of typical wall and ceiling designs that have come into conventional use for acoustical architecture. If flat walls in opposition are esthetically desirable for a room design, they can be tilted in-ward by as little as 3° to prevent flut-ter echo and improve dispersion. Irregular wall sections in recording studios and even in some concert rooms are made to be rotatable so as to adjust the room characteristics to the size of the ensemble and the type of music that

will be played. Presence is is the fourth on our list of primary factors. More properly, the word belongs in the vernacular of hi-fi buffs but when the good Dr. Beranek proposed his synonymous term for pres-ence he did not anticipate the recent turn of our social morals: unfortunate-ly, his word was "intimacy." By pres-By presence is meant the subjective feeling of nearness or close association with the performers that an auditor senses regardless of where he may be seated in the room. Another, more technical term for the mechanism which provides the feeling of presence is "initial time delay gap", also propounded by Dr. Beranel

The initial time delay gap is the dif-rence in time between the arrival of ference in time between the direct sound from the organ pipes or stage and the arrival of the first reflected sound to a listener in the aureflected sound to a listener in the au-ditorium. If the time difference is less than 20 to 25 milli-seconds, the acous-tics of the auditorium will be judged to have excellent presence, and the room will have the property of inti-macy. Narrow halls are more likely to show presence than wide or fan-shaped halls because the first reflections from the walls arrive in the audience earlier the walls arrive in the audience earlier than if the walls were widely separated. But even wide or asymetrical halls can be given a short initial time delay gap by use of properly designed reflecting "clouds" suspended from the ceiling.

The last two of our listed factors uniformity and warmth - are achieved by a combination of physical and geo-metrical acoustics with the added ingredient of structural considerations.

Uniformity is often described as the absence of hot- or dead-spots, but a bet-ter term may be "continuity" because the room should preserve its acoustical character in any location. We have all experienced rooms in which the timbre of the performing instruments appeared to change in various seating locations. But it is more unusual to find a room But it is more unusual to find a room in which the position of the performer on stage affects the timbre drastically. Yet it has been the experience of the author at a symphony concert in a rela-tively recently acousticized hall. The principal flautist — a young woman — displayed a deliciously rich and fluid tone while in the woodwind section, but when she came to the forepart of the stage to perform a flute concerto the stage to perform a flute concerto her tone turned into not much better than a pleasantly clean whistle – clear-ly the effect of the hall. Changes in ly the continuity are almost always perceived under balconies and at the rear of deep loges because, even though the reflec-tive angles of these spaces may have been accurately calculated, the rigidity of construction of the soffits and non-load-bearing plenum structures may load-bearing plenum structures have been slighted in the interest of

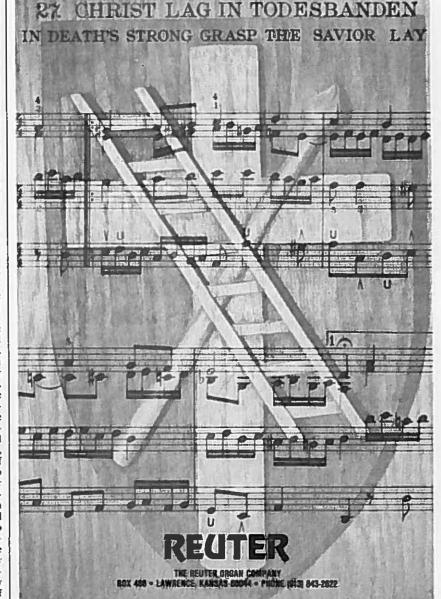
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### New Faces at AGO Seattle '78



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Many of the keyboard artists perform-ing at AGO Seattle '78 are distinguished players who need no introduction to national and international audiences. Names such as Robert Anderson, Guy Bovet, Anton Heiller, Clyde Holloway, and Gil-lian Weir have become "household names," performers known for their artistic integrity and excellence. However, the convention program will also feature performers make ing their first appearances at a national AGO convention, Each of these is of the

AGO convention. Each of these is of the younger generation of performers, yet each is a significant player or teacher. From opposite sides of the world come two guests whose recitals and classes will emphasize aspects of German baroque or-gan literature. William Porter, of the Oberlin College Conservatory, will present the north German tradition. Music of south Germany will be covered by John O'Donnell, from Austrialia's Victorian Col-lege of the Arts in Melbourne.

O'Donnell, from Austrialia's Victorian Col-lege of the Arts in Melbourne. Three more of the newer groups are "local" people. Joan Benson, University of Oregon in Eugene, has been influential in the revivial of the clavichord and the early piano. She will perform on a Jacobus Verwolf clavichord and a 1795 Broadwood piagoofrate; her class will emphasize the planoforte: her class will emphasize the

meaning of the clavichord for the organ-

Douglas L. Butler will devote his recital and class to the German romantic organ literature; he is on the faculties of Port-land Community College, Reed College, Portland State, and the University of Port-land. Both Miss Benson and Dr. Butler were heard at the 1976 Pasadena mid-winter conclave.

concleve. Margaret Irwin-Brandon, Pacific Lu-theran University, will perform harpsichord music of Froberger, Bull, and Rameau on her 1978 Keith Hill instrument. Her class will deal with early English organ music. William Albright, University of Michi-gan, will perform a program of new organ music which will include one of his own works, commissioned by the convention, as well as a work he has commissioned from C. Curtis-Smith. The 18 performances and 47 classes at

The IB performances and 47 classes at AGO Seattle '78 should provide some-thing of interest to every musician. Since the official convention brochure will be sent only to AGO and RCCO members, it is important that non-members and subscribers contacact the registrar for con-vention information: Edith McAnulty, 2326 Bigelow Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.



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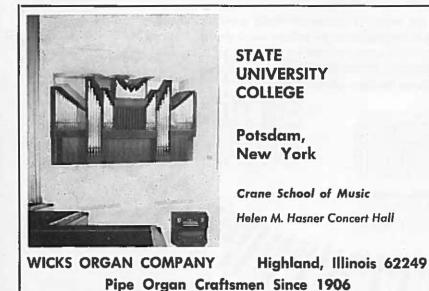
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**New Organs** (continued from p. 3)

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#### New Organ Music

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The overall style is neo-Baroque, of Germanic flavor; the pieces are mod-erately easy. This is music which will be useful for liturgical or chorale-oriented services.

Fantasy on "O Paradise!" by Malcolm Fantasy on "O Paradise!" by Malcolm Williamson (Agape 426; 3 pp., \$1.50). This brief, restrained piece is easy and requires only a modest-size instru-ment. Although dedicated to "the citi-zens of the province of Santander, Spain," it is ever so English-sounding, written in three- and four-part motet style, firmly in F major. It could be useful when a cathedral-style voluntary is needed. is needed.

Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes by Paul Karvonen (Arvon Publications 501; 27 pp., \$3.50). Ten short preludes in conservative style make up this set; the tunes used are Ar Hyd Y Nos, Dolgelly, Llanfair, Cwm Rhondda, St. Denio (two settings), Aberystwyth, Rhosymedre, Llanloffan, and Armstrong. Although the strength of the tune is not often matched in these easy settings, they will be useful for those who want preludes based on these particular melodies. Suggested registrations are given for a small two-manual organ.

manual organ. A Quaker Reader by Ned Rorem (Boosey & Hawkes; 48 pp., \$9.50). This large-scale work by one of the more important composers of the 20th cated to Miss Alice Tully, for perfor-mance by Leonard Raver who gave the premiere in early 1977 at Alice Tully Hall. Although I have never been es-pecially attracted by other works of Mr. Rorem, I suspect that this will be judged one of the significant new solo organ works of our time; it was cer-tainly impressive as performed by Mr. Raver in Philadelphia last August for the International Congress of Organists (see this journal, Sept. 1977, p. 1, for a review of that performance). The music is prefaced by the composer's notes on the literary sources which in-spired the eleven movements, but no directions for interpretation are given. Manual indications and dynamics are given; beyond that, the performer is on

his own. Presumably, a large organ was intended for performance of the com-plete work, but individual movements plete work, but individual movements might well be effective on smaller ones. The whole suite requires about 30 minutes for performance; the level of difficulty ranges from rather easy (No. 4) to quite difficult (No. 9, 11). The complete work should find a place on ambitious recitals, while single move-ments might be used in services. Al-though this music varies considerably in the amount of dissonance it contains, it is always at least quasi-tonal; the moods, as suggested by the words of Jessamyn West's The Quaker Reader, range from quiet to violent.

Trio Sonata 1970 by Rudy Shackelford (Boosey & Hawkes; 9 pp., \$6.00). This three-movement work (Annutig, Innig, Lustig) was conceived for a two-manual instrument having sufficient variety to project the lines clearly but is, nevertheless, a chamber work. It is a study in line and texture and should be of great interest to approace intera study in line and texture and should be of great interest to anyone inter-ested in contemporary music. The music is technically difficult and requires the same devotion and musicianship as trio sonatas of the past demand. It also has the same lack of ostentation and will thus be a performer's piece, rather than a listener's one. Precise notation and suggestions for performance character-ize the edition. Although the middle movement could be used for church, the main appeal of this sonata will be for recitals, when an appropriate organ is available.

Concert Set for Organ by Gordon Bink-erd, transcribed by Rudy Shackelford from the version for piano (Boosey & Hawkes; 17 pp., \$7.50). The four pieces of this "set" – Witch Doctor, Legend, Etude, and Mice – have been carefully realized here for organ. A large instrument (3 manuals, 5 divisions, 60 ranks) with tracker ac-tion is required, and a specific registra-tion plan is provided. A performance will undoubtedly require assistants, as well as formidable technique, but the work should make an effective concert piece for those who can master its dif-ficulties. Each movement has a nusical character which would appear to relate character which would appear to relate to its title; its projection will depend considerably on having an instrument with the required sounds. (to be continued)

### Appointments



Kim Kasling has been appointed as university organist and assistant professor of music at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN. His responsibilities include all organ MN. His responsibilities include all organ instruction, teaching music history at the University and at the nearby College of St. Benedict whose music department is integrated with that of St. John's. He will also develop a church music program at St. John's and will play for liturgies and special occasions in the Abbey of St. John the Bantist

special occasions in the Abbey of St. John the Baptist. Dr. Kasling is a native of New York state and received his undergraduate de-gree at SUNY, Potsdam, the MM at In-diana University, and the AMusD at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. As a Fulbright scholar he studied at the Hoch-schule für Musik, Vienna. His teachers include James Autenrith, Marilyn Mason, and Anton Heiller.



The Rev. Ralph S. March, S.O.Cist., has been appointed cathedral choir-master [Domkapellmeister] at the metro-politan cathedral of Cologne, West Ger-many. Father March holds the Doctor's Degree in Gregorian chant from the In-stitute Catholique in Paris. He has spent more than 20 years teaching Gregorian chant, church music, and related subjects at the college and university level and has also been active in performance. The Dallas Catholic Choir, directed by Father March, has given more than 250

The Dallas Catholic Choir, directed by Father March, has given more than 250 public performances since it was founded in 1959. The group has been featured at church music congresses in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Salzburg. From 1967 to 1975 Father March also served as editor of Sacred Music, America's oldest con-tinuously published music journal. Cologne Cathedral is the world's largest Gothic church and has a long tradition of excellence in liturgical music, stressing Gregorian chant and a cappella poly-phony. The choir of 45 boys and 35 men sings a solemn Latin high mass each Sun-day morning at ten.

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Suncoast tirm. Diane Bish has been a student of Mil-dred Andrews, Gustav Leonhardt, and Marie-Claire Alain, Prior to assuming her present positions, she was instructor of organ and harpsichord at Midwestern Uni-versity, Wichita Falls, TX.

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Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on; Not to the sensual car, but, more

- Keats, Ode on a Grecian Urn

endear'd, Pipe to the spirit ditties of

those unheard

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5. Could the Lost Chord be Lost be-cause the Unison Off was on?

(This question, I must admit, has been contributed by the author. And for good reason, for the answer fills in another yawning gap in musicological theory's teeth.) In his otherwise accu-rate and perceptive comparison of "The Lost Chord and The Mystical Chord," Sir V. Peasgood Gritch, M.A. (Oxon), DVM, contrasts the chord of Sullivan and the chord of Scriabin. First, Scria-bin's may still be heard, since it has not Str V. Peasgood Gritch, M.A. (Oxon), DVM, contrasts the chord of Sullivan and the chord of Scriabin. First, Scria-bin's may still be heard, since it has not (yet) been lost, but, alas and alack for Sullivan's (at least until it's been found). Second, and most importantly, Sullivan's cluster of notes (I search for synonyms) was (is) played on a loud organ and Scriabin's not. That's wrong. Note carefully that the fingers of the weary and ill-at-ease-hearted player of Sullivan's description wandered idly over the noisy keys (a direct quote para-phrased). Note, dear reader, that the keys, not the organ (= pipes) were noisy. Keys are noisy when felts deter-iorate or fall off altogether or ivories are missing or the organists' finger nails need trimming. The *noisy* sound of the *keys* would only be audible if the pipes were silent. Why were the pipes silent? Either because (1) the motor had not been turned on, if there was one (or the blower-pumper-whatever was not on the job) or (2) the UO was on. Rarely, if ever, do organists fail to turn on the blower, even if weary and ill-at-ease, when they perform at the King of Instruments. Nor would they be there in the first place if the blower-pumper had not shown up. Clearly, and by default, one arrives at the simple answer that the organist, if indeed he or she was that discomposed in his or her weariness, had drawn the UO, per-haps in an erroneous move intended for some other stop such as the Philo-make 4'. Honce L offer the first place if the philohaps in an erroncous move intended for some other stop such as the Philo-mela 8'. Hence, I offer the first truly sensible explanation of why the Lost Chord is lost, and the attendant moral of not playing when weary and/or ill.

6. How should I draw the UO stop? The answer to this question is so important that it deserves to be itali-cized. To save the reader the trouble, I have done just that. The UO should be drawn carefully but of course music-ally. The latter applies to everything musical of course and deserves no fur-ther comment. As for the use of care, if the stop is a knob, erab it smartly from ther comment. As for the use of care, if the stop is a knob, grab it smartly from behind with two fingers, drawing it forward and toward the player (usually your good self). Retire it by giving it a poke or nudge. It's a different story for organs with little ivory rocker tab-lets. In any case, if the thing doesn't operate easily, hit it with a hammer<sup>3</sup> and let your organ repairman know about it immediately. He will certainly be interested. be interested.

7. Is the Unison Off dangerous? Can I hurt myself or others with the Unison Off? No.

### 8. How should one register with the Unison Off?

Unison Off? The answer is a whole article in it-self and, given space limitations, I shall have to err on the side of brevity (however, a list of registrational possi-bilities is available, in addition to the examples presented here, on request from the author; please enclose 13% for postage and handling). The registrational possibilities are virtually infinite. I have made a list of 104 possible combinations of stops using the UO to good advantage in some way or other — this is a two year supply if one new one were used once a week. First let us consider the rather conven-

First let us consider the rather conven-tional ones and then turn to the more exotic.

EXERCISE 1. Draw some colorful combination of stops, such as the Salicional and Stopped Diapason on the Swell and play something tuneful. As you play, draw the Swell UO using the procedure described in the answer to Question 6 above. Notice now how

quiet things are, except for the sound of the fingers on the keys, or the wind in the instrument, or the lady from the altar guild vacuuming the carpet in the chancel. Realize that moments of still-ness are supreme in music. This is an important realization.

EXERCISE 2a. Draw all stops on the Great with the Great UO, but no cou-plers. Draw a stop on the Swell. Couple to Great at 8'. Note the similarity be-tween the sound on the Great and the Swell as you alternate between manuals. A form of subtlety is similarity, Realize that subtlety is supreme in music.

EXERCISE 2b. Don't change a thing. Continue playing on the Great, noting how much easier it is than stretching to reach the Swell manual. This procedure is recommended for its energy-conserving properties. Energy conservation ranks supreme in musical performance.

EXERCISE 3. If you are fortunate enough to have an organ equipped with a manual 16' Bourdon and a UO (transa manual to boundon and a OO (trans-ports of joy!), draw both plus the sub-coupler. You can now produce 32' sound. Try it and note the majesty of it all. Such refinement! Refinement and majesty are both of obvious import in musical performance.

EXERCISE 4a. Now let's get lancy and play some works by C. P. E. Bach's and play some works by C. P. E. Bach's father, Johann S. Pick a tuneful choralc-prelude like "Ach Gott, du Götterdäm-erung ...." with c.f.<sup>4</sup> in pedal. For the registration, I always recommend: Great: Open Diapason I 8' Open Diapason II 8' Open Diapason III 8' Dulciana 8' (option-

Dulciana 8' al, but gives lustre) (Prepare: Unison Off) 8' (option-

(Prepare: Unison Off) Pedal: A nice solo stop of your own choosing; try the Open Wood 16' if there is one; if there isn't, use something else. Start playing. At some opportune point throw on the UO which has been kept in readiness all this time. Note how the c.f.<sup>6</sup> emerges loud (ly?) and clear-(ly?). As a helpful learning exercise, try to explain why. EXERCISE the terms the two determines

EXERCISE 4b. Learn the "Klavierü-bung III" manualiter version. Program it for a recital. Don't worry about regis-tration changes but have something Bachian drawn (but without couplers – they would spoil everything). Turn on UOs everywhere. Play the whole thing and on the last page of the last movement, throw off all the UOs and play a prepared but "improvised" ca-denza which segues you into the last page of Widor's Toccata (V Symphony). (N.B. I have performed this a number of times at concerts where "something different" was asked for. One recital was whimsically described by a critic [a wag] as a "Fantasie Für Abgeschaltende Or EXERCISE 4b. Learn the "Klavieröas a "Fantasic Für Abgeschaltende Or-gel," which nobody understood the meaning of anyway.) The same original registration, incidentally, is recommend-ed for the organ transcription of 1 ed for the organ transcription of J. Cage's "White Symphony" which might be performed as a surprise encore.

be performed as a surprise encore. EXERCISE 5. Conceive of organ lit-erature that you have always wanted to play at a public recital but have never had the ability (or nerve) to play. Reger's mighty piece, "Wie schön leucht'..." probably comes to mind (if it doesn't, it should), perhaps in the S. K. Elert edition. With a set of UOs, you may comfortably program it knowing that even if you have never seen the first page, let alone the whole score, you can play it from beginning to end with the helpful UOs on, and no one will know the difference. In sum, find comfort in this sage hy-

In sum, find comfort in this sage hyperbole: "A sound without sound .

A contradiction in beauty." - Someone (almost) forgotten

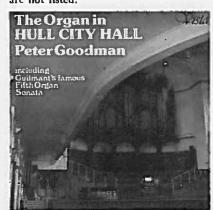
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9. Can using more characteristic and the second sec immortal, "The Crucifixion (continued, page 20)

### New Organ Recordings

reviewed by Arthur Lawrence

More records in the series devoted to particular English organs have been issued by Vista. Although each varies according to the organist, organ and works performed, all are well recorded. The process used involves the use of only one microphone all the use of The process used involves the use of only one microphone, placed a reason-able distance in front of the organ, which provides a much more realistic sound than is achieved by the tech-nique too frequently used in which several mikes are used very close to the pipes and then "blended" by mixers. Publishers of the music recorded are listed on each disc, and the jacket in-cludes a cover photograph of the organ or builder, a biographical note about the performer, good program notes by Felix Aprahamian, and the organ stop-list. Performance registrations, however, list. Performance registrations, however, are not listed.



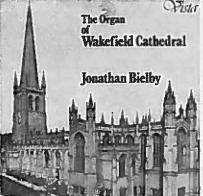
The Organ in Hull City Hall, Peter Goodman, organist, Hollins: Trumper Minuet; Keliner: Chorale Prelude, "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan"; Harwood; Paean; Sweelinck: Balletto del Granduca; Guilmant: Sonata No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 80, Vista VPS 1042 stereo (available in the US from HNH Distributors Ltd., P.O. Box 222, Evanston, IL 60204) Of the present group, I find this record in every way the best. Mr. Good-man, the city organist at Hull since 1957, obviously knows the organ well and uses it to its best advantage. The recorded sound is good: it varies from farge ensembles to simaller ones, and is always very "English," yet pleasing. The organ is a large 4-manual Forster & Andrews of 1911, rebuilt by Compton a 64' pedal stop, at least one splendid uba (neither too bright nor too tubby). and lovely orchestral reeds.

The recorded music is all interesting, but not overly-familiar. Alfred Hollins' *Trumpet Minuet* is a pleasant work in the trumpet-tune tradition and makes good use of the trumpet stop, while the Kellner chorale prelude employs the fine orchestral oboe for its melody. The Harwood piece (1902) is actually a sonata movement (published separately) which is ever so English-sounding, with a big splash from the tuba at the end. The Sweelinck variations are the least successful, because of the kind of sound this organ has, but the rendition is musical. The Guilmant sonata is quite commanding and is worthy of hearing commanding and is worthy of hearing on such an instrument as this. It's also a better piece than many people would have one believe.

All in all, this is a highly-recommend-

All in all, this is a highly-recommend-ed disc for those interested in a fine period organ in England. The Organ of Wakefield Cathedral, Jonathan Bielby, organist. Lang: Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15; Vierne: Prélude, Op. 31, No. 5; Leighton: Festi-val Fanfare; Guilmant: Sonata No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 56; Yon: Toccatina for Flute; Bennett: Alba; Parry: Toccata and Fugue, "The Wanderer." Vista VPS 1034 stereo 1094 stereo

This disc runs the Hull City Hall one a close second. The organ is a big one — five manuals of varied origin,



rebuilt and enlarged in 1951-2 by Compton - and the recorded sound is good, although the review copy was marred although the review copy was marred by periodic distortion on side 2. Jona-than Bielby, organist and master of the choristers at Wakefield since 1970, plays well. The *Tuba Tune* of C. S. Lang is an attractive piece, making a good dis-play of a big tuba stop. For those who associate only the toccata style with Vierne, his *Prelude* will come as a sur-prise since it is could and uppretentious Vierne, his *Prelude* will come as a sur-prise, since it is quiet and unpretentious. The Leighton work is the newest on this record, but it fits in the romantic tra-dition of its companion pieces. The little toccata of Yon is from the now-forgotten style which was prevalent in our own country several generations ago. The two works of substance here are those by Guilmant and Parry. As with the previous disc, the recording of a Guilmant sonata shows what hearty music this venerable Frenchman wrote; given the appropriate artist and organ.

music this venerable Frenchman wrote; given the appropriate artist and organ, as is the case in this instance, it is good to hear (see the second part of the arti-cle on Guilmant which appeared in June 1977 issue of *The Diapason* for more information on these works). Sir C. Hubert H. Parry's major organ work is "The Wanderer," published post-humously in 1921; those who are fond of his anthem "I was glad" will appre-ciate its expansive style. In addition to musical virtues, this

In addition to musical virtues, this record demonstrates something of which we in a land rich in organs but poor in acoustically-sympathetic churches to house them need to be reminded; the glory of organ sound in a reverberant building. glory of building.

The Organ in Chester Cathedral, Roger Fisher, organist. Buxtehude: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, Pretude, Fugue and Chaconne in C, Pretude and Fugue in D; Bach: Passa-caglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582; Reger: Chorale Preludes, "Wachet auf," Op. 67, No. 41, "Aus tiefer Not," Op. 67, No. 3, and Chorale Fantasia, "Hallelujah, Gott zu loben," Op. 52, No. 3. Vista 1044 stereo

No. 3. VISIA 1944 RECEO Mr. Fisher's all-Germanic program lacks élan and fares less well than its companion records. The sound of this 4-manual 1969 rebuild by Rushworth and Dreaper is forced and loud, at least as heard here; since Vista goes to some pains to record a realistic organ sound, I must assume that this is an accurate representation of the real thing accurate representation of the real thing.

The Buxtehude and Bach selections do not, in my opinion, fit either the organ or the organist well. Especially in the former, the rhythms are distorted, the sections are disjointed, and the artithe sections are disjointed, and the arti-culations are fussy; there are even some wrong notes in the famous chaconne. The Reger fares better -1 am sure the "Hallelujah, Gott zu loben" fantasia would have been exciting to hear in person. The "Wachet auf," incidentally, is not the big work of the same name. For a diametrically opposed review of this same record, see Ewen McCuaig in Music, January 1978, p. 17. The labels of the review conv were

The labels of the review copy were reversed on the disc. Buy this one with caution.



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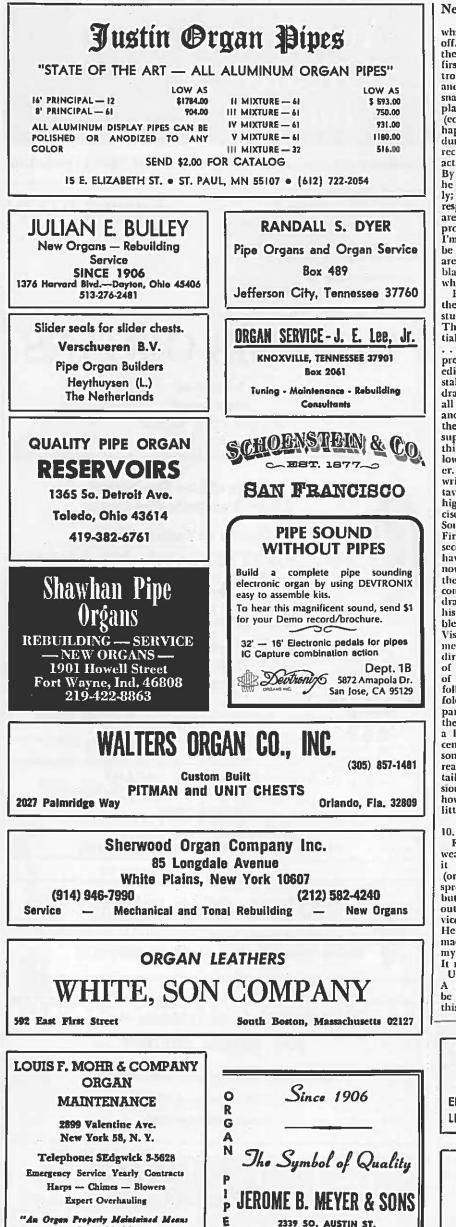
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New Uses and Old Abuses

(continued from p. 18) what to do: make sure all couplers are what to do: make sure all couplers are off. As you approach measure 33 (with the full realization that, now for the first time, it will be absent of those troublesome blue notes) free a hand and at the beginning of the measure snap the UO on smartly, continuing to play all the while, and snap it off (equally smartly) at measure 34. The happy result: an errorless rendition. If during the performance the choral dihappy result: an errorless rendition. If during the performance the choral di-rector glances askance at you, your re-action should depend on relative sex. By that I mean, if you are female and he male, look away smirking knowing-ly; if you are male and she female, no response is of course necessary; if both are female, pursed lips seems the ap-propriate response; if both are male, I'm just not sure what to do (I cannot be expected to know everything: we

propriate response; it both are mate, I'm just not sure what to do (I cannot be expected to know everything; we are not all perfect). If all else fails, blame can be placed on the hapless UO which is in no position to defend itself. Pedagogues should teach the UO to the budding virtuoso, né fledgling student, right from the very beginning. The first piece to be learned at the ini-tial sitting is M. Reger's, "Wie schön ...," a mighty number indeed (some prefer the version by Urtext, but that edition is unfamiliar to me). First, in-stall Student on the organ bench and draw the "Bach combination" (that is, all stops except the manual couplers and UO). Add to this the UO plus the Great sub-coupler and the Swell super-coupler which means that every-thing on the Great plays an octave lower and on the Swell an octave high-er. To hear things as they were actually written the Student was play an octave lower and on the Swell an octave high-er. To hear things as they were actually written, the Student must play an oc-tave low on the Swell and an octave high on the Great. This is good exer-cise, physical as well as intellectual. Some would consider it a Baptism-by-Fire as well. If Student returns for a second lesson, he or she is expected to have his or her notes well in hand but, now Challenge II. Student is seated on the bench with his or her back to the console. The same combination is re-drawn and he or she must play with his or her left hand in the Great tre-ble and right hand in the Swell bass. his or her left hand in the Great tre-ble and right hand in the Swell bass. Visualize that. If he or she has not memorized the piece, stick the choir director's music stand squarely in front of him or her, which of course is back of the organ bench. The third lesson follows the same ritual but with a blind-fold and the introduction of a pedal follows the same ritual but with a bind-fold and the introduction of a pedal part. (N.B. If Student has not learned the pedal part yet, punch it out with a broom handle while standing left-of-center of the console.) The fourth les-son involves a whip, but here, dear reader, our interest flags and the de-tails are best reserved for another occa-sion. We have indeed made our point sums are pest reserved for another occa-sion. We have indeed made our point, however, about the versatility of the little UO.

10. How often should the UO be used? Fairly often but not often enough to wear it out. If used too infrequently, it tends to corrode and the corrosion (or, technically, oxidation) could spread everywhere before you know it, but if used too frequently, it will wear out and fall off for sure. Get good ad-vice from your organ maintenance man. He will help. I have had a little sign made which, glued to the console of my organ, serves as a constant reminder. It reads t reads UNISON OFF = UO = USE OFTEN

A precisely iambed couplet could not be more beautiful. Others might follow this example.

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11. How may 1 use the UO more ef-fectively in service playing? Here's one idea of many, many possi-ble. The next time your minister, rabbi, or priest asks you to play while he (or she, things being what they are these days) is walking from the one side of the altar to the other, do so but draw all UOs, avoid pedals and octave cou-plers, and play up a storm! If he asks what happened, remind him that you followed his instructions to a T and played as per request. He will say, "I what happened, remind him that you followed his instructions to a T and played as per request. He will say, "I didn't hear anything," You will reply with an internal smirk, "You didn't ask to hear anything," reminding him that he merely asked "me to play some-thing which I did." Then explain to him the function of the UO and how you put it to good use. He will be im-pressed by your musical knowledge and wiser: He will communicate more pre-cisely in the future (after all, if he is concerned, as are all preachers, with heady matters like the numbers of angels accommodatable on pin heads, p-r-e-ci-i-s-i-o-n should be a matter of some concern all around.) If he doesn't get the point, say firmly, "In the fu-ture, precision über alles" (for addition-al emphasis, spell out precision, as above). Nifty idea.

12. Are there any particularly unusual uses for the Unison Off? Yes.

### 13. What are those particularly unusual

uses? Those particularly unusual uses for the UO are numerous and many. Here is one idea that comes quickly to mind: Draw the Great, Solo, and the Swell UOs. Play something, anything (it doesn't matter what) on the Choir Manual. Observe how strangely confi-dent you are. Why? There is no longer any need at all to worry about the hymn book falling off the music rack and making cacophonous noises (or music by modern masters) as it gallops and careens its way from manual to manual. Achieving security (like this) is a libercareens its way from manual to manual. Achieving security (like this) is a liber-ating experience, usually if not always. If your reflexes are as in tune as your organ should be, you will have caught the errant and galavanting book with a free hand before it reaches the man-ual on which you are playing some-thing, anything. If you are not as alert as you should be, and it reaches the bot-tom manual unintercepted, quickly turn tom manual unintercepted, quickly turn off the blower and announce to your listening audience that "the fuse blew" and you have saved face. In short, the advent of the UO was the exodus of pain and worry for today's organist, and tomorrow's too.

14. My organ has no Unison Off; what should I do?

C'est la guerre, as the French say. Learn to work around it. You will be ever so much richer for the sacrifice.

15. How much does a Unison Off cost? Between \$4,000 and \$5,000, or the equivalent of about two stops and well worth it. Given the low cost, there should be as many UOs as possible. Every organ with more than one stop (organs with fewer are rare) should have at least one UO. UOs are never found on the Pedal Organ, but should be. With a Pedal UO the organist can walk to work literally portal-to-portal, that is walk across the pedals with dig-nity directly to the bench and seat him-self or herself with grace, freed of the customary worry of a Bourdon 16' (or worse, Trombone 16') having been left on. It is further recommended that a second or auxiliary UO be installed on 15. How much does a Unison Off cost? on. It is further recommended that a second or auxiliary UO be installed on each manual should the principal UO fail at any time. This provides double security. Organists presiding at instru-ments so equipped play with the com-forting knowledge that there will always be a (or an) UO when needed. The auxiliary UO should be labelled UO II, as opposed to UO I, the one usually

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16. What is the most important organ

stop? The most important organ stop is the heretofore unheralded Unison Off. Few should disagree,

#### NOTES

NOTES 1. The author does not p'ay the violin and has never played the xylophone, the marimba, or the vibraphone, He is presently working on three companion pieces to this article, name-ly, "The Musical Uses and Abuses of the "General Cancel," "How You Can Repair Your Own Organ Yourself at Church, Home, Office, or School: Theory and Practice," and "An 'Organitt's Bag of Tricks and Kit of Re-pair Tools: Theory and Practice;" and "An 'Organist's Bag of Tricks and Kit of Re-pair Tools: Theory and Practice;" And "An 'Organist's Bag of Tricks and Kit of Re-pair Tools: Theory and Practice;" Aso, a biog-raphy or obituary of Ms. (or Miss among the traditional) Agnes Dei, organist, titled, "Ms. Agnes Dei, Organiste: Her Theory, Practice, and Performance;" as well as many more things.

things. 2. S. Well Pedallus, Organus Erotikus (1532); out of print (regrettably). 3. The Complete Organist(e) will always have bether following items for emergency:

3. The Complete Organist(e) will always have at the ready the following items for emergency: a hammer, screwdriver, and pipe wrench; 23' of string; 7 cleft twigs; 1 roll, bicycle tape; an extra collection plate and whip; Kleenex (amount depending on many things like cli-mate, draftiness of building, susceptibility of

user to illness, and such); eye drops; Lourdes water (R.C. only); a tuning tool; fashlight and/or candle; fresh library paste (I part flour to 2 parts water); 20¢ in small change. This will all be elaborated in two future articles, "How You Can Repair Your Own Organ Yourself at Home, Office, Church, and School" and "An Organist's Bag of Tricks and Kit of Repair Tools: Theory and Practice." Both are highly recommonded. 4. c.f. – cantus firmus (Lat. deriv.); cantus is tune or tuneful; firmus is melody or me'o-dious; hence, a c.f. is a me odious tune. a tuneful melody, a melodions melody, or a tuneful tune, whichever you like. Such super-fluous distinctions matter not at al. Least of all to me.

all to me, 5. See footnote 4,

6, UOs means Unisons Olf or Unison Olfs. But which is the correct form for pluralizing UO? The correct answer, which is skillfully sidestepped here by simply referring to UOs as the plural of UO, will someday have to be decided, perhaps by an interdisciplinary com-mittee of musicologists drawn from the music departments of great universities the world over and gramunarians and semanticists and linguists representing leading English depart-ments.

7. (Footnote to ootnote 1) The author is the owner of a tracker instrument built by Ahrend und Brunzema in 1966, roughly the year in which the Unison Off reached its nadir. Al-though the hausorgel is equipped with an ad-justable bench, Unison Offs were carelesly left out of the tonal specification, an omission which serves as a convenient excuse for sloppy p'ay-ing. (Also see answer to question 14.)

### Here & There

An International Organweek was held in the latter part of October in conjunc-tion with the Second Wiesbaden Bach-week, in Germany. Guy Bovet, Luigi Ferdi-nando Tagliavini, Günter Jena, and Jean Langlais played recitals which were contered around works of Bach; Gustav Leon-hardt performed the Clavierübung II on harpsichord.

"Roaring, soaring, exulting, trembling" — The great pipe organs of the West was the title of a 2-page feature in the February issue of "Sunset" ("The Maga-zine of Western Living"). Urging its read-ers to attend organ recitals, the magazine living a pumber of regular varies in Seat ers to attend organ recitals, the magazine listed a number of regular series in Seat-tle, Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, Berkeley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Pictured were Roy M. Darley playing the 5-manual Aeolian-Skinner at the Mormon Tabernacle, the Ruffatti in San Francisco, Seattle's Flentrop in St. Mark's Cathedral, Lawrence Moe with several of the his-topic regul instruments at the University Lawrence Moe with several of the his-toric small instruments at the University of California, the Schlicker in the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, and the Holtkamp-designed Möller of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Oliver Wendell Holmes' quote about the organ began the article: "It roars louder than the lion of the desert, and it can draw out a thread of sound as fine as the locust spins at hot noon on his still tree-top."

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, "Stereo Review" published a section de-voted to the Best Recordings of the Past Twenty Years in its February issue. Cata-gories ranged from Early Music to Rock, gories ranged from Early Music to Rock, and selections were as varied as Burgun-dian chansons and Satie piano pieces, ranging to Miles Davis and the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine." That no solo organ recordings were included probably says more about American taste than it does about the state of recording the organ. However, some recordings of at least peripheral interest to readers of this journal did creep in: Gabrieli and His Contemporaries [Schola Cantorum Basi-liensis/DG Archiv 73154], Monteverdi Vespro dolla Beate Vergine [Concentus Musicus/Telefunken SWAT 9501/02-A], Duruíló Requiem (Durufilé/Epic BC 1256). Vespro della pouro SWAT 9501/02-A), Musicus/Telefunken SWAT 9501/02-A), Duruflé Requiem (Duruflé/Epic BC 1256), Cloria and Organ Concerto Poulenc Gloria and Organ Concerto (Duruflé and Prêtre/Angel S-35953), and one contributor suggested that a fine idea for a future recording would be Helmut Walcha playing organ works from the Mulliner Book.

Herbert Burtis was organist with the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra in a Feb. I concert at the United Methodist Church of Red Bank, NJ, when the featured works were the Poulenc Concerto and Saint-Saëns' Symphony III. The occasion marked the 30th anniversary of the symphony.

According to recent newspaper reports, the Diacese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend is one of 15 diocesus named in an \$8.6 million lawsuit filed in the US Distrct Court at Chicago, in the continuing struggle of Los Angeles-based FEL Publications Los Angeles-based FEL Publications against copyright infringements by Catho-lic parishes. In this case, the bishop in-volved has warned all concerned not to violate copyright laws, but has said that diocesan responsibility regarding the suit has not yet been determined. A similar suit, filed against the Archdiocese of Chi-cago, was noted in these pages in Nov. 1976.

Ann Laboursky performed a special program devoted to the works of Louis Vierne in honor of the 40th anniversary of the composer's death. The recital took place in Paris, at the auditorium of the "Association Valentin Haüy," an institu-tion which furthers the welfare of the blind, on whose board of directors Vierne had loag second he addition to relations blind, on whose board of directors Vierne had long served. In addition to selections from the "Pièces de fantaisie," Miss La-bounsky played the "Messe basse pour les défunts," Vierne's last organ work, and "Stele pour un enfant défunt," which he had played just before his death at the Notre-Dame organ.

The complete organ works of Reger were performed in a series of weekly re-citals at the Holy Ghost Church in Frank-furt (am Main (, Germany, between Aug. 30 and Dec. 20. Herbert Hoffmann, Hein-er Kühner, Rosaline Haas-Krams, Gerhard Weinberger, Wilhelm Krumbach Eber Weinberger, Wilhelm Krumbach, Eber-hard Kraus, Wolfgang Stockmeier, Ernst-Erich Stender, Rose Reich-Stahl, Karl Hochreither, and Rainer Lille played the organ, a 3-man. Walcker tracker with electric stop action, of 1961.

Samuel John Swartz played three recisamuel John Swartz played three reci-tals devoted to the music of Franck at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los An-geles last fall. Using the large E. M. Skin-ner organ in the sanctuary, Dr. Swartz performed the composer's complete large works.

The Heritage of Bach was the title of three fall-semester recitals played by Robert Sutherland Lord at the University of Pittsburgh's Heinz Memorial Chapel. The works encompassed were selected from the major preludes and fugues, the chorale prelude collections, and the trio sonatas, together with a few early works.

Walter Hillsman recorded the complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé during 1977 for the Vista label on the organ of Coventry Cathedral in England. He also played these works in two recitals at St. Albans Abbey, for broadcast by the BBC, as well as in programs at Yale University and at University College, Oxford.

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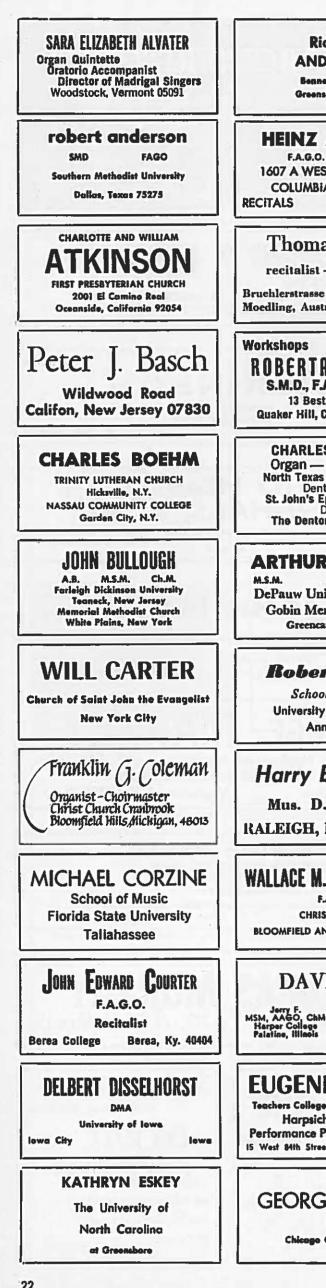
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Richard ANDERSON Bennett College The deadline for this calendar is the 10th of the preceding month (Mar. 10 for April issue). All events are assumed to be Greensbore, N. C. organ recitals unless otherwise indicated. are grouped from east north to south within each date. Calendar HEINZ ARNOLD information should include artist name or event, date, location, and hour; incomplete information will not be accepted. THE DIA-PASON regrets that it cannot assume re-sponsibility for the accuracy of calendar F.A.G.O. D.Mus. 1607 A WESTWINDS DRIVE COLUMBIA, MO. 65201 WORKSHOPS entries. **Thomas Bailey** recitalist — conductor David Hurd, St Marks Episcopal, Augus-ta, ME Bruchlerstrasse 79/1/6 4.2340 Lenten Evensong; St Johns Church, South-Europe Moedling, Austria ampton, NY 4 pm Robert Roth, Temple Emanu-el, New York, NY 2:30 pm Recitals Haydn Creation; St Bartholomews Church, New York, NY 4 pm Herbert Burtis; St Thomas Church, New ROBERTA BITGOOD York, NY 5:15 pm S.M.D., F.A.G.O., Ch. M. Leonard Raver, Poulenc Concerto; St Pauls Chapel, Calumbia U, New York, NY 8 pm Clare Gesualdo; Christ Church, Manhas-**13 Best View Road** Clare Gesuald set, NY 4:30 pm Quaker Hill, Connecticut 06375 ser, NT 4:30 pm Claire Coci & Lester Berenbraick, Monni-kendam Memorial; Presbyterian Church, Madison, NJ 4 pm Handel Messiah; 1st Presbyterian, Red Bank, NJ 4:30 pm **CHARLES S. BROWN** Organ — Harpsichord North Texas State University **Denton 76203** St. John's Episcopal Church Kenvin Mensch; Trinity Methodist, Lock Dallas The Denton Bach Society Haven, PA 4 pm Haven, PA 4 pm Heather Byram; Trinity Lutheran, Lan-caster, PA 5 pm Philadelphia Concert Soloists; Market Square Presbyterian, Harrisburg, PA 8 pm Music of Purcell; St Davids Church, Balti-**ARTHUR CARKEEK** more, MD 4 pm A.A.G.O. Choral Arts Society, Kodály Missa Brevis; Cothedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, **DePauw University Organist** MD 5:30 pm **Gobin Memorial Church** John McCarthy, Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Lauderdale, FL 4:30 pm Greencastle, Indiana 7th annual organ competition; First Pres-byterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm \*Antone Godding, Dupré Stations of the Cross; Florida State U, Tallahassee, FL 2:30 **Robert Clark** pm Robert L Simpson; Bethesda-by-the-Sea, School of Music Polm Beach, FL 5 pm Gordon & Grady Wilson; Peace Mem University of Michigan Presbyterian, Cléarwater, FL Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, Ann Arbor OH 2:30 pm Oberlin College Choir; 1st Presbyterian, Birmingham, MI 7 pm Allan Moeller; Bethlehem Center Chapel, Harry E. Cooper La Grange, IL 3 pm James Hoyt Gladstone; St Luke Lutheran, Chicago, 1L 4 pm Mus. D., F.A.G.O. **RALEIGH, N. CAROLINA** WALLACE M. COURSEN. JR. F.A.G.O. CHRIST CHURCH BLOOMFIELD AND GLEN RIDGE, NJ. DAVIDSON Jerry F. Susan L. MSM, AAGO, ChM MSM, ChM Harper College The Presbytarian Church Palatine, Illinois Barrington, Illinois EUGENIA EARLE Teachers College, Columbia University **Harpsichord Recitals Performance Practice Workshops** 15 West 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024 GEORGE ESTEVEZ ch.m. **Chicago Chamber Cheir** 

### Calendar

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UNITED STATES

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#### 10 MARCH

Apple Hill Chamber Players; South Con-gregational/1st Baptist, New Britain, CT B

Brass quintet; St Pauls Cathedral, Buffalo, NY 12:05 pm Ned Rorem concert; Longwood College,

Farmville, VA 8 pm

Roger Wagner Chorale; Coral Ridge Pres-byterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm Terry Charles; Kirk of Dundedin, FL 8:15 Dm

Andrea Handley, 4th Presbyterian, Chi-

cago, IL 12:10 pm Timothy Albrecht; Wisconsin Lutheran H S, Milwaukee WI 7:30 pm

11 MARCH

Richard Enright, "Saturday School" (console conducting); St James Cathedral, Chl-

cogo, IL 1:30 pm Chicago Early Music Consort; St Paul Lutheran, Skokie, IL 7 pm

12 MARCH

- Marshall Bush, all-Bach, First Baptist, Keene, NH 4 pm Lenten anthems & motets; Christ Church,
- S Hamilton, MA 5 pm Schütz Musikalisches Exequien; 1st Church

Congregational, Cambridge, MA 5 pm Bach Cantata 4; Trinity Episcopal, Hart-

ford, CT 4 pm Hunter Tillman, Temple Emanu-el, New York, NY 2:30 pm Vardi Requiem; St Bartholomews Church,

New York, NY 4 pm

Earnest Jesus We New York, NY 5 pm Wept; Immanuel Lutheran,

Nancy Shearer; St Thomas Church, New Yark, NY 5:15 pm Michel Chapuis; Alice Tully Hall, New

York, NY 8 pm David Hurd; Church of Intercession, New York, NY

Edward T Schell III; Westminster Presbyterian, Utico, NY 7:30 pm Timothy Albrecht/Thomas Crawford with

- choir; Brahms Requiem; Incornate Word, Rochester, NY 7 pm Mozart Requiem; St Pauls Cathedral, Buf-
- falo, NY 5 pm Elmare The Cross, composer conducting;

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, PA 4 pm Daralene Davis, soprano, Market Square Presbyterian, Harrisburg, PA 8 pm

Carol Prochazka, piono; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Robin Hewlitt; Longwood College, Farm-

- ville, VA 4 pm Wilmington Pro Musica; 1st Presbyterion,
- Wilmington, NC 5 pm Haydn Harmonieme esse; Covenant Presby-

Thomos Richner; 1st Church of Christ Scientist, St Petersburg, FL

- Mendelssohn Elijah; First Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm
- Robert Acton; Coral F Ft Louderdale, FL 4:30 pm Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland,

Choral concert; 1st Congregational, Co-lumbus, OH 8 pm

Richard Benedum; Seventh-day Adventist, Kettering, OH 8 pm Play of Daniel; Christ Church, Cincinnoti, OH 4 pm

Swedish boys choir; Christ Church Cran-brook, Bloomfield Hills, MI 4 pm

pal, La Porte, IN 4 pm Dubois Seven Last Words; United Metho-dist, Carmel, IN 10:15 am

aisr, Carmel, IN 10:13 am Chicago Chamber Choir, George Estevez, dir; St Paul's United, Chicago, IL 7 pm \*Jay Peterson; Congregational Church, Quincy, IL 8 pm

\*Thomas Murray; St Dominics Church, Portland, MB 8 pm Richard McPherson, James Madison U,

13 MARCH

14 MARCH

Harrisonburg, VA 8 pm

Mary Ida Yost; Zion Lutheran, Ann Arbor, MI 4 pm St Marys College Choir; St Pauls Episco-

Wolfgang Rübsam, all-Bach; Millar chapel, Northwestern U, Evanston, IL 4 pm William Porter; Faith Lutheran, Glen OH 2:30 pm Fauré Requiem; Fairmount Presbyterian, Ellyn, IL 7:30 pm Cleveland Heights, OH 4:30 pm Herbert Hoffmann; Trinity Episcopal, To-

#### 6 MARCH

Frederick Hohman, State College, Mansfield, PA 8 pm Virgit Fox, Pfeiffer Hall, Naperville, IL 8

#### 7 MARCH

Douglas Haas; Immaculate Conception

- Cathedrai, Syracuse, NY 8 pm Douglas D Himes, all-French; Heinz chapel, U of Pittsburgh, PA 12 noon Ann Colbert Wade; 2nd Presbyterian, In-dianapolis, IN 8 pm

#### 8 MARCH

James Traubert, Trinity Church, Newport, RI 12:15 pm Music of Handel, St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm

#### 9 MARCH

- Margaret Murphy Lacy; St Pauls Chapet, Columbia U, New York, NY 12 noon Alice VK Maleski; Grace Church, New York, NY 12 noon
- Douglas Hoas, Reformed Church, Oradell,
- NJ 8 pm Ned Rorem, lecture; Langwood College, Farmville, VA 1 pm Diane Bish; Palne College, Augusta, GA
- 8 pm Terry Charles, Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15

Virgil Fox, Coliseum, Marion, IN 8 pm Marilyn Mason, Dupré Stations of the Cross; Christ United Methodist, Memphis, TN R

Handel Messiah, ports II-III; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 7:30 pm Robert S Lord, music of Ste-Clothilde tradition; Frick rotunda, U of Pittsburgh, PA 12 noon Michael Corzine; St Lukes Cathedral, Or-

lando, FL 8 pm

\*AGO chapter program

THE DIAPASON

#### 15 MARCH

Marian Van Slyke, with oboe & soprano; Trinity Church, Newport, RI 12:15 pm Music of Tomkins; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm

#### 17 MARCH

Christoph Wolff; Harvard U Church, Cam-bridge, MA 8:30 pm Choral concert; St Pauls Cathedral, Buffalo, NY 12:05 pm Benjamin Van Wye; Bethesda Episcopal,

Saratoga Springs, NY 8 pm Brahms Requiem; Coral Ridge Presbyter-ian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm Lionel Rogg; St Johns Evangelical, Co-lumbus, OH 8 pm

Michael Suratt; 4th Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 12:10 pm

#### 19 MARCH

Handel Messiah, Easter portion; Trinity

Church, Newport, RI 4 pm Trompette-en-chamade dedication; River-side Church, New York, NY 2:30 pm

Handel Messiah, Lenten portion; St Bar-tholomews Church, New York, NY 4 pm

Bach Cantata 182; Holy Trinity Lutheran, New York, NY 5 pm Mary Ann Dodd; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm

Brahms Requiem; Church of the Ascension, New York, NY 8 pm Brahms Requiem; Sacred Heart Cathe-

Brahms Requiem; Sacred Heart Cathe-dral, Rochester, NY 3 pm Choral program; United Methodist, Red Bank, NJ 4 pm Westminster College Choir; Trinity United Presbyterian, Cherry Hill, NJ 7:30 pm Elmore The Cross, composer conducting; 10th Presbyterian, Philadelphia, PA 5 pm Suzanne Caldwell & Marjorie Killick; Pres-byterian Church, Camp Hill, PA 7:30 pm Joseph Stephens, harpsichord; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Lionel Rogg; All Souls Unitarian, Wash-inatan, DC 4 pm

Lionel Rogg; All Souls Unitarian, Wash-ington, DC 4 pm Bach St John Passion; Ist United Metho-dist, Elizabeth City, NC 3:30 pm Diane Bish, "O Sacred Head" Passion Symphony; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 7 pm Spiro Malas, bass-baritone; First Presby-torian E Lauderdale, FL 8 pm

terian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 2:30 pm

All Saints Choir; Christ Church Cronbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI 4:30 pm Huw Lewis; Our Lady of Rosory Church,

Detroit, MI 5 pm

Defroit, MI 5 pm Marilyn van der Velde, Poulenc Concerto; 1st Presbyterian, Ann Arbar, MI 4 pm Bach B-Minor Mass; Rockefeller chapel,

U of Chicago, IL 4 pm

#### 20 MARCH

Cherry Rhodes, 20th-century music; Alice Tully Hall, New York, NY 8 pm

William Ness; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield, II 12:10 pm

#### 21 MARCH

Organ recital; Frick rotunda, U of Pitts-burg, PA 12 noon Ness; 1st Presbyterian, Deer-Moriorie

field, IL 12:10 pm

#### 22 MARCH

Musica Sacra, Bach St Matthew Passion; Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, New York, NY 8 pm

8 pm Bach St Matthew Passion; St Barthalo-mews Church, New York, NY 8:15 pm Merlin E Lehman; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield, IL 12:10 pm

#### 23 MARCH

Joshua Singer; St Pauls Chapel, Colum-bia U, New York, NY 12 noon Lois Lundvall; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield,

IL 12:10 pm

24 MARCH Choral concert; Westminster Presbyterian, Utica, NY 8 pm Huw Lewis; St Johns Episcopal, Detroit,

MI 12 noon

Marilyn Mason, Dupré Stations of the Cross, with dance: Christ Church Cranbrook,

Cross, with dance; Cinis Citotis Citotis Bloomfield Hills, MI 4:30 pm Tenebrae service with motets; 1st Presby-terian, Nashville, TN 8 pm Leon Nelson; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield,

IL 12:10 pm

#### 25 MARCH

Quadrivium, Easter Eve concert; 1st Church Congregational, Cambridge, MA 8: 15 pm

26 MARCH

Easter concert; Fogg Museum, Harvard

U, Cambridge, MA 3 pm Festival of Easter Alleluias; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 3 pm

Festival music service; Riverside Church, New York, NY 4 pm Dvorak TeDeum; St Bartholomews Church,

New York, NY 4 pm Bach Easter Oratorio; Holy Trinity Lutheran, New York, NY 5 pm

James Dale; US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 3 pm

Moody Chorale; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 7 pm Karel Paukert with Ronald Gorevic, violin; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 2:30 pm

28 MARCH

Robert S Lord, music of Ste Clothilde tradition; Frick rotunda, U of Pittsburgh, PA 12 noon

Oberlin College Choir; 1st Presbyterian, Ft Wayne, IN 8 pm

#### 29 MARCH

Music of Sowerby, St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm Marianne Webb; East Congregational, Grand Rapids, MI 7:30 pm

30 MARCH

Paul Fitzgerald; St Pauls Chapel, Co-lumbia U, New York, NY 12 noon

1 APRIL \*Odile Pitrre, masterclass; Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lancaster, PA 10 am Gerre Hancock; North Christian, Colum-

bus, IN 8 pm

2 APRIL

George Neikrug, Bach Cello Suites (com-plete); 1st Church Congregational, Cam-bridge, MA 5 & 8:15 pm Feast of Fools; Trinity Episcopal, Hart-ford, CT 4 pm Rosalind Mohnsen; St Michaels Church,

Rosalind Mohnsen; St Michaels Church, New York, NY 4 pm Stephen A Rumpf; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm

William Whitehead; Zion Lutheran, Schenectady, NY 7:30 pm

John Rose; St Johns Lutheran, Passiac, NJ Odile Pierre; Good Shephard Lutheran, Lancaster, PA 8 pm Lionel Rogg; Trinity Evangelical Lutheran,

Camp Hill, PA 8 pm

Lloyd Bowers, piano; Cathedral of Mary Our Quren, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Handel Messiah, Part 3; 1st Presbyterian,

Handel Messiah, Part 3; 1st Presbyterian, Burlington, NC 11 am Robert Hebble; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 4:30 pm Dan Rolander, dedication; Redeemer Lutheran, Ft Myers, FL 5 pm Giuseppe Zanaboni; Art Museum, Cleve-land, OH 2 pm

Steven Egler with Gerardo Ribeiro, violin;

1st Presbyterian, Mt. Pleasant, MI 8 pm

1st Presbyterian, Mt. Pleasant, MI 8 pm Handel Messiah, Lenten portions; Inde-pendent Presbyterian, Birmingham, AL 4 pm Choral concert; O'Laughlin aud, St Marys College, Notre Dame, IN 8 pm Wolfgang Rübsam, all-Bach; Millar chapel, Northwestern U 5 pm

Northwestern U, Evanston, IL 5 pm Northwestern U, Evanston, IL 5 pm Gerre Hancock, workshop; North Chris-tian, Columbus, IN am Wilma Jensen, CCWO 50th anniversary recital; St Pauls Church, Chicago, IL 3:30

Bach Cantata 150; U of Illinois, Urbana, IL 3 nm

#### 3 APRIL

Marilyn Mason; South Congregational/1st

Baptist, New Britain, CT 8 pm \*John Pagett, Dupré lecture-recital; 1st Presbyterian, Ashbury Park, NJ 8 pm Allan Willis; Mershon aud, OSU, Columbus, OH 8 pm

#### 4 APRIL

Odile Pierre; Immoculate Conception Cathedral, Syracuse, NY 8 pm Stephen E Carlton; Heinz chapel, U of

Pittsburgh, PA 12 noon Karel Paukert; St Pauls Cathedral, Pitts-

burgh, PA 8:30 pm Lynne Davis; Goodrich Chapel, Albian, MI 8 pm

5 APRIL

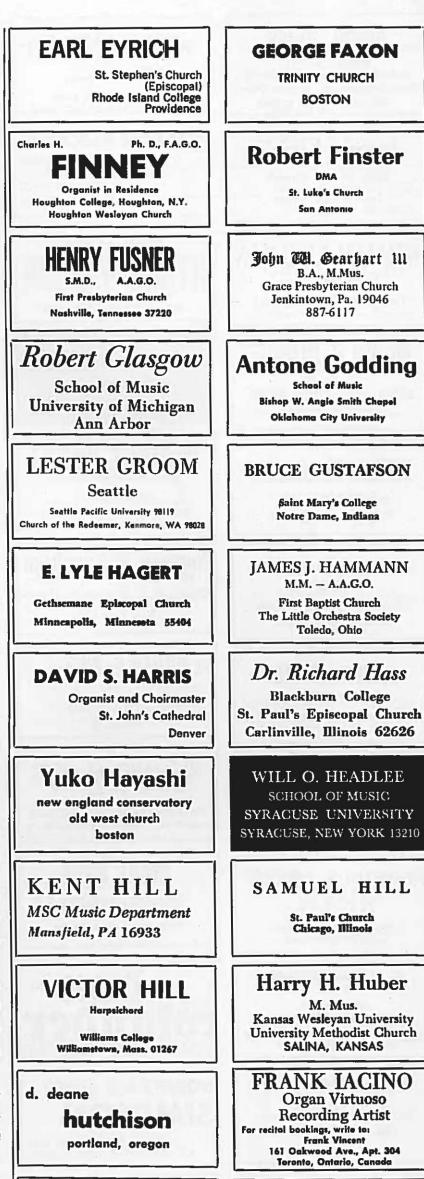
Music of Gibbons; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm Helen Penn; St Johns Church, Washing-

ton, DC 12:10 pm Carlo Curley; St Alphonsus RC, Grand Ropids, MI 8 pm

### 6 APRIL

Thomas Richner, piano; Kirkpatrick cha-pel, Douglas College, New Brunswick, NJ 8 pm Paul Hesselink; Longwood College, Farm-

Arthur Lawrence, harpsichord; St Marys College, Notre Dame, IN 8 pm \*AGO chapter program (Continued overleaf)



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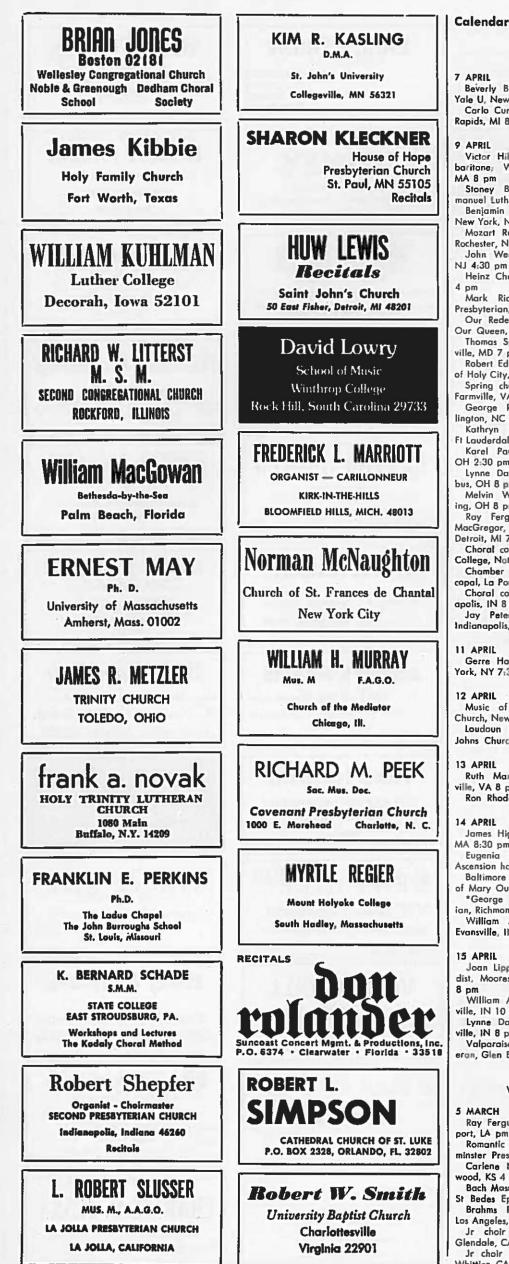
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### 7 APRIL Beverly Brandt Bachelder; Woolsey Hall, Yale U, New Haven, CT 8:30 pm Carlo Curley; Westfield Piano Co, Grand Rapids, MI 8 pm

9 APRIL Victor Hill, harpsichord, with soprano & baritone; Williams College, Williamstown, MA 8 pm

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- Stoney Baroque Chamber Players; Im-nanuel Lutheran, New York, NY 5 pm Benjamin Van Wye; St Thomas Church, Baroque Chamber Players; Im-
- New York, NY 5:15 pm Mozart Requiem; Downtown Presbyterian, Rochester, NY 3:30 pm John Weaver; 1st Presbyterian, Trenton,
- NJ 4:30 pm Heinz Chapel Choir; U of Pittsburgh, PA
- 4 pm Mark Richman, piano; Market Square
- Presbyterian, Harrisburg, PA 8 pm Our Redeemer Choir; Cathedral of Mary
- Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Thomas Spacht; St Johns Lutheran, Park-
- ville, MD 7 pm Robert Edward Smith, harpsichord; Church
- of Holy City, Washington, DC Spring choral concert; Longwood College, Farmville, VA 4 pm
- George Ritchie; First Presbyterian, Bur-lington, NC 5 pm
- Kathryn Stephenson; First Presbyterian, Lauderdale, FL 8 pm
- Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 2:30 pm
- Lynne Davis; 1st Congregational, Colum-
- bus, OH 8 pm Melvin West; 7th-Day Adventist, Ketter-ing, OH 8 pm Ray Ferguson, harpsichard, with Barry
- MacGregor, actor; Bushnell Congregational, Detroit, MI 7:30 pm Choral concert; O'Laughlin aud, St Marys
- College, Natre Dame, IN 8 pm Chamber music of Bach; St Pauls Epis-copal, La Porte, IN 4 pm
- Choral concert; 2nd Presbyterian, Indian-apolis, IN 8 pm
- Jay Peterson; North United Methodist, Indianapolis, IN 8 pm

### 11 APRIL

Gerre Hancock; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 7:30 pm

#### 12 APRIL

Music of Herbert Howells; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm Loudoun Valley HS Chamber Choir; St Johns Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

#### 13 APRIL

Ruth Maxey; Longwood College, Farm-ville, VA 8 pm Ron Rhode; Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15 pm

#### 14 APRIL

- James Higbe, Christ Church, S Hamilton, MA 8:30 pm Eugenia Earle, harpsichord; Church of
- Ascension hail, New York, NY 8 pm Baltimore Symphony, all-Mozart; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 8 pm \*George Ritchie; Westminster Presbyter-ian, Richmond, VA 8 pm
- ian, Richmond, VA 8 pm William Albright; Wheeler Hall, U of Evansville, IN 8 pm

#### 15 APRIL

- Joan Lippincott, workshop; United Metho-dist, Moorestown, NJ 10 am-3 pm; recital,
- 8 pm William Albright, workshop; U of Evans-
- ville, IN 10 am Lynne Davis; Wheeler Hall, U of Evans-
- ville, IN 8 pm Valparaiso Chamber Singers; Faith Lutheran, Glen Ellyn, IL 7:30 pm

#### UNITED STATES West of the Mississippi

### 5 MARCH

- Ray Ferguson; Centenary College, Shreveport, LA pm
- Romantic music, choir & instruments; Westminster Presbyterian, Lincoln, NE 4 pm Carlene Neihart; Methodist Church, Lea-wood, KS 4 pm
- Bach Mass in G, Haydn Lord Nelson Mass; Bedes Episcopal, Menio Park, CA 8 pm St
- Brahms Requiem; St Albans Episcopal, Los Angeles, CA 3 pm Jr choir festival; Presbyterian Church,
- Glendale, CA 3:30 pm Jr choir festival, United Presbyterian, E
- Whittler, CA 3:30 pm

Oscar Street; St Marks Episcopal, Glendale, CA 4 pm Mendelssahn St Paul; Immanuel Presby-

- terian, Los Angeles, CA 7 pm 7 MARCH
- John H Payne; 1st Presbyterian, Phoenix, AZ 8 pm
- 8 MARCH
- Russell Blackmer; 1st-Plymouth Congregational, Lincoln, NE 12:10 pm Mary Lou Robinson; Plymouth Congrega-
- tional, Lawrence, KS 8 pm Joy Hujsak, harp; Presbyterian Church, La Jolla, CA 12 noon

#### 9 MARCH

William Bates; Fatima RC Church; La-fayette, LA 4 pm

- 10 MARCH Teaching recital; Southwestern U chapel,
- Georgetown, TX 3 pm Lionel Rogg; 1st Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm

### 11 MARCH

David Neff; Green Lake 7th-day Adventist, Seattle, WA 4 pm

#### 12 MARCH

- New Orleans Musica da Camera; Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm Richard Morris; Christian Church, Popular Bluff, MO 3 pm
- Mendelssohn Elijah; Ist-Plymouth Congregational, Lincoln, NE 7:30 pm
- Antone Godding, Dupré Stations of the Cross; Oklahoma City U, OK 5 pm Vaughan Williams Mass in G Minor; St
- Johns Cathedral, Denver, CO 4 pm Fauré Requiem; Presbyterian Church, La
- Jolla, CA 9 & 10:30 am Jr choir festival; Westchester Lutheran, Los Angeles, CA 3:30 pm Jr choir festival; Oneonta Congregational, S Pasadena, CA 3:30 p
- James Walker; St Marks Episcopal, Glen-

James Walker; or Marks chiscopal, Gran-dale, CA 4 pm Bach St John Passion; Church of Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood, CA 4 pm

13 MARCH Virgil Fox; LSU assembly center, Baton Rouge, LA 8 pm

14 MARCH

Richard Morris; Municipal aud, Prott, KS 6 pm

15 MARCH

Tom Brantigan; 1st-Plymouth Congrega-tional, Lincoln, NE 12:10 pm Jerry Stirtz; Presbyterion Church, La Jolla,

CA 12 noon

16 MARCH

Richard Heschke; U of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 8 pm

17 MARCH

Robert Glasgow; U of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 8 pm

Robert Glasgow, masterclass; U of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 9 am 18 MARCH

#### 19 MARCH

Texas Bach Choir, St John Passion; St Lukes Episcopal, San Antonio, TX 8 pm Clay Christiansen; St Marks Cathedral, Salt Lake City, UT 7 pm

- Audrey Bartlett Jacobsen; St Marks Epis-copal, Glendale, CA 4 pm
- Brahms Requiem: Community Church, Garden Grove, CA 7:30 pm

Robert Anderson with choir; Calvary Pres-byterian, Riverside, CA 8 pm Virgil Fox; High School, Whittier, CA 8:15 nm

### 21 MARCH

Antone Godding, Dupré Stations of the Cross; St Clements Episcopal, El Paso, TX 8 pm

#### 22 MARCH

John Levick; 1st-Plymouth Congregational, Lincoln, NE 12:10 pm

#### 23 MARCH

Wood Service of Darkness; Presbyterian Church, La Jolla, CA 7:30 pm

#### 24 MARCH

Jack D Miller, Sifler Seven Last Words, with dance; Calvary Presbyterian, Riverside, CA 8 pm

#### 25 MARCH George H Pro; Bethany College, Linds-

barg, KS 8 pm Maastricht Easter Play; Calvary Presby-

terian, Riverside, CA 8 pm \*AGO chapter program

#### 26 MARCH

Northern Colorado U Choir; St Johns Cathedral, Denver, CO 4 pm

### 27 MARCH

Frederick Hohman; Priory, St Lauis, MO 8 pm

#### 28 MARCH

Richard Morris with Martin Berinbaun, trumpet; High School, Paso Robles, CA 8:15 pm

#### 30 MARCH

Virgil Fox; Paraamount Theatre, Oakland CA 8 pm

#### 31 MARCH

Richard Morris with Martin Berinbaum, trumpet; Memorial aud, Sacramento, CA 8:15 pm

#### 1 APRIL

Jr Bach Festival; 1st Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 3 pm

#### 2 APRIL

Timothy Albrecht; Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen, SD 8 pm Duet recital; Westminster Presbyterian,

Lincoln, NE 4 pm McManis dedication; 1st Presbyterian, Bar-

tlesville, OK 11 am David Schelat; St Johns Cathedral, Den-

ver, CO 4 pm Alena Veselá; Green Lake 7th-day Adventist, Seattle, WA 8 pm

San Andreas string quartet; St Bedes Episcopal, Menlo Park, CA 8 pm

Bach Festival, cantatas; 1st Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm

#### **3 APRIL**

Timothy Albrecht; Northern State Col, Aberdeen, SD 10 am Gerre Hancock; 1st Presbyterian, Bartles-

ville, OK 8 pm Virgil Fox; Paramount Theatre, Portland,

OR 8 pm Lloyd Holzgraf; 1st Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 12 noon

#### 4 APRIL

Timothy Albrecht; Dr Martin Luther Col, New Ulm, MN 8 pm Gerre Hancock, workshop; 1st Presbyter-

ian, Bartlesville, OK 7 pm Sylvia Kind, harpsichord, 1st Congrega-tional, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm

5 APRIL Lloyd Holzgraf; 1st Congregational, Los

Angeles, CA 12 noon New World Baroque Players; 1st Con-gregational, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm

#### 7 APRIL

Handbell workshop; First United Metho-dist, Big Spring, TX 7:30 pm Martin Lücker; St Marks Cathedral, Seat-

tle, WA 8 pm

Robert Anderson; 1st United Methodist, Pala Alto, CA 8:15 pm Lloyd Holzgraf; 1st Congregational, Los

Angeles, CA 12 noon Odile Pierre, all-Bach; 1st Congregation-

al, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm

#### 8 APRIL

Handbell festival; First United Methodist, Big Spring, TX 9:30 am

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9 APRIL

John Murphy, piano; Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm Stefan Bardas, Bach WTC 1; N Texas State U, Dentan, TX 3 pm

Everett Jay Hilty; U of Colorado, Boulder, CO 4 pm Odile Pierre; Presbyterian Church, La

Jolla, CA 4 pm Bach B-Minor Mass; 1st Congregational,

Los Angeles, CA 8 pm 1 APRIL

Richard Morris with Martin Berinbaum, trumpet; Civic aud, Idaho Falls, ID 8:15 pm \*Odile Pierre; St Frances Church, Bakers-field, CA 8 pm

13 APRIL

Southwestern Singers; Southwestern U chapel, Georgetawn, TX 8 pm Richard Morris with Martin Berinbaum,

trumpet; Wynona Thampson, Cody, WY 8 pm

14 APRIL Thomas Richner; 1st Church of Christ Sci-entist, Shawnee, OK 8 pm

Odile Pierre; St Marks Episcopal, Portland, OR 8 pm

Virgil Fox; Community Church, Garden Grove, CA 8 pm

#### 15 APRIL

Richard Morris with Martin Berinbaum, trumpet; Campbell Co HS, Gillette, WY 8:15 pm

#### \*AGO chapter program

INTERNATIONAL

#### 5 MARCH

Gordon Jeffery & Alan Barthel, Aeolian Town Hall, London, Ontario 4 pm Bach & Handel Festival; Dundas, Ontario 8:30 pm

6 MARCH

Guy Bovet; Protestant Church, Lugano, Switzerland 8 pm

10 MARCH Bach & Handel Festival; Dundas, Ontario 8:30 pm

12 MARCH Duruflé Requiem; Bishop Cronyn Church,

London, Ontario 4 pm

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17 MARCH Bach & Handel festival; Christs Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Ontario 8:30 pm

21 MARCH Guy Bovet; St Laurent Church, Lausanne, Switzerland 8:30 pm

30 MARCH Lynne Davis, all-Bach; Eglise Allemande, Paris, France

7 Virgil Fox, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Van-couver, BC, Canada 8 pm

14 APRIL Martin Lücker; Church of Redeemer, Cal-gary, Alberta, Canada 8:30 pm

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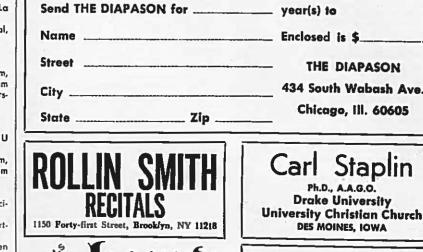
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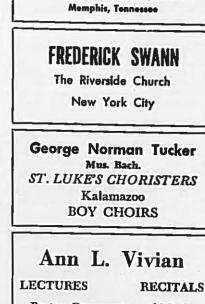


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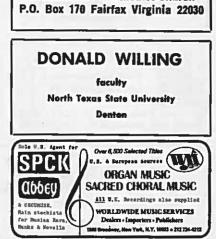
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