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# Anton Heiller Taken by Death in Vienna

# Famed Organist Dead at 55

The distinguished Austrian organist and composer Anton Heiller died on March 25 in Vienna, at the age of 55. Mr. Heiller choked while eating with his family and died before an ambulance could be summoned. Although he had been in poor health for several years, he had remained active until his death. He is survived by his wife, his mother, a son, and a daughter. The burial took place at the central cemetery in Vienna on April 3; a requiem mass was said on April 6 at the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Dornbach. He would have been 56 in September.

Born in Vienna September 15, 1923, Anton Heiller showed musical ability at an early age. He started piano lessons with his father at the age of six, then studied harmony and counterpoint with Franz Schmidt. At twelve, he wrote his first composition. During his early school years he also studied organ with Wilhelm Mück at St. Stephen's Cathedral. He entered the Vienna State Academy of Music in 1941, studying piano, harpsichord, and organ with Bruno Seidlhofer, and composition with Friedrich Reidinger. He took his organ and harpsichord examinations in 1942 and was awarded the Josef Marx prize in composition.

For a short while, Mr. Heiller was choirmaster of the Vienna Volksoper. In 1945, he became professor of organ at the State Academy of Music, where he also taught harpsichord and conducted a seminar in contemporary music. During the same year, he married his wife Erna, who had been a fellow student in piano and harpsichord with Seidlhofer. Together they performed his Toccata for Two Pianos (1943), Heiller's first composition to gain widespread attention, at the Austrian International Contemporary Music Festival in 1945. They played the same piece again at the 1947 Salzburg Festival, where both Wilhelm Furtwängler and Herbert von Karajan praised the work.

In the years following his teaching appointment, Mr. Heiller toured widely, playing in the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, England (where he was the first Austrian organist invited to play since Bruckner), Italy, Germany, and Belgium. He became known as a conductor, as well as organist, harpsichordist, and composer, and he made numerous recordings in one or more of these roles. His versatility is demonstrated by the fact that he even sang in a recording of Mozart's Idomeneo. At the same

time, he began to be sought out as a teacher, and, as more and more demands were made on his time, he increasingly specialized in the organ and in the works of Bach.

Anton Heiller accepted his first American students in the mid-50's. From that time until his death there was a constant flow of outstanding students, young and old, to his studio and to his masterclasses. A Fulbright grant for study with him had even been extended to a student the day after the teacher's death.

Mr. Heiller's first appearance in the United States came in the summer of 1962, when he played at the AGO national convention in Los Angeles, then embarked on a tour. In April 1963, he made a special trip to be the soloist in the Second Organ Concerto of Hindemith, when this work commissioned for the opening of Lincoln Center was conducted by its composer. That summer, Heiller's own Organ Concerto was premiered at Haarlem, The Netherlands, where he had been a founding member of the famous summer institute, as well as winner of the 1952 improvisation prize.

In 1965 he made a second American tour, and taught at Washington University in St. Louis. In December 1967, he played for the AGO midwinter conclave held in Boston; on the same trip, he opened the large new Fisk organ at Harvard University. In 1969, he conducted a two-week summer workshop at Boys Town, Nebraska, and he played for the RCCO Diamond Jubilee in Vancouver.

The 1972 AGO national convention in Dallas was the occasion at which Mr. Heiller conducted the premiere of his Concerto for Positive Organ, Harpsichord, and Chamber Orchestra, when the soloists were Marie-Claire Alain and Luigi Tagliavini. That same fall, Heiller played the dedication recitals on new organs at Salem College, NC, and at the University of Iowa. In 1973, he performed and gave masterclasses in Tokyo, at the International Christian University.

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Editor

# In This Issue

To bring the news of any death is sad, especially when it concerns an artist well-known and loved. Past our own deadlines because of a recent office move, we have included in this issue the late news of Anton Heiller's sudden death; in this we gratefully acknowledge the assistance of many of his former students in compiling information rapidly. Tributes to this great organist will follow in another issue.

The issues raised by Donald Willing in his January article have certainly not subsided, as will be apparent both in letters and articles. Among the latter are two by organbuilders, both of whom obviously have been prompted to think by that essay and who have thoughts which can advantageously be shared with a larger audience.

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Perhaps you were as surprised as this editor was, upon opening his January copy of the official A.G.O.-R.C.C.O. journal, to discover that it bore a new name: The American Organist. Actually, it's not a new name, but, rather, a revived one, since TAO (as it was fondly known years ago) existed previously from 1918 to its (now-temporary) demise in the early part of the present decade. It is said that the Guild wanted to buy the name of one of the "other" magazines when it began its own Music Magazine late in 1967, but that name was obviously not for sale at the time. One suspects that there may have been behind-the-scenes vicissitudes even now in acquiring this "new" name — but, the important thing is that it happened.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the American Guild of Organists and to its journal's editorial staff in procurement of this "new" name. With those congratulations comes the hope that the current American Organist will live up to and exceed the reputation of the old one, for it was a magazine with many distinguished features. Starting as it did, only nine years after The Dia-pason was founded, it probably provided healthy competition, all for the good of the cause. Today, the competitive aspect of the two magazines is a bit different (one must buy a subscription for this one, rather than get it automatically with membership), but there is certainly room in our field for at least two viewpoints (hasn't Mr. Willing proved that?). We hope it continues — and we have you read bath magazines.

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### Conference

hope you read both magazines.

Philip Ledger, director of the King's College Choir, Cambridge, England, will conduct the annual Conference for Choirmasters and Organists (Music for the Church) at St. Thomas Church, New York City, April 29-May 1. Mr. Ledger was educated at King's College, and has held posts at Chelmsford Cathedral and the University of East Anglia. He was appointed conductor of the Cambridge University musical Society in October 1973 and director of music at King's College in January 1974. Mr. Ledger broadcasts frequently and has con-ducted at the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts and at many festivals. He has also appeared in concerts and on recordings as a harpsichord soloist and continuo player, and has given organ recitals at the Royal Festival Hall. He records regularly in his capa-city as director of music of the King's College Choir. As artistic director of the Aldeburgh Festival, he conducted at the opening concert of the rebuilt Maltings Concert Hall at Snape. Mr. Ledger has prepared a new edition of Purcell's "King Arthur" with Colin Graham and has conducted the English Opera Group in performances throughout England and in Sweden.

Mr. Ledger will work with the boys of the St. Thomas Choir during the Conference and will conduct Evensong at the conclusion of each of the Conference days. For information write to Music Office, St. Thomas Church, West 53rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10019.

As in other years of the recent past, THE DIAPASON will publish this column of information regarding summer music activities of interest to our readers, for the next several months. The range, scope, and length of the various workshops, conferences, festivals, and the like is considerable; these listings should appeal to many tastes and abilities. In addition to their musical value, some provide the opportunity for travel and recreation. Potential travelers should explore the various discount flight plans that apply at certain times and places.

Readers are invited to peruse this column and write the appropriate persons for fur ther information. Events are listed within each catagory by date. (See also the activities listed on the harpstchord pages.)

Organ and Harpsichord Weeks, Toulouse, France, June 26 - July 14. The organ foculty will include Marie-Claire Alain, André Marchal, Xavier Darasse, and Bernard Foccroulle; Elisabeth Chojnacka and Gustav Leanhardt will teach harpsichard classes. Topics will include the argan warks of Alain, the symphonic organ, the contemporary or-gan, the contemporary harpsichord, and the baroque harpsichord. Concerts will be given, exhibits will be mounted, and organs by Cavaillé-Coll, Chéron-Sévère, Puget, Phébade, and Kern will be used. A large num ber of historic-copy harpsichards will be available. For further information, write Secrétariat "Semaines de l'Orgue et du Clave-cin 1979," 54, rue des Sept-Troubadours, 31000-Toulouse, France.

5th Annual Course for Overseas Students, Royal School of Church Music, Croydon, Eng-

### Summer Activities

land, July 2-Aug. 13. A comprehensive course, covering all aspects of church music, with a faculty of forty distinguished tutors. Those resident will be Gerre Hancock, Martin How, Roy Masses, Barry Rose, Barry Smith, and Allan Wicks. Additional events will include an organ masterclass by Gillian Weir and attendance at the complete Southern Cathedrals Festival at Salisbury. For further information: Royal School of Church Music, Addington Palance, Croydon, CR9 5AD, England.

Summer "Music - Performance" Program. Siena, Italy, July 16-Aug. 20. Sponsored by the Sessioni Senesi per la Musica e l'Arte, the University of Siena, and American universities and colleges, the program will include instrumental and vocal performance practice of all periods, music-art survey, composition, theory, and organ, the latter taught on both old and new organs by Giordano Giustarini. Courses in Italian, as well as academic credit, will be available. Further information is available from Sessioni Senesi per la Musica e l'Arte/Mattatuck College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT 06708 (203/757-9661).

European Organ Culture, Organ Tour III, July 19 - Aug. 2. Joan Lippincott will be the coordinator for this tour to Holland, North Germany, and France, with Harald Vogel and Klaas Bolt. There will be demonstrations, recitals, and programs of early music at the most important historic organs between Amsterdam, Lübeck, Strasbourg,

Paris, and Souvigny. Departures may be made from either New York City or Seattle, and graduate credit is available. For further information, write Summer Session, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ 08540, or phone (609) 924-7416.

6th International Organ Week, Bruges, Belgium, July 27-Aug. 4. There will be an organ competition judged by Nicholas Danby, Xavier Darasse, Ton Koopman, Bernard Lagacé, Michael Radulescu, and Gabriel Verschraegen; lectures and classes by members of the jury; recitals on historic organs; and an exhibition devoted to the organ. For further information, write Festival van Vlaanderen, Collaert Mansionstraat 30, B-8000, Brugge, Belgium.

Classical Music Seminar, Eisenstadt, Austria, Aug. 7-21. Masterclasses, lectures, and concerts will be presented by Austrian and American faculty members, with emphases for organists, directors, singers, and pianists. Repertoire will be performed in the Esterhazy Palace, and the "Haydn organs" In the Eisenstadt Cathedral Church and Bergkirche. Academic credit is available through the Univ. of lowa, sponsor of the seminar. For more details and an application form, please write Classical Music Seminar, 311F Jessup Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242; phone (319) 353-7395.

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### **Nunc Dimittis**

David Lennox Smith died March 5 in a Los Angeles hospital, after he was shot by an unknown assailant as he left a restaurant the pre-ceding evening. He was 32. A companion, Robert McLaughlin, was also killed.

Mr. Smith was college organist at Occidental College, Los Angeles, and organist-choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, positions he had held for the past three years. He was also a faculty member at California State University, Los Angeles. He was a graduate of Whittier College and earned his M.A. degree at Occidental. He had recently completed all requirements for the D.M.A. degree at the Eastman School of Music, where the degree will be awarded posthumously. His organ study had been with Robert Prichard, Ladd Thomas, and David Craighead. He held the Performer's Certificate in Organ from Eastman.

Mr. Smith was well-known as a concert organist and toured under the management of Artist Recitals. He had been a featured recitalist at the 1976 Mid-Winter Conclave and at the 1977 Far Western Regional Convention; he was scheduled to play a recital for a similar regional convention to be held in Hawaii this June, after which he was to have toured Japan. He was immediate past-dean of the Pasadena Chapter,

A recital played by Catharine Crozier for the Los Angeles and Pasadena A.G.O. chapters the night of his death was dedicated to his memory. A requiem mass was said at St. Luke's Church March 9, and a memorial service was held March 11 at Occidental College. At the memorial service, the choir directed by Frank Brownstead sang the motet "O Quam Gloriosum" and the Agnus Dei from the mass of the same name by Byrd; the readings were given by the Rev. Richard W. Gillett, Pauline Chubbuck, and Manuel Rosales; and the homily was spoken by the Rev. Donald R. Locher. Cherry Rhodes played "Combat de la mort et de la vie" by Messiaen, Robert Prichard played "In Memoriam" of Myron Roberts, and Ladd Thomas played "Resurrection" from the Symphonie-Passion of Dupré. The hymn was "Sine



### Willing & Weir

The Donald Willing piece and the illian Weir later one are great! How refreshing to hear some honest assess-ment of recent trends. It's about time someone spoke out. You are doing us all a great favor by printing these! Cordially,

Gordon Young Detroit, Mich.

"Endless Alleluias" — Amen, Amen, Amen, to the splendid article by Gillian Weir in the February issue. Hats off and three thousand rousing cheers!

As always, though, there is a fly in the ointment — perhaps a whole colony of them; to wit, the knuckleheads towards whom these criticisms are directed regard their ideas as having been handed down, already engraved in granite and will probably toss out Weir's thought as so much Romantic pap.

The writer wonders how many of them would opt for a Model T — or a Model T transmission rather then present day equipment — or the paint job then available compared to the new finishes?

Seems that none of them have read the numerous quotations by writer on Bach, wherein he decries the unsteadiness of the wind supply and its bad effects on the tone and pitch of the organ. They also overlook the fact that the chiffing flutes and schnarrwerk were the best that builders of that period could produce. Surely the composer of such sublime music as Sheep may safely grave or Air for G String or Bist dubei mir would welcome the far more beautiful tone of GOOD present-day flutes or reeds or whatever, to enhance his beautiful airs and counterpoint?

Weir hit the nail squarely on the head and it is to be sincerely hoped that a few of the meatheads who insist on open-tocd pipes, no nicking, unsteady wind, no strings, to say nothing of half-useless temperaments and all the other fads, may have had some doubts aroused, although I am afraid that that is too much to expect.

Very sincerely, Seems that none of them have read

Very sincerely,

Allen B. Callahan Southfield, Mich.

### Letters to the Editor

**Upside Down Organs** 

Many thanks for printing the photograph of the Danish "Unterwerk Orgel" in the January issue (p. 12, col. 1). Certainly there will be no problem of the balcony shading the sound from the congregation in this situation. And how clever of the architect to design those unique short benches for the congregaclever of the architect to design those unique short benches for the congregation to sit on. The "Chandelier-on-apole" has to be an architectural first also. But the feature nonpareil has to be the balcony seating arrangement. How ingenious to have the choir seated in pews attached to the ceiling. This leaves the entire balcony floor free for a sizeable orchestra. a sizeable orchestra.

Gene R. Bedient Lincoln, Nebraska

Mr. Bedient refers to the fact that the photograph of the Husted organ in the Browst Church, Denmark, was printed upside down in most copies of the Janupside down in most copies of the January issue. However, some copies were correctly printed, so we assume the plate came out during the press run and was incorrectly replaced. We apologize to readers and to the author of the article on Danish organs, Dr. Richard Hass, for this error. With further regard to the organ in Denmark, Dr. Hass has written as follows:

I just received a copy of a thesis writ-ten by Frans Brouwer of Groningen, the Netherlands, which describes the history of the organ reform in Denmark, mistory of the organ reform in Denmark, with comments on contemporary trends. The title of the German-language work, Orgelbewegung und Orgelgegenbewegung, is most appropriate. Although he doesn't include a discussion of technical matters (since they are so similar to those in the Netherlands), the author mentions personalities like Marie-Claire Alain and others who were very influential in the development of recent trends. trends.

Sincerely.

Richard Hass Portage, Ind.

Willing & Unwilling

It must be obvious to most readers that some of Mr. Willing's unsubstantiated, sweeping generalities have no basis in fact. I, too, have played a good many recent tracker organs, and I remain convinced that there are a number of North American builders who are continually producing excellent inare continually producing excellent in-struments on which sensitive playing is

struments on which sensitive playing is greatly encouraged.

Likening French Classic organ masses to "Grade II piano stuff" with "squiggles" only betrays a lack of willingness (no pun intended) on his part to come to grips with the real essence of this music. If audiences at organ recitals have, in fact, dried up, and college organ enrollments have dropped (he offers no proof of either), it could well be due to things other than the current widespread interest in tracker organs and authenticity in performance.

spread interest in tracker organs and authenticity in performance.

Perhaps Mr. Willing's basic problem lies in some misunderstandings of the essence of tracker organs. Take "sensitivity," for instance. Sensitivity in a tracker organ is the ability to control the rate of attack and release of the pipes and to feel the pallet overcome the resistance of the wind, producing a noticeable (but agreeable) pluck in the key action. It is not the limp, springy type of key action found on non-tracker-touch electric action organs and pre-1959 touch electric action organs and pre-1959

Similarly, I don't recall that "infinite flexibility of dynamics" was one of the goals of the organ reform movement. The aim of our modern return to tracker action has been improved control of er action has been improved control of touch, a feeling of intimacy between player and pipes, better blending of stops, and clarity in polyphonic textures — not the ability to make orchestral crescendi, split-second stop changes, swells on every conceivable registration, etc. Willing says that he "set out to play [tracker organs] with dreams of endless possibilities." When one expects the wrong things of an instrument — or anything else — then disappointment is bound to be the result. No one ever claimed that a return to tracker action would produce the ideal instrument for every imaginable kind of musical sound effect.

every imaginable kind of musical sound effect.

It has been my experience, and evidently that of many others, that the promises we heard from the visionary leaders of organ reform in the 1950's have been true. Tracker organs are the best possible instruments for playing great organ music. Obviously, they have some limitations; but when we once learn how to take advantage of their possibilities, we also learn to accept their limitations as being in the best interests of the music that the organs were intended to play.

I think Mr. Willing is mistaken in assuming that it is not possible to play with stylistic awareness — even "authenticity" — and, at the same time, maintain one's personal integrity as a performer. There are many fine players who do both. Authenticity is only dull in the hands and minds of those with

in the hands and minds of those with no musical imagination.

You are probably correct in assuming that there is a message underlying Mr. Willing's inflammatory remarks. The message must be that, first and foremost, we organists must strive to be Musicians. I agree with that whole-heartedly. But I believe we can do it without throwing the baby out with the bath. bath. Sincerely,

John Brock University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

As a tracker organbuilder, I do not As a tracker organbuilder, I do not share Mr. Willing's forecast for the imminent demise of the pipe organ, nor do I share his outlook for a rosy future with electronics. But one point is well taken, that of too many insensitive organs. I agree that most organs, tracker or otherwise, are not sufficiently sensitive to the musical input of the player. But, quoting one of Mr. Willing's expressions, "There are always exceptions, thank heavens." I refer to instruments built by a particular builder. When one plays his organs, one feels as though his plays his organs, one feels as though his very soul is being exposed to the audi-

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### Choral Music. Reviews

### Music for Voices and Organ

by James McCray

Choral Music Using a Prepared Electronic Tape

One of the more neglected types of choral music to be performed as part of the worship service is that employing an electronic tape. In the past decade there has been an increasing amount of works written and made available which use tape, yet the frequency of performances is far too rare. For example, how many of those of you reading this column have performed a tape piece with a church choir, or any choir for that matter, in the past twelve months? I suspect that in terms of percentages, it would be less than 4%, if that. I urge you to investigate this phase of choral literature and to add it to the repertoire

for your group.

Although Daniel Pinkham stands as one of the leading composers of choral music using tape, none of his works are included in this article. The March issue of *The Choral Journal* contains an extensive and detailed article by this reviewer which describes all of his available works for chorus and tape. I refer you to it since it is more comprehensive than what could be included in this brief article of reviews. Several of his works are ideal for small choirs who have little or no experience performing with elec-

tronic tape.

The music below may be classified in two categories. The works by Felciano, Jackson, Hayes, Davidson, and Blakely have tape sounds which are innovative in design. They represent the avant-garde, in that their music is more progressive or experimental in scope. The tape sounds are generally non-traditional in notation, timbre and production source. They were created as an integrated part of the composition and have a great variance of styles.

The music by Red and Young is not tape music as such, but rather choral music which is sung with a tape. The music on the tape is traditional in harmony and notation, and is per-formed by familiar instruments such as woodwinds, guitar, etc. This music is, in fact, merely a taped accompani-

Hymn of the Universe. Richard Felciano. SAB and electronic sounds, E. C. Schirmer Music Co., No. 2944, 45¢ music, \$7.50 tape (M+).

ment for the singers.

There are stopwatch indications identifying the exact timing of each event. A visual design of the tape mu-sic is provided for the performers; an extensive explanation of all notation symbols is listed on the inside cover. The anthem is of less than four minutes duration, to a text by Teihard de Chardin.

Most of the choral events are in boxes and the choir does not sing extended musical phrases, but rather has fragments of the material which are passed among the various vocal sections. The women have most of the music, with the men used sparingly. The tape is a repetitive spurting of notes which have a sound similar to a marimba played with mallets. All

of the sounds are gentle.

The vocal ranges are limited and most of the rehearsal will be given to explaining the directions. Once each event is understood, it poses little difficulty for the performers. This is an effective setting.

Hands Full, Doris Hayes. Two-part voices in any combination, percussion and tape, Alexander Broude, Inc., 40¢ music, \$8.00 tape (E).

This is an African bushman's chant. The vocal parts are very easy and mostly in unison; only three separate tones are used in the entire piece. The duration is less than three minutes with the singing entering after a 38second tape introduction. The percussion may be played by any available types of drums and the music consists of three simple ostinato patterns which synchronize with the tape sounds.

The music is simple and performable by any group. The tapes sounds have pulsating rhythmic actions and electronic frequencies which are, at times, somewhat piercing. This is the type of work that would be suitable for a junior high school choir, church choir or almost any group interested choir, or almost any group interested in performing electronic music. It in performing electronic would serve as a good introductory composition for those groups never involved in this style, and is easy enough to be sung by young children.

Voices of the Dark. Lyle Davidson. E. C. Schirmer, No. 2943, Mixed voices, electronic tape and optional bass instruments, 25¢ music, \$7.50

There is actually only one line of music, which consists of a descending Phrygian scale in whole notes, with a text from Jeremiah written out in the form of poetry below the score. The singers sing this scale at their own pace giving them a certain degree of indeterminancy. The directions include a step-by step procedure for develop-ing independence in the chorus mem-

The duration may be from 6-15 minutes depending on the conductor, but there is enough tape for the full fifteen minutes. Sixteen voices are the minimum recommended by the composer. The instruments may be almost any bass instruments, including piano/ organ. The tape consists of murmurs like muffled thunder which are ran-domly spaced on the tape so that extended periods of silence occur. Other types of sounds include escaped air, reverberations, and curious electronic mysterious effects. The tape level is not loud and adds to the texture and randomness of the composition.

This is a very easy composition which will create a drone effect when performed. It would also serve as an introductory composition for young groups with no experience in this genre; it is performable by any age level.

Cradle Hymn and Hodie. Hanley Jackson. SATB, two male narrators (TB) and tape, Shawnee Press, Inc., A-1319, 50¢ music, \$6.00 tape (M+).

This Christmas work has two separate movements. The purchase of the tape includes a beautiful performance by the Kansas State Choir under the direction of Rod Walker which will greatly help the performers and conductor understand the composition.

Cradle Hymn has a 2½-minute

duration with some divisi choral parts. The work is macaronic with the chorus in Latin and speakers in English. The tape sounds are notated both with pitch indications on a musical staff and with visual representations below it. There are some bell-like sounds and some bubbly effects, but they do not dominate the choir. Actual pitches are used on the tape score so that some areas are more for color than anything else. Other types of sounds are those of tinkly wind chimes, and various rhythmic schemes.

The choral music is somewhat dissonant, but not particularly difficult. The chorus has several non-singing events such as whispering, creating tone clusters, etc. The Latin text has a translation which tells of Mary singing to the sleeping baby Jesus, but the narrators warn of the impending

danger, and tell her to flee to Egypt.
In Hodie, the tempo is much faster and there is more material so that this movement lasts about three minutes. A similar style is followed, but the various sections are more contrapuntal with a wider vocal range used. It could be performed separately and is a delightful movement that is most effective. Although originally written for a church choir, it is recommended only to sophisticated groups, but would work well with an advanced high school or college choir. The music is quite expressive.

Out of Sight. Richard Felciano. SATB, organ and electronic tape, E. C. Schirmer Music Co., No. 2909, 45¢ music, \$7.50 tape (M).

The score is visual: in addition to the tape line, boxed directions, and organ music, there is a picture of the sky which is a dull gray and represents man's contamination of the air with oil, soot, etc. The vocal and organ writing is lean with many repeated notes in a rhythmical chant fashion. The text is a profound statement on man in his environment as it relates to God. It is subtitled The ascension that nobody saw, and would be most appropriate for a worship service calling attention to environmental concerns.

The tape has sustained sounds which somewhat unpleasant. Actual speaking by a radio announcer occurs on the tape; during the last section the words that appear in the cloud are spoken on the tape which, with the interference sounds, develop into an oppressive texture. Later, street sounds such as car horns may be heard.

The duration is less than four minutes with some speaking parts for the chorus. The organ music is easy and linear in style. This is a fascinating work that shows the creative spirit found in most of Felciano's compositions. He is a leader in this genre of music. This work could be performed with church or high school choir.

Be Strong in the Lord. D. Duane Blakely, Harold Flammer (Shawnee Press) A-5637, SA(T)B or T(T)BB with organ or piano and optional brass and percussion and electronic tape, 40¢

music, \$3.00 tape (E).

The optional parts include 2 trumpets, 2 trombones, tuba, timpani, and suspended cymbal, and are available separately from the publisher. The organ part is ad lib as an alternate to the optional instruments.

The choral writing is traditional, but there is one section of spoken chorus and a free rhythm section of 30 seconds where each member of the choir recites a paragraph at his own speed. The tape is used in this area and has wild sounds such as sirens, whistles, echoes, explosions, glissandi, etc. In the final section the famous chorale tune A Mighty Fortress is used and the congregation is invited to join as it builds to a bravura "Amen." This as it builds to a bravura "Amen." is clearly designed for a worship service and is something that would interest most church choirs. It is less experimental, yet has some contemporary flavor to it, and builds to a majestical ending that will stir everyone's spirit.

Alleluia Roundelay. Gordon Young. Two parts and keyboard or tape, Broadman Press, No. 4560-60, 40¢ music, \$12.95 tape (E).

The tape includes the background for three pieces. In addition to this anthem by Gordon Young, there is Come and Be Joyful by Hal Hopson, and Clap Your Hands by Carlton R. Young.

The two parts are first treated anti-

phonally and then they join for twopart harmony. The music is for chil-dren's choir with the tape consisting of traditional instruments playing an arrangement of the keyboard accompaniment for the children.

For the Beauty of the Earth. Buryl Red. Two-part and tape or keyboard, Broadman Press, No. 4560-36, 35¢ music, \$9.95 tape (E).

This is similar to the one above in that the tape sounds are traditional instruments playing the accompani-ment. This tape also has three works on it including two other Buryl Red arrangements of Silent Night and This is My Father's World. There is an obbligato part which may be played on some solo instrument such as flute, bells, etc. Red has provided a new melody for the familiar text. The tape sounds use electronic piano, chimes, guitar, flutes, and other instruments.

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## Performances

### **Church Opera Review**

by Larry Lusk

Dan Locklair's opera Good Tidings from the Holy Beast, based on the nativity story as adopted from the Chester Miracle Cycle, was given its world premiere in the large sanctuary of Lincoln's Plymouth Congregational Church during Christmas week.

According to the usual definition of the term oratorio, the form does not include action, costumes or sets, yet there are some notable exceptions and Locklair's new work would certainly fit comfortably under the oratorio label. While there were costumes, they were minimal and the only set employed was the church sanctuary itself whose aisles, chancel and altar served, as they did in medieval plays, to delineate the various exits, entries, and areas for the drama to unfold. The eight dancers, choreographed by Dee Hughes, tended to use the center aisle as their main performing arena while sixteen hooded monks bearing burning candles lined the side aisles during the entire length (one hour) of the performance.

The work is scored for six soloists,

a four-part chorus, a chamber orchestra of twelve performers including a piano, organ and recorder, and a small group of dancers.

What makes this work so appealing is the effective blending of musical and dramatic styles from the medieval and contemporary idioms. The acting, as conceived by stage director Heather Ross, utilizes broad stylized movements not unlike the gestures seen in the religious paintings of Giotto or Cima-

bue, or indeed as may have well been the common practice in the presentation of the mystery plays on the steps of large cathedrals.

The music also incorporates older sounds and forms along side the very chromatic textures of 20th century style. The opera opens, for example, with a delightful *Estampie* for orchestra and dancers. The orchestral writing employs the lyric simplicity and open sonorities associated with the form, and Locklair appropriately scores the dance for winds and a solo recorder. By the end of the dance, however, the music becomes extremely chromatic and utilizes the free dissonance in a decidedly contemporary style.

The choral writing is not particularly taxing for the well trained church choir, but the music for the soloists is difficult and demanding. Aside from the highly chromatic style often em-ployed in the solo and orchestral writing, this opera demands singers whose voices are capable of encompassing a two-octave range with ease. The soprano solos assigned to the lead role of Mary are consistently written in the high registers, while the music for her sister Elizabeth is often quite low and is accompanied by a full and busy orchestra.

Despite these demands, which on the occasion of this premiere were conquered with great success, this is an excellently written opera. It is fun to see, full of musical variety and interest, and effective drama as well.

Mr. Lusk is professor of music at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

### Organ Recitals at Royal Festival Hall

By far the most memorable in the latest series of organ recitals at London's Royal Festival Hall was that given by Gillian Weir on Nov. 29. The house was packed, for Miss Weir is known for her charisma. The recital was made somewhat more important by the fact that it was a birthday tribute for Olivier Messiaen at 70, and the fare was made up entirely of

the great composer's works.

The playing put nearly all of the other performances heard in this current series in the amateur class. (It also put almost all of the playing of Messiaen's music I ever experienced in the amateur class, including his own.) From the very first trumpet call of the Joie et clarte' des Corps Glorieux to the thunderous final section of Dieu parmi nous it was a riveting rendering Miss Weir laid on for us. The biographical blurb in the program mentioned her "singular gift for revealing new beauties in the most familiar works." No truer words were ever spoken.

Of the other organists in the latter part of the series, Lionel Rogg made the best impression. His playing, which I have until recently considered to be studied and pedantic, has mellowed until such adjectives as "interpretive" (which I have seen used to describe (which I have seen used to describe his playing) almost really apply now. He still tends to bump along from one agogic accent to the next, but in pieces such as Bach's G-Minor Fantasy, the real expressive powers of this artist can be put to use. On the other hand, I could only say of his performance. I could only say of his performance of the Toccata, Adagio and Fugue, that his manual changes were well executed. The chorale preludes on Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot (BWV 678-9) sounded downright unrehearsed.

Of the two younger recitalists in the series, Jane Parker-Smith and Timothy Bond, I heard only Mr. Bond. Open-

ing with and closing with familiar works, the Bach Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and the Liszt Fantasy and Fugue on B-A-C-H, Mr. Bond filled the gap with some totally obscure and for the most part uninteresting works by composers not known for their organ works. The quirky Mass setting by Eric Satie was amusing and well played, the sonata fragment by Arnold Schoenberg better talked about than played, and the Stockhausen registered to try to imitate a synthesizer stuck on flute sounds. Of the opening and clos-ing works, Mr. Bond showed a mastery of the notes but not much of the romantic feeling required for the Liszt, and his rendering of the Bach (heard, admittedly, from far back in the hall as I arrived late) was a trifle dry.

A trio of veterans completed the list of artists for this series which covered the better part of two months and part of another, beginning in late September and ending on November 29. Herman Berlinski's recital of "Jewish Music for the Organ; Jewish Music on the organ" only revealed that there is very little of the former and a little more of the latter and it is all pretty bad. Perhaps if Mr. Berlinski were to devote himself to "Music of Jews for the Organ" his programs would be better attended. And better to attend.

Jean Langlais and Susi Jeans both presented music for which they have national or ethnic affinities, though Lady Jeans' playing of the Reger Fantasia on "Ein feste Burg" was a surprise. M. Langlais played some of his 18th-century compatriots' music and then jumped to the present century and his own compositions. The inequitable improvipation was one assets. vitable improvisation was on a very long theme written for the occasion by M. André Marchal, Langlais' teacher, who was himself present in the audience.

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This is an enlightened performance, lovingly executed. Anyone who has heard Mr. Ehmann conduct a performance of German baroque choral music knows what he can do in bringing this style to life. He has studied, written about, and performed the Germanic choral literature from Schütz to Bach in a way that no one else in our time has done, and it has always been done with the musical results paramount.

In this performance, Ehmann has combined elements both old and new. The use of a chorus of nearly fifty young Americans (lucky those students who had this chance to participate — who would not remember the

once-in-a-lifetime experience of singing for Ehmann?) displays a larger group than Bach would have had, yet one which is more in keeping with the spirit of the music than the oversize chorus often encountered. The American sound, albeit auf Deutsch, is perhaps more healthy than one might expect, yet it is eminently musical (one is reminded of the former Robert Shaw Chorale).

It remains only to speak of the accompaniment employed in this recording, which has aspects of performance practice from more than one school. These "unaccompanied" works are, in fact, accompanied, and by the proper type of instruments; however, the instruments are not of the "authentic" type, but are modern counterparts. Nevertheless, the musical result is very satisfactory.

Having raised a few objections to the purity of this recording, one might then ask where one could do better. The available recordings do not offer a great deal of choice, especially where the complete motets are concerned. Perhaps the best among the lot is the Barmen-Gemarke Schola Cantorum/ Collegium Aureum performance on Victrola VICS-6037, which generally features a lighter texture. Barring only the use of modern instruments and American voices, this recording from Westminster Choir College is as fine as is currently available. The recorded sound is clean and lifelike, with good engineering in evidence.

Louis J. Schoenstein. Memoirs of a San Francisco Organ Builder. San Francisco: Cue Publications, 1977. 694 pp.; \$15 paperbound, \$35 hardbound.

As the title indicates, this book is the recollections of an organbuilder, rather than a technical or historical treatise. Although it contains much useful information, it is also fascinating to read (it's difficult to put down, once started). Every page shows the author's obvious love for his craft, and the narrative reveals a real story-teller, replete with attention to detail. Each organ deemed worthy of mention is treated to a complete description. Anyone who reads the book will

gain a feeling for an era, as well as for an area, and will have some appreciation for what it must have been like to have been a pioneer organbuilder in the west. The person interested in California organs, especially those of San Francisco, is the one who will appreciate the book the most, but others can enjoy it too, thanks to the scene it draws of the Bay Area. Most interesting is the account of the great earthquake and fire of 1906.

Sometimes the non-musical events Mr. Schoenstein relates, or the personalities he describes, are of considerable charm. Often the style of description alone suffices to sustain interest as in the following passage:

terest, as in the following passage:

My parents took me with them to some evening devotion. I distinctly remember walking up Leavenworth Street from McAllister Street toward Golden Gate Avenue. The cable slots and the roadbed for the Leavenworth Street cable line were just then being put in. On entering the church, I recall seeing some statues around the high altar. One (Continued, page 19)

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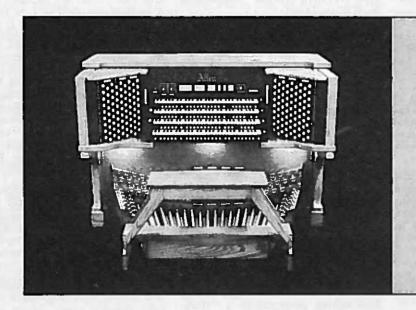
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# Harpsichord News

Richard Birney Smith played two programs at the Art Gallery of Hamilton (Ontario). On Nov. 16, his program included: Gassenhauer, Neusiedler; Canzon Arioso, A. Gabrieli; Variations on Mein junges Leben, Sweelinck; Chaconnières, Chambonnières, Tombaeu, Chambonnières, d'Andre Company Chambon d'Andre Company (Chambon d'Andre Chambon) Tombeau Chambonnières, d'Angle-bert; Suite V in C, Trumpet Tune bert; Suite V in C, Trumpet Tune (Cebell), Purcell; Suite 20 in D, Froberger; Suite in A Minor, L. Couperin (harpsichord by William Post Ross tuned in meantone at low pitch). On Feb. 22, Mr. Smith played: Suite in D Minor, Aria con Variazioni in B-Flat, Suite in G Minor, Allegro in D Minor, Handel; the 15 Two-Part Inventions. Concerto in C (after Vivalventions, Concerto in C (after Vival-di), J. S. Bach, using the same harp-sichord tuned in Kirnberger tempera-

Margaret Irwin-Brandon played this series, "Sundays at Four," at the Burke Museum, University of Washington: Nov. 19 — Music from France: Suite in A Minor, 1728, Rameau; Suite in G Minor, 1689, d'Anglebert; Pieces from Second Book, 1748, Duphly. Nov. 26 — Music from England: Women, Nature, and Abstractions from the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book: Fantasia V Ton, Queen Elizabeth's Pavan and Ton, Queen Elizabeth's Pavan and Galliard, Bull; Fantasia, Morley; Lady Montegle's Pavan, All in a Garden Green, Jhon Come Kisse Me Now, Pieces from "The Battel" (My Lady Nevell's Book), Byrd; Robin, Fantasia — Faire Wether, Lightening, Thunder, A Cleare Day, Munday; Loth to Depart, Fantasia, Farnaby. Dec. 3 — Music from Italy: Toccata 8, Bk. I, Canzona 6, Capriccio sopra il Cuchu, Toccata 6, Frescobaldi; Partite sopra La Romanesca, Toccata 7, Rossi; La Romanesca, Toccata 7, Rossi; Dances: Corrente 4, Rossi, Ballo alla Polacha, Padavana ditta la Ongara, Picchi; Canzona 4, Trabaci; Toccata del 2. Tono, Sonata Cromatica, Merudet 2. 1 ono, Sonata Gromatica, Merula; Two Sonatas in A, D. Scarlatti. Dec. 10 — Music from Germany: Biblical Sonata I, Kuhnau; Wuerttemberg Sonata 6, C. P. E. Bach; Prelude and Fugue in F-Sharp Major, WTC I, Toccata in F-Sharp Minor, "French" Suite 6. I. S. Bach. Suite 6, J. S. Bach.

Timothy Albrecht was harpsichordist for a performance of parts I, II, and III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio at Lebanon Valley College (Pennsylvania) on Dec. 3.

atory, Boston) played this concert at Eliot House on Oct. 29: My Ladye Nevel's Grounde, A Fancie, Byrd; Partita in D Major (S. 828), Bach; Pavana Doloroso, Galiarda Doloroso, Peter Philips; Sonata in E Minor, Hob. XVI/34, Haydn. Harpsichord by William Dowd.

Paul Jacobs was harpsichordist for a 70th-birthday concert in honor of Elliott Carter. With Ursula Oppens, piano, the Speculum Musicae presented Carter's Double Concerto for Harpsichord and Piano with Two Cham ber Orchestras (1961) at Tully Hall

John Hamilton made his London debut at Wigmore Hall on Dec. 16: Chromatic Fantasy, Sweelinck; One Hundred Variations on Passacaglias, Hundred Variations on Fassacagnas, Frescobaldi; Lachrimae Pavan, Sweelinck (after Dowland); Pavane, L. Couperin; 6 Chaconnes/Passacailles by L. and F. Couperin; Partita in D Major (S. 828), Bach. Harpsichord by Martin Skowroneck, Bremen. by Martin Skowroneck, Bremen.

As part of the 1979 Baroque Music Festival at Converse College, George Lucktenberg programmed a "Harpsichord Happening" on Jan. 20 and 21. Geoffrey Thomas played a recital (Rameau, Boehm, J. S. Bach) on the first day and Lucktenberg played the dedication of Converse's 1762 Kirckman Single, recently donated to the college. He played works of Handel and Scarlatti on the instrument, with a group of pieces by Forqueray on his Keith Hill Dulcken-style double for comparison.

Edward Parmentier (University of Michigan), played this recital at the School of Music on Jan. 12: Fantasia in A, Walsingham, Byrd; Pavan and Galliard: Lord Salisbury, Gibbons; Barafostus' Dream, Tompkins (harpsichord by David Sutherland, 1978, after an 18th-century Italian prototype in the Stearns Collection, tuned in meantone); Fantasia in C Minor, S. 906, Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue. S. 906, Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, S. 906, Carlomatic Fantasy and Fugue, S. 903, J. S. Bach; three pieces from Ordre 6, F. Couperin (harpsichord by Keith Hill, 1978, after 18-century Parisian prototypes, tuned in Werk-meister well temperament.)

Preethi de Silva played this concert at Wigmore Hall, London, on Jan. 14: Toccata 1, Bk. II, Frescobaldi; Pavan and Galliard; Lord Lumley, Bull; Suite in A Minor, L. Couperin; La Forqueray, Chaconne in F, Duphly; Prelude (1974), Alamkara and Tala (1969/70), de Silva; Partita 4 in D Major, S. 828, J. S. Bach.

Thomas Orr, Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia, played this program of French baroque music on January 17: Passacaille (Suite V), L. Couperin; Sarabande "Jeunes Zephirs," Chambonnières (with a double by d'Anglebert); 2 Rigaudons, Jacquet de la Guerre; Tombeau Blancrocher, L. Couperin; Passacaille (Ordre 8), F. Couperin. The harpsi-chord: a French double by Richard Kingston.

Virginia Pleasants, London, gave this fortepiano recital at the Purcell Room on Jan. 19: the Six Sonatas with Varied Reprises (1760), C. P. E. Bach. She played her fortepiano by Adlam Burnett after Mathaeus Heil-

Valparaiso University dedicated its new Steven Sorli harpsichord at a faculty chamber music concert on Feb. 1. Professors Newmann Powell and William Eifrig played Bach and Couperin pieces for four hands; a flute sonata of J. C. F. Bach and a performance of Bach's Cantata 202 completed the program. pleted the program.

Larry Palmer played this program "live" from Radio Station KERA-FM in Dallas on Feb. 2: "French" Suite in G, S. 816, Bach; Sonatas in F-Sharp Minor, K. 447, 448, Scarlatti; from Howells' Clavichord (1960): Finzi's Rest, Berkeley's Hunt, Herbert Howells; Sonata in C Major, K. 279, Mozart. The instrument: his 2-manual William Dawd after Blanchet William Dowd, after Blanchet.

Bach's "French" Suites, played by Gustav Leonhardt, were included in TIME magazine's "Pick of the Holi-day Season" list of classical recordings. They appear on the ABC (Seon) Classics label.

Victor Hill, Williams College, played all of the Bach Inventions in concerts at the College on Jan. 20

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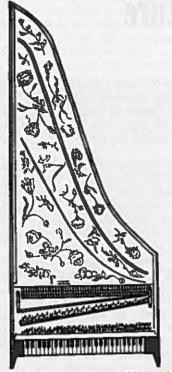
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Robert Parkins, Duke University, gave this program, "Three Centuries of Spanish Keyboard Music," on Sept. 30 at Duke and on Nov. 13 at Salem College: Diferencias sobre la Pavana Italiana, Tiento sobre "Qui la dira," Diferencias sobre la Galliarda Milanesa, Cabezon; Tiento de 4 tono, Heredia; Pasacalles I, Xacara, Cabanilles; Sonatas, K. 96, 132, 133, D. Scarlatti; Sonatas, K. 96, 132, 133, D. Scarlatti; Sonata de 1 tono, Lidon; Sonatas in F-Sharp and B Minor, Soler. The instruments: by Willard Martin and William Dowd. Mr. Parkins also gave a workshop, "Performance Practices in 16th and 17th Century Spanish Keyboard Music" at Salem College on Nov. 14.

Julane Rodgers was joined by 'cellist Linda Shay Katz for these programs in October: Pièces de clavecin en concerts in G, Rameau; Capriccio on the Departure of the Beloved Brother, Bach; Ordre 6, F. Couperin; at Wright State University (Dayton), Wittenberg University (Springfield), University of Oregon, Corvallis Art Center (Oregon), and for the Early Music Societies of Portland and San Francisco. They also gave a lecture-recital at Lane Community College (Eugene, Oregon).

The Dayton Bach Society included in its Bach Festival in November the Bach Concerto in C for three harpsichords (S. 1064) and the Concerto for four harpsichords (S. 1065). Harpsichordists were Charles Benbow, Nina Johnson, Julane Rodgers, Nancy Feld, and James Dill; the conductor was Richard Benedum.

The Boston Museum Trio (John Gibbons, harpsichordist) played the five Pièces de Clavecin en concert of Jean-Philippe Rameau on Oct. 15 and 17.

Beverly Scheibert, harpsichord and Eric Herz, flute, gave this concert at Christ Church, Cambridge, on Oct. 22: Sonata in F, Marcello; Konzert in G Minor for flute and obbligato cembalo, Telemann; Sonata in B-Flat, K.P.E. Bach; Prelude and Fugue in A Minor (S. 894) and Sonata in G Minor (S. 1020)), J. S. Bach. At Arlington Town Hall, Ms. Scheibert played this program on Oct. 23: Fugue in A Minor (S. 947), Bach; Air, Canary, Ground, Hornpipe, Purcell; Allemande, Courante, Gigues en rondeau, Le Rappel des Oiseaux, Rigaudons (Pièces de Clavecin, 1724), Rameau; Suite in F Minor, Handel. She also played these harpsichord solopicces in an MIT Chapel Concert on Nov. 16: Suite in A Minor, Froberger, "French" Suite in D Minor, J. S. Bach.

Martha Hagan played this program at Wigmore Hall, London, on Feb. 4: Suite in D Minor, Handel; Sonatas K. 380, 24, Scarlatti; "Italian" Concerto, Bach; pieces by Forqueray and Duphly.

Thomas Foster played this recital for the Southwestern Convention, Music Teachers' National Association, Long Beach, CA, on Feb. 3: La Romanesca, Valenti; Sonatas, K. 132, 239, 27, 84, Scarlatti; from Lambert's Clavichord: Sir Hugh's Galliard, Lambert's Fireside, Hughes' Ballet, Howells; Concerto for 2 Keyboard Instruments, Blanco; Concerto in C for 2 keyboard Instruments, Soler; and Variations on "America," Ives (arranged for organ and harpsichord by T. Foster). Carol Foster, organ, was the assisting artist; the instrument, a new French double by Richard Kingston.

Lisa Crawford (Oberlin Conservatory) played this program at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, on Feb. 4 and at Denison University (Granville, Ohio) on Feb. 14: Ordre 25, F. Couperin; "English" Suite in D Minor, Bach; Sonatas, K. 175, 217, 233, 420, 421, Scarlatti; Pieces in A (Allemande, Courante, Sarabande, Les trois mains, Fanfarinette, La Triomphante, Gavotte avec six doubles), Rameau. At St. Mary's Ms. Crawford played a William Dowd harpsichord (1970); at Denison, a new instrument by Jerrold Beall of Newark, after the Smithsonian Dulcken. The Jerrold Beall instrument was heard again in an evening of chamber music on Feb. 28, played by Denison faculty member William Osborne.

Karyl Louwenaar, Michael Corzine, and Lillian Pearson presented this program of music for two keyboard instruments at Florida State University, Tallahassee, on Feb. 6: Concierto VI in D for two organs, Soler; Cantabile from Concertino, opus 122 for positive and harpsichord, Flor Peeters; Concerto for Celesta and Harpsichord Soli (1955), Pinkham; Concerto for Harpsichord and Organ (1962), Paul Cooper; Allemande a deux clavecins (Ordre 9), F. Couperin; Concerto in C for two harpsichords, S. 1061, Bach. The organs were by Walter Holtkamp, the harpsichords by William Dowd.

Lenora McCroskey played the dedicatory recial for the Eastman School of Music's new Dowd harpsichord (opus 387) in Kilbourn Hall on Feb. 8: Suite in F, L. Couperin; Partita in D, S. 828, Bach; Toccata 3 in G, Tombeau Blancrocher, Froberger; Prussian Sonata 6 in A, C. P. E. Bach; La Forqueray, Médée, Duphly.

Elisabeth Wright played this concert at the Seattle Concert Theatre on Feb. 9: Gagliarda "L'herba fresca," anonymous 16th century; Gagliarde 4 and 3, Toccate 7 and 1, Bk. II, Passacagli in B-Flat, Frescobaldi; Fantasia 2, Toccata 12 in A Minor, Froberger; Variations "Unter den Linden gruen," Sweelinck; Suite in D, L. Couperin; Fantasia and Fugue in A Minor, Sinfonias in A Major, D Minor, "French" Ouverture in B Minor, Bach. Harpsichords by David Calhoun and Keith Hill (after Dulcken).

Beverly Scheibert was harpsichordist for a chamber concert at Christ Church, Cambridge, on Feb. 11. Included in the program: Sonata in G Major, op. 1 no. 2 (violin and continuo), Buxtehude; Chaconne upon the Sarabanda theme from Corelli's Violin Sonata op. 5 no. 7, for violin and obbligato cembalo, attributed to Geminiani; Sonata in C Minor, Biber (violin and continuo), Concert V, Rameau; and Toccata in E Minor, S. 914, J. S. Bach.

Linton Powell (University of Texas at Arlington) played this lecture recital at Southern Methodist University on Feb. 13: "The Spanish Sonata in the 18th Century" — Sonatas in A-flat Major, Vincente Rodríguez; E Minor, Albero; F-Sharp Major, Soler; D Minor, Larrañaga; F Minor, Gallés; C Major, Felipe Rodríguez; A Major, Blasco de Nebra; F-Sharp Minor, Montero. Mr. Powell also played this program at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; North Texas State University, Denton; and the University of Texas at Arlington. At SMU he played the university's Richard Kingston harpsichord.

David Roblou played this concert at the Purcell Room, London, on Feb. 19: Ouverture de Proserpine, Menuet Dans nos Bois, Lully; Chaconne du Vieux Gautier, Ennemond Gaultier, arr. d'Anglebert; Les petits ages (Ordre 7), Les Vieux Seigneurs, L'Amphibic (Ordre 24), F. Couperin; La Vanco, La Felix, Médée, Duphly; Suite 7 in F, Boehm; Suite in D Minor, Handel.

Jane Clark played this recital in the Purcell Room, London, on Feb. 27: Capriccio sopra L'Aria "Or che noi rimena," Frescobaldi; Duuiensela, Cabezon; Ordres 13 and 5, F. Couperin; My Ladye Nevel's Grounde, Byrd. Harpsichord by John Feldberg after Jean Goujon.

Lyle Hecklinger was soloist with the Little Orchestra Society of Toledo in Bach's E Major Harpsichord Concerto. He was joined by Arthur Lawrence, Bruce Gustafson, and James Hammann for the Bach Concerto for Four Harpsichords in the same program of Feb. 25. Harpsichords included a Sperrhake double, 1971 Zuckermann single, 1970 Dowd French double, and 1977 Dowd French single.

Carl Smith (St. Louis) played this program at McKendree College (Illinois) early in March: works by Johann Sebastian Bach: Sonata in A Minor, S. 967; Sonata in A Minor (after Reinken), S. 965; Four Duetti (Clavieruebung, Part III), S. 802-805; "French" Suite in E-Flat Major, S. 815. McKendree's harpsichord is by William Dowd.

Gustav Leonhardt gave a two-hour master class at the School of Music, University of Michigan, on Mar. 23. His topic was the Capricci (1624) of Girolamo Frescobaldi. Four students of Edward Parmentier played the new David Sutherland Italian harpsichord based on the anonymous instrument in the Stearns Collection.

Igor Kipnis continues his busy career this season: master classes at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks in January, orchestral engagements with the New Jersey Symphony (6 concerts in February), and with the Milwaukee Symphony (in May), master classes and concerts in Melbourne, Australia, also in May, and, for the sixth summer, a residency at the Indianapolis Early Music Institute and Festival in July. Angel Records has released the last installment of Kipnis' Bach partitas; soon to appear is an album of Scarlatti sonatas, 3 played on the clavichord and 9 on Kipnis' Rutkowski and Robinette harpsichord. Oxford University Press has just published his edition of Telemann's Overture in E-Flat Major from the Andreas Bach Book, and he has completed the manuscript for the harpsichord volume in Yehudi Menuhin's Music Guide Series, scheduled for publication in 1980.

Glen Wilson, American harpsichordist now resident in Holland (student of John Mueller, Albert Fuller, Gustav Leonhardt) will return to the United States for his fourth American tour Nov. 1-18, 1979. Persons interested in engaging Mr. Wilson should write him directly: Dorpsweg K 143, 1676 GJ Twisk, Holland.

Early Music (volume 7 number 1) for January 1979 includes several articles of particular interest to harpsichordists: Graham Sadler's "Rameau's Harpsichord Transcriptions from Les Indes Galantes," Frederick Neumann's "Once More: the 'French Overture Style,'" and Howard Schott's report on the 1978 Paris Harpsichord Forum.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Harpsichord Workshop, June 10-16, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. Martha Johnson, director. Faculty: Daniel Pinkham, Helen Keaney, James Nicolson, John Gibbons. Lectures in performance practice; elementary, intermediate, and advanced continuo playing; harpsichord building and maintenance; performance master classes. For further information: Gail Berry, Department of Music, SLU, Canton, N.Y. 13617; phone 315/379-5187.

Harpsichord Symposium, June 17-23, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. David Fuller, director. Scott Odell, Helen Rice Hollis (both from the Smithsonian Institution), Mark Lindley (Washington University), Sven Hansell (University of Iowa) and others. Further information: Harpsichord Symposium, Department of Music, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Organ and Harpsichord Weeks, June 26-July 14, Toulouse, France. Contemporáry Harpsichord: Elisabeth Chojnacka (July 2-7). The following works will be studied: Le Carillon pour les heures du jour et de la nuit, Chana; Rounds, Berio; Lucy Escott Variations, Henze. The Baroque Harpsichord and Baroque Spirit in Italy and Germany: Gustav Leonhardt (July 7-14). The following works will be studied: Il Libro I Capricci, 1624, Frescobaldi; Italian Concerto, J. S. Bach. Further information: Secretariat "Semaines de l'Orgue et du Clavecin 1979," 54, rue des Sept Troubadours, 31000 Toulouse, France.

The Baroque Keyboard: a workshop in Organ and Harpsichord music of the 17th and 18th centuries, July 9-13, presented by the School of Music, North Texas State University at University Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. Guest faculty will include Bernard Lagacé, Larry Palmer, Susan Ingrid Ferré, George Gilliam. Resident faculty: Charles Brown and Dale Peters. For further information: Dr. Charles S. Brown, School of Music, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas 76203; phone (817) 788-2791.

Ninth Summer Course for Harpsichord, July 23-August 1, Vleeshuis Museum, Antwerp. Professor: Kenneth Gilbert. Works to be studied: Toccatas and Suites, Volume I, Froberger; Premier Livre, F. Couperin; Preludes and Fugues of the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II, Bach. For further information: Mevr. J. Lambrechts-Douillez, Ruckers-Genootschap, Vleeshouwersstraat 38-40, B-2000 Antwerpen, Belgium.

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

I write this in response to Donald Willing's guest editorial in the January 1979 issue of The Diapason. On first reading it, like many of my friends, I fussed and fumed. Willing had finally flipped his lid! It was

outrageous! How could he say those things?

After all, I was there when he dedicated the organ in Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church in Albany, Texas on that balmy day, November 10, 1956. I remember the date partially because it was my 20th birthday, but I remember it even more strongly because it was a rebirth for me. This was the first tracker organ I ever saw, heard, played; and I was instantly converted. And I have never wavered since! Donald Willing became one of my heroes that day.

But, after calming down a bit, I decided that my old friend Don was simply up to his old tricks, making provocative statements in hope that someone might be inspired to do some real thinking, and so I have tried

to do just that. The following are some of my conclusions.

Anything that can make a sound can be (and probably has been) used to make music. Thus, musicians have always had an entire universe of equipment with which to make their music. In other words, musicians have always had more resources than they used. Instead, the history of musical instruments has been a history of specialization. We developed the human voice, the plucked and bowed string, or the whistle and reed-tongue instruments, not because they could do everything, but rather because each had certain special characteristics that were very appealing to musicians and listeners. Thus each musical instrument has come about, has been accepted and appreciated, and has consequently become enveloped in a heritage of construction, playing technique, and music composed for it, just as much for the things it could not do as for the things it could do.

Take the human voice. It has wide ranges of colors (vowels), attacks, and decays (consonants), and a very flexible dynamic control. On the

other hand, its range of pitches is rather limited (although within that range it can be varied and controlled with exquisite subtlety) and, even with much training, the sound of a voice cannot be maintained very long without stopping to refill the lungs. In an organ this would be a grave fault, but this 'fault' of the voice is the reason for one of the most basic concepts in music, the phrase.

It should be evident that every musical instrument has a set of characteristic potentials and limitations which, for simplicity, I would call its nature. Every artificial musical instrument (that is, all of them except the human voice) goes through a pattern of development. First the basic principle of sound production is noticed or discovered or invented. Then its musical potentials are explored. A period of development and experimentation follows in which the musical potentials are enhanced by re-fining the method of sound production and propagation, and during which musicians explore the potentials of the instrument, develop a playing technique, and usually write music for the instrument. If the instrument continues to be popular with musicians and listeners, the instrument may undergo further refinements, as will its playing technique and the music written for it, thus resulting in historical and geographic styles of music for the instrument. Of course, at any time, it is possible that the instrument will lose popularity with performers and listeners, in which case it will be abandoned, or superceded by another instrument. This happened to the harpsichord around the turn of the 19th century. People were no longer satisfied with the limitations of the harpsichord, and they were fascinated with the potentials of the piano. Fortunately for those of us who enjoy harpsichord music, enough survived of the abandoned instrument and its culture that we were able to revive it in our own century.

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three hundred years ago and changed very little until about the first quarter of the 20th century. Then someone decided to electrify it. At first, I'm sure, the objective was simply to improve the basic nature of the guitar. I think the intention was to overcome the limited acoustic output of the guitar so that it could be heard by more people at a time. But it soon became apparent that electrifying the guitar so completely modified its basic nature that a new instrument had been created. Today most of our commercial music would be impossible without the electric guitar (some consider it 'impossible' with it!). Interestingly enough, this has not spelled the demise of the classical guitar. It is more popular than ever, but no one would ever confuse the two instruments. Apart from the similarity of having plucked strings and a fret board, the two instruments have very little in common.

Therefore, before we undertake to reform the organ, it is absolutely imperative that we perceive its basic nature. The nitty-gritty is this: if we want to do things which are contrary to the basic nature of the organ,

then we are wasting our time trying to reform it.

Before exploring the nature of the instrument, however, I would like to point out one thing: the organ (and this always means pipe organ in my vocabulary) is by no means as moribund as Willing suggests. There are more organs playing and more new ones being built today than ever before in the history of mankind. On a per capita basis worldwide there may have been some slippage, but not, I think, in the western Christian world which was always the sole territory of the organ world anyway. Considering the difficulty and expense of building an organ, or even of maintaining an old one, this hardly seems to indicate the imminent disappearance of the instrument from our culture!

Now there are two characteristics of all organs which are utterly basic: indeed, they define it. The first is that it is a keyboard instrument. Consider for a moment the implications of this. First of all, unlike the human voice or the violin or the trombone, a keyboard instrument plays discrete pitches. There is no gliding about from pitch to pitch. We cannot 'play in the cracks' between the keys on a keyboard instrument, and this, of course, means that a keyboard instrument implies a systematic division of the musical scale into patterns of discrete pitches.

Secondly, most keyboard instruments, the organ included, are capable of playing more than one note at a time. This implies counterpoint and/or harmony. Thus, discrete pitches, counterpoint, and harmony are all musical characteristics which the organ shares with most other keyboard instruments.

Of course we must not forget that keyboards are played by human hands and feet. The shapes of musical figures for keyboard are inherently different from those for voice, or non-keyboard instruments. Indeed, by simply analyzing the texture of the music, we can often tell whether a composition is intended for keyboard or other means.

Another characteristic feature which tracker organs share with other keyboard instruments, except most electronic ones, is that the keyboard is capable of controlling to some extent the quality of the sound beyond its pitch and duration, and equally important, the sound produced has an effect on the way the keyboard feels to the performer. Take a look at the hammers in any piano to see how this can be so. The bass hammers are large and heavy (in order to elicit the proper tone from the bass strings) while the treble hammers are small and light. One simply does not play bass notes on the piano in the same manner as one plays treble notes, and the difference in the feel of the keys is very much a part of the difference. With the tracker organ the same is true. The bass keys control large pallet valves which are necessary to feed large quantities of wind to the big bass pipes. The treble keys operate smaller valves. It feels different. It's supposed to. Of course, a keyboard musician tries to train his fingers to be independent as possible. Ideally he wants to be able to trill as fast with the little fingers of his left hand as with his best fingers on the right hand, but he knows that even if he can, very little music calls for it. Bass notes are by nature more ponderous than trebles. Otherwise we would not consider playing frisky tunes on a tuba amusing. Even the most ignorant child immediately breaks into laughter at such a feat because it is patently absurd.

By the same token the organbuilder endeavors to make his bass notes as quick and lively as possible (and indeed may try to eliminate some of the jitter in the trebles) but a good organbuilder knows that there are natural limits, and that to completely eliminate the nature of the keyboard by electrifying it and giving each key precisely the same feel

throughout the compass is going too far.

I am completely mystified by Willing's remark that "about nine out of ten of the new trackers (he has played) . . . were heavy knuckleof ten of the new trackers (he has played) . . . were heavy knuckle-crackers on which it was impossible to play sensitively." The only explanation I can think of is that he has not played a piano for over twenty years! I have played hundreds of old and new tracker organs all over the world and I can remember only a few which were as hard to play (under normal conditions) as playing fortissimo on a brassy grand piano is. (Or does he mean that one cannot play sensitively on a piano either?) Of course, when you couple manuals together on a tracker organ, it becomes harder to play. It's supposed to! All natural musical instruments are like that.

Tracker action not sensitive? It's the only one that is. Sensitivity is not synonymous with fussiness or prettiness. It is simply matching the appropriate force to the expected response, or vice-versa, and tracker action is the only way that one can do that on an organ, naturally.

The other characteristic of the organ that defines it is that it produces its sounds by forcing air through whistles and reeds called pipes. It is a (Continued overleaf)





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The Nature of the Organ (continued from p. 11) wind instrument. To be sure, in an organ the wind cannot be so subtly varied in pressure as in the voice or on an oboe. But on the other hand, the more static, unyielding character of organ wind is part of its nature. This is demonstrated when the orchestra attempts to imitate an organ; the instruments play with an unyielding, steady sound.

A whistle has certain natural characteristics. It always tends to have a 'windy' sound. It tends to start the tone with a chirp. If the tone is stopped quickly there tends to be a sort of reverse chirp, but if the wind is cut off slowly the pitch droops as the tone dies away. These are natural elements of 'whistle' sounds, and the pipe voicer works with them according to this ability and taste. But to flatly state that 'windiness' or 'chirping' are unmusical is to say that whistles are not musical devices. Try telling that to your neighborhood flautist or recorder player.

Reeds also have characteristic attack and decay sounds. They also by nature are high in harmonic development. That's why a really smooth-

toned French horn is such a curiosity.

A friend and I once had a discussion as to whether there were some types of organ tone which were inherently beautiful and others which were not. I believe it was his contention that some sounds (perhaps a scratchy, whining string pipe) were unlovely and that even if they had a musical function, one still could not consider their tone truly musical. Personally I am more inclined to believe that beauty is in the eye or ear of the beholder. At any rate we can say of organ tone that it falls into two classes. One class comprises those tones which are unique to the organ and cannot be easily produced in any other manner. The other class of organ tone are these which are initially in the other class of organ tone are these which are initially in the other class of organ tone are these which are initially in the eye or ear class of organ tone are those which are imitative in one way or another of other instruments.

The Principal stops, both separately and combined together into choruses, are tonal effects which are uniquely the property of the organ. The Gedeckt family is another. These sounds are not found anywhere but on the organ. It is interesting that these two types of tone have

always been the backbone of the organ's tonal structure.

There are, however, dozens of instruments which have been imitated by the organ. The most successful are the various woodwinds, the flute, the oboe, and clarinet, to give only examples of instruments commonly used today. The brass instruments have also been imitated with some degree of success. The stringed instruments have never been particularly well-captured by the organ imitation efforts. But what is interesting here is that in every instance of imitation I've mentioned, there has resulted a new color which has become a basic organ effect. We don't really expect an organ trumpet to sound like a real trumpet, but we all appreciate the glorious sound of organ trumpets. Even trumpeters like these sounds if we don't insult their ears by telling them that they are 'trumpets.' No one thinks of rosin or bows when they hear an organ viola, but the sound can be very lovely, and very useful musically in organ terms.

In other words, when the organ through its history has attempted to imitate other musical instruments or musical forces, it has never been particularly successful (certainly not to the extent of supplanting what it was imitating!), but many of these attempts resulted in new effects that became useful after they were adapted to the nature of the organ.

So far I have been talking about the nature of the organ. Now let us

talk a bit about the nature of electronic instruments.

Willing says that electronic instruments have "actions more sensitive than most pipe-organs have." Most of the electronic imitation-organs have a simple 'off-on' capability in their action. Granted, the keys are lightly sprung, have good repetition, and the response is lightning fast, but the performer has absolutely no control over the response other than the duration of tone. With special circuits energized by a stop-switch, some of these instruments offer the possibility of 'chiff' or 'no chiff,' or even more exotic percussion effects, but none of them offers this on a note-by-note basis. Either every key does it when the control is on, or none do when it is off. What's so sensitive about that?

He says electronic instruments have "infinite flexibility of dynamics."

'Infinite' is going too far, but they do have wide and easily-controlled ranges of loudness, but subject to the same limitations as the organ. The whole keyboard gets louder or softer. You can't bring out the tenor or alto as vou can on a piano. Nevertheless, this dynamic capability is characteristic of electronic instruments. It is not particularly natural to the organ and never has been. The swell device is somewhat effective, although in a crude fashion, and such artists as Cavaillé-Coll could arrange voices and manuals in such a way that imaginative composers like César Franck could achieve the illusion of great dynamic flexibility. But much more dynamic flexibility than that is not in the nature of the instrument, and if we demand more, we're going to have to invent another instrument.

Willing says the electronic instruments have "infinitely more beautiful tone possibilities evenly voiced than the new brash breed of pipe-organ." Chacun a son gout! said the old lady as she kissed the cow! Certainly the electronic device has infinitely more timbre possibilities, but their beauty depends on their use and appreciation. It is the nature of electronic tone generation that a more even regulation of color and loudness from note to note is not only possible, but hard to avoid. It is this very feature which makes many imitation-organs fail. It is natural in the organ that stops change color in different registers. All of the other natural instruments do also. Some of them are notoriously different in various registers.

Willing says electronic instruments have "the capability of (being) voiced to fit the room." The most expensive ones do. The average assembly-line job does not. All real organs have this capability and always have had. Whether or not it's done depends on the financial aspects, the patience and expertise of the builder, and other factors.

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# A Willing Response

by Josiah Fisk

As a practicing supporter of the tracker movement, I was fascinated with Donald Willing's guest editorial in the January issue of *The Diapason*. Heeding your editor's plea for objectivity, I saw much in Mr. Willing's article with which I must agree. However, even from an objective stance there appeared certain dubious progressions of logic and some questionable aesthetics, as well as some unqualified errors.

To begin with, it should be made clear that, among those who have been associated with the tracker movement, Mr. Willing is not alone in his disappointment with many of the movement's results. On the basis of many of its instruments, I might also dissociate myself from the movement if I felt they were all it had to offer. Likewise I feel it is unfortunate that many of the disciples of an historical approach to playing are lacking a musicianship appropriate to their scholarship. Yet it is highly unrealistic to deny the validity of any movement or institution because it is flawed; perfection in either of these is something no culture has ever come close to realizing. Along with its less musical efforts, the tracker revival has produced in significant amounts both first-rate instruments and first-rate players, even according to Mr. Willing's standards, his objections to authenticity per se excepted. We do not eliminate universities when all of their graduates are not surpassingly intellectual; so it is wrong to condemn the tracker movement simply because it has had its shortcomings. The movement has not been firmly established in this country for even twenty-five years. During that time the leading builders have not hesitated to change their views of the instrument as both their experience and their knowledge of old organs has grown. For example, these builders have raised their wind pressures and cut-ups significantly within the last ten years, with results which are not only more historically correct, but more musical.

To establish a few more points, I would like to respond to Mr. Willing's first enumerated set of opinions:

I. It is clear that what Mr. Willing prefers, and does not always find in tracker organs, is a *light* action, not a "sensitive" as he terms it. The sensitivity offered in theory, and generally in practice, by tracker organs is one to the speed of attack and release. In a good tracker organ (including some with a stiff action), the quality of the player's touch is conveyed through the action and made audible in the voicing. Conversely, electric action in pipe or electronic organs offers only two possibilities, on or off; it is literally as insensitive as possible.

II, IV. It is difficult to justify Mr. Willing's condemnation of historicism as "imitation" without noticing that electronic organs are the ultimate in imitation. The synthesizer is a different case, being capable of many non-imitative sounds, with the result that it already has a large, indigenous literature. Yet, to my knowledge, none of the "old comfortable but exciting traditional literature" or even any contemporary works of note were intended for electronic instruments. If for primarily psychological reasons one cannot make music on anything but an electronic organ, then so be it. But the historical approach itself does anything but hinder musicianship; rather, it strongly encourages it. And if there is a choice between an authentic and musical performance and an unauthentic one (relatively speaking), the former is virtually guaranteed to be more gen-uinely exciting, if less flashy. It has been demonstrated that certain characteristics of the old European organs such as tonal design, winding, and temperament are very important to all of the literature created for these organs. No one pretends that he or she is playing or building exactly as it was done in the old days: that is not only impossible but undesirable. What the historical movement strives for is not a blind adherence to certain "rules," but the presentation of this music, the bulk of the literature, in a manner that takes full advantage of all available historical knowledge for solely musical reasons; it began only through discontent with the musicality of previous generations with regard to this literature. For example, Bach, who is known to have hated equal temperament, clearly planned the harmonic layouts of his organ works that the unequal temperament would heighten the dramatic effect. This is, after all, an axiom of all art: that conventions and limitations become the strength of the art in the master's hands. Naturally, historical accuracy is not an acceptable substitute for good musicianship, and we may only regret when it is used in such a gimmicky way. But unless it is unwillingly imposed, it is unlikely that such a thoughtful approach will fail to develop whatever musicianship its followers have -- especially if it is given sufficient time to be understood.

III. The demand for such "cumbersome" design aspects as flat pedalboards, unenclosed organs, and mechanical stop action has to my experience originated as much from organists as anyone. "Expressiveness" unquestionably thrived during the centuries before the electronic and electro-pneumatic organs; in fact, it nearly ceased when these instruments entered the scene, as we may see from the fact that neither of these (Continued, page 20)

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Summer Activities

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The Seventh Annual Bach Festival sponsored by the Chamber Singers of lowa City, will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. Concerts are scheduled each evening at 8:00 P.M., in Clapp Hall, on the

ning at 8:00 P.M., in Clapp Hall, on the University of lowa campus. Featured in the festival this year will be a wide variety of charal and orchestral works by Bach. The orchestral works will be under the direction of guest conductor Don Th. Jaeger, director of the Midland, Michi-gan, Center for the Arts and Conductor of the Midland Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Ro-sella Duerksen, founder and musical director of the Chamber Singers, will conduct the choral works.

Ticket information may be obtained by writing or calling Hancher Box Office, University of lowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 52242.

The First International Romantic Organ Music Symposium, sponsored by the Cornell University Summer Session, will be held from June 17 to 22 on the Cornell campus, in Ithaca, New York. It is to be the first in a series of symposia that will offer an intensive study of the Romantic and post-Romantic organ (1800-1920), its literature, and the pertinent performance practices of the period. The first symposium will have as its theme the Mendelssohn-Schumann school and will be valuable to both the sea-soned professional and the experienced

Participants will have the rare opportunity to hear some of the finest examples of early nineteenth-century German organ music, much of which has been inaccessible to organists in this country for over a hundred years. In a series of recitals widely recognized organists will present all the signifi-cant organ works by Mendelssohn and Schu-mann and other early nineteenth-century German composers, most of whom were close associates of Mendelssohn or students at the Leipzig Conservatory during its first fifteen years. Several of the recitalists will give master classes or lectures about the instru-ments these composers had at their disposal and the performance practices of the era. Additional concerts, including vocal and piano recitals and a choral concert by the Cornell Chamber Singers, will present mu-sic written by these composers for other media, College credit is available.

The recitalists and instructors will include Doug'as Butler, Robert Glasgow, Donald J. Grout, Will Headlee, Wayne Leupold, Wm. A. Little, Thomas Murray, William Osborne, Donald Paterson, Linda Paterson, Robert Schuneman, Barry Snyder, and Thomas So-

An optional trip to the Corning Glass Center or a tour of historic organs in the area can be one highlight of the stay in the Finger Lakes Region.

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For additional information and an application form write to: Organ Symposium,
Carnell University, 105 Day Hall, Ithaca, New York 14583.

Gillian Weir will present the Sumer Organ Workshop at Colorado State University, June 24-29. The workshop will open with a Concerto Program with Ms. Weir accompanied by the Rocky Mountain Chamber Orchestra, Dave Harmon conducting, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (2-manual, 33-stop Phelps Organ, 1975). Work-sessions will take place daily throughout the morning, and the repertory covered in these sessions will be the literature performed by Ms. Weir in doily afternoon recitals. The workshop is planned to be a complete survey of the great organ literature: 1) the forerunners of Bach, 2) the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, 3) the works of the Classical French composers; 4) the romantic school; and 5) contemporary works for organ.

There will be daily dance demonstrations and student participation in baroque dances. Since much of the literature is derived from these dance rhythms, emphasis will be on learning the physical, rhythmic movements associated with the Baroque Dance.

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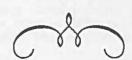
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Organ/Harpsichard Seminars, Wallingford, CT, June 24-July 6. The faculty for this annual series of events will consist of Bern-ard Lagacé, Roberta Gara, and Mireille Lagacé. Included will be two organ concerts, an organ/harpsichord concert, and a harpsichord concert devoted to works of J. S. Bach. For further information, please write Duncan Phyfe, Seminar Director, Paul Mellon Arts Center, Wallingford, CT 06492 (203/269-7722, ext. 331).

Church Music Workshop, July 9-12, held on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Staff consists of Dr. Albert Balitho, Director; Llayd Pfautsch, Choral Techniques; Dr. Corliss Arnold, Organ Literature; Liz Spry, Youth Choirs; Renate Zimmermann, Improvisation; George Tucker, Bay Choirs. Special features include an organ recital by Donald Armitage, choral concert by the Talmage Turner Chorale, a gala 25th anniversary Banquet, Festival Service and demonstration of folk songs with appropriate instruments. Address Inquiries appropriate instruments. Address inquiries to: Mrs. Margaret Pegg, 26 Kellogg Center for Continuing Eduction, Michigan Sta University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824. State

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Masterclass in Choral Rehearsal and Performance Techniques, Loma Linda University, CA, July 22-27. Sir David Willcocks will be the director for the sessions, which will fo-cus on sacred music. An additional series with emphasis on secular music will take place July 29 — Aug. 2. Write: Summer Workshops, Dept. of Music, Loma Linda Univ., Riverside, CA 92515.



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State University, and he continued to play limited engagements in Europe. He had been scheduled to play a recital on the then-new organ at Alice Tully Hall during the 1975-76 season; although he actually came to New York City for the event, it never took place, since the combina-tion-action malfunctioned a few hours before the recital was to have been played and rendered the organ temporarily unplayable. A subsequent performance for AGO Seattle '78 had to be cancelled because of

Although Mr. Heiller had not performed during the last few months of his life, he did attend the performance of one of his masses at Vienna's Ursalinakirche recently, when he was seen by many of his friends. His last public performance had been an hour-long improvisation recital on seven themes last All Saint's Day at St. Stephen's Cathedral. His final improvisation on that moving occasion was on the chorale "O Welt, ich muss dich lässen.





Heiller as a young man (left); later, at unidentified organ (right).

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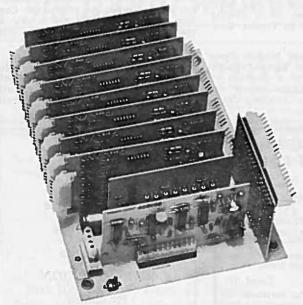
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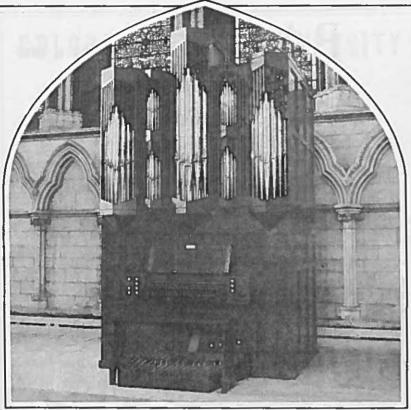
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"TWILIGHT INTERLUDES" is a series of 5:30 pm concerts at New York City's Alice Tully Hall this spring, featuring the only major pipe organ in a concert hall in that city. Anthony Newman performed Bach and Couperin on Feb. 21 on the 4-manual Kuhn; other organists will be Wolfgang Rübsam, Karel Paukert, John Weaver, and George Baker. The series is presented by Lincoln Center with support from the New York State Council on the Arts and the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund, who was perhaps shamed into this because of that fund's well-publicized refusal to assist financially in such organ programs previously. The New York City AGO Chapter is cooperating with the production.

MARY LOU ROBINSON was guest recitalist for the Greater Kansas City Chapter AGO on Jan. 15, when she played compositions of Walther, Franck, Bielawa, and Bach at All Saints Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

The complete organ works of OLI-VIER MESSIAEN have been performed in six concerts at Acolian Town Hall, London, Ontario, using the 4/67 Kney instrument there. Performers for the series, which began last October and will conclude in April, included Almut Rössler, David Palmer, Barrie Cabena, Peter Cass, David Palmer, and Jan Overduin

ROYAL D. JENNINGS played the first performances of his own Fanfare in E Minor and A Christmas Trilogy, as well as his song cycle St. Paul, with Ann Jennings, on Jan. 28 at Central Park Christian Church in Topeka, Kansas.

JAMES DALE played Widor's Symphony V and Dupré's Three Preludes and Fugues, Op. 7, as a program of "Music of the Paris Organ School" on Jan. 19 at the US Naval Academy Chapel, where he is organist.

Larry Allen will join with soprano Monica Robinson for organ/vocal performances under the representation of Arts Image Ltd., according to Phillip Truckenbrod of the agency. Mr. Allen is music director at Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, CT, and is organist for the South Church Choral Society. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and New York's Union Theological Seminary. Miss Robinson is a graduate of the Hartt College of Music and is based in New York City. The two have appeared together in New England and in the South for concerts during the past two years.

The complete organ works of-Dietrich Buxtehude are being featured on a three-month weekly series of broadcasts over station WQED-FM in Pittsburgh. The series is annotated by Dr. Robert Sutherland Lord, of the University of Pittsburgh faculty.

The Andover Organ Company held an open house at its Methuen, MA headquarters on Jan. 6. The occasion was the demonstration and playing of its 3-39 tracker built for the Church of the Epiphany, Danville, VA.

WILLIAM ALBRIGHT played his own Halo, The King of Instruments, and Stipendium Peccati, as well as Black Host of William Bolcom and Masquerades/Parodies by Curtis-Smith on a Jan. 26 recital at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle. Mr. Albright also spoke to the Seattle Chapter AGO in a seminar.

JOHN E. WILLIAMS played the first performance of Peter Naylor's Toccata on Jan. 28 at the Laurinburg (NC) Presbyterian Church. Mr. Williams commissioned the work from the Scottish composer for service use.

The UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN School of Music observed its centennial celebration on March 22 with the production of two stage works of Gian Carlo Menotti, prepared by the composer.

STEPHEN HAMILTON was soloist with the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra directed by James Marable in a performance of the Second Concerto by Hindemith and the Fifth Concerto of Handel on Feb. 11 at Virginia Intermont College.

MARK KOEHL, student of Gloria Wendel in Van Wert, Ohio, won the fifth annual organ competition at Bowling Green State University on Feb. 10. A high school senior, he won a \$1000 scholarship to attend the College of Musical Arts at the Ohio university.

OSWALD RAGATZ was guest soloist with the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra last Sept. 5 when he played the Copland Organ Symphony on a new 6-manual Berlin-built organ at the new Korean Fine Arts Center.

McNEIL ROBINSON conducted soloists, chorus, and orchestra in the "Coronation" Mass of Mozart at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, New York City, on Feb. 18.

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### Letters to the Editor

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I believe that many who have con-tributed to the revival of fine tracker ributed to the revival of fine tracker organs in America deserve credit for having at last unlocked the awesome door which has held back the knowledge of how it was in the golden age of the organ. The ray of light which is beginning to appear from behind that door has given direction to my own work. It has given me hope that instruments are more than a bag of musical tricks, more than just beautiful sounds, more than just a means for providing pleasurable experiences, or musical enjoyment. They are for the lifting of the spirit in praise of God.

But something tells me that the kind of soul-revealing sensitivity characteristic of such instruments is not what Mr. Willing's search for "The Sensitive Touch" is all about. Quite to the contrary, such could prove to be very embary.

Touch" is all about. Quite to the contrary, such could prove to be very embarrassing to him. Anyone who could start the tracker organ revival in America, as Mr. Willing infers that he did, and then so casually turn his back on that very ray of light which he helped to produce, calling those who reach for it "Antiquarian," would have something to fear if his soul were to be exposed. Sincerely. Sincerely.

Michael L. Bigelow Provo, Utah

I am sure your guest editorial by Donald Willing and the article on Harald Vogel's workshop in Nebraska will bring many responses. I do not wish to add to the already overworked discussions concerning the pres and cons of the concerning the pres and cons of the conconcerning the pros and cons of the so-called "baroque" organ vs. other types, "rigid" organ playing vs. "expressive" playing, organs with gadgets vs. those

without. These, it seems to me, are at most peripheral issues which do not reflect any sort of profund thinking about the organ as a musical instrument. It seems to me that the crux of the matter lies in the meaning of the word expressive. Unfortunately, organists are about the only musicians I know who seem to believe it is possible to find a sort of universal esthetic which will "express" the intention of a vast literature spanning a period from roughly 1600 to the present. Worse, than this, there seems to be a widespread belief among organists that it is possible to build a universal instrument which will express any and all of this literature which is worth playing.

any and all of this literature which is worth playing.

Where certain forms of organs which use portions of the old scalings or windings or other aspects of "antique" organs are found, one does indeed discover that at best they are only grotesque parodies of that which they are supposed to imitate. In the same manner, when organists adopt only certain of when organists adopt only certain of the old playing techniques, articulation patterns, or principles of registration, the end result often is an ugly distor-tion of the music.

Understanding the musical esthetic of another age implies the willingness and ability to give up the concept of a universal mode of expression, and with it, all the techniques which one may have learned formerly. I think it is true to say that most organists are not commit-ted enough to undergo such a stern exercise in humility. Rather, they insist that music and musical instruments, especially the organ, must be made to fit into their pre-conceived notions about the forms of musical expression. If this means turning to an instrument whose mode of sound production is

totally unrelated to the organ (viz., the electronic organ), they are far more inclined to follow that path than to consider the possibility that the organ, his-torically speaking, was not what they had long believed it to me. That, of course, would be too much to bear. Sincerely,

Thomas Spacht Towson State University Towson, MD

After reading the editorial by Donald Willing, I feel that I must respond with a few of my own opinions. I am not in the habit of writing letters to the editor, but as a graduate of North Texas State University (D.M.A., '74), I am eager for it to be known that not all of us who have a connection with that very excellent academic institution share Mr. Willing's ideas.

Mr. Willing's ideas.

Mr. Willing makes the strong statement that most new tracker organs do not have "sensitive touch." I take this to mean "responsive action," since sensitive touch is really the responsibility of the player. I have heard many organists play without "sensitive touch" on instruments that do have responsive action. It is also possible to play with sensitive touch on instruments whose action, either mechanical or electric, is not particularly responsive. To say not particularly responsive. To say otherwise is to say that some of our greatest organists only play sensitively when they are privileged to perform on an "ideal" instrument.

Mr. Willing also makes a plea for organ recitals which appeal to "John Q." I don't know what music he feels would fall into this category. Perhaps he is thinking of the manner in which one performs the music. Perhaps in (Continued overleaf)

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### Letters to the Editor

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order to have wide public appeal, organists should put on a show, similar to the sort of thing done by Virgil Fox. ganists should put on a show, similar to the sort of thing done by Virgil Fox. This raises some questions, however. Does any real performing artist on any instrument play down to his audience? And are not performers also educators (especially those who teach in colleges and universities)? Is not high quality music from any period or country valid for public performance if played well? In certain places in Europe where audiences fill the churches to overflowing for organ concerts, I have never heard performers who felt the need to indulge in gimmickery to assure their popularity. As for "Grade II piano stuff" (Classic French music), anyone who has attempted to play this music stylistically well knows that it is far from easy. Did Bach realize that he was wasting his time on "Grade II piano stuff" when he copied by hand the works of some of the Classic French composers? Or when he took the trouble to write out a table of ornaments ("squiggles") for his son, Wilhelm Friedemann, modeled after the tables of the French composers? Or when he used French ornamentation in his own compositions?

posers? Or when he used French orna-mentation in his own compositions?

Mr. Willing states that organ enroll-Mr. Willing states that organ enrollment in colleges has begun to drop. I don't know of any statistics to either refute or support this statement (other than the fact that overall enrollment in colleges has dropped), but I do know from speaking with some of my colleagues in schools around the country that there exist overloads in some organ departments, and in some places de-partments are forced to limit enroll-ments. In my own situation, the num-ber of organ students I teach consistent-ly represents 10% or more of the total ly represents 10% or more of the total number of students in the music de-partment, and that is in a school in a rather remote area where one might not expect to find many budding young organists. We also fill our recital hall for organ concerts, whether they be presented by faculty, guest recitalists, or students or students.

or students.

Mr. Willing suggests that instruments should have "sensitivity of touch, dynamic flexibility, and beautiful sounds"

— I agree, and I'm sure most other organists do too. Just exactly what these things mean depends, of course, upon the taste of the individual player. I personally find it puzzling that Mr. Willing should make a remark about dynamic flexibility, and later in his editorial bemoan the lack of adequate swell boxes on certain mechanical action organs. I recall having heard one of swell boxes on certain mechanical action organs. I recall having heard one of his pupils at North Texas play, for a degree recital, the Franck Grande Pièce Symphonique on a small Rieger practice organ with no swell box whatsoever and, in my opinion, very little to offer in the way of "beautiful sounds."

Finally, I feel that Mr. Willing's talk about airplane kits, plastics, electronic imitations of musical instruments, etc., is so out of place in an editorial about organ music in a scholarly publication that it deserves no response.

Sincerely,

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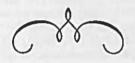
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figure held a waver over a chalice. In my childish fancy, I thought he was offering me something good to eat - a cookie or something

That the information in the book has not been updated since its original writing in 1962 detracts from it little, since the value of the work lies in the memoirs themselves. The physical production of the book, however, does leave a few things to be desired, since there are a number of examples of poor print, broken type, and mistakes, but these will not detract appreciably from the reading satisfaction. A few specifications and plates are included, as are opus lists of several early California builders. There is no thorough index, but the publishers have offered to assist researchers when information is requested.

This is the kind of book which might well have never reached the stage of publication, and it is good that it has been made available. More such writings would give us a better understanding of our organbuilding heritage in this country. As it is, we can appreciate this effort and enjoy reading it.

- Arthur Lawrence



The Nature of the Organ

Willing welcomes the percussion and celeste possibilities of the electronic instrument. Fine. Percussion effects are easy with electronic tone generation. They are not natural to organ pipes. In spite of efforts for the last three or four hundred years, there has never been a thoroughly satisfying percussion stop in an organ (i.e. one that would not have been more effective as a separate instrument played by another performer). The celeste effect is perfectly possible on the organ, and on carefully-made tracker organs you can 'celeste' any stop you wish simply by pulling out the stop only part way. This has been possible for the last six or seven hundred years, yet very few composers have used it until the last twenty or so years. One or two celestes in a typical organ seems to be about optimum for most musicians.

Willing appreciates the portability of the electronic instruments. So do we all. Unfortunately we cannot ignore nature's laws. If you want a real 16' Principal tone, it's going to take a pipe about 16' long to do it. Electronically, you can get sorta' close to the effect with a speaker about 30" in diameter, if it's in an enclosure or horn that requires about 64 cubic feet of space. It is the nature of the organ that big effects take a lot of space and are too heavy to move about. As the engineers tell us, 'there is no such thing as a free lunch.'

Willing says electronic instruments have "an always growing capability of non-imitative colors far outreaching any pipe-organ sound." Amen! But go back and read my fourth paragraph again. The organ will continue as a viable musical instrument as long as we continue to want to hear the kinds of sounds it makes. When we want other sounds we will

turn to another instrument. Which brings up this point:

Electronic tone generation is capable of tremendous things. To limit its potential to merely imitating another instrument such as the organ is a gross perversion of the nature of electronics. The synthesizer, yesl The

a gross perversion of the nature of electronics. The synthesizer, year The electronic imitation-organ, why bother?

I'm delighted to be living in an age when I can enjoy the glorious, living, naturally-breathing sound of great organs, played by exciting, imaginative artists who are obviously totally in love with their instruments. I'm also delighted to be around during the birth pangs of electronic music. It's here to stay and when it gets its act together, we're tronic music. It's here to stay, and when it gets its act together, we're going to hear some great music; but it will not come by way of imitating organ.

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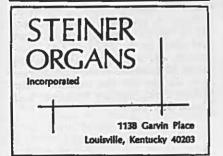
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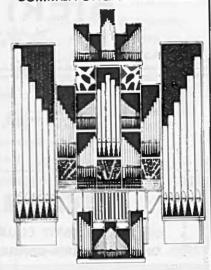
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#### Willing Response

instruments have inspired works from notable composers (except, perhaps, in England). In most cases, organists' objections to such things as flat pedalboards seem to arise out of nothing other than an unwillingness to try something unfamiliar: it is certainly clear that many people who have tried now prefer them.

Anyone who understands the basics of tracker organs knows that the travel of the stop knobs is not "to make you feel that you're doing something," but because you are doing something — moving the slider — instead of having a motor do it for you. What is an illusion is electric switches posing as stop knobs; this illusion breaks down, however, when one is forced to compensate for the delay in the electric mechanism. Some important contemporary composers (including one noted jazz musician) have even made use of the slow or partial draw options offered

by mechanical stop action.

V, VI, VII. Anyone involved in the arts today can scarcely overlook the profound ignorance of the American public of any kind of art. This is not an elitist view, as I include folk art as well as "high" art; nor it it as true of most other cultures, past or present, as it is of ours. The necessity of resorting to popular music in order to draw audiences is part of a much larger cultural problem, one which has its roots in a failure to educate, as the current illiteracy problems in our high schools and colleges show. At least one major American orchestra is alive today because of the money it makes with its popular music concerts and records. When the largest recital crowds have been drawn without resort to popular tunes, it is generally a very diluted version of "serious" music that is being offered. Were it not the candy-coating that the crowds sought, it would follow from Mr. Willing's remarks that there is only one interesting organist in the country. Obviously, it is not only up to organists to help correct the lack of education, but all of us do have a large stake in the

As far as the tonal possibilities of the new electronic organs are coacerned, it is unquestionable that they have made progress. Yet, there are at least four aspects of their approach which present serious problems.

First, no speaker system yet made has been able to simulate the "live" sound of a pipe or string; until this possible (and affordable) or electronic organs abandon their imitation of pipe organ sounds, tonal comparisons are not valid.

Second, any first-rate pipe organ builder insists as a matter of course on not only designing the organ for its home, but on voicing it to fit the acoustical environment. It is a much more complex question than that of a "live" or "dead" room: it involves placement, the room response at every register, and many other issues. These are one thing for a custom builder, and another for a company geared to mass production. Of the present electronic instruments, only the very expensive are capable of being "voiced" to the room, and often not without additional expense.

Third, electronic organs produce an overly-even timbre within a rank. Naturally, it is just as unacceptable to have obvious inconsistencies within a rank. But absolute sameness is monotonous, and a fundamental antithesis of art. The qualities of every note on any non-electronic musical instrument, even when being played by superlative musicians, are very slightly different from each other, as spectrum analysis shows. Mendelssohn understood this, for one: by his own admission we know that one of the central motivations for the creation of Elijah was the "wunderbares Fis" (f#) of Jenny Lind's voice. Of course, there are other notes in the part for her, too, indicating that the excellence of that note did not eclipse the beauty of the others.

The final aspect to be considered is one of durability. Despite claims of their permanence, no manufacturer's electronic organs have so far been able on the average to last one tenth of what many extant tracker organs have already lasted. Nor can they be maintained by a nominally trained layman, as trackers can. Now that it is clear that the American idea of disposability is too energy-intensive to be maintained much longer, this means a great uncertainty for churches and universities about their abilities to make a serious investment every ten or twenty years. Although none of us can predict the future, we can be sure that one thing it does not hold is the electronic organs of today.

Mr. Fisk received his B.A. in music from Harvard University and is presently employed by John Brombaugh & Associates. His previous organisationing experience has been with David Moore and with his father, Charles Fisk.



### Here & There

Patricia Snyder has been named winner of the competition in organ playing sponsored by the Whitby Institute of Church Music in Alliston, Ontario. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario, she also won first place in the 1975 RCCO competition and was one of five finalists in the Manchester International Festival. Judges for the occasion were Wilbur Heid, Stanley Osborne, and Muriel Stafford.

### Calendar

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### 5 APRIL

Clare J Gesualdo; Grace Episcopal, New York, NY 12:10 pm Alvin Lunde; Western Presbyterian, Wash-

ington, DC 12:15 pm Ann Leaf; Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15 pm

6 APRIL
William MacPherson; Wheaton College, Norton, MA 8:30 pm Ann Leaf; Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15 pm

Thomas Richner: Hammond Museum, Gloucester, MA 8:30 pm

#### 8 APRIL

Handel Messiah; Trinity Church, Newport, RI 4 pm

Robinson Missa; St Mary the Virgin, New

York, NY 11 am Handel Messiah II; St Bartholomews

Church, New York, NY 4 pm Bach Cantata 182; Holy Trinity Lutheran,

New York, NY 5 pm Brian Schober; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm

Poulenc Stabat Mater; Church of the

Ascension, New York, NY 8 pm Lenten & Easter carols; N Yonkers Com

munity Church, Hastings on Hudson, NY 11 Scott Cantrell; All Saints Cathedral, Al-

bany, NY 4:30 pm
Fauré Requiem; 1st Presbyterian, Bing-

hamton, NY 4 pm

Brahms Requiem; United Methodist Church, Nework, DE 4 pm

Joseph Stephens, harpsichord; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm

Ladycliff College glee club; National Shrine, Washington, DC 3:30 pm

Clarence Watters, Dupré Stations; Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC 4 pm Betty DeLooch; 1st Presbyterian, States-

boro, GA 3 pm
Jon Williams; St Philips Cathedral, At-

lanta, GA 5 pm Kim King; 1st Methodist, Jacksonville, FL

4 pm Verdi Requiem; 1st Presbyterian, Naples,

"Passion Symphony"; Coral Ridge Presby-terian, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 6:30 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland,

OH 2:30 pm Daniel Hathaway, all-Franck; Trinity Cath-

edral, Cleveland, OH 5 pm Dorothy Riley; St Joseph Cathedral, Co-lumbus, OH 7:30 pm

Horst Gehann; 7th-day Adventist, Ketter-

ing, OH 8 pm Fauré Requiem; 1st Presbyterian, Ann Arbor, MI 4 pm

Bruce Gustafson & Arthur Lawrence; All Saints Chapel, Howe, IN 4 pm St. Marys Callege Chair; St Pauls Episco-

pal, LaPorte, IN 4 pm Mozart Requiem; 1st Baptist, Lafayette,

Patricia Whikehart; Park Presbyterian,

Streator, 1L 7 pm Arts Festival concert; Independent Pres-byterian, Birmingham, AL 4:30 pm

Robert Chittenden; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield, IL 12:10 pm

### 10 APRIL

Night Pipes; Hartt College, W Hartford,

CT 10 pm
Davis & Elkins College Choir; Park Lake
Presbyterian, Orlando, FL 7:30 pm
Maxine Ramseyer; 1st Presbyterian, Deer-

field, IL 12:10 pm

### 11' APRIL

Gesualdo Tenebrae Responsoria; St Mary the Virgin, New York, NY 8 pm Bach St Matthew Passion; St Bartholomews

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Beverly May, 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield,

Frederick Swann; Abyssinian Baptist, New

Boch St John Passian; Calvary Episcopal,

Brahms Requiem; Emmanuel Episcopal, Baltimore, MD 12 noon

Dubois Seven Last Words; Park Lake Pres-byterian, Orlando, FL 7:30 pm

York, NY 7:30 pm
Bach St John Passion; N Yankers Community Church, Hastings on Hudson, NY 8

IL 12:10 pm Bach St John Passion; 4th Presbyterian, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

Pittsburgh, PA 8 pm

Bruckner Mass in E Minor; St Mary the

Virgin, New York, NY 11 am
David A Weadon; 5th Ave Presbyterian,

New York, NY 2:30 pm Britten Rejoice in the Lamb; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 3 pm Dvorak TeDeum; St Bartholomews Church, New York, NY 4 pm

Bach Easter Oratorio; Holy Trinity Lutheran, New York, NY 5 pm Lawrence Jessen; St Mary the Virgin, New

York, NY 5:30 pm Ludis Paschalis: Art Museum, Cleveland,

OH 2:30 & 4 pm Chorknaben Uetersen; Central Presbyterian, Lafayette, IN 11 am & 4 pm

Anthony Martin; Davidson College Pres-byterian Church, NC 8:15 pm

Night pipes; Hartt College, W Hartford, CT 10 pm Robert MacDonald with orch, Sacred Heart

Cathedrat, Newark, NJ 8 pm Pierre Cochereau, masterclass; Catholic Univ, Washington, DC

Choral concert; Eastern Kentucky Univ, Richmond, KY 8:30 pm Virgil Fox; Civic and coliseum, Knoxville,

TN 8:15 pm

Joseph Stephens, harpsichord; 1st Presbyterian, Ft Wayne, IN 8 pm

Music of Locke; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm John Weaver; Alice Tully Hall, New York,

NY 5:30 pm

Pierre Cochereau, masterclass, Catholic Univ, Washington, DC Gerre Hancock; Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 8:15 pm

### 19 APRIL

Pierre Cochereau, masterclass, Catholic Univ, Washington, DC The Scholars; Western Carolina Univ, Cul-lowhee, NC 8:15 pm

### 20 APRIL

Chamber operas; Christ Episcopal, S Ham-

ilton, MA 8 pm Raymond Daveluy; Trinity College, Hart-ford, CT 8:15 pm

Albert Bolliger; 1st Congregational, Waterbury, CT 8 pm
Pierre Cochereau, masterclass; Catholic
Univ, Washington, DC

Pierre Cochereau; Catholic Univ. Washington, DC 8 pm The Scholars; St Philips Cathedral, Atlan-

ta, GA 8 pm
Raymond & Elizabeth Chenault; All Saints

Church, Atlanta, GA 8:15 pm Virgil Fox; Harrisburg Boptist, Tupelo,

MS 8 pm

David Hurd; Hammond Museum, Gloucester, MA 8:30 pm Timothy Albrecht, lecture; Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA 10 am

The Scholars; Belmont College, Nashville,

TN 8 pm Byron L Blackmore; Kickapoo Lutheran, Soldiers Grove, Wt 8 pm

Albert Bolliger; 1st church of Christ, Longmeadow, MA 4 pm
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Viadana Missa l'hora passa; St Mary the Virgin, New York, NY 11 am

Homer Jackson; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm Jason West; St Mary the Virgin, New

York, NY 5:30 pm
Schubert Mass in E-Flat; Cadet Chapel,

West Point, NY 3:30 p

Kennedy, All Saints Cathedral, Robert

Albany, NY 4:30 pm Schubert Mass in G; Ascension Episcopal, Rochester, NY 10 am

Rose; St Stephens Episcopal, Mill-

burn, NJ 4 pm

Gerre Hancock; Good Samaritan Lutheran, ancaster, PA 8 pm

Pierre Cochereau; Calvary Episcopal, Pittsurgh, PA 8 pm

Charal concert: United Methodist Church,

Britten Friday Afternoons; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Villanova Univ glee club; National Shrine, Washington, DC 3:30 pm

Music service; 1st Presbyterian, Burlington, NC 11 am

Betty DeLoach; St James Episcopal, Greenville, SC 3 pm

Henry von Hasseln; St Philips Cathedral, Atlanta, GA 5 pm

Phillip Steinhaus: All Saints Church, Pon-

Georges Aubert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 2 pm David Mulbury, all-Bach; U of Cincinnati,

OH 8-30 pm

The Scholars; Embassy Theatre, Ft Wayne, IN 8 pm

Arthur Lawrence, harpsichord; St Marys College, Notre Dame, IN 3 pm Wilma Jensen; 2nd Presbyterian, Indiana-

polis, IN 8 pm Catharine Crozier: St Chrysostoms Episco-

pal, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm
Thomas Richner, Evangelical UCC, God-

frey, IL 3:30 pm Lynn Olson; Central Congregational, Gales-

burg, IL 7 pm

#### 23 APRIL

Pierre Cochereau, masterclass; Calvary Episcopal, Pittsburgh, PA Mary Ja Albert; Davidson College Presby-terian Church, NC 8:15 pm

### 24 APRIL

Night pipes; Hartt College, W Hartford, CT 10 pm

Joan Lippincott, workshop, Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ am-pm Harold Pysher; Trinity Church, Princeton,

NJ 8:30 pm

Albert Bolliger; St Pauls Cathedral, Pitts-burgh, PA 8:30 pm John Weaver; St Pauls Lutheran, Aber-

en, MD 8 pm

Karel Paukert; Univ of Virginla, Charlottes-

vay; Jarvis Mem Methodist, Greenville, NC B om

Pierre Cochereau; All Saints Church, At-lanta, GA 8:15 pm Frederick Swann: Trinity Cathedral, Miami,

FL 8 pm

Palestrina Missa Aeterna Christi; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 12:10 pm David Schroeder; St Mary the Virgin, New

York, NY 8 pm

Vernon de Tar; Church of the Ascension, New York, NY 8 pm Arnold Ostlund; 1st Presbyterian/Trinity,

South Orange, NJ 8 pm David A Weadon; Theological Seminary,

Princeton, NJ 8 pm
Bach Society; Cathedral of Mary Our
Queen, Baltimore, MD 8:30 pm

Albert Wagner; St Johns Church, Wash-

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MA 8:30 pm \*Antone G e Godding; Christ Episcopal, Water-

town, CT 8 pm Galvanized Jazz Band, South Congrega-tional, New Britain, CT 7:30 pm

Pierre Cochereau; St Patricks Cathedral, New York, NY 8 pm

Ray Ferguson with orch; Carnegie Hall, New York, NY 8 pm Britten Noyes Fludde; Presbyterian Church,

Bryn Mawr, PA 8 pm Albert Balliger; Christ Lutheran, New

York, PA 8 pm Haydn Creation; Coral Ridge Presbyter-

ian, Ft Lauderdale, FL 8 pm

#### 28 APRIL

Rachmaninoff Vespers; Rochester Savings Bank, Rochester, NY 3:30 pm

Louisville Bach Soc; St Agnes Church, Louisville, KY 8 pm

Frauke Haasemann, choral workshop; iddle Tennessee State Univ, Murfreesboro, TN 10-12, 2-4 pm

#### 29 APRIL

Rosalind Mohnsen; United Methodist, Sudbury, MA 8 pm McNeil Robinson; St Pauls Episcopal, Nor-

walk, CT 8 pm
Addiss Missa Brevis; St Mary the Virgin,

New York, NY 11 am Mozart Missa Brevis K 194; St Thomas

Church, New York, NY 4 pm Benjamin Van Wye; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm

Dennis Keene; St Mary the Virgin, New York, NY 5:30 pm

The Scholars; St Peters Episcopal, Bay

Albert Melton: All Saints Cathedral, Albany, NY 4:30 pm Rachmaninoff Vespers; Rochester Savings

Bank, Rochester, NY 3:30 pm Haydn Nelson Mass, Parker Hora Novissima; 1st Presbyterion Trinity, S Orange, NJ

Thomas Richner: 2nd Reformed Church.

Hackensack, NJ 4 pm
Albert Bolliger; Reformed Church, Ora

dell, NJ 4 pm Pierre Cochereau; St Francis Desalles Church, Philadelphia, PA 4 pm

Britten Noyes Fludde; Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mowr, PA 8 pm

Mozart Vespers, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 3 pm Keith Nash; St Davids Church, Baltimore,

Ray Ferguson with orch; Kennedy Center, Washington, DC 8 pm Joan Lippincott, workshop; St Andrews

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Charlotte, NC 1 pm

Organ duets; 1st Presbyterian, Wilming-ton, NC 5 pm John Hebblewalte; St Philips Cathedral,

Atlanta, GA 5 pm Robert Fritz with Instruments; 1st Presby-terian, Naples, FL 5 pm Jean Wolfs; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH

2:30 pm

Music of Walton; Calvary Episcopal, Cincinnati, OH 4:30 pm

Donald Sutherland; High St Christian, Akron, OH 3 pm

Franke Haasemann mezzo; Christ Episco-

Nashville, TN 3:30 pm pal, John Chappell Stowe; Southside Baptist, Birmingham, Al. 7 pm

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Music of Howells; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm Robin Dinda; Davidson College Presby-terian Church, NC 8:15 pm

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Clare J Gesualdo: Riverside Church, New

York, NY 8 pm
Shirley Eckart; St Johns Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm
Paul Hinks, guitar; Central Presbyterian,
Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

rel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 12 noon

Thomas Weisflog; Unitarian Church, Evanston. IL 8 pm

3 MAY

David Hurd; St Pauls Chapel, New York, NY 12:10 pm

4 MAY

John Rose; Trinity College, Hartford, CT 8:15 pm

Son of Getran; National Shrine, Washington, DC 8:30 pm

5 MAY

\*David Hurd, masterclass, 1st Baptist,

Pittsfield, MA 10 am
Paul A Jacobson; Zion Lutheran, Carlinville, IL 7 pm

6 MAY

Warren R Johnson; St Dominica, Portland, ME 4 pm

Music of Gabrieli; 1st Church Congregational, Cambridge, MA 5 pm
\*David Hurd; 1st Baptist, Pittsfield, MA

4 pm Concert in Dance; Trinity Church, Newport,

RI 4 pm Virgil Fox; Riverside Church, New York,

NY 3 pm Paul-Martin Maki with strings, St Michaels

Church, New York, NY 4 pm Choral concert; Trinity Church, Princeton,

NJ 4:30 pm
David A Weadon; Westminster Choir Col-

lege, Princeton, NJ 8 pm
Edwin A Ohl, organ-harpsichord with
orch; Emmanuel Lutheran, Philadelphia, PA

Franklin & Marshall Chair; Trinity Luth-

eran, Lancaster, PA 5 pm Myron Leet; 1st Presbyterian, Wilkes-

Audley Green, harpsichord; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 5:30 pm Roger Farabee; Davidson College Presby-terian Church, NC 8:15 pm Richard Anderson; St Philips Cathedral,

Atlanta, GA 5 pm Jr Choir Festival; 1st Methodist, Jacksonville, FL 4 pm

Schubert Mass in G: Park Lake Presbyterion, Orlando, FL 4 pm Robert Troeger; Art Museum, Cleveland,

OH 2:30 pm Todd Wilson; 1st Congregational, Colum-

bus, OH 4 pm Bach Cantalas 4, 56; 7th-day Adventist,

Kettering, OH 8 pm Kit Stout, Roberts Park United Methodist,

Indianapolis, IN 4 pm Handbell concert; 1st Presbyterian, Deer-

field, 1L 7:30 pm Charles F Roden, piano; St Marks Luth-

eran, Madison, Wl 2 pm
\*Marianne Webb; St Marys Cathedral,
Peorla, IL 3:30 pm

7 MAY

Frederick Swann; Old Stone Church, Cleveland, OH 8 pm

8 MAY

Quentin Faulkner; 1st Presbyterian, Binghamton, NY 8:15 pm

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ton, DC 12:10 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 12 noon

Clarence Semmes, baritone: Central Presbyterian, Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

10 MAY

David A Weadon; Busch-Reisinger Mu-seum, Harvard U, Cambridge, MA 12 noon Clyde Holloway; 1st Presbyterian, Columbus, GA B pm

Terry Charles; Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15

Carlton T Russell; Wheaton College, Nor-

Thomas Richner, 1st Christian Scientist, Red Bank, NJ B pm Choral festival, Cathedral of Mary Our

Queen, Baltimore, MD 8 pm Terry Charles; Kirk of Dunedin, FL 8:15

20th-century hymnody; MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL 8 pm

Chair concert: Grace Church, Brooklyn, NY 7:30 pm

Childrens voice festival; St James Cathe dral, Chicago, IL 3 pm Choral festival; Univ of Chicago, IL 8 pm

Louis L White memorial Concert; Church of the Ascension, New York, NY 4 pm Odile Pierre; St Jean Baptiste, New York, NY 4 pm

John A Davis Jr; Cadet Chapel, West Point, NY 3:30 pm

Collegium Musicum, Trinity Church, Prince ton, NJ 8 pm

Choral festival; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 4 pm

Handbell concert; 1st Presbyterian, Wil-mington, NC 5 pm Florence Hines; St Philips Cathedral, Atlanta, GA 5 pm

Gale Kramer, United Methodist, Lake-

Ray Ferguson; Bushnell Congregational, Detroit, MI 7:30 pm

Donald Renz; Epiphany Lutheran, Detroit,

M1 7:30 pm Choir festival; Zion Lutheran, Ann Arber MI 11 am

McNell Robinson, St Peters Lutheran, New NY 8 pm

Pierre: Immaculate Conception Odile Cathedral, Syracuse, NY 8 pm
Todd Wilson; St James Episcopal, Rich-

mond, VA 8 pm

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Jan Van Otterloo; Caruth Aud, SMU, Dallas, TX 8:15 pm

8 APRIL Brahms Requiem; Westminster Presbyter-

ian, Lincoln, NE 4 pm Kathy Baatz, flute; 1st Methodist, Perry,

sel Farris; Univ Park Methodist, Dal-

las, TX 8 pm Chamber music; St Bedes Episcopol, Men-lo Park, CA 8 pm

Lee Jessup; St Marks Episcopal, Glendale CA 4 pm Bach St Matthew Passion: Community

Church, Garden Grove, CA 7:30 pm Palm Sunday concert, Calvary Presbyter ian, Riverside, CA 8 pm

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#### 11 APRIL

Charles Ore; 1st-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE 12:10 pm

#### 13 APRIL

Antone Godding, Dupré Stations; 1st Methodist, Enid, OK 7:30 pm

James Maeser; Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS 8 pm

Horst Gehann; Green Lake 7th-day Ad-

ventist, Seattle, WA 4 pm Maastricht Easter Play; Calvery Presbyter-Ian, Riverside, CA 8 pm

#### 21 APRIL

John Obetz; RLDS Auditorium, Indepen-dence, MO 8 pm

Barbara Nester, soprano; Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm Easter Lessons & Carols; E Dallas Chris-

tian, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm Gerard Gillen; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 5 pm

#### 23 APRIL

\*Bernard Rands, lecture; Univ of Califor-nia,, San Diego, CA 7:30 pm

#### 26 APRIL

The Scholars, Community College, Yakima, WA 8 pm

#### 27 APRIL

\*Guy Bovet; University Park Methodist, Dallas, TX 8:15 pm Karl Richter; all-Bach; 1st Congregational, Los Angeles, CA 8 pm Joyce Jones; Community Church, Garden Grove, CA 8 pm

#### 29 APRIL

Mendelssohn Elijah; 1st Methodist, Lubbock, TX 5 pm John Weaver; 1st Presbyterian, Boulder,

CO 8 pm Joyce Jones; North Chapel, Naval Center, San Diego, CA 7 pm

#### 30 APRIL

John Obetz; Trinity Presbyterian, St Louis, MO 8 pm Guy Bovet; Trinity Univ, San Antonio, TX 8 pm

David Britton; St Marys Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 8 pm

Hymn festival; 1st Plymouth Church, Lin-coln, NE 7:30 pm Handbell concert; 1st Methodist, Perry, 1A

7:30 pm Jack Ossewaarde; Christ Church Cathe-

dral, New Orleans, LA 4 pm
Denton Bach Soc; Transfiguration Episco-

pal, Dallas, TX 7:30 pm Texas Bach Choir; St Lukes Episcopal, San Antonio, TX 8 pm

Mozart Requiem; St Christophers Episco-

pal, El Paso, TX 4 & 8 pm
\*Jared Jacobsen; Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 2 pm

Carole Terry; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA 5 pm

Choral Festival: Presbyterian Church, La Jolla, CA 9 & 10:30 am John Weaver, The Chapel, China Lake,

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#### 5 APRIL

John Tuttle; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 12:10 pm

#### 6 APRIL

Gillian Weir: Monash Univ. Melbourne. Australia 1 pm Gillian Weir, all-Bach; Univ of Melbourne,

Australia 8 pm

#### 7 APRIL

Umberto Pineschi, Fiesole Cathedral, Fior-

ence, Italy 6 pm Jeanette Taves; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 4 pm

### 8 APRIL

Jan Overduin, all-Messigen; Aeolian Town Hall, London, Ontario, Canada 2:30 pm

#### 10 APRIL

Gillian Weir, all-Bach, Univ of Melbourne, Australia 8 pm

### 12 APRIL

Ron Jordan; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 12:10 pm Gillian Weir; Festival Theatre, Adelaide,

Australia 8 pm

### 13 APRIL

Howells Hymnus Paradisi; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 7:30 pm 17 APRIL

Gillian Weir, all-Bach; Univ of Melbourne,

### Australia 8 pm

Arnold Tirzits; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario 12:10 pm

#### 20 APRIL

Gillian Weir, all-Bach, Univ of Melbourne, Australia 8 pm 22 APRIL

Gillian Weir, all-Bach; Univ of Melbourne, Australia 8 pm

### Frank Iacino; St Andrews Presbyterian, Mississauga, Canada 8:15 pm

24 APRIL Gillian Wair, all-Messiaen; Univ of Melbourne, Australia 8 pm

26 APRIL Allan Coffin; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario 12:10 pm

27 APRIL Gillian Weir, all-Messiaen; Univ of Mel-bourne, Australia 8 pm

28 APRIL Rose Kirn; Fiesole Cathedral, Florence, Italy 6 pm

### 3 MAY

Lorne Swan; St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario 12:10 pm

Organ concerti, St Pauls Church, Toronto, Ontario 8 pm

### El Paso Pro-Musica, Cathedral, Ciudad

Juarez, Mexico 8 pm

Organ recital, St Pauls Church, Toronto,

### Ontario 12:10 pm

Lynne Davis; Parish Church, St-Germainen-Lave, France 5 pm

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