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The Five Organ Preludes of Anton Bruckner Key to Organ Improvisation in 19th-Century Austria? by H. Paul Shurtz

Improvisation was an important part of an organist's training in the 19th century, especially in France and Austria. The ability of the French organists to improvise is well-known; however, that of the Austrians is almost never mentioned. Among the most accomplished improvisers during the second half of the 19th century was Anton Bruckner. To contemporary musicians the name Anton Bruckner is primarily associated with symphonies and sacred choral music. Only occasionally today is his name mentioned with regard to the organ. Yet in his own lifetime he was famous as an organist and held several influential positions, including first organist at St. Florian (an Augustinian monastery with a large Chrismann organ), organist at the Linz Cathedral and at the Imperial Chapel.

Bruckner was the official repreentative of the emperor to the World's Fair at the Crystal Palace in 1871 and made several trips to play concerts, including recitals at Notre-Dame in Paris and Royal Albert Hall in London. His concerts usually included improvisations on themes from his own symphonies, compositions of other composers, and national anthems, hymn tunes, or chant melodies. This ability to improvise was widely acclaimed, especially in Paris. While the English were more reserved in their enthusiasm, they were none-theless favorable in their response to Bruckner's five recitals at the Crystal Palace, as seen in the review that appeared in the Morning Advertiser of 1 Sept. 1871: "truly excellent . . . leaving nothing to be desired Herr Bruckner excels in his improvisation. You will find great easiness and abundance of ideas, and the ingenious method by which such an idea is carried out is very remarkable."¹

Although he was highly regarded as an organist and composer, Bruckner wrote almost no music for the organ. Most of the organ compositions are short preludes and postludes, fugues, or transcriptions from his symphonies.² This is not inexplicable, since his forte was improvisation. What is unfortunate is that there remains almost no information as to his improvising procedures. We know from Friedrich Klose, a student of Bruckner in Vienna, that Bruckner was not very



organ at St. Florian, near Linz, Austria Bruckner"

accomplished in ear-training skills, and he composed exclusively at the keyboard.³ We also know from his own accounts that he spent considerable time practicing the organ during his tenure at St. Florian and Linz.

Bruckner received his earliest musical training from his father, a schoolmaster and organist in Ansfelden, Upper Austria. Young Anton sang in the church choir and by his tenth year could play the organ for many of the church services. In 1835 he was sent to Hörsching to live with Johann Baptist Weiss, a relative, who was well-known throughout Upper Austria as a fine musician. From Weiss Bruckner learned thorough-bass and took or-gan lessons. Weiss introduced gan lessons. Weiss introduced Bruckner to the Viennese classic school of Mozart and Haydn.⁴

Among the first compositions attributed to Bruckner are the five organ preludes of c. 1837, all in the key of E-flat Major. The prel-udes are in two groups. The first four are written in a chordal style built upon a strong bass movement, as seen in Example 1. These prel-udes may perhaps be realizations of figured-bass exercises and may very well be a part of Bruckner's study of the subject. Since the study of figured-bass was such an important part of organ training in Vör-marz Austria, it is not unlikely that either Bruckner wrote the exercises or, more likely, his teacher Weiss may have assigned such exercises to him. These exercises may have also provided the format for further study in improvisation as is demonstrated in the fifth prelude (Example 2). This prelude appears to be an expansion of the chordal style of the other four. It begins in the chordal style of the previous four, but later breaks up the chords into scales and arpeggios. The first four preludes, then, are merely chordal outlines, while the fifth is the elaboration. The preludes provide the young student with a handy framework in which to practice simple improvisation, and may have served the same purpose for Bruckner.

These preludes appear also to be studies in harmony. Within each prelude the problems of modulation by common tone, enharmonic equivalents, and tertial movement are explored, as seen in Example 3. These pieces are much more chromatic than their vocal counterparts. The Pange lingua and the early masses are considerably less adventuresome (Example 4). Because of the advanced harmony and the exercise-like quality of these preludes, the question arises whether these compositions are really by Bruckner or perhaps by his teacher. Unfortunately, it is not possible to tell for sure. Although there are several extensive notebooks of studies dating from his six-year study of theory with the Viennese theorist Simon Sechter, there are none from this early period. While the manuscripts are in Bruckner's hand, it is not possible to tell if he copied them from some other source.

These five organ preludes are perhaps an indication of the beginning training of an organist in Austria in the 19th century. From the study of thorough-bass, the student moved to the study of simple improvisation by means of expansion of a series of chord progressions. Whether these preludes are really Bruckner's own or exercises given to him by his teacher is not as important, at least to this author, as what they show about the training of the 19th century Austrian organist.

Organist. NOTES ¹ Derek Watson, Bruckner (London: J. M. Dent and Sons, [1975]), p. 28 ² The organ works of Anton Bruckner have been collected in a volume edited by Hans Haselböck, Anton Bruckner: Orgelwerke, Di-letto Musicale, 364 (Vienna: Doblinger, n.d.) ^a Friedrich Klose, Meine Lehrjahre bei Bruck-ner (Regensburg: Gustave Boose, [1927]), p. 27. ⁴ The Cetails of Bruckner's early training may be found in volumes 1 and 2/1 of August Göllerich and Max Auer, Anton Bruckner: ein Lehens- und Schallens-bild, 4 vols, in 9 parts. (Regensburg: Gustav Bosse, 1922-36; reprint ed. Regensburg: Gustav Bosse, 1974) (Musical examples continue on bage 2)

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It all began last January with Retrospection. Then, in March, came Circum-spection. Along with these offerings there were various other expositions, disquisitions, investigations, dissertations, and even elocutions. Would there be no cessation?

In the meanwhile, having suffered relocation, we received Introspection and Retro-Suspection, both of which appear in this issue. These two articles, each by a distinguished practitioner of his art, are both very different; one is the more concerned with the instrument, the other with the playing of it. Each has some serious points, albeit masked occasionally by humor, and both are commended to your reading.

All the -tion articles, as well as the letters they have sparked, have had points to make, and they have willingly consumed the printer's ink. We hope they have elicited consideration, reflection, and deliberation, not just scintillation and locution. At this point, we suggest application of the ideas and termination of the verbiage (verbation?). You may expect a different sort of material in the July issue.

Jobs

Junc, the traditional month for graduations, brings with it thoughts, for many, of jobs. Notice that the word isn't *promises* — the only thing we're really guaranteed is to be taxed on our way to death — but there are *prospects* of employment, even for organists.

Someone has said that no one would ever take any job if they really knew what it involved, and there is probably more than a grain of truth to this. Most jobs are lousy to some degree and few are completely satisfactory in all respects. In short, even the best job is not golden.

Organ-related positions are seldom exceptions to the nothing-is-as-good-as-I-wish-it-were stance, but there is a bright side: no matter how bad the job, an organist does have the opportunity to practice the art he or she has learned and presumably loves. The organbuilder similarly works in the craft he/she has chosen, usually out of preference. Many people in more routine workaday jobs do not realize any self-fulfillment from their work, and that is truly sad.

One is constantly appalled the way many younger organists set down condi-tions of employment that are naive and unrealistic. "I won't take it unless I'm paid to practice all I wish." "I have to have a new 4-manual, or they can get another organist." "I might consider teaching college if I had good students all the time." While these may be laudable wishes, they seldom exist in fact. College jobs, even bad ones (with bad students), are few and far be-tween. Not many organists can command a dream organ. Extensive practice time usually comes after working hours time usually comes after working hours.

It's far better to take a job, whatever it is, and do one's best at it, than to complain because the right job isn't available. One must often overlook the fact that salaries are low and bosses are unappreciative, if not downright stupid. Teachers should begin to instruct their students at an early age in the realities of jobs and how to make the best of them. We might all keep as a model the dear teacher who labored in the wilderness for many years under less than favorable circumstances and without a decent instrument, yet managed to train many of the country's finest organists.

Dulciana

I recently had the opportunity to play a mighty organ, one which appeared to have everything one could reasonably want on a large, new instrument. Three manuals and fifty stops strong, it was built by a well-known builder at the cost of roughly a quarter-million dollars. It sported the right kind of action, lots of pistons, a handsome console, and an impressive case. There was a this-stop and a that-stop and a the-other-stop, the latter *en chamade*. The pedigree could certainly be felt, if not seen. Obviously, this was an organ which would be good for playing the complete anything. How convenient!

I sat down to play and was impressed by the principal choruses, the varied flutes, the independent pedal, the wondrous reeds. There was a lovely gamba and celeste in the Swell. The mutations were colorful. The big ensemble was thrilling. I played on. . .

Unfortunately, this little story is not a fable: soon I discovered a flaw. The gamba was the only soft stop among the fifty! The principals were aggressive, the flutes chirped, and the reeds were bold. If only that gamba had had a relative on another manual! Call it what you will, the dulciana was definitely missing.

I regularly play an older organ at church. It is neither large nor famous, but every stop in it is useful. It has a lovely register on the Great, one which is smooth and rich, but on the soft side, somewhat like a junior principal. It's named *Dulciana* and it gets lots of use.

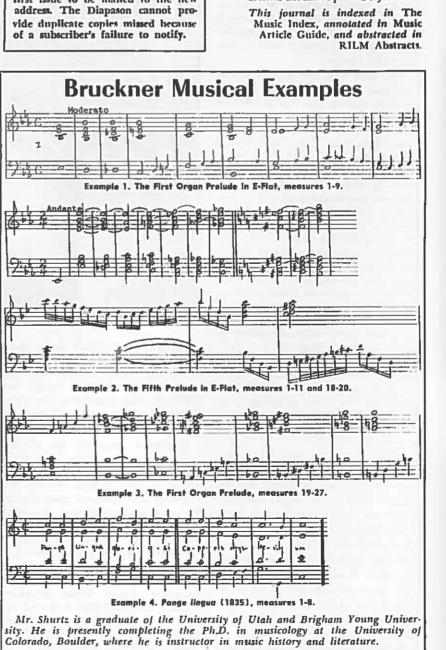
Perhaps you would prefer a dolcan, an erzähler, a gemshorn, or something similar with another name. But, isn't it time that we built organs so that the larger ones would have at least *two* soft 8' stops? - A. L.

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The recovery of the classic organ, as opposed to that other and quite legiti-mate instrument, the romanic organ, is causing some of the same arguments that have already been rehearsed during the recovery of the classic harpsichord.

The harpsichord, unsuited to the evolving musical ideas of the late 18th and 19th centuries, after some feeble attempts to compromise with its essen-tial nature, died a clean death about the year 1800. The piano took over the harpsichord's functions and became the instrument we know today.

In the piano, the "new music" had a new instrument to exploit, one that became admirably adapted to the new use of dynamics, modulation, tonal colors, and much louder sound needed for the larger audiences.

In contrast, the organ was forced to adapt itself to the "new music." New instruments were made, but as frequent-ly old instruments were rebuilt, expand-ed, and adapted. The organ's liturgical function was a conservative force that would use allow a complete here with would not allow a complete break with the past. Nevertheless, the organ in the 20th century is as completely different from Bach's instrument as the true harpsichord is from the piano.

The recovery of the classical harpsichord was a necessity: for music in which counterpoint is the central comwhich counterpoint is the central com-positional technique, we need an in-strument of transparent sound with a noticeable ictus at the beginning of each note. On such an instrument, the keyboard music of the 16th to 18th centuries "plays itself" in a way that can never be realized on a piano. But the hearinghood makes being powerse the harpsichord makes boring nonsense out of romantic 19th-century music.

The modern organ, with its lush and varied tone colors, wide dynamic range, instantaneous changes of registers, and smooth voicing, is admirably adapted to the literature written to that type of instrument — but makes boring nonsense out of the earlier music. The two very different literatures need two very different instruments.

Unfortunately, organs are expensive. Few institutions feel they can afford two separate organs, and "compromise" or gans are unsatisfactory for either litera-OTture. Congregations and organists are used to the "traditional" sounds and used to the "traditional" sounds and resources they have long known, and this "tradition" is that of the modern organ, while recovery of the classical organ is a radical and strange idea.

Yet recovery of the classical organ is a very real necessity, because the three centuries of literature written for it centuries of literature written for it (and we are recovering more every day) demands it, and is much too rich to be dispensed with. "Tracker" has become the rallying word of the movement to recover the classical organ, but so much more is implied than the means by which a finger is made to open a pallet, important though that is. Transparency of sound, identifiability of source of sound, of recourse, and the sound, economy of resources, and the ability of satisfactory individual stops to contribute to a satisfactory chorus -these and many other considerations are as important, perhaps more important, than purely mechanical action. There is a practical limit to how much organ can be musically controlled by a purely mechanical action — and the fact that this limit was sometimes exceeded the 18th century is no excuse for build-ing knuckle-busters today.

Scalings and voicings and stop lists delightfully appropriate for the kind of acoustics the classical builders worked in are wildly inappropriate for most modern American churches which were built to accommodate the sermon — the central feature of protestant worship. Of how many of these new tracker init said that the organ is stallations is marvelous, but unfortunately the acous-ics of the building are bad. The organ builder who excuses his instrument because of bad acoustics is not doing his job.

Perhaps the true classical organ cannot now be accommodated to our churches. Perhaps that burden should not be imposed upon congregations. Perhaps we must build special structures - as we now do for symphony orches-tras. Enthusiasm for the harpsichord should not lead to destruction of planos.

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Fine romantic organs that work well in their space should not be destroyed by a fanatic devotion to the classical organ and its literature.

How large does a "baroque" organ have to be in order to render its music convincingly? We have learned that Bach's choral music is better done by a small choir instead of the hundreds of voices we used to think necessary. A baroque organ of 10 to 20 stops can be made to give a completely satisfying sound. Often the best solution is to leave the great romantic organ in place and find space for the "tracker" organ.

In any case, the recovery of the classical organ will continue, in spite of the false dichotomics invoked by Mr. Willing, in spite of the sins of the tracker enthusiasts, in spite of the conservatism of congregations and organists. Recog-nition of the fact that we are talking about two very separate, and necessarily different instruments will eliminate different instruments much of the confusion. Sincerely

David J. Way Zuckermann Harpsichords, Inc. Stonington, Connecticut

Ontimism

I have read the documents of the rewell-stirred controversy first with cent well-stirred controversy first with curiosity, then amusement, and finally a little sadness. While a small few have written with genuine insight, blaming seems to be the general keynote. The organists blame the builders, the build-ary blame the organists, everyone blames ers blame the organists, everyone blames the composers, and Don Willing blames everyone. If this weren't bad enough, in steps Gillian Welr wearing a carefully tailored costume of sweet reasonableness to tell us that the certain cure for all our anguish lies in a nice, bland, fat-free, homogenized all-purpose organ with liberty and gadgets for all.

with liberty and gadgets for all. And in the midst of all this breast-beating, we grieve the loss of one of the greatest keyboard artists of our time, Anton Heiller. Heiller, who once told some people who had praised his per-formance on a mediocre organ that they should hear how much better he could plane on a good organ Heiller whose play on a good organ. Heiller, whose sincere religious faith was, as is often the case with great souls, linked with a light-hearted zest for living. We will miss him all the more because we needed him so badly.

Heiller had his opinions, of course, but he didn't waste time preaching. He simply played for us so beautifully, so convincingly, and with such genius and insight, that we were compelled to lis-ten, compelled even to believe that the organ truly is a transcendent musical medium. When Heiller played great mu sic on a good organ, the element of sheer quality was so strong that it over-rode most peoples' petty opinions and dogmatism. It was, simply, a good thing; it drew us out of our little selves. It is these pinuacles that we should line for these pinnacles that we should live for, not the dim everyday valleys of medi-ocrity, make do, and sameness. This means players, builders, and composers striving for the very best they are cap-able of, not just talking about it. Were this to happen (and, of course, it does happen, but on all too small a scale) we might discover that whatever our individual honest differences might be, we were all really working toward the same goal.

As a historian, I am optimistic. The organ - the real organ, that is - has survived the middle ages, the reformasurvived the middle ages, the reforma-tion, the depression, and countless other hazards of history. It will survive the atomic and electronic age also (assum-ing that anything survives). I don't think the organ is on the way out. I think it's on the way up. Too many people still love it; too many people still care.

Sincerely,

Barbara Owen Rockport, Mass.

Non-adherence?

I have not read Gillian Weir's article in the Feb. issue, but I did read the letter of Mr. Allen Callahan in the April issue. Frankly, I am shocked and feel it necessary to air my own views arising from his sally.

The shock was first engendered by his use of "meathcads" and "knuckle-heads," two terms used extensively by Emil Sitka in *The Three Stooges* and appropriate to such a context. They are wholly inappropriate in the context of any intelligent, scholarly discussion. of any intelligent, scholarly discussion, at least to my mind. We need to attack arguments, not people's characters nor intelligence. Otherwise, no light is shed on anything, and the entire intellectual/ artistic community will succumb to a war of name-calling and sniping situation little to be desired.

The second shock was engendered by the statement: "They also overlook the the statement: "They also overlook the fact that the chiffing flutes and schnarr-werk were the best that builders of the period could produce." This seems grossly misinformed since the schnarr-werk contained reeds of fractional-length resonances and such reeds as the Hauntresonators and such reeds as the Hauptwerk Trompete or the Pedal Posaune were built quite differently. The organs in France and South Germany that I have heard and played had no such have heard and played had no such unpleasant chiff on the flutes that one would not have been able to stand it - a "Fleyschkopf" (Alsatian for "meathead") such as Kern is building organs based on just such an outmoded ensemble (Andreas Silbermann) and there is neither percussive chiff nor snarling reed-work. Sweeping statements of the kind made by Mr. Callahan are danger-ous because although they are partially true, they shade out many other aspects of organbuilding contemporary with those that he decried in the April issue.

Perhaps the solution is one of non-adherence. We are quick to try and erase the errors of the 19th century which redefined the organ and restored via ruination organs of previous periods. At the same time, a huge body of literature came from that era which is as ludicrous when played on baroque-revival trackers (or in the case of M. Garnier, renaissance revival) as is Scheidt on a Cavaillé-Coll. We owe it to our students and to ourselves to present our musical palates with a much-varied feast – instruments appropriate to particular kinds of music and musical eras, instruments with broader scope (i.e., the "American Classic" ensemble did occur and cannot be ignored), and instruments that are outright Romantic in the extreme sense. It seems to me that only in this way will the idea of *Auffuehrungspraxis* (Performance Prac-tice) settle into a context that is meaningful on the intellectual and aural planes simultaneously.

Very truly yours,

Mark L. Russakoff Chicago, Ill.

Chauvinism noted

While reading the article entitled, "The University of Michigan's Organ Conference" (Dec. 1978, p. 12.) I came across this statement: "The conference opened Sunday evening with a dazzling display by America's foremost woman organist, Catharine Crozier." That Catharine Crozier is one of America's foremost musicians is well-known to those who have heard her perform. That Catharine Crozier is a woman is obvious both from her name and appear-ance. However, the statement that she is "America's foremost woman organist" carries with it a certain implication-qualification which, I believe, is totally irrelevant.

Sincerely,

Robert Benjamin Holstetter Copenhagen, Denmark

Mr. Gustafson replies: I certainly did not mean to imply that women play any better or worse than men, although they are a recognizable category like Americans or Danes. I do agree that in the current era the cliché was ill-chosen.

Infuriated

I was infuriated by the publication, in thick printing and as an obviously featured Guest Editorial, of Mr. Willing's article, which I am unable to rate in English. I do not want to dis-cuss Mr. Willing's ideas because any discussion with a person uttering such ideas is useless. But I cannot believe that an editor who feels the least bribe of responsibility toward the Good Or-gan could give such publicity to state-ments that deserve not even to be published in a remote corner of a "Letters to the Editor" page. Do you just im-agine how many electronics salesmen agine how many electronics salesmen and other foolish people will take this respectable page to church committees and sell their machines with it? In your half-apologetic editorial comment. VOII try to suggest that there is some fun in raising discussions of that kind. I repeat that discussion is useless and that launching such hideous balloons is not fun at all.

you would be fair, you should give this letter at least as much space as you gave to Mr. Willing's. But the evil's done and irreparable. Sincerely,

Guy Bovet Romainmôtier. Switzerland

Mea culpa! The editor regrets that he cannot give this letter as much space as the Willing article, since it's not as long. However, the various letters re-garding that article have taken up con-siderably more space than the original did. The editor hopes that, for every salesman who has used the Willing ma-terial to sell an imitation organ, ten others have used it to sort out the good and bad in today's organbuilding and and bad in loday's organbuilding and have come to the conclusion that the pipe organ remains the better choice in most instances.

Willing spin-off

When I received the March issue, I was, at the same time, shocked, and wanting to respond to this debate in wanting to respond to this depate in your pages concerning an editorial by Donald Willing. Well suffered, his com-plaint about tracker pipe organs; having used only one, and that as a student in graduate school, at a Sunday morning church service as a guest organist. church service, as a guest organist, I can imagine the chagrin in all of the money being spent for such an instru-ment, and the need for an account to

ment, and the need for an account to tend to needed upkeep. But, as I read on - I have played fine pipe organs - I read the astonish-ing remarks about electronic organs, and in my living room sits one. I am proud of its service, and it has needed only one call, to replace a burned-out tube. It saved my life. Evidently, some of your readers are not from our part of the country. In recent times, as much of the country. In recent times, as much as \$30,000.00 is being contributed by one family to the church on its installaone family to the church on its installa-tion of new, and, might I say, beautiful, pipe organ; but, along with this most generous gift goes the key to the instru-ment. It is locked, yea, for ever, and ever, to the use of persons who would call up for the privilege of coming by for a practice session

for a practice session. . . . Are we going to have to float loans of a fortune to get in on the use of these pipe organs being installed in the churches, in order to get to perform, and practice on them, or, are the churches still open, with even a rea-sonable practice fee requested from the individual requesting practice time?

mer we toured the churches of Buffalo, listening here, performing there, and, as I reflect back on that time, I wonder if a similar group would be welcome here? What gives?

here? What gives? Well, anyway, my electronic sits in the living room, in its elegant walnut cabinet, ready for Widor, Bach, Franck, or what have you – likewise, the church; but, I don't really believe that these persons have bettered themselves by turning the key which closed the locks, which bolted the doors, and stopped the use of the fine instruments in these the use of the fine instruments in these churches, and other places. The fine pipe organs are still there, they are just not being very well supervised right now.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth E. Clark ARS Concerts Johnson City, TN (Continued, page 12)

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Reviews.....Choral Music, Recitals, Book **Music for Voices & Organ**

by James McCray

Music with Brass Instruments

The addition of one or more brass instruments usually helps to create a festive atmosphere for any service or concert. Although there is always the danger that by using brass the chorus may try to overcompensate on volume, thus destroying their tone quality, yet, with careful planning and rehearsal this can be avoided.

Sometimes it is not mercly the loudness of the instruments which causes problems, but rather the placement of them. By judiciously choosing the best position for the brass, based on the acoustics of the church or hall, some balance problems can be avoided. Also, by programming music in which the brass does not overpower the chorus, preservation of the tone quality can be maintained.

The choral music reviewed this month involves various brass instruments. These instruments are used as countermelodies, as brass choirs, and as a homophonic accompaniment to the choir or congregation. Most of the settings may be classified as festive in nature, with many based on existing and highly familiar thematic material.

A Mighty Fortress. arr. Stephen P. Folkemer. SATB, congregation, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, and organ; Augsburg Publishing House, 11-1922, 50¢ (M).

This familiar chorale is set in a concertato style with four stanzas and an extended instrumental introduction. The introduction later becomes the harmonic accompaniment for the fourth stanza which is in unison with a soprano descant. That same vocal arrangement is used for the first stanza, but the instrumental background is different. The second verse features the brass and men in unison, and the third has a more chromatic setting for organ and choir with no brass. All parts are very easy, within the capa-bility of most church choirs.

The Sanctuary of God. Eugene Butler. SATB, soprano descant and congrega-tion, 2 trumpets, timpani and organ; Agape of Hope Publishing Co., EB-9207, 65¢ (M).

The first half of this anthem is fanfare in style with material based on consecutive fourths and fifths. There is a key change and quiet four-part setting that builds to an instrumental interlude in which the theme from the famous hymn, I Love Thy Church, O God is plainly stated in the trumpets. This then develops into a unison ver-sion with the text that grows into a

dramatic series of amens. As with most of Butler's pieces, the writing is solid and avoids unnecessary problems for the performers. This anthem would be a favorite of everyone, one destined to be repeated because of the requests from the congregation.

Christ Our Passover (Pascha Nos-trum). Alec Wyton. SATB, 2 trum-pets, 2 trombones, timpani and organ; Alexander Broude, Inc., GP-411, \$1.00 (M+).

The organ doubles the instrumental parts in this driving canticle setting. The choral parts are at times contrapuntal, and have some divisi with full vocal ranges, thus requiring a large and strong chorus. An alleluia section recurs throughout the work in various arrangements. Some dissonances are employed, with the instrumental ac-companiment generally independent from the vocal lines. Often the chorus sings unaccompanied. Very effective writing that would be useful as a concert work or Easter anthem.

All Creatures of Our God and King. Alice Parker. SATB, congregation, or-gan and optional brass quartet; Hin-shaw Music Inc., HMC-371, 60¢ (M). The brass parts are for 2 trumpets and 2 trambones, their music is indi

and 2 trombones; their music is indicated in the choral score. Most of the choral music is in unison or treated as a descant. The traditional hymn tune is ever present and there is a march-like character which dominates the work.

The final verse has the congregation singing the theme, with the chorus in two parts singing antiphonal alleluias similar to the antiphonal trumpet material used in the introduction and interludes. This setting would be easy to learn and useful for a variety of church services.

The Builders. William R. Davis. SATB, soprano solo, 2 trumpets, horn, 2 trombones, timpani and organ; Ox-ford University Press, 94.212, 80¢ (M).

In this 11-page work the theme of the Angevin carol is constantly re-peated in a semi-strophic setting in which cach stanza is treated as a variation. One verse calls for the addition of children's voices. The choral parts are very easy, with much of the ma-terial in unison. Often the brasses play in alternation with organ phrases. The organ music is on two staves and, as with the chorus, is primarily a block-chord setting. This festive anthem is

quite simple and performable by most small choirs.

Praise to the Lord (Lobe de Herren). Noel Goemanne. SATB, congregation, 2 trumpets and organ; G.I.A. Publications, G-2224, 50¢ (E).

There are four verses in this concertato of the popular hymn tune. The trumpets play a canonic version of the theme as an introduction which is followed by a basic four-part homophonic treatment that could be found in most hymnals. The third verse is more inventive harmonically and, after a brief fragmentation of the canonic introduction, the fourth verse is sung in unison over an organ accompaniment that intersperses the trumpet material as an obbligato. Extremely easy for the choir and organ with no real difficulty for the brass.

A Festive Psalm. Eugene Butler. SATB, junior choir, 2 trumpets, 2 trombones, timpani and organ; Carl Fischer, CM 8078, 50¢ (M).

Butler's setting of Psalm 33 moves through several tempo and mood changes, with much of the choral material in unison. There is a fanfare type of introduction which returns at the end. The children's choir has two unison verses and they also join with the adult choir in several other areas. The brass parts are easy and they interject majestic passages in a ceremonial bravura style. One verse is sung unaccompanied. This anthem would work best with a large choir, but is not particularly difficult in creating the festive atmosphere.

Canticle of Praise. Daniel Pinkham. SATB, soprano solo, 2 trumpets, 2 horns, 2 trombones, tuba and large percussion (2 players); E. C. Schir-mer, 2694, \$1.50 (D).

This extended 40-page work will require an advanced choir for per-formance. There are three movements but the soloist does not appear in the first one. Her material is, at times, rhapsodic and explores the full soprano range. It has many wide intervallic jumps and will need an accom-plished singer. The music is dissonant, but usually the choral dissonances are approached so that the difficulty is solved from linear writing. The choral score has all parts reduced but the instrumental cues are not individually indicated. The last movement is serene and brief. It is built over a consistent B-flat pedal which quietly marches to the end.

God of Truth, from Everlasting. David N. Johnson. SAB, trumpet and organ; Augsburg Publishing House, 11-1842, 50¢ (E).

There are three stanzas in this sim-ple anthem. The trumpet is treated as an obbligato and used only on the second and third stanzas, but has a different line for each verse. The organ is a homophonic background for the choir and has a brief interlude connecting the verses. Designed for the small church choir, this is an attractive and useful hymn.

A Iovous Procession and A Solemn Procession. Lou Harrison. high and low voices, 2 trombones, 4 large tamborines, handbells and great gong in carriage; C. F. Peters Co., 6543 (E).

This is an inventive setting of two processionals. There are no words for the chorus, but they are instructed to write some words appropriate to the occasion when these processions are to be used. The music is on one narrow and long (over a yard) score that contains pictures and the two separate manuscripts. The parts are not hard but are rhythmically involved. These creative settings are highly recom-mended for both church and school performances. Harrison's processionals are exciting music that will be functional, effective and unique.

The Church's One Foundation. Carl Schalk. SATB, congregation, 2 trum-pets and organ; Concordia Publishing House, 98-2344, 50¢ (E).

Schalk's chorale concertato setting has five verses; each has a different arrangement, with the fourth for un-accompanied choir. The trumpets are ad libitum and play the melody or descant at the discretion of the con-ductor. This is a straight-forward setting of Wesley's famous hymn and could be performed by any church choir.

Now Thank We All Our God. Vaclav

Now Thank We All Our God. Vaclav Nelhybel. 2 trumpets, 2 trombones, and organ with optional tuba and timpani; Agape of Hope Publishing Co., 759, \$5.95 (M). There are no choral parts in this in-strumental concertato. Although the work is brief, the price includes the full score and parts. It is not contem-porary in style but follows traditional harmony with the brass in alternation of phrases with the organ. The brass of phrases with the organ. The brass parts are contrapuntal yet simple. This would serve as a useful offertory or anthem for those Sundays when the choir is not singing.

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London Recitals

The Winter series of recitals at the Royal Festival Hall in London will be remembered this year chiefly for its lack of distinction save in two instances, but more about them later. The Autumn series, reported by me earlier, had its share of lows but they were more than redeemed by moments of greatness such as Gillian Weir's birthday tribute to Olivier Messiaen and the recital given by Daniel Chorzempa.

Peter Hurford, who has become the first English organist to record the complete works (at least, he is in the complete works (at least, he is in the *process* of recording them) of J. S. Bach on a major label, opened the Winter series on Jan. 31. Begging the large audience's indulgences, he removed his jacket to play following his opening Toccata in E, BWV 566. Presumably the terrible slips in his performance were to be blamed on this encumbrance, for Mr. Hurford played more comfortably after it was gone. But even though his playing was near-perfect technically after this unfortunate opener, he remained as unfortunate opener, he remained as impervious to the music as I have found him on all other hearings, and the music in this instance was by that self-same Bach whose entire output is to be committed to disc by this artist! When playing a work such as the Von Himmel hoch variations, the organist would do well to let the chorale melody be heard now and then. It would seem that Mr. Hurford is more interested in the flashy counterpoint and feels it necessary to obscure the tune most of the time. His tempo in the sixth Trio Sonata was so rapid as to produce the effect of one long glissando, and there was not much interest in his treatment of the Passacaglia either, which he had preceded

cagna either, which he had preceded with the André Raison source, the *Trio en Passacaille*. The February organists, Bernard Bartelink, Susan Landale, André Isoir, and Noel Rawsthorne all produced and played adequate programs, with Isoir's looking the most interesting on paper. It was a compendium of French organ music from its beginning up to music by Duruflé. I was happy to see that we were to hear the *Toccata* from the *Pièces de Fantaisie* by Vierne, but I soon cooled off after hearing it played so fast and with such murky sounds as to give no impression whatsoever.

In March the sparks flew in both directions. David Lumsden and John Scott both presented recitals which carried on in the mediocre tradition of their series predecessors, but on 21 March we heard the Czech organist Jiri Ropek. It is an occasion I shall long remember, for it is the first time I have ever been made so angry by a performance that I felt it necessary to leave the hall. Actually, it could have been a form of musical seasickness which compelled my departure, for never have I heard a performance which lurched and bumped along so, without regard to rhythmic flow. After the opening early pieces by Hans Kot-ter, Hans Buchner, and an early Eng-lish piece of unknown authorship, Mr. Ropek proceeded to keelhaul us through works by Boehm, Buxtehude, J. S. Bach, and Franck. It was the playing of the Franck E-Major Chorale which caused my early and noisy exit. I hope that I shall be forgiven in the same spirit as the horse who, during a performance of Aida conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham, forgot his housetraining. The maestro remarked, "7 rible manners, but what a critic!" 'Ter-

Sparks flew again on 28 March, though from the keyboard this time and not from the heels of departing correspondents from The Diapason. The ailing Nicholas Danby was re-placed on six hours' notice by Jane Parker-Smith. She gave such a performance as to have a considerable number of her surprised audience on their feet at the end. The Prélude to the Suite Op. 5 of Duruflé was to have been played by Danby in any case, and I can't think that Ms. Parker-Smith did the composer any disservice by playing it as she did. She pro-gressed from strength to strength through the Dupré Variations on a Noel, which seldom receives such sympathetic treatment; the Troisieme Fan-taisie of Saint-Saens, finely executed (although to my mind the tempo (although to my mind the tempo contrasts were badly thought out); and the Liszt Ad Nos. It was in the latter piece that the pitch of excite-ment was raised so high that we were all made to wonder at this young woman's virtuosity and musical un-derstanding derstanding.

- Larry Jenkins

Flor Peeters Book

John Hofmann. Flor Peeters: His Life and His Organ Works. Fredonia, NY: Birchwood Press, 1978. x, 211 pp., paperbound (\$9.95 postpaid).

Issued to coincide with Flor Peeters' 75th birthday last year, this book is the first major study of the com-poser in English. It contains a great deal of useful information, much of which is not otherwise readily avail-able. Written by a sometime student of the subject, the book is in three main sections: background material, biographical material, and an analysis of the organ works. It also includes a forward by David Craighead, a large number of photographs, a useful set of maps, several organ specifications, a Peeters chronology (1903-77), cata-logues of the complete organ works

through 1977, and a discography. I found the chapters on the life of Flor Peeters most interesting. These include accounts of his youth and education; the influences of van Nuffel, Tournemire, Dupré, and others; the many tours to most parts of the world; and representative recital programs. A valuable touch is the frequent quotation of material in Peeters' own words; from these, one gets a glimpse of the personality behind the famous performer and composer.

The analyses of Flor Peeters' com-plete organ works take up half the book and should be useful to anyone studying those works. Many musical examples and performance suggestions are included. Equally useful are the work lists, which include dates of com-position and publication, dedicatees, levels of difficulty, and the publishers from whom the pieces are currently available. available.

The analyses of Flor Peeters' com-

Hofmann's writing is well-organized and easy to read; it will obviously become the important reference source on Flor Peeters, and it is unlikely that another similar guide will appear anytime soon. It is unfortunate, therefore, that the book is marred by poor physi-cal production and low-quality paper. The reproduction and low-quality paper. The reproduction of the 65 photo-graphs, many of considerable histori-cal interest (Peeters with Dupré, with Tournemiré, etc.), leaves a great deal to be desired. The modest number of typographical errors and unattached footnotes, however, do not impair the reading. Physical reservations aside, this is

a good book and it should be added to all serious libraries. It is available from the Birchwood Press at P.O. Box 231, Fredonia, NY 14063, or from C. F. Peters, New York. - Arthur Lawrence



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James Gillis Saenger has been appointed city carillonneur in Aschaffenburg, West Germany, the only city in that country to have a full-time carillonneur. A native of the United States, Mr. Saenger studied carillon with Frank Pechin Law and Hudson Ladd. He has previously been engaged as an organbuilder and maintains membership in the New York City AGO chapter. He presides over a 48bell carillon cast in 1969 by Eijsbouts and located in the east tower of the Schloss St. Johannisburg.



John M. Bowen has been appointed organist at the Cheriton Baptist Church in Cheriton, VA. He leaves a position as assistant organist at the Exmore, VA, Baptist Church. He has studied organ with Connie Rosentreter and is currently studying piano with June Parker Bloxom.

Patrick Quigley has recently joined the staff of Visser-Rowland Associates, organbuilders in Houston, TX. Trained in England, he comes to his new position with 20 years' experience in the field. Mr. Quigley was previously employed by the firm of Gabriel Kney.

Robert Reuter, former faculty member at Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, has been appointed area director of sales for the Wicks Organ Company, serving the northern Illinois area. He succeeds Russell Joseph, who is moving to northwest Arkansas. In the same announcement, Daniel Bogue has been named Wicks service director for the Chicago area.

Paul C. Boylan, associate dean of the School of Music at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has been named dean of the school, effective July 1. He has occupied his present position since 1974 and will succeed Allen P. Britton, who is returning to teaching. Dr. Boylan holds advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Michigan, where he joined the faculty in 1962.

AGO Election Results

The following results of the recent national election have been announced by the American Guild of Organists:

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Bozeman-Gibson & Company, organbuilders in Deerfield, NH, have announced the incorportion of the firm on April 27. Founded by partners David W. Gibson and George Bozeman, Jr. in 1972, the company moved to its present solar-heated shop in a large re-cycled barn in 1976. With instruments to its credit in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and the New England states, the firm will continue building mcchanical-action instruments under the direction of the original partners.

The Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge, under the direction of George Guest, will perform on June 23 at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. The group, wellknown in America through its many recordings on the Argo label, will also be heard in concert on July 1 at 4 pm at St. Thomas Church, New York City.

Here & There

Students from the studio of Mary Lou Robinson at the University of Kansas who performed a series of charale preludes, Op. 67, by Reger on May 6 were: (front raw, left to right) David Bading, Trudy Henke, Kent Cormack, Dan Shireman; (back raw, left to right) Richard Webb, Robert Goodin, Suzanne Fairbairn, Helen Hofmeister, and Edwin Hicks. Prof. Robinson is at extreme right. The program culminated a year's study of Reger and took place ot the First Baptist Church of Topeka, KS, whose chancel choir sang the chorales on which the organ pieces were based.



John Chappell Stowe, winner of last year's national competition at the Seattle AGO convention, has been added to the roster of concert organists represented by Phillip Truckenbrod/Arts Image Ltd. Mr. Stowe, a native of North Carolina, is a teaching assistant at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, where he is completing doctoral work as a student of Russell Saunders. He is also music director at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation and took his undergraduate work at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he studied organ with Robert Anderson and harpsichord with Larry Palmer.



Charles Benbow has joined Artist Recitals Concert Management, according to artists' representative Ruth Plummer. Dr. Benbow is head of the organ department at the University of Oklahoma and has concertized extensively; he has recorded for Philips Records. He graduated with honors from the University of Oklahoma, where he studied with the distinguished teacher Mildred Andrews, and he later studied on a Fulbright grant with Michael Schneider in Cologne and Marie-Claire Alain in Paris. He was first-prize winner of the 1972 Chartres competition, and he also won organ playing contests in Prague and in Munich.

Nunc Dimittis

Roy A. Anderson, charter member of the Queens AGO chapter, dicd Dec. 19, 1978, in New York. He was most recently organist of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Malverne, NY, and held the A.A.G.O. and Ch.M. degrees. He was a past member of the Guild's national council.



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Harpsichord News

John Brock, University of Tennessee, played these harpsichord pieces as part of an organ/harpsichord recital at the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, on Feb. 23: Sixth Ordre, F. Couperin; Variations on "Unter der Linden grüne," Sweelinck (harpsichord: French double by Frank Hubbard). He also performed this program in the Colgate Memorial Chapel, Colgate University on March 2 (harpsichord: Flemish double by Carl Fudge), and in the Steadman Theatre, Mansfield State College on March 4.

Elisabeth Wright was harpsichordist for this program at the Seattle Concert Theatre on Feb. 24: L'Impériale (3rd suite from Les Nations), Parts I and II, F. Couperin; Sonata in G Minor for violin and continuo, L. Guillemain; Trio Sonata in D Major for violin, viola da gamba and continuo, Leclair; 5th Concert (Pièces de Clavecin en Concerts), Rameau; Suite in E Minor (Pièces de violes, Book II), Marais.

Bruce Gustafson, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, playcd this program for the Alliance Francaise de South Bend on March 7 in Moreau Gallery, Saint Mary's College: Suite en ut majeur, Chambonnières; Tombcau de M. Chambonnières; d'Anglebert; Suite en ré mineur, L. Couperin; Ordre V, F. Couperin; Gavotte variée, Rameau; La Forqueray, Duphly; Marche des Marseillois, Balbastre. Harpsichord: after Pascal Taskin by William Dowd, 1970.

Gustav Leonhardt played this program in Meany Hall at the University of Washington, Seattle, on March 17: Lamentation sur la Morte de Ferdinand III, Toccatas VIII and IX, Suite in C Minor, Capriccio VI, Tombeau de M. Blancrocher, Froberger; Suite in F Major, L. Couperin; Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, Böhm; Suite in D Major (after Suite VI for unaccompanied 'cello piccolo), Bach. Harpsichord: by E. R. Turner after Couchet, 1646. He joined Sergiu Luca, violin, for an all-Bach recital at Eastman School of Music on March 25. The program: Sonata in B Minor for violin and harpsichord obligato, BWV 1014, Partita No. 2 in D Minor for unaccompanied violin, BWV 1004, Suite in D Major for harpsichord (after Suite VI for 'cello piccolo, BWV 1012), Sonata in G Major for violin and harpsichord obligato, BWV 1079.

Joseph Payne played two programs in the Purcell Room, London on March 27 and April 3. The first program: Adagio in G Major, S.968, Prelude, Fugue and Allegro in E-flat Major, S.998, Partita No. 2 in C Minor, S.826, Bach; Homage to Scarlatti, Dello Joio (world première); Ten sonatas, D. Scarlatti. The second program: Differencias sobro el canto llano del Caballero, Cabezón; Eight selections by G. Farnaby; Fantasia Concertante No. 8, C. Camilleri (world première); Pièces de Clavecin, Op. 59, Boismortier. Harpsichord: by David Rubio. He also performed this program of contemporary American music at the Fenton House, London on March 30: Partita, Pinkham; Fantasia on De Florentia's "O tu cara scienzia mia musica," R. Stern (world première); Homage to Scarlatti, Dello Joio; Omphalos, J. Payne; April Episode, A. McMillan; Toccata in Four Movements, J. Lessard. Harpsichord: by Shudi-Broadwood, 1770. Virginia Pleasants played this program at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts on March 13: Two groups of Cramer Etudes; Capriccio, Sonatas No. 54, 47, Haydn. Instrument: the museum's Broadwood. She also played selections from Clementi's Gradus ad Parnassum at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia on March 18, and at the Church of St. George the Martyr, London on March 26. Fortepiano: by Broadwood, 1801.

Charles Gunn played this program in Moody Auditorium, Lubbock Christian College, on March 29: Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major, WTC I, Bach; Tombeau de M. Blancrocher, L. Couperin; 12 Variations auf die Folie d'Espagne, C.P.E. Bach; Concerto in C Major, S.972, Bach-Vivaldi; Sonatas, K.380, 162, 87, 29, D. Scarlatti. Harpsichord: Pleyel, 1929.

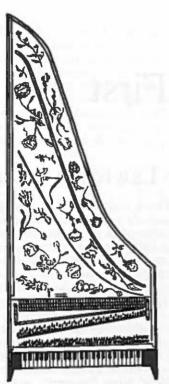
Gayle Johnson was harpsichordist for this program at University Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, on March 30: Suite in A Minor, L. Couperin; Andromède et Persée, Mouret; Suite in D Minor, Marchand; Ier Concert Royal, F. Couperin; Ten selections from Pièces de Clavecin, Rameau. Harpsichord: by Willard Martin after Blanchet.

Keith Thompson was harpsichordist for this program at North Texas State University, Denton, on April 9: Deuxième Concert, Quatrième Concert (Pièces de Clavecin en Concerts), Rameau; Gallino Gasturame, Byrd; Giles Farnaby's Dreame, His Rest, His Humour, G. Farnaby; The Fall of the Leafe, Peerson; Dr. Bulles Jewell, Bull; French Suite No. 5 in G Major, Concerto No. 2 in C Minor for two harpsichords (assisted by Charles Brown), Bach.

Ann Addis, student of Bruce Gustafson, played this senior recital in the Little Theatre, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, on April 11: Sonatas, K.491, 119, D. Scarlatti; Suite in A Minor, L. Couperin; Toccata in G Major, BWV 916, Bach; Sonata for Harpsichord, Persichetti. Harpsichord: French double by William Dowd, 1970.

Joseph Stephens played this program at the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 17: Round O, Ground in E Minor, Ground in C Minor, Riggadoon, Purcell; Three sonatas, D. Scarlatti; Five selections from Pièces de Clavecin, Duphly; Six Little Preludes, French Suite in B Minor, Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, Bach.

Larry Palmer played this program in Houston Hall, Texas Woman's University, Denton, on April 26: Adagio (BWV 968) and Toccata (BWV 916) in G Major, Bach; Allemande, Sarabande, Les Trois Mains (Suite in A Minor), Rameau; Sonata in C Major, K279, Mozart; Continuum, Ligeti; Finzi's Rest, Berkeley's Hunt (Howell's Clavichord), Howells; Sonatas, K.447, 448, D. Scarlatti; Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903, Bach (harpsichord: by William Dowd). Dr. Palmer also performed this program in Neu Chapel, University of Evansville, Indiana on April 29 (harpsichord: by William Dowd, 1974) followed by a master class, and in Wheeling, West Virginia for the Wheeling Chapter, AGO, on May 6 (harpsichord: by Sperrhake).



Deborah Triplett played this harp-sichord recital at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Boston on May 6; Var-iations on "Ei, du feiner Reiter," Scheidt; Lambert's Fireside, Fellowes' Delight (Lambert's Clavichord), Howells; My Ladye Nevels Grownde, Byrd; Inventions 1, 13, 6, 9, 8, Capriccio on the Departure of his Beloved Brother, Bach

Other London recitals of interest to harpsichordists have included proto harpsichordists have included pro-grams by Gilbert Rowland (Concerto in G after Vivaldi, BWV 973, Bach; Four sonatas, D. Scarlatti) on March 9; Francis Monkman (Sonatas by D. Scarlatti) on March 19; John Henry (Suite No. 1 in A Major, Händel; Pavan in G Minor, Gibbons; The Bells, Byrd; Concerto in the Italian Style, Bach; 12me Ordre, F. Couper-in; Suite in A Minor, Rameau) on March 23; George Malcolm (Partita in B Minor, BWV 831, Bach) on March 23; David Roblou, harpsichord, Philip Pickett, recorder, and Anthony Philip Pickett, recorder, and Anthony Pleeth, cello (Sonatas by Corelli, Vi-valdi, Barsanti, Bonocini, Marcello, Matteis) on March 31; and Stanislav Heller (Art of the Fugue, Bach) on May 3.

Bruce Gustafson and Arthur Lawrence played music for two harpsi-chords and organ at Saint Vincent DePaul Church, Elkhart, Indiana, for the Elkhart County Chapter, AGO, on March 12. The program: Concerto in A Minor (two harpsichords), Krebs; Four Little Duets, Wq. 115 (organ and harpsichord), C.P.E. Bach; Ordre in A Major, F. Couperin (including La Flore and Les Ondes played as harpsichord solos, and Muséte de choisi and Muséte de Tavern played by harpsichord and organ); Concerto in G Major (organ and harpsichord), Soler. Instruments: French double by Soler. Instruments: French double by William Dowd, 1970; Zuckermann constructed by Dr. Gustafson, 1971; Rieger positive organ.

Kenneth Gilbert gave a six-hour masterclass at Converse College, Spar-tanburg, S.C., in early April. There were 57 registrants of whom about one-fourth played for Mr. Gilbert's instructive comments. On the pre-vious evening, Mr. Gilbert gave the dedicatory recital for a new Day/Battell harpsichord at Anderson College, Anderson, S.C.

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Introspection or Thoughts Upon Hearing the First Cuckoos in Spring

by Lawrence Phelps

In a recent lecture entitled "Where do we go from here?" by a wellknown American organist, this question as to the future of the organ was answered by the suggestion that, very soon, perhaps within ten years, there will be only two kinds of organs available in America. Mechanical-action encased pipe organs, and "electronics". Mechanical-action instruments for musicians and electronic instruments for the rest. To this I say a hearty Amen!

the rest. To this I say a hearty Amen! Thus closed my talk, "Trends in North American Organbuilding" given on June 28, 1969, at the International Organ Festival in St. Albans, England, and printed in MUSIC, the AGO-RCCO Magazine, in its issue for May 1970.

The "well known American organist" I referred to was none other than Donald Willing, and his lecture "Where do we go from here?" was given at Mesquite, Texas, for the mid-winter Conclave of the AGO convened in Dallas in December 1966. As I remember, what he actually said was that we would soon have only two kinds of organs — mechanical-action organs "for those who care" and electronics "for those who don't!" Recalling his prediction, are we to assume from his present views expressed in these pages ("Retrospection," January issue) that he no longer cares? (Note also that his Mesquite remarks leave no room at all for the survival of electrically-operated pipe organs.) We can be sure that he still cares very much — why else would he have taken the trouble to share his current thoughts with us?

The passing of Anton Heiller on March 25 caused me to recall the numerous, though all too infrequent, times when we met in various parts of the organ world. When he inaugurated the mechanical organ at the University of British Columbia during an RCCO Convention, our conversation drifted to a concert he was to play on another of my organs, this one with electric action. He grudgingly said it was a pretty good organ, chiefly because it had all the stops he needed and they were all in the right place. Then, after thinking for a moment, he said, "But you know Larry, if there is anything worse than a bad electric organ, it is a good electric organ." Those words have been ringing in my thoughts ever since. I knew immediately what he meant and I am sure many who read this will know too.

To return to our friend Don Willing, who seems to have become a living testimony to the wisdom of Anton Heiller, thirteen years ago he insisted on the nearing obsolescence of electric instruments. His present position is a much softer one, if not an outright advocacy.

It is clear from the comments of those who have responded that many readers have little idea of what Donald Willing means by "sensitive touch", and his comment that "the average electro-pneumatic action organ is much more sensitive" must surely bewilder the literal minded. Heretofore, I think it has been generally assumed that the term "sensitive touch" referred to an objective effect and not to a subjective one. (I prefer "responsive" when referring to instruments, reserving "sensitive" and "sensitivity" as attributes of performers, referring to a quality the person brings to the instrument and into the performance, modified in some measure by the responsiveness of the instrument, the room, and the receptivity of the audience.)

What does he mean by "more sensitive"? In the electric organ he describes, the keys have more smoothness of travel, there being no pluck. Perhaps they have also more build-up of spring tension and more uncertainty as to where "on" is in the descent of the key. The "average electro-pneumatic organ" also has more delay, although this may be really disturbing on only 20% to 25% of the notes. How all this can be described as "more sensitive," I cannot possibly imagine.

It seems that regardless of what it may have meant in the past, "more sensitive" now means "less aggravating" to play. We used to think that 'sensitive touch" referred to the communicative aspect of performance the ability of an instrument to reflect qualitatively the activity (attitude) of the performer's fingers. Now it seems to refer to a subjective experience of the performer, a sort of feed-back — or lack of it — not from the sound of the instrument but from the "feel" of the keys alone. Not so long ago Donald Willing was well in the lead among those who maintain that the important effect of tracker action is not the subjective one in the performer - the feel - but rather its effect on the performance in the hands of a sensitive player - the actual sound. He was quick in those days to conclude that all who could not hear this immediately simply lacked perceptual sensitivity. And he was quite content that there were only one or two builders who made instruments on which his musical ideas could be reasonably well demonstrated. He had no interest in the numbers in audiences or in pleasing crowds. His views toward music and performance might best have been characterized by the word "unitarian" whereas now he seems to be expressing a more fundamentalist point of view.

I have witnessed countless performances, on organs that I would rate very low in responsiveness, before audiences not prepared to be particularly responsive (as for first performances of new works, for example) that culminated in standing ovations, due to what I would call the sensi-

tivity of the performer well projected. This is the world where the show "goes on" and "comes off" no matter what. It is a different world from Don Willing's. It is a world where one's concept of perfection never dims but where the daily performance is on a "this is where we're at today" basis and the perfection, the sensitivity at the source, shines through — often in spite of the medium and the trappings. No one would have ever heard of Anton Heiller or his several peers if they had sat around waiting for a world full of perfect organs before taking their musical sensitivity on the road.

Don Willing is obviously disappointed; disappointed and fed up. I have come to regard disappointment as one of the more subtle forms of selfindulgence. Disappointment implies that we thought we knew how things were going to turn out and we blame ourselves for not anticipating the pitfalls, sidetracks and blind alleys that could affect the result. In his expression of disappointment, Don betrays a naiveté that I had not before suspected. There must be proportionately fewer fine organs in the world than any other instrument. I wonder why, in a field in which so few have excelled, he expected a sudden shower of masterpieces. Why should we assume that anyone who has learned to sharpen a chisel, or has the money to get someone to do it for him, has also that rarest of all gifts among instrument-makers, the knack of releasing the essence of the organ from the mountain of wood and metal that he may deposit at some site?

the mountain of wood and metal that he may deposit at some site? Not long ago we worried about the lack of young people interested in organbuilding. Now we suffer from a deluge of craftsmen and the organ has become their victim. Certainly an organ must be beautifully crafted, but providing busy work for craftsmen has now become its raison d'etre to an alarming extent. Ideally, organbuilding is applied music, like per-formance or composition, not an extension of the home or school workshop. Many who have no idea at all about the things that really matter, the essentials that make an organ spring to life, are busily at work con-suming scarce supplies. They pursue their craft with fanatic compulsion. With some it seems a kind of therapy, as with joggers. Without any idea of what an organ really is or how it got that way, or what it ought to be today, and egged on by equally defective friends and "experts," they have no choice but to opt out, perhaps not always consciously, at times of crucial decisions. Without the necessary taste, without perception, without the tools of judgment, they blindly repeat four centuries of errors, com-plete with growing pains. Without gifts other than craft (not always even that), when all else fails, they copy. Someone said in a recent harpsichord conference, "We copy only that which we do not understand." Organbuilders take heed! The organ must continue to evolve. It is waiting for us to close the present parenthesis and get on with our statement as its builders. It will be sad indeed if this generation can be judged only by its footnotes.

By inference Don Willing says that one out of every ten tracker instruments that he has played is "sensitive". This is a most encouraging statistic, if it is true. It is a lot higher than I would expect in America, and must be well above the world average. A considerable degree of sensitivity (responsiveness) in touch is possible. It has now been clearly demonstrated often enough that those who still deny the possibility or the advantages betray their own perceptual limitations, however experienced they may be. Further discussions on this point, especially in print, can serve no useful purpose since they must now border on considerations of faith. Those who want it in their instruments can have it and it will do no harm to those who don't. What might be more helpful is more discussion as to how it is achieved, and while such discussions will not be free from long expositions of superstitutions and beliefs, at least they will provoke thought in more effective directions where facts and figures may in the end prevail. It's not what people don't know that is our problem; it's what they do know that isn't so! "Knuckle-crackers" are certainly no longer necessary. Size is no longer

"Knuckle-crackers" are certainly no longer necessary. Size is no longer a deterrent to responsiveness, nor need coupling (mechanical coupling) any longer be feared even in large organs. Of course, as mentioned in these pages in March, there is no good reason for an organist to expect to expend less effort in playing than would a pianist. If an organist wishes to take life easy, let him keep the instrument small or admit he is not serious.

In thinking back over the eighteen years that I have been building mechanical organs, I am sure I have heard more complaints about actions being too light rather than too heavy. And on the whole I have found people adjust better to, and feel more secure with, heavier actions. Both terms — heavy and light — are, of course, relative and, to a considerable extent, subjective. Although both extremes must be avoided, it is not likely that we shall ever come up with actions that the world uniformly considers just right. But it is most certainly possible to make actions that cause the quality of the organist's touch to be reflected in the sound heard in the listening area, and which require only levels of skill and playing energy which are well within what we may reasonably expect of a serious musician. After thirty years of deep thought and much work on this matter, I now feel it is best if the action and the voicing are such that the organist actually adds chiff as required rather than working to suppress it when it is not required, as we have for so many years thought to be the ideal. Normal, quiet, legato touch should produce only a clean, clear attack which becomes more incisive and percussive as finger vitality is increased. Action *suspendue* offers tendencies in this direction. However, it is not of itself sufficiently supple, especially in the forms described in past months in these pages, to provide the degree of response required for anything but the smallest organs.

In all types of tracker actions, including *suspendue*, the pallets, and consequently the keys, must "hang" on the wind and the pluck be spread enough at the beginning of the key travel to avoid the traditional notchy toggle effect. No organist can exercise sensitivity with fingers perched precariously at the top of the keys attempting to avoid taking a plunge; neither is a mushy or spongy touch satisfactory. Reducing the sharpness of the pluck by increasing pallet spring tension, as some do, is not a solution, for the added tension makes it difficult to get the pallets away quick enough in fast playing and doubles or triples the force required to hold the keys down. The springs must not be one gram stronger than necessary to hold the total weight of the pallet and action in equilibrium when the wind is off. If the pallets shut tight with the wind off, we are burdening the organist unduly with useless spring tension. Of course, it is possible to spread the pluck so much that speech vitality is not possible no matter how much effort at the key. It will be a long time before the criteria for this approach can be set down quantitatively, so for the present there is no alternative to qualitative judgments in designing and adjusting every instrument. A hopeless task for those who merely copy from the past. Yet, ideally regulated in this way, the action attains a degree of responsiveness beyond all dreams, and adds a dimension to the scope of the organ that brings the truly all-purpose organ several giant steps closer to realization. To the differences between the romantic and the classical, we now add more detailed considerations of "touch." Of course, there are those with cherished theories who will not welcome this with open arms.

We must all share Don Willing's concern about the price of organs. The cost of materials used in organs has risen much more rapidly in the past few years than has the economy generally. For example, tin is now at 300% of its 1973 price and has risen as high as 335%. But in spite of this, finished organ prices have not risen so much faster than other things. Whether the organ survives or not will depend entirely on the demand and not on the price. If there is any field where anything worth doing is worth doing well, it is ours. The organ is not indispensable to the survival of mankind, and therefore is not worth building badly. We organbuilders generally must confess that we have done those things which we ought not to have done. At the head of the list are our attempts to hold back the inevitable by holding back price increases for longer than we should have, and holding down prices by all sorts of subterfuges like simplifying wind systems and lowering tin content, and justifying it by saying old organs had wiggly wind and lead pipes. It is true, some old organs did, but these artifacts sound no better in today's instruments than they did in yesterdays', particularly as they are now accentuated, and acclaimed as virtues, whereas the ancients tended to minimize those defects that economics had forced on them. In more affluent times both wiggly wind and lead pipes (as principals) disappeared. No matter how much money it saves I cannot think well of a builder whose principals sound as though he keeps his rosin box next to his soap dish, but I can be grateful that he doesn't play the violin. Action *suspendue* also saves lots of money and it is kind of fun both to build and to play, but beyond very narrow limits it causes many more problems than it solves, and is best generally avoided at all costs, except for the "period pieces" for which it is appropriate. A truly responsive modern organ is a total concept, no part of which can be skimped on without diminishing the result. It is better not to

A truly responsive modern organ is a total concept, no part of which can be skimped on without diminishing the result. It is better not to attempt it than to compromise it because of cost. It does not have to be gold-plated or even inlaid, but it does have to be well-made, using good materials. A responsive action of the kind I have described is complicated, precision-made, and expensive, and where music is important it is worth every penny of it. All that compromise can do is turn a first-class instrument into a second-class one — yet a second-class organ is still far from cheap.

When in my mid-twenties I knew a very musical young lady aged ten or twelve who would sometimes entertain me with the latest Mozart sonata she had learned. She played very expressively for one so young, and normally very accurately. If she made a bad mistake she would usually apologize and go back to the first good place and start again. One day at the end of a rapid upward passage she hit a high D instead of C and went right on as if nothing had happened, so I said, "That top note is a C, not a D," to which she replied without stopping and in a tone of voice I took to be final, "So what?"! I could not find an answer. This was the first encounter I remember with the generation gap, the culture gap, that has been with me now for thirty years. I still have not found an answer to that question, "So what?"

Inst encounter 1 remember with the generation gap, the culture gap, that has been with me now for thirty years. I still have not found an answer to that question, "So what?" There are many building and playing organs today whose response to all questions or criticism is in effect, "So what?" It may actually come out as "It's cheaper," "It's easier," or "It's the way the old guys did it," but I hear it all as "So what?" To all the points of criticism raised by Don Willing they also say, "So what?" and it seems obvious to me that Don is tired of trying to find an answer which because of his profession he may think he ought to be able to do. But how do you answer this question to those to whom old is better, inconvenience is a virtue, wiggly wind is an expressive device, lead is richness; or to whom the fingering discarded by Couperin and Bach is a panacea; or to whom the wolves in tuning avoid-(Continued overleaf) Solid State Logic Stonesfield · Oxford · England

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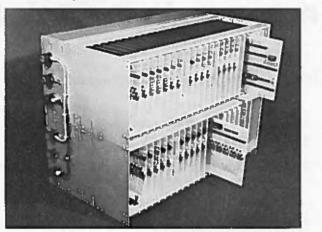
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ed for centuries are thought "interesting" when heard in Bach, Franck, Dupré and Schönberg? How do you answer the question "So what?" where punk is beautiful? There is no answer to this question where good taste is not the prevailing principle, where "le bon gout" does not direct every note and nuance. Where this principle does prevail, "So what?" is never heard; it never even arises in thought.

I agree completely with Don Willing's comments about electronic instruments, except as he compares them with organs. They are not substitutes for organs though they may in fact be a great deal more appropriate for some uses than organs are, or ever were. A good organ-like portable instrument could surely serve a useful purpose. The poor ex-amples now touring surely demonstrate the need. Though the techniques to do this well are now at hand, the knowledge, and the will, are nowhere present in the electronic field. But synthesizers are fun and by no means to be avoided wherever they can be effectively used.

We organbuilders should stop trying to compete with electronics. We can't! We can only destroy the organ by trying to. Organbuilding is not suitable for practice on a commercial basis. The organ has a well-estab-lished and unique place which no other instrument can take. If we do not believe this then how can we serve it well? How can we display so little faith and remain organbuilders? We must be motivated by something other than the desire to be organbuilders, else neither the organ nor the art will survive. The organ does not need more builders. It needs better builders with faith in its relevance in our time, who understand that it must go on progressing now as in times past. The disastrous mutation process from which the organ suffered, because of its too close proximity to the expanding and super-radiant orchestra in the last century, certainly needed to be corrected and it has been. The king of instruments has been restored to the position of dignity and integrity that it enjoyed in its Golden Age, and there is a significant number of superb instruments built in the last thirty years to verify that the maturity that the organ achieved in the Golden years from 1650 to 1750 is the right basis from which to develop an organ for today. It is unfortunate that more recent excursions into the embarrassing adolescence of its earlier years have caused some of our colleagues to lose their perspective. They have lingered too long at the museum.

It may seem that there is not much of the letter of Don Willing's remarks with which I can agree, but with the spirit that impelled him to write, with his Plea for Exuberance, I am in complete accord and to this, as ten years ago in St. Albans, I again say a hearty Amen. Exuberance does not linger long at the museum.

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Letters to the Editor

Organ Clearing House

I recently had the pleasure of read-ing an article published in 1975 on the Organ Clearing House. I think this is a wonderful thing — what they are do-ing — saving old tracker organs. But in my city there was a small 12-rank Möller built for the First Presbyterian Church in 1913. This church merged in the mid-50's and has been empty since then. Vandals have been in . . . and now the pipes in the organ are gone, except for some of the larger ones. I am not suggesting that you try to

some of the larger ones. I am not suggesting that you try to save this organ because it is not really worth it (who would want an organ with 50 pipes?), but what I am saying is that if people would have only left it alone, it might have been part of the Clearing House's inventory of organs. Thank you.

Kirk Wilson Wellsville, OH

Godless organists

Godless organists For quite some time now I have taken your magazine. Because of my business I also meet a lot of organists. I have been observing that what an organist believes theologically and/or what is preached has a definite influence on the type of music that will be played and what kind of instrument it will be played on. Those churches that are of the reformed faith where the Bible is God's word (the whole of it) . . . will always have a pipe organ. If they can't afford it, due to their being an extreme-ly small congregation, they will have a piano instead. Churches where the preacher preaches free will of man as word clearly states to praise him with the pipe organ and with other true mu-sical instruments (Psalm 150). The lit-eral definition of a musical instrument is a tuned length resonator for produc-ing music. God's word deals with man's material being as well as his spiritual being. The organ is not just a musical material being as well as his spiritual being. The organ is not just a musical

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instrument to aid in praise and wor-ship to God, though that is its primary function, but it is symbolic of man dead in trespasses and sin until the Breath of God is breathed into man. Judging from God's word, there are a lot of downright godless organists, or so-called organists, around, . . .

Factually and sincerely,

Stephen F. Meador Greensboro, NC

Building a positive

In the November 1968 issue of The Diapason you had an article about an ancient portable pipe organ that was being restored at the Boston museum. Being an organ buff myself, it inspired me to build a similar one from odds and ends of organ material I had on hand. I did not have time to devote to it then, so it was postponed 'til re-cently, when I completed the little in-strument.

cently, when I completed the little in-strument. I tried to follow as closely as I could the plan and design of the one outlined in *The Diapason*. The case measure-ments are 28" wide, 20" deep and 35" high. The size of the organ was deter-mined by the number of pipes I had on hand of the proper size. It has two sets of pipes 29 pipes to the stop — Har-monic Flute and Principal, starting at middle C and ending at E, with 3-inch wind pressure. The pipes were salvaged from an 1856 John F. Crabbe & Sons organ I restored many years ago, which is still in operation. The slider chest is made of select redwood; the stop knobs are ivory with appropriate hand-lettered titles. The double bellows are located above the pipes inside the case; the photo shows the reservoir slightly in-flated on top of case. The bellows are operated by two small levers near the top of the case. Msit takes two people to operate and play with hand bellows, I installed a small blower in the basement directly below the organ which gives ample air

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pressure. This arrangement enables one

person to play it. The keys are beautiful ivory from a melodeon that was damaged beyond repair. The main part of the case is made from old walnut bed rails; the ornafrom old walnut bed rails; the orna-mental carvings are from old walnut furniture and an old reed organ case. The little figure above the keyboard is a flutist, a model for a plaster mold, old but in good condition. The name plate directly above keys bears the word "Colibri," meaning hummingbird or small songbird. I regard this small or-gan as a small songbird. The stand is of the Jacobean period, also made of old walnut. While the sound is quite pleasant and the action is good, an organist would find it very inadequate both in sound and range. I am hoping this letter will interest

I am hoping this letter will interest others to build their own portables, to be used where space is limited. I would, however, recommend to make it 3 full octaves or, better still, 4 octaves. Sincerely,

Edwin O. Tweton Galena, Illinois

Willing by-product

A by-product of the discussion trig-gered by Donald Willing's article has been some wild statements concerning the electronic instrument, made by people who know all about pipe organs, but have not bothered to study the electronic instrument.

One letter-writer, for instance, states flatly that an electronic organ would have to have a loudspeaker for every note, to be of any use. Now, if this is intended to be merely a *reductio ad ab*intended to be merely a reductio ad ab-surdum, it fails, simply because the idea is not, inherently, impossible. Loud-speakers of good quality, bought in quantity by manufacturers, are quite cheap; if a good electronic organ really needed a speaker for every note of every stop, it could be done.

If, though, the question is one of spatial sound distribution, then one does not need that many speakers; any good speaker can emit tones of several pitches

at the same time. If this were not the case, one could not have the very high fidelity stereo phonographs currently available. Further insurance against in-termodulation effects can be and is had, termodulation effects can be and is had, by using a number of speakers, each limited to a short section of the scale. One middle priced living-room sized electronic organ I have seen, has no fewer than eight speakers in the con-sole (that would be one for each octave of tone). The same instrument could be used in a small church or chapel merely by adding a few more speakers; provision for plugging in additional speakers is standard. At any rate, all of this is not con-

speakers is standard. At any rate, all of this is not con-jecture; a large number of electronic instruments were installed by Goodell & Swedien, of Minnesota Electronics, two decades ago. Some of the instru-ments contained as many as 140 speak-ers, and the spatial effect was good, but the whole thing seemed a case of logical overkill....

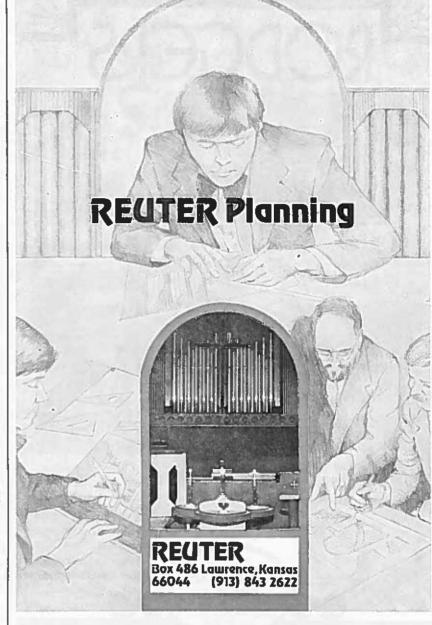
the whole thing scence overkill.... I am anused by those who still refuse to use the word "organ" in connection with electronic instruments. The late T. Scott Buhrman started this, way back in the 1930s; he invented the term "elec-trotone" for instruments such as the Hammond organ, etc.

Hammond organ, etc. Well, "electrotone" is at least, a logi-cal semantic device, and to some excal semantic device, and to some ex-tent, it is good because it allows one word to do the work of two. But what excuse is there, at this late date, for such clumsy locutions as "electronic in-strument built to resemble a pipe or-gan" or "apparatuses built to look like an organ"? You know, if you just take a deep breath and say "electronic organ" you'll find, it doesn't hurt a bit. Sincerely.

Sincerely,

John S. Carroll Emlenton, PA

The office dictionary defines organ as "a wind instrument, in its complete modern form the largest, most powerful, and most varied in resources of musical instruments, consisting of from one to many set of pipes, sounded by com-pressed air, and played by means of one or more keyboards."





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Here and There

GEORGE BOZEMAN JR. performed Le Chemin de la Croix by Dupré on April 8 at St. Anselm's College Church, April 8 at St. Anselm's College Church, New Hampshire. The Claudel poems were read in French by Robert Gart-side. The event was sponsored by the NH AGO chapter and was partially financed by the state Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

GEORGE BAKER played the follow-ing recital May 1 at Bland Street United Methodist Church, Bluefield, WV: Im-provisation on the TeDeum, Tourne-mire; Song of Peace, Langlais; Impromp-tu, Vierne; Concerto in G, S. 592, Bach-Ernst; Prelude, Fugue, and Variation, Franck; Desseins éternals, Transports de joie, Messiaen; Suite à la Française (im-provisation), Baker.

A KANSAS STATE MEETING of the Hays, Hutchinson, Lawrence-Baldwin, Topeka, Wichita, and Winfield AGO chapters was held April 20.21 in Wichi-ta. Performers on the several recitals were Donald Williams, Richard Ingram, Dennis Bergen, Joanne Forsythe, Wayne Slater, Royal Jennings, Kurt Schlender, James Strand, Mary Ellen Sutton, Jane Brown, and Peter V. Picerno. Lecturers were David Childs and James Moeser.

CHARLES WOODWARD played the following recital May 27 at St. Alphon-sus Church, Chicago: Grand Choeur Dialogue, Gigout; Chorale Prelude "Herr Gott, non schüss dem Himmel auf" and Prelude and Fugue in C Ma-jor, S.547, Bach; Fantaisie in E-Flat, Saint-Saëns; La Nativité, Langlais; Pièce Héroïque; Pastorale and Aviary, Rob-erts; Final (Symphony I), Vierne.

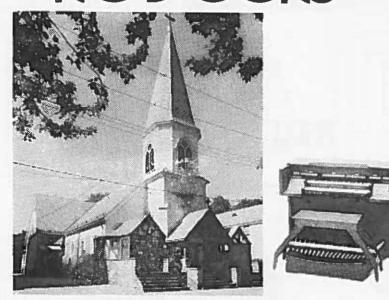
A concert of compositions by MAR-SHALL PRICE BAILEY was given April 22 at Mount Union College, Ohio. The organist-pianist was assisted in the per-formance by baritone Lewis Phelps, trumpeter Edward Masters, and the col-lege Master Chorale, directed by Gor-don Brock don Brock.

IOHN LEWICK conducted soloists, the Abendmusik Chorus, the Nebraska Wes-leyan University Chorus, and the Ne-braska Chamber Orchestra in a dramatic presentation of Handel's oratorio Saul, March 25, at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln.

ELIZABETH HARWOOD played the following recital May 12 for the annual general meeting of the Ottawa Centre, RCCO: Air and Gavotte, Wesley; Prel-ude and Fugue in an unspecified key, Buxtehude; Processional, Mathias.

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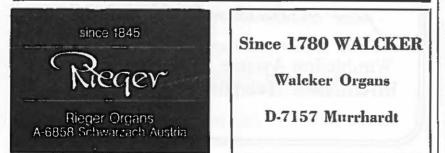
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Ketro-Suspection

by Peter Planyavsky

Within only 10 days, I have played concerts on John Brombough's magnificent 3-manual organ in Eugene, Oregon, and on the well-known huge instrument in the Riverside Church, NYC. I absolutely enjoyed both of them. I am also deeply in love with the fantastic Woolsey Hall organ in New Haven — as well as with the three restored organs in the abbey church of Muri, Switzerland. This should close out any suspicions of my being a fanatic for only one half of the organ world.

There is so much to comment on in Mr. Willing's editorial that it is hard to begin. Yet, I think there is one main point where we can solve the puzzle — why a renowned organist turns around on his heels after 30 years of tracker-backing to advocate electronics. It seems, namely, that he is not actually turning around. "Pendulums do swing," he writes but his own pendulum is still on its way towards one end. It looks like Mr. Willing has never stopped looking for the characteristics of electronics; a brief look into his book Organ Playing and Design — A Plea for Exuberance makes it clear.

As many other organists, he is not happy with an instrument that does one or two things well instead of doing five hundred things fairly; it is a plea for quantity, not for quality; he wants compromise rather than specialism. On and on he demands dynamic flexibility, while the basic idea of the pipe sound is one of a steadily maintained sound. Or, in his book he speaks about a Principal 8' which must both be capable of "furnishing the trunk of the ensemble tree" and present itself as a solo stop. (I once voiced an organ where we tried to realize that, and now that stop is three things: the trunk, the solo stop, and the weak point of the organ.) He wants a large manual compass (alright), concave pedalboards (why not), the stops there are (why?), and he is obviously enthralled by the wonderous worlds of a certain electronic brand in whose gadgets "any stop can be turned into a celeste" (wow!). That's all fine — but it adds up, once again, to The Universal Instrument.

Even at this point, we could say "nothing wrong." In the course of history the pendulum did swing. Praetorius called the organ the best of all instruments for the very fact that it comprised all musical instruments; at Bach's time, on the other hand, it was so isolated that composers soon became more and more uninterested. It was bound to be a pseudoorchestra again in the late 19th century, and again it found its own sound during what is called organ movement, no matter whether that was always a good sound or not. There's the pendulum — and so it seems that Mr. Willing has skipped one swing.

A colleague so much older than I, with so much more information than myself, deserves all the respect for his ideas. But may I say most humbly that he considers a whole lot of his own observations and tastes to be representative for millions of organists? While tastes will always be individual, we can very well have a closer look at some of his opinions. An instrument for "endless possibilities" — do we all dream about such a thing? Violin players change at least the bow when they shift from Bach to Bartok. Word has gotten around that the same violoncello doesn't fit for continuo playing in Heinrich Schütz and in Antonin Dvorak's cello concerto. And whoever has come across the thick chords, in the very low range, in some of Beethoven's and Schubert's piano works will eventually admit that it was not the piano of Rachmaninoff for which these chords were written. But here we have an articulate request for the Sweelinck-Sowerby-four-manual-portative with dynamic excitement plus combination toe studs which must be to the right of the accelerator pedal! It will never work. Oh yes, of course a violinist can play Bach and Bartok with but please don't blame the bow then. Yes, you can play the same bow Beethoven and Rachmaninoff on the same piano (and, for that matter, with the same style of playing) but don't blame the piano if you hear funny sounds.

And, as there were many people who always wanted a one-fits-all-organ which had to have, of course, the marks of a so-called baroque organ, most organ builders devoted themselves to the compromise — totally so. On a compromise organ, Sweelinck sometimes does sound like "Grade II piano stuff" because the organ was designed to play Widor, too — but unfortunately it doesn't play Widor very excitingly either. And the despised French masses don't work well, likewise — because the voicing is so even and careful, just exactly as even as Mr. Willing wants it, and therefore a *basse de trompette* or a *récit de nazard* attracts the listener's attention only by the "squiggles" and not by the sounds itself. And consequently, "an occasional pedal note" is just far too little to be of interest — on a compromise organ, yes indeed.

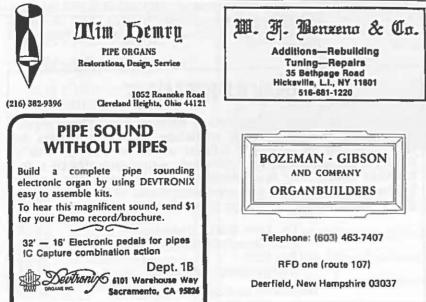
But there are organs where you can forget time and space just by playing the Prinzipal 8' for half an hour. And if you want that very sound, you have to take the trouble of either going to that place, or you have to build that very rank of pipes again — without changing the scaling to make it that, too, or that, too, and that in addition. And this Prinzipal 8' will not fit to play Vierne — not in a thousand years. And on the other hand, if you love that French Horn in the old famous Skinners, you have to go there and play it there — and if you want it in your organ, it just won't do to have a so-called baroque organ with that erratic French Horn. And if you try to play Samuel Scheidt on it and if you don't like the result, don't blame anybody other than yourself. If we follow these thoughts to the ultimate, don't blame a very consistent organ builder who builds a very consistent organ (with Mr. Willing's "unpleasant ensemble") into a sort of room which has nothing to do with the acoustics which, for the last four hundred years, were the natural environment for that type of instrument. (The acoustical situation is — I think — the main reason for controversial arguments like this one in the US.)

Yes, the so-called baroque organ is a devil (if now I may exaggerate) or, as one of our consultants has phrased it, the good organ is the enemy of the better organ. A lot of people all too quickly equalled tracker organ with good organ. It's by no means that easy. But the experience of ever so many bad tracker organs with clumsy action, shrieky mixtures, cranky swell actions, and some too uneven or some too even stops doesn't ruin the good principle of the pipe organ as such - never! If you don't like the principle, then indeed you better forget about it and go over to electronics. If you don't like the steady sound of the pipe but must have dynamic effects in order to make it bearable --- you're much better off with electronics. If you don't like the wind which makes a pipe sound alive without making it unsteady --- don't bother pipe makers and voicers any longer, please. Electronics can do it easily. No two notes on a violin will ever be physically the same — and I love it! To try to make it so would not be an improvement, not in my view, at least. And if your main concern is a comfortable console, with everything in easy reach, a perfect cockpit for doing everything yourself, in any piece, at any time — really, the best is electric action or, for that matter, an electronic organ. I don't see how that could be more sensitive than a very good tracker action, but to discuss this, we would have to find out what Mr. Willing means by the word "sensitive." As long as the opening speed of the valve has any influence upon the production of the tone, and as long as the production of the tone is something the organist would like to have control over, I just can't see what else could do that except the damned tracker action. (Besides that, we could talk endlessly about the other direction of that sensitivity — the psychological dimension, the reply, so to speak, about what the valve has done to the pipe.) To me, there are a lot of things more important than the question of the perfect cockpit. I don't care at all whether an organist needs one or two or four assistants, and I am not interested to know whether his pedalboard is curved inward or outward or not curved at all. What I am after is an acoustical result - and this is the only thing that counts. Bach wrote music and not scenic plays for a one-man-show. And if a great part of our audiences have unlearned to use their ears more than their eyes, then we better start training them the other way, period — instead of changing our instrument!

It adds up to this: Mr. Willing is looking in pipe organs for things and effects which only electronics can actually provide. Having realized that, there should be no controversy at all. As for the many so-beautiful sounds and effects that an electronic organ can produce beyond the abilities of a pipe organ, that's fine; congratulations! But why on earth call the pipe organ poor because it has "less" than the other kind? Would we call a harpsichord poor because it can only play softer than a piano? Or because its compass is shorter?

And one last word about the 20th century in which we find ourselves "whether we are ready or not" and about the development idea. Art history shows clearly that frantic claims to be up-to-date or even ahead of time are the evident characteristics of a retrospective period. Look at the architecture of middle Europe around 1890 and read how progressive they thought they were. I agree with Mr. Willing that we do have some crises of the pipe organ today — so, many people cultivate the extreme in copying (which is, in many ways, valuable and beautiful — I really mean it!) while others look for "more" or "new" things in electronics and try to squeeze their finds into a baroque organ. The answer for these difficulties around the organ between the extremes might be that the organ is an old thing per se! May we ask how a violin could be "developed" any further, or in which way it could be more practical; perhaps if we could get rid of these silly curvatures and make it cubic, we could at least store and ship it more easily? Beg your pardon, no sarcasm intended. But I am horrified by any deliberate progress and any calculated development when it comes to such things as the principle of a musical instrument. To me, it looks like retro-suspection!

instrument. To me, it looks like retro-suspection! Mr. Planyavsky is organist of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Austria, and concertizes under the Murtagh/McFarlane Artists Management.



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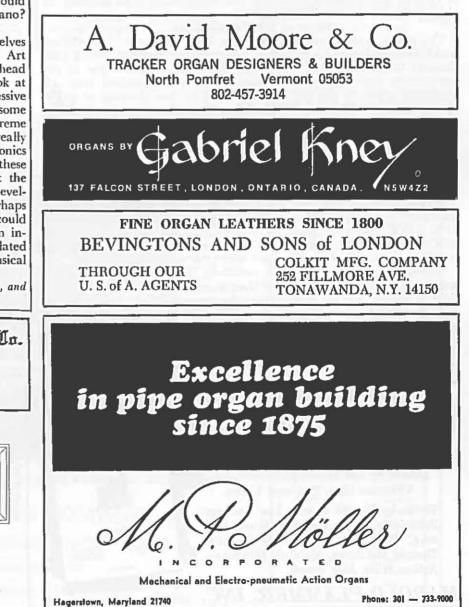
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The American Institute of Organbuilders Journeymen and Master Organbuilders Examination

A specific purpose behind the organization of the American Institute of Organbuilders is to increase knowledge and improve craftsmanship of the individual American organbuilders. An article of its constitution states the intention "to establish an organized training program for organbuilders leading to examinations and certification of degrees of proficiency." This program is now underway, and the examinations will be administered at the annual convention, which takes place this year near Boston, Sept. 30-Oct. 4. The purpose of this article is to acquaint all intersted programs with the available and to encourage them to take interested persons with the examinations and to encourage them to take the tests.

In order that high international standards can be followed and that the maximum value be made available, no attempt has been made to the maximum value be made available, no attempt has been made to have test questions which are compromised in any way. It is felt that such examinations will be the most respected if they are in every way professional, thorough, and comprehensive. Thus, an easily conferred degree is not possible. However, the AIO training program can be a boon to late 20th-century organbuilding in terms of improved design, better workmanship, and finer voicing. Builders are thus urged to under-go the necessary course of study even if they do not intend to take exam-inations, since the knowledge gained will be of greater value than a cerinations, since the knowledge gained will be of greater value than a certificate of proficiency.

Each examination consists of a written part and an oral part. In the event of incorrect written answers, correct answers given to the same questions in the oral portion will override the written answers. The Master examination requires in addition that the candidate bring a complete design for an organ, with action of his choice, including all tonal information, scales, and the like. He must be prepared to defend the

various aspects of the design, especially the tonal ones. A score of 60% correct will be deemed adequate for the Journeyman qualification, while a score of 80% correct will be required of the Master, in addition to the organ-design requirement. In the event that a Journeyman aspirant achieves an 80% correct score or better, he will not be required to repeat the written portion at such future time as he may wish to try for the Master qualification.

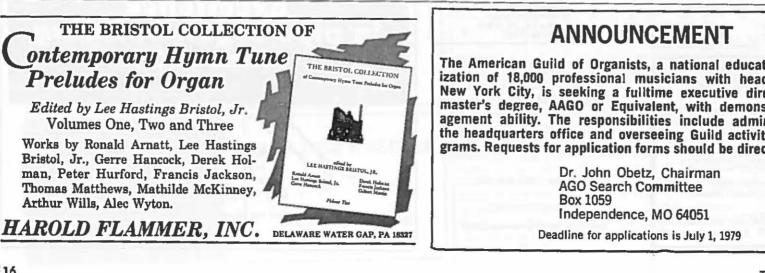
Since the AIO membership cannot help but include colleagues, employers, and employees, both past and present, individual examiners may be excused from participation in the oral examination of an associate, at his own request or that of the examinee.

Rules of the Examinations The entire examination will be "open book"; sliderules, calculators, books, and catalogs all may be used. Sharing such materials among par-ticipants is permitted, but discussion with others is not. None of the examination may be copied or taken from the examination area; all papers pertaining to the test must be turned in. Any cheating or giving of assistance will disqualify the candidate. A total of four hours will be allowed for the written examination.

The philosophy of the examination is not to trick anyone or make as difficult a test as possible but is, rather, to ascertain whether or not a person is knowledgeable in his craft. There is no style preference, as far as building styles are concerned, but questions will be asked about all styles.

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The Journeyman Examination The prerequisites for taking this examination are regular, charter, or associate membership in the AIO; completion of at least 3 years' ap-prenticeship, or the equivalent thereof, with reputable builders; submission of a resume; recommendation (nomination) by a regular or charter member of the AIO, or employer or head of firm of member firm of the ISO; and the filing of the application 90 days in advance of the examination date.

In addition to the written test covering general organ building men-tioned above, there will be an oral test covering the following:

- Basic planning and construction techniques of A. Windchests of at least one type,

 - B. Consoles of at least one type,
 - C. Wind systems of at least one type,
- D. Wood and metal pipes, and
- E. Action systems of at least one type;
- 2. Ability to read drawings (blueprints);
- 3. Ability to identify or describe pipes by shape/style; and

4. Ability to discuss intelligently the basic techniques of voicing, tuning, and service.

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 - 10. Sales and related costs;
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 - 2. Scaling and voicing,
 - 3. Drawings and blueprints, conceptual and final, and
 - 4. Layouts for chests, actions, etc.

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Etiquette for Young Recitalists

by Douglas Johnson

At a recent gathering of organists, conversation turned to experiences in hosting young recitalists. Everyone present was committed to providing opportunities for college students to begin performance careers. They also agreed that colleges today are produc-ing organists who play exceedingly well. However, so many had had unfortunate experiences in hosting young recitalists than one can conclude that, in developing the social aspects of a recitalist's role, young organists are mostly on their own.

The majority of troubling situations had been based in inexperience or thoughtlessness, and could be avoided if the young players were aware of the impressions they had made. Unfortunately my host-friends had been so busy being "good hosts" that none had being communicated their concern.

This then is addressed to young organists who are invited to play recitals in churches where they are not known. (A recital in a student's home church is a different matter.) When all items below are assembled into one list, the composite host appears a sensitive snob, and the composite student becomes an insensitive boor. Since neither composite exists, the following should be read simply for constructive ideas to improve professional relationships.

1. As a young guest recitalist, let your performance rather than your conversation say how good you are. To have an established musician who knows and appreciates your work is an asset. Do not spoil the possibility by coming on as a braggart. Enthu-siasm is fine, but attitudes or statements of superiority are hard to live up to.

2. When you first try the organ with your host present, examine the

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instrument sensibly. If it is a fine instrument, your host will want it ap-preciated; whether good or poor, your host will want it demonstrated effectively. Starting with full organ is not the best way to suggest that you are a perceptive listener sensitive to subtle registrational possibilities.

the registrational possibilities. 3. After your recital, write a note thanking your host for hospitality ex-tended. Whether you played with or without fee, your host should be thanked for personal attention. Well-known recitalists have long done this, and to omit a written acknowledge and to omit a written acknowledgement stamps you as less than profes-sional. Such followup communication can do much to make your appearance remembered with pleasure.

4. If you wish to have your per-4. If you wish to have your per-formance recorded, ask permission. Bringing in recording equipment or an engineer may not be appropriate in some churches. Or, it may not be necessary if your host has local re-cording facilities. Unless the local equipment is clearly inferior, you are likely to get a better true from a local likely to get a better tape from a local engineer who has experimented to find optimum microphone placement.

5. If you wish to use your tape in a public way (radio broadcast, for ex-ample), ask your host to evaluate your tape as a suitable representation of the church's musical program. Assuming that quality is satisfactory, the name of the church should be identified correctly. Do not substitute "cath-edral" for "church" just because acoustics are reverberant. 6. Do not later abuse the confi-

dence placed in you regarding access to the organ. If you revisit the church, greet the organist before you play the organ. Do not send friends to try the organ without their contacting the organist. More than courtesy is involved. When an instrument receives many visitors, the organist needs to know who is responsible for dislodged ivorics, salt deposits on keys, or worse. (A friend once found a pedal key snapped in two by an unknown visitor.)

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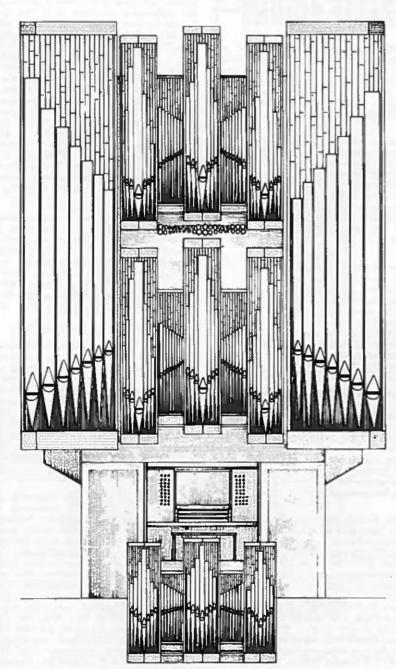
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The Kenneth Chorley Memorial Organ has two manuals and pedal (56/30), with 14 stops. It has mechanical action and is the 26th pipe organ at the college.

GREAT Spire Flute (prestant) 8' Principal 4' Doublet 2' Fourniture III Cromorne 8'

> POSITIVE Gedackt 8' Chimney Flute 4' Nazard 2-2/3' Cornet III Octave 2' Mixture II

> > PEDAL Subbass 16' Bourdon 8' Octave 4'





Fisk organ at Westminster Choir College

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The four-manual and pedal organ (56/30) having 50 stops will be installed in a remodeled gallery. It will have mechanical key action with electric stop and combination action. Manual sharps will be of boxwood with rosewood naturals; pedal sharps will be of oak with mansonia naturals. The case will be of solid and veneered oak.

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Artist drawing of Visser-Rowland orga



Summer Activities

Church Music Exploration, Garden Grove Community Church, CA, June 24-28. This fifth annual conference will provide church musicians with seminars and workshops dealing with the choir director, ¹ choir singer, minister of music, arranger, organist, handbell director, handbell ringer, and children's choir director. Faculty guests will include David and Marian Craighead, and Howard Swan, repettory sessions, an organ recital, and a production of Honegger's "King David" will be included. For further information, write Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership, Chapman Ave. and Lewis St., Garden Grove, CA 92640; (714) 971-4133.

Summer Organ Institute, Oberlin Colllege, June 24-July 8. The fifth annual institute will be under the direction of Garth Peacack, with guest faculty Fenner Dauglass ("French Organ Music of the Classical and Romantic Periods" and "The Organ Works of J. S. Bach") and Harald Vogel ("Late Renaissance and Early Baroque Keyboard Music"; "Performance Practices of the North German Baroque Style"; and "The Organ Works of J. S. Bach"). There will be four organ recitals during the Institute, which is scheduled to coincide with the eighth annual Baroque Performance Institute, Further information is available from Prof. Garth Peacack, Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH 44074; (216) 775-8246.

Summer Organ Academy, Winston-Salem, NC, June 25-June 29. Sponsored by Salem College and the NC School of the Arts, this fifth annual event will feature John O'Donnell ("National stylistic elements in the music of Bach, Froberger, Mulfat, and Kerll"; and "Symbolism in Bach's Canonic Variations") and Robert Hickok ("English Choral Music of the Renaissance and Baroque"). Further information is available from Department of Music, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

Organ Workshop in Performance and Service Playing, Lebanon Valley College, June 25-29. Daily private lessons and classes will be taught by Timothy Albrecht. For further information, contact Frank Stachow, coordinator, Summer Workshops, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA 17003.

Summer Institute of Church Music, Whitby, Canada, July 1-6. This tenth annual event will take place of the Ontario Ladies' College and will feature Larry Cortner (organ), Derai Johnson (chorol), Stanley Osborne and Thomas Smith (hymnology), and Clifford Hospital (chaplain). Further Information is available from director Kenneth W. Inkster, Box 688, Alliston, Ontario, Canada LOM 1AO.

English Handbell Ringers, Indiana University, July 9-13. This workshop for church musicians will include organization and equipment, literature survey, rehearsal and conducting techniques, and other areas related to handbells. David R. Davidson and Wallace Hornibrook will be the faculty. For further information, write Special Summer Sessions, School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Evergreen Conference, Colorado, July 9-14, July 16-21. The faculty will be Alastair Cassels-Brown, Alec Wyton, Jeffrey W. Rowthorn, and Richard Birney Smith; courses will Include liturgics, choral and organ techniques in the 20th century, congregational singing, hymn accompaniment, use of synthesizers, and anthem repertory. For further information, contact Evergreen Conference, P.O. Box 366, Evergreen, CO 80439.

The Baroque Keyboard, Denton, TX, July 9-13. Spansored by the North Texas State University School of Music, in cooperation with the University Park United Methodist Church of Dallas (whose new 3-46 Kern mechanical-action organ will be used), the workshop will deal with organ and harpsichord music of the 17th and 18th centuries. Guests Bernard Lagacé, Larry Palmer, Susan Ingrid Ferré, and George Gilliam will join resident faculty Charles Brown and Dale Peters. Further information may be obtained from Baroque Keyboard Workshop, P.O. Box 5344, N. T. Station, Denton, TX 76203; (B17) 788-2791. Creative Techniques for the Church Organist, Westminster Choir College, July 9-13. This workshop will feature Joan Lippincott, Gerre Hancock, Erik Routley, Jomes Litton, and Eugene Roan. Academic credit is available. For further information, contact Summer Sessions, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ 08540; (609) 924-7416.

Summer Workshops in Music, San Anselmo, CA, July 9-13. Austin Lovelace and Sr. Patricia Tang will be the guest faculty for these fifth annual sessions. Further information is available from Prof. Wilbur Russell, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 2 Kensington Rd., San Anselmo, CA 94960.

International Contemporary Organ Music Festival, University of Hartford, July 16-20. John Holtz and Edward Clark will direct this ninth annual event for organists and composers, which will include mini-workshops, lectures, discussions, and nightly concerts. Among the outstanding artists will be Donald Sutherland, Olly Wilson, the Karr-Lewis duo, Leonard Raver, and Phyllis Bryn-Julson. For application, write Douglas Jacksan, Director of Summerterm, Hartt College of Music, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfie'd Ave., West Hartford, CT.

Sacred Music Workshop, Chicago, July 16-21. The Second annual sessions of Sacred Music Lyceum and Workshop will be held this year at Zion Baptist Church, with the theme of "Done Made My Vow." Avon E. Walker Is director. For further Information, write Sacred Music Lyceum and Workshop, Inc., P.O. Box 7332, Chicago, IL 60680; (312) 651-2622.

Organ Playing, Art or Craft?, Northwestern University, July 16-20. The workshop will consider principles and aesthetics governing the performance of organ music from important historical periods. Guest faculty will be Middred Andrews Boggess ("Building Technique"; "Overcoming Technical Problems"; and "Interpretation of 20th-century French Literature"), Heinrich Fleischer ("Reger Interpretation and the School of Carl Straube"), Marilyn Mason ("The Commissioning of Organ Music" and "Contemporary Music: Analysis, Notation, and Interpretation"), and William Porter ("Early Fingering Practices" and "Articulation in Boroque Literature"). In addition to student recitals, Miss Mason will perform. For further information write James E. Moore, Summer Session Director, Northwestern University School of Music, Evanston, IL 60201.

Conference for Church Musicians, Green Lake, Wisc., July 21-28. This conference of the American Baptist Assembly will have a faculty consisting of John F. Wilson (choral clinician), Allen Pote (youth choir), Jane Ann Welch (children's choir), and Karel Paukert (organ). For information and brochure, write Jay Martin, president, Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians, Valley Forge, PA 19481.

Organ Performance Seminar, University of Tennessee, July 22-27. Under the direction of John Brock, the seminar is designed especially for church organists and college organ students. Participants will have daily masterclasses in service playing and repertory, plus related lecture-discussions. Academic credit is avoilable, and the university's 1978 Kney studio organ will be used. Further information is available from Department of Music, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37916.

Church Music Conference, University of Wisconsin, July 23-25. This conference at Madison will feature Alexander Peloquin, John Obetz, Maynard Klein, Russell Saunders, Fr. Columba Kelly OSB, Mabel Sample, Max Yount, Rev. Fr. Virgil Funk, Rev. Fr. Louis Weil, Rev. Dr. Gordon Lathrop, Karle Erickson, and Lawrence Kelliher. The university extension department will also sponsor workshops on music in the small church, July 5-6 at Wauwatosa, July 9-10 at La Crosse, July 12-13 at River Falls, and July 16-17 at Shawano; the faculty for these will be Arthur Cohrs, Arlyn Fuerst, and Edward Hugdahl. For further information, write UW-Extension Music, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706. Summer Festival, University of Michigan, July 23-28. Among many offerings, this fes-tival will include masterclasses by harpsi-chordist Gustav Leonhardt and organist Peter Williams. An additional session on fortepiano will be conducted by Malcolm Bilson, July 30-Aug. 11. Performers for all sessions will be chosen by tape-recorded audition. For further information, write Morris Risenhoover, assistant to the dean, School of Music, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Carillan Institute, Alfred University, July 22-27. This Institute, held on the 4-octave Davis Memorial Carillon, will be instructed by Robert Lodine, with assistance from Jo-anne Droppers. Further information is avail-able from Alfred University Carillon Insti-tute, P.O. Box 783, Alfred, NY 14802.

Vocal Arts of the Baroque, University of Maryland, July 16-Aug. 3. This performance-oriented symposium will center around Mon-teverdi and the early Italian Baroque, Bach and earlier German composers of religious works, and the age of Handel. Among the large faculty will be harpsichordists Kenneth Cooper, Riley Lewis, and James Weaver; and musicologists William Gudger, George Houle, and Alfred Mann. Further informa-tion is available from Patricia A. Grim, Of-fice of Summer Programs, University of Mary-land, College Park, MD 20742.

Summer Institute in Early Music, Boston University, July 1-Aug. 10. Directed by Mur-ray Lefkowitz, Instruction will be available in many phases of early music performance. Elizabeth Hagenah will teach fortepiano, and Mark Kroll will be the harpsichord instructor. For further information, write Boston University School of Music, 855 Common-wealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215; (617) 353-3345

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Institute of Church Music, Colby College, Maine, Aug. 19-25. This institute, now in its Adine, Aug. 19-22. This institute, now in its 24th year, will include Thomas Richner (or-gan, plano), Wilma Jensen (organ work-shops), Helen Kemp (junior choir), John Kemp (senior choir), Jock Grove (handbells), Adel Meint (choite the and intermediate permission) Heinrich (beginning and intermediate organ), and Samuel Walters (service playing). Ac-tivities will include workshops, exhibits, and recitals. For further information, write Thelma McInnis, Colby College, Waterville, Thelma Ma ME 04901.

Adu't Music Conference, Interlochen, Mich., Adult Music Conterence, Interiocnen, Mich., Aug. 21-28. Among the many offerings will be harpsichord performance (George Luck-tenberg) and harpsichard construction (Rich-ard Kingstan). For more information, contact Special Events Office, National Music Camp, Interlochen, MI 49643; (616) 276-9221.

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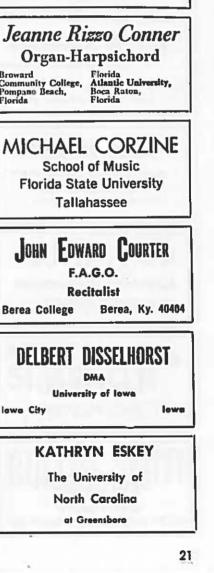
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The deadline for this calendar is the 10th of the preceding month (June 10 for July issue). All events are assumed to be organ recitals unless otherwise indicated and are grouped east-west and north-south within each date, * = AGO event; + = RCCO event, Calendar information should include artist name or event, date, location, and hour; incomplete ination cannot be accepted. THE DI-APASON regrets that it cannot assume responsibility for the accuracy of calendar entries.

> UNITED STATES East of the Mississippi

5 JUNE

*Todd Wilson with instruments; Colvary Episcopal, Cincinnati, OH 8:30 pm Gillian Weir; St Johns Episcopal, Detroit,

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James Christie; Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

Mary Gay Craig, Marshall Madrigals; St Johns Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 12 noon

Harriet Coppoc, flute; Central Presbyter-ian, Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

8 JUNE

Martin Requiem, Stravinsky Canticum Sacrum; St Pauls Church, Cambridge, MA pm Robert Munns; Chevy Chose Presbyterian, Washington, DC 8 pm

9 JUNE

Thomas Richner; Olcott House, Charlestown, NH 8 pm

10 JUNE

Steven Massoud, piano; Trinity Church, Newport, RI 4 pm Samuel Carabetta; St Joseph Cathedral,

Hartford, CT 3 pm Music for brass, choir, organ, timpani; St

Philips Episcopal, New York, NY 3 pm Rollin Smith; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 5:15 pm

J Melvin Butler with harp; Old 1st Pres-byterian, Rochester, NY 3:30 pm Timothy Zimmerman; Washington Cathe-dral, DC 5 pm

11 JUNE

Frederick Swann, workshop; U of Ohia, Columbus, OH 9-10:30 am & 1:30-3 pm

13 JUNE

Lawrence Young; Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm McNeil Robinson; St Mary the Virgin, New

York, NY 8 pm Vocal recital; St Johns Church, Washing-

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

OH 12 noon Robert Hawkins; Central Presbyterian, Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

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St Johns College Choir; Washington Cath-

edral, DC 8 pm Lisa Crawford, harpsichord, with bass-baritone; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 8:30 pm

17 JUNE

- Herbert Smith, plano; St Philips Episcopal, New York, NY 3 pm Samuel Corabetta; St Thomas Church, New
- York, NY 4:45 pm Stephen Smith; St Patricks Cathedral, New York, NY 4 pm
- Trinity Toledo Choir; All Saints Episcopal, Frederick, MO 10 am

Trinity Toledo Choir; Washington Cathe-dral, DC 3:30 pm Karen Barr; Washington Cathedral, DC 5 pm

Joseph Galema; Central Presbyterian, Lafayette, IN 4 pm Diccesan Choir Festival; St James Cathe-

dral, Chicago, IL 6 pm

18 **JUNE**

Frederick Swann, workshop; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, MD 2-4 pm Clyde Holloway; Mil'ar Chapel, North-western U, Evanston, IL 8:15 pm

19 IUNE

Frederick Swann; Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Ba'timore, MD 8:15 pm Herman Berlinski, lecture; 1st Presbyterian, Deerfield, IL 2 pm

20 JUNE

- Sheryl Sebo: Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm Handbell concert; 1st Presbyterian, Red
- Bank, NJ 8 pm Harold Wills; St Johns Presbyterian, Wash
- ington, DC 12:10 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland,

OH 12 noon Mary Saxon, soprano Central Presbyterian, Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

21 JUNE

Robert Glasgow; Sage Chapel, Cornell U, Ithaca, NY 1:30 pm

23 JUNE

*Region I competition; 1st Methodist, Pitts-field, MA am

St Johns College Choir; Christ Cothedral, Indianapolis, IN 4 pm

24 JUNE

Bernard Lagacé, organ & harpsichord; Mel-Ion Art Center, Wallingford, CT 8 pm Eugene W Hancock, St Philips Episcopal,

New York, NY 3 pm Mary Beth Bennett; St Thomas Church, New York, NY 4 pm Charles Tomkins; Washington Cathedral,

DC 5 pm Eileen Guenther; National Shrine, Wash-ington, DC 7 pm

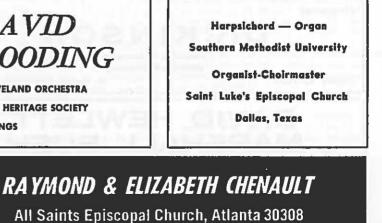
David Mulbury, all-Bach; U of Cincinnati, OH 8:30 pm

25 JUNE

*Peter Hurford; St Pauls Episcopal, Al-bany, NY 4:30 pm *Robert Glasgow; All Saints Cathedral, Albany, NY 3 pm

Eilabeth Naegele; Moody Bible Inst, Chicago, IL 7:30 pm

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26 JUNE

*Robert Glasgow, workshops; All Saints Cathedral, Albany, NY Richard Hass; St Salvator Lutheran, Venedv. IL 8 pm

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9 JUNE

Bach festival; Clapp Hall, Iowa City, IA

Ronald Wyatt, Bach festival; 1st Presby-

27 JUNE

Barbara Bruhns; Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

Helen Penn: St Johns Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm Karel Paukert; Art Museum, Cleveland,

OH 12 noon Larry Dunning, piano; Central Presbyter-ian, Lafayette, IN 12:05 pm

29 JUNE

Mireile Lagacé, harpsichord, all-Bach; Mel-Ion Art Center, Walingford, CT 8 pm

1 JULY

David V Cox; St Joseph Cathedral, Hart-ford, CT 3 pm Roberta Gary; Choate Rosemary Hall,

Wallingford, CT 8 pm St Johns College Choir; St Thomas Church,

New York, NY 4 pm Joseph W Galema Jr; National Shrine,

Washington, DC 7 pm Oberlin Baroque Institute members; Art Museum, Cleveland, OH 3 pm

4 JULY

Michael Ambrose; Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm John Rose; Trinity College, Hartford, CT

5 pm

6 JULY Bernard Lagacé; Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT 8 pm

7 JULY

Jane Bourdow & Barbara Taylor; Christ Church, Alexandria, VA 5 pm

- 8 JULY
- Edwin Godshalt Jr; National Shrine, Washington, DC 7 pm

9 JULY Recital; 1st Presbyterion, Red Bank, NJ 7:30 pm

10 JULY John Weaver; Riverside Church, New York, NY 7 pm

11 JULY

Max Miller; Music Hall, Methuen, MA 8:30 pm

Edward Godshall; St Johns Church, Washington, DC 12:10 pm

Vocal recital; Central Presbyterian, La-fayette, IN 12:05 pm F4 JULY

Thomas Scheck; Christ Church, Alexan-

dria, VA 5 pm William Holt, piano; Central Presbyteron, Lafavette, IN 8 pm

15 JULY Arthur Vidrich with trumpets; National Shrine, Washington, DC 7 pm

> UNITED STATES West of the Mississippi

Bach festival; Clopp Hall, Iowa City, IA 8 pm Ronald Wyatt, Bach festival; 1st Presbyterian, Victoria, TX 8:15 pm 10 JUNE Haydn Creation; Central Presbyterian, Kansas City, MO 4 pm William Teague; Presbyterian Church, La Jolla, CA 4 pm 11 JUNE Marilyn Keiser; St Michaels & All Angels, Kansas City, MO 8:30 pm 12 JUNE George Ritchie; All Saints Lutheran, Kansas City, KS 8:30 pm **13 JUNE** *John Obetz; RLDS Auditorium, Independence, MO 3 pm 17 JUNE Havdn Nelson Mass; Immanuel Presbyter ion, Los Angeles, CA 7 pm 20 JUNE Susan Ferré: Trinity Episcopal, Tulsa, OK 1:30 pm Gerre Hancock; 1st Presbyterian, Tulsa, OK 8:15 pm 24 JUNE Paul Riedo; St Thomas Aquinas RC, Dollas, TX B:15 pm 25 JUNE David & Marian Craighead; Community Church, Garden Grave, CA 8 pm *McNeil Robinson; Central Union Church, Honolulu, HI 27 JUNE *McNeil Robinson, masterclass; Lutheran Church, Honolulu, HI 28 JUNE David Herman: Kansas State U. Manhattan, KS 8 pm Honegger King David; Community Church, Garden Grove, CA 8 pm 29 JUNE Robert Anderson; Caruth aud, Southern Methodst U, Dallas, TX 8:15 pm 7 JULY Joan Lippincott; U of Oregon, Eugene, OR 8:30 pm 9 JULY John Obetz; 1st Presbyterian, Hayes, KS

7:30 pm 10 JULY

John Obetz, masterclass; Ft Hays State U, Hovs, KS 9 am (Continued overleaf)

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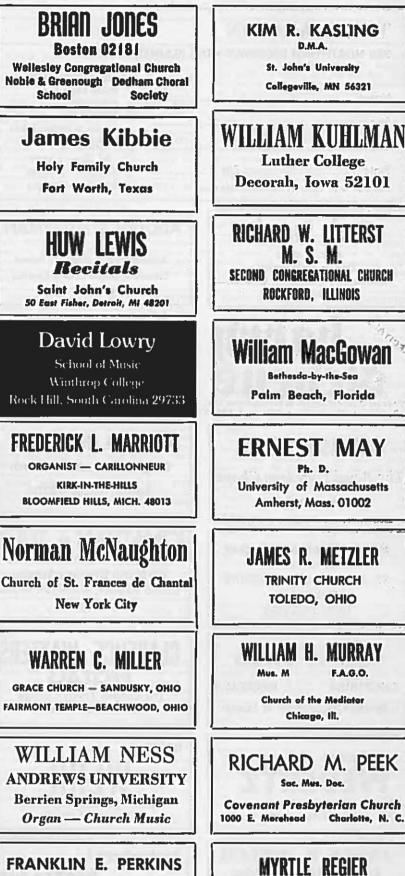
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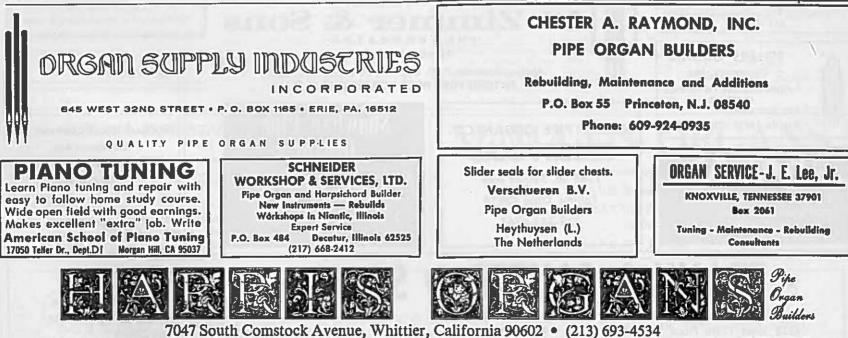
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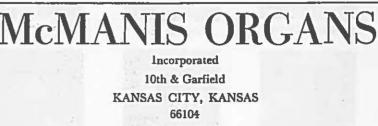
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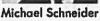




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