



Jim's Jottings

by Dean, James J. Lytton, ChM



Many thanks to those of you who sent cards or e-mail on the passing of my mother. She was 91 and had led a good life, doing a lot of things that one would not necessarily expect for a girl from Fairbury, Nebraska. Her last few years required her to have a Tabitha person with her 24 hours a day, not real pleasant, in my opinion. So her passing was a real blessing and was as good as any death of a loved one could be.

The chapter board met March 19 to accept, with regret, the resignation of Pam Penner as treasurer of the chapter. The board has appointed Sinda Dux as interim treasurer until such time as we can identify a new treasurer. The board did identify some possible candidates to fill the treasurer's position. The slate of officers should have been in this newsletter, but these things take some time.

The International Year of the Organ continues well. Samuel Gaskin's recital on March 15 was quite successful and we had a good turnout to hear this very exceptionally-talented 17-year old. He should have a good future ahead of him.

The International Year of the Organ has generated some unusual expenses and the board has decided to pay those expenses from some of the chapter's invested funds. But, the board has also made it very clear that we will repay those funds as quickly as possible. Several things are happening and some of the money has already been replaced. We are also working to identify donors to pay for some of the upcoming concerts.

One way to raise some money is that I am willing to donate \$1,000 to the chapter, PROVIDING that money is matched by chapter members or friends. I am able to do this because of some money that has come from my mother's estate. I know that not everyone can donate a large sum, but if we can get \$5, \$10, or \$25 from a number of people, we can make the goal and the chapter will have \$2,000 more in the bank. If you are interested in making a donation, please send a check payable to Lincoln Chapter AGO – Sinda Dux, 2301 Southwest 18th

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PEDALS and PIPES – An ORGAN and ORCHESTRA EXTRAVAGANZA

Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3,
First-Plymouth Congregational Church
2000 D Street, 7:30 p.m. each evening



We salute the
Lincoln Symphony
Orchestra for

planning this exciting program to help us celebrate the International Year of the Organ. Conductor Edward Polochick (full disclosure: I've known Ed since he was a freshman at Swarthmore College and a protégé of a Westminster Choir College friend of mine) will conduct two of the great pieces of the organ/orchestral repertoire: *Symphonie No. 3 (the "Organ Symphony")* by Camille Saint-Saëns and the *Symphonie Concertante* by Joseph Jongen. Jeremy Bankson, Interim Director of Music at First-Plymouth and Dr. Christopher Marks, Assistant Professor of Organ at UNL will be the respective soloists.



Lied Organ at
First-Plymouth

Special ticket information: Please note that this is not a Lincoln Chapter event, but part of the LSO's regular subscription series. Tickets are priced at \$28, \$38, and \$48. There will be assignment of rows at these graduated prices, but not specific seats in each row. However, as the Lincoln AGO is a supporting sponsor of the Lincoln Symphony, you may deduct \$15 from each of these price levels. Therefore, tickets for Lincoln AGO members will be \$13, \$23, or \$33! Call the LSO at 402.476.2211 and **identify yourself as an AGO member** to purchase your tickets. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Don't wait! This will be a highlight of our special year. Combine a great orchestra, a great organ, great soloists, great music, and great acoustics and you have the makings of a truly memorable evening. †

by Jim Hejduk

■ DEAN

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Street, Lincoln, NE 68522-1923.

Please keep an eye out for a mailing in April about an event that will take place on May 3 and please keep that date open. Details to follow.

And don't forget that early in April, the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra will be presenting two concerts at First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) featuring the organ and the skills of Jeremy Bankson and Dr. Christopher Marks – music of Saint-Saëns and Jongen. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear these works in a great venue. And because the Lincoln chapter has a partnership with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, members of the AGO will receive \$15 off of every ticket. While this is not an "official" event of the International Year of the Organ, it certainly fits in with the programs that are being presented by the chapter and by Lincoln Organ Showcase. I lived in the Washington, D.C. area when Rostropovich was the musical director of the National Symphony Orchestra. Rostropovich refused to have anything to do with the organ. When Leonard Slatkin was appointed musical director to succeed him, the first program included the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony. So we are very lucky to have this opportunity to hear these works in Lincoln.

And please keep in mind the hymn festival with Robert Hobby at Grace Lutheran Church on April 26, the recital by Annette Richards at Cornerstone Chapel on May 17 and the recital by the Faulkners at St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church on June 7. The recital by the Faulkners will be the last program in the International Year of the Organ as it ends on June 30, 2009.

And next year is back to business as usual. We will have a member's recital, a student recital, a choral workshop, an organ workshop, among other programs. We will have a special recital by three of the students who were in Lincoln for the Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced (POEA) last summer. That recital will be the Vivian Lytton Memorial Recital and will be funded by my family in memory of my mother, who had been an organist for a small part of her life.

If you have any questions or comments about the things that are happening in our chapter, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. My telephone number is 402.421.0975 and my e-mail address is: jlytton@gmail.com. †

Robert Hobby, Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 26 – 4:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

2225 Washington, Lincoln

Robert Hobby has spent all of his life in Indiana. He was particularly attracted to music at a very early age. The son of a Lutheran pastor, Mr. Hobby grew up in a church music environment and began his career as an organist at age 10 at his father's church in Columbia City, Indiana.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in church music from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and a master's degree in organ performance

from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, he became Associate Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and three

years later, upon the retirement of Richard Carlson, he was named Director of Music.

Among the numerous activities during his tenure, Trinity Church has established a choral series with seventeen composers commissioned thus far, hosted a regional convention of the Association of Lutheran Church

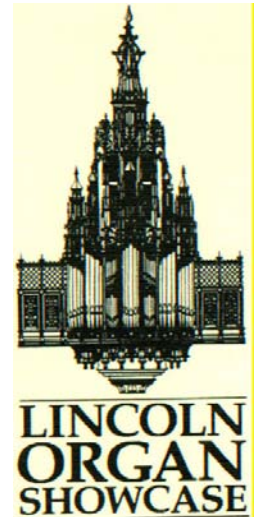
Musicians, produced four recordings, and expanded the opportunities for music ministry, including a youth choir of forty teenagers.

As a performer and clinician, Mr. Hobby keeps an active schedule throughout the United States. He has played for several of the national conventions of the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada and for both national and regional conventions of the Association of the Lutheran Church Musicians and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Ticket Hotline: 402.421.0975 †



Robert Hobby



THE LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS WORKING TO FIND A DATE TO RESCHEDULE THE JOHN SCOTT RECITAL THAT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER LAST FEBRUARY. MORE INFORMATION FORTHCOMING.

Penner to Play "Meditations"



Pam Penner, CAGO, will play the *Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ* by John Huston on GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 7:00 PM at Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Drive, Lincoln.



Pam Penner

The service will consist of this organ work by Huston, interspersed with other Scripture readings and meditations, art work depicting the crucifixion, and other special music. †

Student Organ Recitals

Three student members of the Lincoln Chapter AGO who are studying organ with Dr. Christopher Marks at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be playing organ recitals to be held over the next few weeks:

► **Saturday, March 28, 7:00 PM**

John Ross, UNL master's recital
First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.)
2000 D Street, Lincoln

► **Thursday, April 16, 7:00 PM**

Michael Emmerich, UNL junior recital
First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.)
2000 D Street, Lincoln

► **Sunday, April 19, 3:00 PM**

Christopher Lyons, UNL junior recital
Saint Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M Street, Lincoln †

First Friday Concert Series Jen Bailey, Flute April 3 – 12:10 PM

Saint Paul United Methodist Church 1144 M Street, Lincoln

Jen will perform works by J.S. Bach and Robert Schumann for flute & piano with Nancy Schoen, as well as Celtic & sacred pieces for flute and harp with Jennifer Buehler, and a jazzy flute duet by Gary Schocker, with her husband, John Bailey.

Jennifer Bailey currently teaches private flute, piano, and beginning band lessons out of her home studio. She is co-director of the Saint Paul United Methodist Church Children Choirs and accompanies the adult praise choir. Jennifer performs with Jennifer Buehler in the Prairie Flute & Harp Duo, her husband, John, in the Bailey Flute Duo, and with Jennifer Buehler and Margaret Nelson in the One Flute & Two Harps Trio.

The concert is free and open to the public. †

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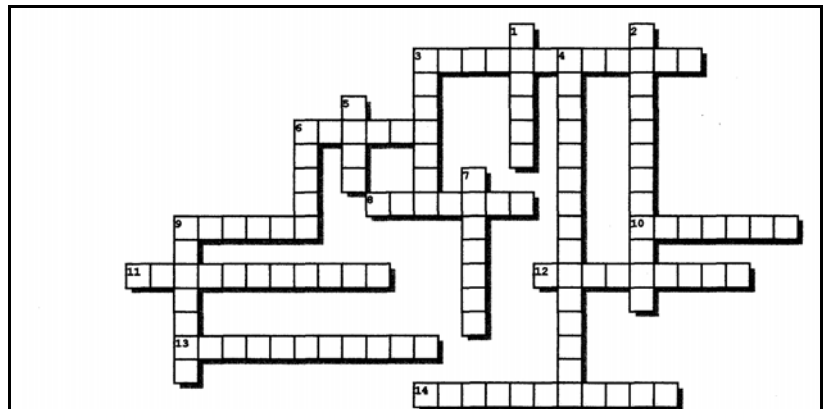
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Organ Puzzle Fun #1

by Susie Cook

[answers next month]



| Across | Down |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 3 - harmonium used in Oedipus | 1 - Widor 5th key signature |
| 6 - female organ composer | 2 - specific gravity of tin |
| 8 - wave-theorist | 3 - 4' octave trumpet |
| 9 - musical sentence | 4 - lovely-toned covered stop |
| 10 - oboe stop | 5 - Virgil's middle name |
| 11 - open 8' string tone | 6 - sweetly |
| 12 - nimble fingers | 7 - public chapel in Siena |
| 13 - first to use recitative in organ compositions | 9 - Harmonics writer |
| 14 - year organs first used in churches | |

May Chiff Chat & Deadline



The next deadline for the May issue of *Chiff Chat* is later than normal – April 29. The editor will be back from Europe late April 29th and will edit the newsletter on April 30 and send to the printer. **NEXT DEADLINE April 29** – see details in the calendar of events. †

Special Event

Please watch your mailboxes for the announcement of a special event that will be taking place on May 3. Mark your calendars, now. Details will be forthcoming by mail in April. †



AGO Meeting

While there is not an "official" AGO meeting in April, you can see in this newsletter, that there are plenty of events to attend during April. Our next "official" AGO meeting will be in June with the Faulkners in concert at St. Mark's on the Campus. Stay tuned. †



HAPPY EASTER

– CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

MARCH

- 28 1:30 PM **RCYO COMPETITION** – AGO members are encouraged to attend the student competition – Church of the Holy Trinity, Episcopal – 6001 A Street, Lincoln
 7:00 PM **STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL** – John Ross, UNL master's recital – First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) – 2000 D Street, Lincoln

APRIL

- 2/3 7:30 PM **PEDALS & PIPES – AN ORGAN & ORCHESTRA EXTRAVAGANZA** – Dr. Christopher Marks & Jeremy Bankson, Organists with Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra – First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) – 2000 D Street, Lincoln
 3 12:10 PM **FIRST FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES** – Jen Bailey, Flute – Saint Paul United Methodist Church – 1144 M Street, Lincoln
 10 7:00 PM **Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ** – Pam Penner, Organist – Eastridge Presbyterian Church – 1145 Eastridge Drive, Lincoln
 12 **HAPPY EASTER**
 16 7:00 PM **STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL** – Michael Emmerich, UNL junior recital – First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) – 2000 D Street, Lincoln
 19 3:00 PM **STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL** – Christopher Lyons, UNL junior recital – Saint Paul United Methodist Church – 1144 M Street, Lincoln
 26 4:00 PM **LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE** – Robert Hobby, Hymn Festival Organist – Grace Lutheran Church – 2225 Washington, Lincoln
 29 **DEADLINE for May issue of Chiff Chat** – Mike Veak; 536 Pier 2; Lincoln, NE 68528-1461; Phone: 402.817.0830; E-mail: mveak@neb.rr.com – **NOTE:** This deadline is later than the normal 20th of the month.

MAY

- 3 4:00 PM **ABENDMUSIK:LINCOLN** – A Spring Choral Spectacular – First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) – 2000 D Street, Lincoln
 3 **SPECIAL AGO EVENT** – Save the date – Details coming by mail in April



A program of music for the king of instruments – Sundays at 8:30 p.m. – KZUM 89.3 FM

A Spring Choral Spectacular

Sunday, May 3 – 4:00 PM

First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.)

2000 D Street, Lincoln

Treating audiences to a perfect combination of something old and something new is another ABENDMUSIK:LINCOLN tradition. According to Jeremy Bankson, interim director of music at First-Plymouth, this season's closing choral spectacular showcases the ABENDMUSIK Chorus, Doane College Choir and the ABENDMUSIK Chamber Orchestra in two magnificent works. A beloved favorite, John Rutter's *Requiem* is paired with the Nebraska premier of Andrew Carter's *Song of Stillness* in a harmonious journey from familiar comfort to enriching innovation.

Ticket prices: \$20.00; \$15.00; \$10.00 – Call 402.476.9933 to purchase tickets. †



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