

LUKE 2: 1-20 (KING JAMES VERSION)

- 1And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
2(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
3And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
17And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



CHAPTER OPERATING PROCEDURES

by James J. Lytton, ChM

Most chapters of the American Guild of Organists operate under a set of guidelines that are coordinated by the national office. Those guidelines used to be called "Bylaws" but are now known as Chapter Operating Procedures. You board has been working on generating a set of Chapter Operating Procedures. These operating procedures have been approved by the board, which is the first step.

The next step is for the Chapter Operating Procedures to be approved by the chapter membership. Therefore, we will have a vote at the regular chapter meeting on February 18, following the potluck dinner. This meeting will be held at First-Plymouth

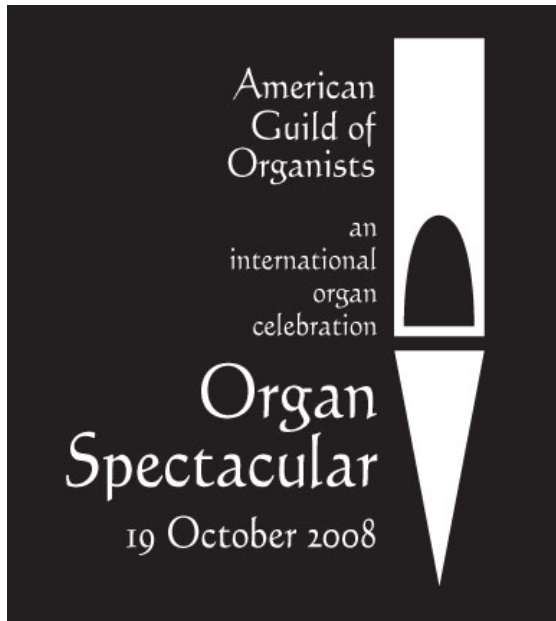


Congregational Church (U.C.C.) at 20th at D Street.

The Chapter Operating Procedures tell us how to run our chapter. Your vote is very important. Please plan to be present for this meeting.

A copy of the new Chapter Operating Procedures will be available on the chapter's Web site:

<http://www.agolincoln.org>. Copies will also be available at the meeting in February. ☆



TASK FORCE: Gene Bedient – Dr. John Friesen – Jim Hejduk – Jim Lytton, ChM – Joy Maag – Chair, Pam Penner, CAGO – Laura Trotta – Mike Veak

NEW IN 2008

The executive board has been discussing cutting costs in the mailing of the *Chiff Chat*. One way to do that is for members to receive it by electronic mail, rather than in their USPS mail box.

If you would like to begin receiving your monthly newsletter via e-mail, please notify Mike Veak, editor of *Chiff Chat*, at mveak@neb.rr.com, and he will be happy to send it to you electronically.

Be aware that the files (in PDF format) are rather large – the November issue was 2,342 KB – so it will take some time to download the file. If you do not have a high-speed Internet connection, your better choice might be to continue receiving your newsletter by regular mail.

It goes without saying that persons not having an e-mail account will continue to receive the newsletter in their mailbox.

In order for this to take effect for the January



issue, please notify Mike Veak between now and December 15. ☆

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

by Dick Morris

The committee for the "Myron J. Roberts Retrospective" AGO program to be held May 18 at Church of the Holy Trinity, Episcopal, is in the planning stages. It is hoped that sufficient students of Myron will come forward to play, direct and accompany. However, we would welcome additional performers, as needed, to assure a quality and complete program . . . **A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY VOLUNTEERED, BUT WE STILL NEED MORE.**

It is hoped that the choir will consist of singers from the three churches in Lincoln that Myron served: First-Plymouth Church, Holy Trinity Church, Cathedral of the Risen Christ.

The program follows in a chronological sequence:

- The choral pieces were written for specific events at churches where Myron served as organist and one piece commissioned by the Lincoln Chapter, AGO.
- The organ pieces were those mentioned, specifically by Myron, in an article by Anthony Antolini in the June 1997 issue of *The American Organist* magazine. A few additional organ pieces were selected for specific reasons.
- This proposed program is open to change depending on the response of the performers and length of performance:
 - ▶ 1949 – In Memoriam
 - ▶ 1958 – Litany
 - ▶ 1961 – Prelude and Trumpetings
 - ▶ 1964 – Improvisation on the Agincourt Hymn
 - ▶ 1965 – CHORAL – O Lord, We Beseech Thee
 - ▶ 1966 – CHORAL – Psalm 24
 - ▶ 1968 – Improvisation on "God Rest You Merry" – a revision of the 1939 original
 - ▶ 1969 – Pastorale and Aviary
 - ▶ 1973 – Nova
 - ▶ 1975 – Five for Organ and Marimba (only one or two sections)
 - ▶ 1976 – "Blessed Assurance" Variations
 - ▶ 1977 – CHORAL – "Alleluia"
 - ▶ 1988 – Homage to Perotin – a revision of the 1956 original
 - ▶ 1991 – CHORAL – I Will Give Thanks (It is appropriate to close with a work commissioned by the Lincoln Chapter, AGO, in honor of long-time member, Mary Alice Snider)

We need the following from you:

- ✓ I am interested in performing on the program and would be interested in playing or directing:
 - solo organ – name of piece
 - choral director
 - accompanist
 - sing in the choir
- ✓ Names of people who studied organ with Myron. [It would be good to think of the names of those persons in your class that studied organ, and give those names to Dick, when calling.]
- ✓ Call Dick Morris to indicate your interest and the names of those who studied with Myron – 402.261.3104 – crichardmo@yahoo.com

***The committee reserves the right to select the performers based on the number of people interested in playing and the piece(s) to be performed.



CALL OR E-MAIL NOW!

HELGEN ADVENT FESTIVAL

by Denise Makinson, Director of Music

Prepare your heart for Christmas with music from Southwood’s vocal choirs and John Helgen, guest musician and composer from Minneapolis. Enjoy special music from the choirs and lots of opportunities to sing along with both familiar and fresh Christmas music. Southwood Lutheran Church; 9300 South 40th Street, Lincoln. **December 9** – with services at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM & 11:00 AM. ☆



John Helgen

PRO ORGANO CD RELEASE

BRAVO DOLCE! – The Schoenstein Organ at First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln
DR. JOHN CUMMINS, Organist

Frederick Hohman, producer, says the Schoenstein organ at First-Plymouth Congregational Church (U.C.C.) in Lincoln is a flagship instrument of Schoenstein and Company. It has been recorded many times since its installation 10 years ago. I believe that this new Pro Organo CD – BRAVO DOLCE! – will find its rightful place as the definitive recording of this fabulous organ on several counts.

To purchase a CD (\$15), contact John Cummins at 402.476.7565. ☆



First Friday Concert Series

Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M Street, Lincoln, will host the third concert of the 2007-2008 *First Friday Concert*

series Friday, December 7. The concert, featuring John Friesen on the organ, will begin at 12:10 PM.

Dr. Friesen will play the *Nutcracker Suite* by Petr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Concert attendees will be invited to join in singing Christmas carols. Numerous nutcrackers will be available for viewing.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are welcomed.

A light lunch consisting of soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage will be available for \$5 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served in Paine Parlor, adjacent to the sanctuary. ☆



Add this new member to your membership directory:

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MEMBERS' RECITAL PAST

For those of you who missed the AGO members’ recital on November 12, here is the program in a shortened version . . .

Jeremy Bankson

When in our music God is glorified Craig Phillips, (1961 -)

John Ross

Pastorale and Aviary Myron J. Roberts, (1912 – 2004)

Joy Maag

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing (“Azmon”) Lynn Arthur Koch(1954 -)

Gene Bedient

Toccatina in d-minor, BWV 538 Johann Sebastian Bach, (1685 – 1750)

Loretta Love

Lo, how a rose is growing Charles W. Ore, (1936 -)

Michael Emmerich

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 (*Das Orgelbüchlein*) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Lied, Op. 31, No. 17 (*Twenty-Four Pieces in Free Style*) Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

Jim Hejduk

Sonata de 1o tono José Lidón, (1752 – 1827)

Bolero de concert, Op. 16 Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817 – 1869)

Darrell Fluehr

Magnificat VI – Gloria/Finale, Op. 18, No. 15 (*Fifteen Pieces*) . . Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)

Special thanks to: Sara Schott, Sandi Knippelmeyer, Robert Stimbert of Grace Lutheran Church

Reception provided by Sinda Dux ☆



— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

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



NOVEMBER	22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER	2	4:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols – Christ Chapel – Soup supper to follow – Grace Lutheran Church – 2225 Washington Street, Lincoln
	7	12:10 PM First Friday Concert Series – Dr. John Friesen, Organist – “The Nutcracker Suite” – Saint Paul United Methodist Church – 1144 M Street, Lincoln
	9	All morning Advent Worship Festival with John Helgen – Services at 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM – Southwood Lutheran Church – 9300 South 40th Street, Lincoln
		2:30 PM Concert of Music for Advent and Christmas – Jean Farrer, Organist; Zion English Hand Bell Choir – J. Gordon Christensen, Director – McCook Community Chorus, Evie Caldwell and Larry Johnson, Directors – Reception following concert – Zion Lutheran Church – 1305 Broadway, Imperial, NE
		(MST)
		7:00 PM Christmas Handbell Concert featuring the Bells of Grace (Grace Lutheran Church) and First Christian Church’s Adult Handbell Choir, as well as other guest instrumentalists – First Christian Church – 16th at K Street, Lincoln
	15	DEADLINE for JANUARY issue of <i>Chiff Chat</i> – Mike Veak; 536 Pier 2; Lincoln, NE 68528-1461; Phone: 402.817.0830; E-mail: mveak@neb.rr.com
	15	7:00 PM ABENDMUSIK:LINCOLN – An Abendmusik Christmas featuring the Plymouth Brass and members of the Lincoln Youth Symphony – First-Plymouth Church – 20th at D Street,
	16	4:00 PM Lincoln
	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY		
	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
	7	7:00 PM AGO Board Meeting – First Lutheran Church – 1551 South 70th Street, Lincoln
	12	10:00 AM January AGO Meeting – Martin Jean Workshop – First Presbyterian Church – 840 South 17th Street, Lincoln

ABENDMUSIK LINCOLN

Saturday, December 15, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Join us for a performance of two famous settings of the *Gloria in excelsis* by Vivaldi and Rutter. We are especially excited about having the young musicians from the Lincoln Youth Symphony as the orchestra for the Vivaldi, and it is always a pleasure to have our own Plymouth Brass with us for Rutter’s lively, enjoyable work. The women of the Abendmusik Chorus will thrill you with their angelic voices. There will also be favorite carols for the audience to join in singing with the chorus and instruments, as well.

(Sponsored by Robert and Lorraine Lau and Dorothy Schwartzkopf) ☆

**GLORIA! – AN ABENDMUSIK CHRISTMAS
FEATURING THE PLYMOUTH BRASS AND
MEMBERS OF THE LINCOLN YOUTH SYMPHONY**



... to **Dr. Quentin Faulkner, AAGO**, and honorary lifetime member of the Lincoln Chapter AGO, for his article entitled “CAGO Baroque Repertoire” that appeared on pages 72-73 in the November issue of *The American Organist* magazine.

... to **Laura Trotta** who won the concerto competition at UNL this year. She will be playing a concerto with the UNL Orchestra sometime in March. ☆

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