



From the Dean

by Gerald Holbrook

With the New Year there often comes a desire to begin something new, or bring about a change. This can be very exciting and rewarding, and it is always good to give ourselves new positive challenges. Sometimes challenges and changes come from other sources and they don't appear to be quite as positive. Then the task becomes that of turning them into positives. Much easier said than done, I agree, but not impossible.

Speaking of challenges . . .

Radio station KUCV (Nebraska Public Radio Network) has dropped Pipedreams. It is no longer being aired on this station. Interestingly enough, this program has been funded through July 2003!

NPRN says "The changes being made to our program schedule will help us to permanently reduce our program acquisitions budget, a necessary step in absorbing an 8% cut in funding from the State."

I'm sorry, I'm having a problem with this. When a program is underwritten, why do other funding cuts warrant dropping the program? Also, what is meant by permanent reduction of program acquisitions budget? Does this mean that NPRN wants to permanently downsize to where they are offering only community talk shows and music by request programs (after all, they would only have to pay their announcers with this kind of

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Bedient Organ Company

AGO Meeting

Saturday, February 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Bedient Organ Company

Gene Bedient, Presenter

- i See two new organs at the Bedient shop.
- i A new organ for St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Rogers, Arkansas
- i A rebuild of a historic Steere and Turner organ from 1887 for First Presbyterian Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
- i Gene Bedient will give a presentation on the considerations and comparisons about rebuilding an old organ vs. building a new organ.V



Gene Bedient

Soli Deo Gloria Cantorum

"ETERNAL MYSTERY" . . . exploring the mystery, awe and reverence of the human connection to God as recorded in poetry and music through the ages and by our contemporaries.

First Presbyterian Church
840 South 17th Street

Sunday, March 2
4:00 p.m.

Advance tickets at church office: 402.477.6037v

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programming)?

I feel that NPRN is holding back and not telling us what is really going on — what I would term “dissembling.”

I’ll be the first to admit I know little about the radio world, but I do know something about money. When a quality program is cut even though it is funded, something is “rotten in Denmark!” I don’t buy it!

So what do we do? Write letters. Ask questions, complain the loss of “Pipedreams,” and let them know you care about this program. Spread the word! Get a letter campaign going. Make a big deal about this. A good way to get more support is through your churches! Talk to your pastor, bring it to the attention of your members — even make it easy for them by preparing a form letter of complaint that all they need to do is sign and send. Barrage NPRN with letters. Let them know their action is unacceptable!

Write to:

Nancy Finken
Program Director
Nebraska Public Radio Network
PO Box 83111
Lincoln NE 68501

Happy New Year!V

HEADS UP!

Students and faculty of the UNL organ area will perform Marcel Dupré’s *Fifteen Pieces* (“*Antiphons*”), *Opus 18*, on Monday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. on the new Bedient organ at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M Street, in downtown Lincoln. The concert is without charge, and everyone is invited to attend.

Mark your calendars, NOW!V

Nebraska Brass & Friends

Thursday, January 30

St. John Lutheran Church

919 North Columbia Avenue, Seward

Friday, January 31

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

1517 South 114th Street, Omaha

Saturday, February 1



First-Plymouth Congregational Church

2000 D Street, Lincoln

Joining the Nebraska Brass on this series is organist **Jack Levick**, a long-time member of the Lincoln Chapter AGO. Jack has been minister of music at First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, since 1972. He is the conductor of the Plymouth Brass, and musical director for the Plymouth Choir and Abendmusik Chorus.

Single admission prices for Seward are: student, \$3; senior citizen, \$8; adult, \$10.

Single admission prices for Omaha and Lincoln are: student, \$5; senior citizen, \$12; adult, \$15.

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Church Musicians’ Workshop

Sponsored by Omaha Chapter AGO

Countryside Community Church

8787 Pacific, Omaha – February 1st

8:30 – Registration (coffee, tea, donuts, browsing)

9:00 – Larry Schou, presenter – “Practice Techniques/Registration”

10:30 - Break (Music Teachers Supply will furnish music for browsing and purchase.)

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Organ Recital – Brockman

David Brockman's MM recital has been rescheduled. It is now February 15 at 5:15 p.m. in Kimball Recital Hall (11th at R Street). He will play works by Dupré, Locklair, Schumann, Franck and Mendelssohn. V

ABENDMUSIK: Lincoln

CANTUS – Sunday, February 9 – 7:30 p.m. – First-Plymouth Church – 20th at D Streets, Lincoln.

Abendmusik is not only known for bringing great musical works and great musicians to the First-Plymouth Church resonant acoustic, but we are equally known for introducing some of the brightest new talents to our audiences as well. No rising star shines brighter on our 30th anniversary season than that of Cantus, an 11-member male *a cappella* vocal group founded by St. Olaf College graduates in 1995. Audiences across the country have already been captivated by the precise harmonies, diverse repertoire, and rare camaraderie of these outstanding young musicians. You will be too.

Adults, \$20; senior citizens, \$17; students, \$10. Special rates available for groups of 10 or more.

Call Abendmusik: Lincoln at 402.476.9933 for additional information or to reserve tickets. V

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- 11:00 African Drummer – Reverend Titus Ngebe and Claire Bushong (drum & organ)
 11:30 Lunch and browsing
 12:30 Hymn-sing with David Schack and Claire Bushong
 1:00 Members present wedding and funeral repertoire

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February 23 – 4:00 p.m.
 Northeast United
 Church of Christ
 6200 Adams Street, Lincoln

Frances Shelly
 Steven Eiger
 Flute & Organ Duo

Since their first collaboration in 1972, Frances Shelly and Steven Eger have performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. They were featured at the 1986 American Guild of Organists convention in Detroit and at the 1991 National Flute Association convention



Shelly & Eger

in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to promoting new music for flute and organ, the performers have commissioned, premiered and recorded several new works. Their most recent recording is "The Dove Descending" for Summit Records. Shelly, professor of flute at Wichita State University, is principal flutist for the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and is also flutist with the Lieurance Woodwind Quintet. She has studied under James Galway and Jean Pierre Rampal. Eger is professor of music at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, where he teaches organ and church music. He is also director of music and organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant. He has studied with Robert Glasgow, Edward Parmentier, Lillian Mercherle McCord, Charles W. Ore, Quentin Faulkner and Catherine Crozier. V

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Pre-registration due January 29: \$25 for AGO members; \$35 for non-members. Fee includes lunch. Make checks payable to Omaha AGO and mail to: Gina Simpson; 5633 South 118th Plaza; Omaha NE 68137. Questions? Call Susan Beschoner, 402.445.2511. V



— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

January	30	7:30 p.m.	Nebraska Brass & Friends with Jack Levick, Organist – St. John Lutheran Church – 919 North Columbia Avenue, Seward
	31	7:30 p.m.	Nebraska Brass & Friends with Jack Levick, Organist – Presbyterian Church of the Cross – 1517 South 114 th Street, Omaha
February	1	8:30 a.m.	Church Musicians' Workshop – Countryside Community Church – 8787 Pacific, Omaha
	1	7:30 p.m.	Nebraska Brass & Friends with Jack Levick, Organist – First-Plymouth Church – 2000 D Street, Lincoln
	7	12:10 p.m.	Organ Recital – John Friesen, Organist – St. Paul United Methodist Church – 1144 M Street, Lincoln
	9	7:30 p.m.	ABENDMUSIK: LINCOLN – CANTUS – First-Plymouth Church – 2000 D Street, Lincoln
	15	10:00 a.m.	AGO Meeting – Lecture/Demonstration at Bedient Organ Company – Gene Bedient, Presenter – 1060 Saltillo Road, Roca
	15	5:15 p.m.	Organ Recital – David Brockman, Organist – Kimball Recital Hall – 11 th at R Street, Lincoln
	15		DEADLINE for March issue of <i>Chiff Chat</i> — Editor: 910 University Towers; 128 North 13 th Street; Lincoln, NE 68508-1501; Fax: 402.474.3250; Phone: 402.435.6913; E-mail: mveak@lps.org
	23	4:00 p.m.	LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE – Frances Shelly & Steven Eiger, Flute & Organ Duo – Northeast United Church of Christ – 6200 Adams Street, Lincoln
March 10	3:30 p.m.		LOOKING AHEAD – UNL Students/Faculty Playing Marcel Dupré's <i>Fifteen Pieces</i> – St. Paul United Methodist Church – 1144 M Street, Lincoln
	16	3:00 p.m.	March AGO Meeting – Albert Schweitzer/J. S. Bach Multi-Media Presentation – College View Seventh Day Adventist Church – 4015 South 49 th Street, Lincoln

Friesen Organ Recital

John Friesen will play wedding music on the pipe organ on Friday, February 7, from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 M Street. John will play music appropriate for preludes and postludes. The concert is free and open to the public. A light luncheon will also be available for \$4.00.



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