



From the Dean

by Gerald Holbrook

September was a smashing start of the music season most especially with organ concerts both here in Lincoln and in Omaha. It is refreshing to see so much musical activity here.

An important event is coming up October 14, one you will want to be sure to attend! That is our joint Omaha/Lincoln AGO chapters dinner meeting featuring Quentin and Mary Murrell Faulkner and George Ritchie presenting a fascinating program of their most recent organ conference in Germany. See the special announcement about it in column 2. There is still time to get your reservations for dinner in to Pam Penner.

Another upcoming event of importance is the November recital for children by John Leavitt. With music being one of the first subjects to go when schools are faced with budget cuts, many of our young people are not getting a musical education. Combine that with the electric-keyboard-syndrome of many churches today and the pipe organ becomes an unknown in their world. I urge you not only to attend this event yourself, but really talk it up to families with young children. Bring your youth choirs, put notices in your church bulletins, and let your schools know about it. This single recital could possibly plant seeds for future organists!

As I am still fairly new here, I hope you will come up to me and introduce yourself so I can get to know everyone in the chapter. While I was looking forward to assisting Marlene for the next two years (and learning the ropes) before stepping into this position, I am glad to be able to take this responsibility, especially as we have a really good Board who are involved and very supportive.

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OCTOBER AGO MEETING

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Joint Omaha/Lincoln AGO Chapters Dinner Meeting

Monday, October 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church – 2225 Washington, Lincoln

“The Summer Organ Conference in Germany”

Presenters:

Dr. George Ritchie

Dr. Quentin Faulkner, AAGO

Dr. Mary Murrell Faulkner, CAGO



Ev. Stadtkirche St. Wenzel, Naumburg
Orgel von Zacharias Hildebrandt

Among the 103 people attending the UNL organ conference in Naumburg, Germany, last summer, were UNL organ students and faculty as well as members of the Lincoln and Omaha AGO chapters.

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Appointed Lincoln Chapter AGO Positions

- *Chiff Chat* Production Staff
Editor, Labeling/Mailing
Mike Veak
- Coordinator of Educational Concerns
Margot Ann Woolard
- Coordinator of Professional Concerns
David Held
- Coordinator of Referral Services
Priscilla Kliewer®

"Membership Books" were available for pick up at the September AGO meeting, and will be available (again) at the October meeting. Books will not be mailed to members until after the October meeting. HELP SAVE THE COST OF POSTAGE by attending a meeting and picking up your membership book!

Referral Services

Priscilla Kliewer is the coordinator of referral services for our Lincoln Chapter AGO. You can call Pris at 402.475.3250 for help in finding a substitute or if your church has a position to advertise. Or, tell her to put you "on the list" of substitutes.

Private instructors and substitute organists can be found on pages 27-28 of the chapter membership book. They are also listed on the chapter Web site: www.agolincoln.org®

St. Olaf Orchestra

Sunday, October 20 – 7:30 p.m.

First-Plymouth Church

Already acquainted with the St. Olaf Choir and Band, Abendmusik audiences will want to welcome the equally impressive St. Olaf Orchestra on their first visit to the First-Plymouth stage.

Founded in 1906, the ensemble has toured annually since 1949, traveling throughout the United States and Europe. They have also performed with some of the world's most noted conductors, including long-time Abendmusik friend Sir David Willcocks who was "struck by the excellent playing of the orchestra, whose

members were not only technically assured, but were exceptionally musical and responsive."

Adults - \$20; senior citizens (62+) - \$17; students - \$10
For tickets or additional information call Abendmusik at 402.476.9933!®

Here are a few funnies . . .

1. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
2. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backwards poet writes inverse.
5. In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
8. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
9. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
10. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
11. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
12. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
13. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
14. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
15. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
16. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
17. Every calendar's days are numbered.
18. A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.
19. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
20. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
21. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
22. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
23. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
24. Once you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
25. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
26. When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
27. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
28. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
29. Acupuncture is a jab well done.
30. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

Sorry 'bout that! In this day and age, we need a good laugh, now and then. ®

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

October	11	5:30 p.m.	DMA Organ Recital – Heather Hernandez, Organist – Works by Titelouze, Scheidemann, Scheidt, Sweelinck, J. S. Bach, Mozart, and Weckmann – Cornerstone – 640 North 16 th Street, Lincoln
	13	11:00 a.m.	Dedication Service for the New Reuter Organ and Remodeled Chancel – First Presbyterian Church – 840 South 17 th Street, Lincoln
	14	6:30 p.m.	AGO Meeting – Joint Omaha/Lincoln Chapter Dinner Meeting – “Baroque Organs in Bach’s Homeland” – Presenters: Mary Murrell & Quentin Faulkner and George Ritchie – Grace Lutheran Church – 2225 Washington, Lincoln [Registrations necessary for the dinner – see page 2.]
	15		DEADLINE for November 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
	18-19		Conference on Christianity and the Arts – Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri
	20	7:30 p.m.	ABENDMUSIK: LINCOLN – St. Olaf Orchestra – First-Plymouth Congregational Church – 2000 D Street, Lincoln

Looking ahead . . .

November	1	7:00 p.m.	A Concert for All Saint’s Day – Rutter REQUIEM and Organ Music on ‘Sine Nomine’ – First Presbyterian Church – 840 South 17 th Street, Lincoln
	10	4:00 p.m.	LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE – Dedicatory Concert of the New Reuter Organ – David Higgs, Organist – First Presbyterian Church – 840 South 17 th Street, Lincoln
	23		November AGO Meeting – John Leavitt, Organist – Southwood Lutheran Church – 5511 South 27 th Street, Lincoln 10:00 a.m. – Recital for Children 2:00 p.m. – Reading Session



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