SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Date: Monday, September 22, 2003
Speaker: Otto von Krämer,
Organ Improvisation Demonstration and Recital
Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
4431 Lindell Boulevard, Central West End
Time: 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Program
Cost: $8.00
Host: John and Karen Romeri
Reservations: Kathleen Bolduan, 314/935-5517
kbolduan@artsci.wustl.edu

Otto Maria Krämer was born in 1964, made his debut as a church organist in 1974 following his first piano lessons and has served as organist for a number of churches since. He started studying Catholic church music in 1986, at the Folkwang-Hochschule in Essen, continuing at the Robert-Schumann-Hochschule in Düsseldorf, studying organ under Prof. Paul Heuser, composition under Prof. Herbert Callhoff and liturgical organ and improvisation under Prof. Wolfgang Seifen. He completed his studies in 1994 and has participated in several master classes, with the emphasis on organ improvisation, including the Second International Organ Academy, Altenberg, with Daniel Roth (Paris), Peter Planyavsky (Vienna), Wolfgang Stockmeier (Cologne) and Wolfgang Seifen (Berlin). From 1991 to 1993 he was organist and choir-master in Mönchengladbach; since October 1993 he has been Cantor of the church of St. Peter and Paul in Stralen.


Since 1997 he has also been musical director of the Chamber Choir cappella-cantica Nettetal. He gives regular organ concerts, with an emphasis on improvisation through the ages and styles. His speciality in im-
FROM THE DEAN

I sincerely hope that your summer was wonderful and restful. As the choirs return again may your new season be filled with exciting musical adventures!

This past summer was a busy one for many of our members. Those members who attended the Regional Convention in St. Joseph, MO were: Kathleen Bolduan, Ron Hall, Zach Hemenway, Bob Hutcheson, AAGO, ChM, John Kuriger, Kurt Larson, Chris Orf, CAGO, Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart, CAGO, Nannette Tornblom, John Walsh.

Our local student competition winner, Zach Hemenway, placed third at the regional competition. Congratulations Zach! He now returns to Eastman School of Music as a sophomore.

Another member, Philip Barreca, SPCAGO, Music Director and Organist at Little Flower Parish, successfully passed the AGO/NPM Service Playing Exam. He joins the many chapter members who have passed this exam. Maybe this is the year for you to consider taking a guild exam. Contact Exam Coordinator Stephen Mager, CAGO, ChM, for more information. Marie Kremer offers a three-week course in the Service Playing Exam on three Monday nights, October 13, November 10 and January 12. They are held at St. Monica Church and begin at 7:30 p.m. Call 314/533-7662 to register or for additional information.

Membership chair, Cathy Bolduan, reports that membership is up and so are contributions to the recital fund. If you have not done so, please renew your membership and consider giving a contribution to the recital fund.

Sub-Dean and program chair, Marcos Krieger has planned a superb line up of programs for the coming year. Please put those dates into your calendars right away. We hope to see you at each month’s meetings. Once again our email and phone chains will be hard at work urging your attendance. Many thanks to Yvonne Sullivan, CAGO, and her telephone committee for their tireless efforts, as they keep us “on track” with our monthly meetings.

Congratulations to two of our local choirs who traveled abroad this past summer: The St. Peter Episcopal Choir and Organist-Choirmaster S. William Aitken traveled to Scotland and England. Their choir served as the choir in residence at the Cathedral in Edinburgh for a week. They also sang for two days at Yorkminster in York. The repertoire included works by St. Louis composers. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Choir and Archdiocesan Choir with director John Romeri, AAGO, ChM, traveled to Italy, Austria and Germany. They performed the Verdi Requiem in Rome and a Mozart Mass in Salzburg in combination with the Salzburg Cathedral Choir and Orchestra. They also performed at St. Peters Basilica in Rome, St. Stephen Cathedral, Vienna and St. Florian Abbey where Anton Bruckner was the musician. Congratulations to both of these fine groups.

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I am happy to announce the formation of our Young Organists Committee. Marie Kremer has accepted the chair and is joined by members Phillip Brunswick, Mary Clements, Ron Hall, Dawn Hoy, Tim Jansen, Margaret Kitto, Barbara Raedeke, Darlene Reiner and John Romeri. Over the coming months be watching for activities planned by this committee to help young people explore the pipe organ. Their first meeting was exhilarating and I am thrilled at the many possibilities their work will bring to the guild.

Several of our members are involved in the citywide English Festival to be held this October in churches and concert halls in the metropolitan area. For a complete brochure, call 314/533-7662 or visit the website: www.englishfestivalstl.org for a complete listing of the programs. Several organ recitals are planned and are listed in the Calendar of Events in this newsletter.

Finally, I was honored to receive an award this summer from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. This 10,000 member organization of Roman Catholic musicians presented me with the highest award to a practicing church musician as “Pastoral Musician of the Year for 2003.” I was extremely grateful and accepted it at their national convention in Cincinnati.

See you at the September meeting!
John Romeri, Dean

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Dr. Hamner has held several collegiate teaching positions. He was assistant professor of music at The University of the South and an instructor of Music History at Case-Western Reserve University. He also has lectured in the Humanities program at the University of Akron.

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2003-2004 AGO PROGRAMS
Committee: Marcos Krieger (Chair), Cathy Bolduan, Pat Partridge, Barbara Raedeke, John Romeri

Monday, October 27, 2003
Organ Master Class
Presenter: Thomas Trotter (London)
Place: St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.
(part of the city-wide English Festival)

Tuesday, October 28, 2003
Organ Recital: Thomas Trotter, Organist
Place: St. Peter's Episcopal Church
(part of the city-wide English Festival)
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 31, 2003
Annual Halloween Recital
Stan Kann and other organists!
Place: First Congregational Church
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 2003
Solo Vocal Repertoire
Presenters: Kathy Lawton Brown
Franklin Perkins
Place: Mary Queen of Peace, Webster Groves
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 24, 2004
Children's Choir Festival
Presenter: Henry Leck
(Indianapolis Children's Choir)
Place: Little Flower Parish
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 2004
Organ Service repertoire
(non Hymn-based)
Presenters: Marianne Webb
Place: Grace Methodist Church
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 2004
Alexandre Guilmant Symposium
Organ Recital: Thomas Murry
Place: Washington University
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, 2004
Alexandre Guilmant Symposium
Lectures and sessions of his work, compositions and his part in the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.
Speakers include: Ray Biswanger, Agnes Armstrong, and Thomas Murray
Place: Washington University
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(part of the city-wide 2004 World's Fair celebrations)

Monday, April 26, 2004
Program: TBA
Presenter: Peter Richard Conte, Organist of the Wanamaker Department Store
Place: St. Michael St. George
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004
Organ Recital: Peter Richard Conte
Place: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Time: 8:00 p.m.
(part of the city-wide 2004 World's Fair celebrations)

Monday, May 17, 2004
Final Banquet and Awards Ceremony;
Guild Service and Installation of Officers
Place: Kirkwood Baptist Church
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.
CLASS OF 2006
Here is the outcome of the Class of 2006 election. It was a very close race.

Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart
Earl Naylor
Barbara Raedecke

NEW MEMBERS
We welcome six new members since the last OPUS came out. This brings the number of new members to 27 who have joined our Chapter since this time last year.

Our most recent members are:
- Sue Taylor, St. Louis, MO
- Linda Danford, Mascoutah, IL
- Greg Schweizer, St. Louis, MO
- Nick Bideler, Ft. Smith, AK
- Earle Luscombe, St. Louis, MO
- Leigh Anne Schaper, St. Louis, MO

Reminder: If you have not sent in your renewal form and dues, now is the time. If you have misplaced your form, I shall send you another. —Cathy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
* Part of the St. Louis English Festival.  
<www.englishfestivalstl.org>

Sunday, September 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.
Organ Concert • Paul Laubengayer
Hope United Church of Christ
Call 314/353-2288 for more information.

Friday, September 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Organ Recital • David Briggs,
International Concert Organist
Pre-concert Buffet Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Call 618/453-2466 for more information.

Sunday, September 21, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.
Dedication recital by Pat Partridge
6-ranked Quimby organ
Glendale Presbyterian Church
500 N. Sappington Road (S. of Manchester).
Reception following recital. Free.

*Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Organ Recitals by William Partridge
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314/231-3454.

Friday, October 3, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.
Chanticleer • Cathedral Concert Series
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

Saturday, October 4, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.
American Chamber Chorale • Harvest of Plenty
Kirkwood Baptist Church

*Sunday, October 5, 2003 at 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.
English Harpsichord Recital by Dr. Charles Metz
Choral Evensong with the St. Peter’s Singers
Works by William Byrd and Pelham Humphrey.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 110 N. Woodson Road, Ladue.
Free of charge. Contact 314/993-2306.

*Sunday, October 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong. Works by English Composers
featuring Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb
Church of St. Michael & St. George Episcopal
6345 Wydown Boulevard, Clayton.
Free of charge. Contact: 314/981-1502.

*Thursday, October 9, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Organ Recitals by William Partridge
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314/231-3454.

*Friday, October 10, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.
Tenebrae • Cathedral Concert Series
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

*Saturday, October 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
Elgar's "The Music Makers" and other English Music
Webster Univ. Chorale, Choral Society & Concert Choir
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314-968-7035.

*Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
Wesley Hymn Festival with 7 Methodist Choirs
Grace United Methodist, 6199 Waterman at Skinker
Contact: 314/863-1992

CALANDAR—Continued on page 7
*Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.*
Organ Recital by John A. Romeri playing the new Harrison and Harrison Organ from Durham, England. Works by Handel, Howells, Cook, Wesley and others.
Hope United Church of Christ
6273 Eichelberger, St. Louis Hills. Admission $5
Contact: 314-353-2288.

*Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.*
St. Louis Brass Band Concert
Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woodsmill Rd.
Tickets $12 adults, $7 Seniors/Students
Contact: 314/995-4955

*Sunday, October 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.*
Masterworks Chorale • Cathedral Voices
St. Peter’s Cathedral, Belleville

*Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.*
Afternoon Organ Recitals by William Partridge
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314/231-3454.

*Thursday, October 16 thru October 18, 2003*
Tending God’s Garden • Imago Dei
2nd Annual Fall Arts Ministry Conference
Kansas City, Kansas
Call 785/842-2680 or visit www.churcharts.org.

*Saturday, October 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.*
Organ Recital by Timothy Allen
Reception at Cheshire Lodge follows.
Church of St. Michael & St. George Episcopal
6345 Wydown Boulevard, Clayton
Call for ticket information: 314-721-1502

*Sunday, October 19, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.*
Bach Society of Saint Louis featuring Magnificat of Gerald Finzi. Dr. Marcos Krieger accompanist and soloist.
First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood.
100 East Adams Avenue.
Tickets $15, 20, 30. Contact: 314/652-BACH

*Monday, October 20, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.*
Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

*Thursday, October 23, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.*
Afternoon Organ Recitals by William Partridge
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314/231-3454.

*Friday, October 24, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.*
St. Paul’s Cathedral Choir • Cathedral Concert Series
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Call 314/533-7662 for more information.

*Sunday, October 26, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.*
A Choral Service of Evening Prayer.
Music by Britten, Baynon, Sullivan, Berger, Gibbons, Foote and Howells.
Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster (at Taylor) 314/367-0366

*Sunday, October 26, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.*
Works by English Composers followed by High Tea.
Choral Evensong sung by Christ Church Cathedral Choir with Grace Episcopal Church Choir and the Gregory Girls Choir.
Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood

*Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.*
Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter, English Organist
U.S. premiere of a new organ piece by English Composer Judith Bingham depicting the “Passion of Christ” painting by Giotto from the Scrovegni Chapel.
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. 110 Warson Road, Ladue

*Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 12:30 p.m.*
Afternoon Organ Recitals by William Partridge
Christ Church Cathedral, 1210 Locust, Downtown
Free of charge. Contact: 314/231-3454.

*Friday, October 31, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.*
Annual Halloween Concert featuring Stan Kann
First Congregational Church
Call 314/721-5060 for more information.

*Friday, October 31, 2003 at 10:00 p.m.*
Music for Halloween • Charles Collins, organist
Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster (at Taylor) 314/367-0366
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Kirkwood Baptist Church, Kirkwood, Missouri (III/43 new)
Glendale Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri (II/6 new)

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Part-time Director of Music
Kirkwood United Church of Christ. The central responsibility is to oversee the music program of the church. This includes providing service music for an 8:30 a.m. Sunday service, directing an adult choir, providing music leadership for a mid week children's LOGOS program and continuing to develop the music program for all ages. Our congregation is a suburban congregation of 300 members with a vision for growth. If interested call 314/822-2240 or email office@KirkwoodUCC.org. www.KirkwoodUCC.org

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Part-time Organist
Bonhomme Presbyterian Church. Call 636/532-3486 for more information.

OTHER CATHOLIC POSITIONS

Part-Time Organist
North American Martyrs. Contact: Father Jim Byrnes, 314/837-9304

Part-Time Choir Director/Organist
St. Francis of Assisi. Contact: Father Gabelein, 314/487-5736

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St. Anselm. Contact: Suzanne Hoops, 314/878-2120

Part-Time Organist
St. Anthony of Padua. Contact: Douglas Potts, 314/746-7402

Director of Music, Organist, Choir Director
Holy Trinity. Contact: Fr. Richard Creason, 314/241-9165

2003-2004 Season

CONCERTS

Friday, October 3, 2003
Chanticleer

Friday, October 10, 2003
Tenebrae
Part of the St. Louis English Festival

Monday, October 20, 2003
Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
Part of the St. Louis English Festival

Friday, October 24, 2003
St. Paul’s Cathedral Choir
John Scott, Director
Part of the St. Louis English Festival

Friday, January 30, 2004
Early Music New York
“Daniel and the Lions” production

Thursday, March 11, 2004
Vienna Choir Boys

Tuesday, March 30, 2004
American Boychoir

Tuesday, April 27, 2004
Peter Richard Conte
Wanamaker Grand Court Organist
Part of the World’s Fair Centennial

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