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MAY PROGRAM

Date: Monday, May 17, 2004

Event: Final Banquet and Awards Ceremony;
Guild Service and Installation of Officers
Presenter: Speaker for the evening comes to us from
the World's Fair Society of St. Louis and
will present in lecture and slides the story
of the World's Fair, St. Louis.

Where: Kirkwood Baptist Church, 211 N. Woodlawn Ave.

Time: Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Program, 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 for dinner

Host: Ray Smithee

Reservations: Kathleen Bolduan, 314/935-5517
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The program for the evening will be a lecture and slide presentation given by Jan Green, chairman of the 1904 World's Fair Society Speakers' Bureau. Jan will provide background information about the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exhibition, better known as the 1894 World's Fair, as well as pictures of some of the amazing structures built specifically for the fair.

In March we heard about the wonderful organ recitals that were given daily at the fair. This program will give us an overview of the entire layout of the grounds, and the festivities and the events that took place.

This promises to be a wonderful evening.

Directions to Kirkwood Baptist Church:

From Downtown Kirkwood (Lindbergh/Kirkwood Rd. at Jefferson-One block north of the Train Station): Go East on Jefferson 3 full blocks to Woodlawn. Church is on the Northwest corner of Woodlawn and Jefferson.

DEAN'S NOTES

Elections

We have a wonderful slate of officers to take the reigns. Please be sure to vote by affirming the new officers and choosing two of the three nominees for 2007 Class. You may vote either by calling 314/533-7662 or at the May 17th banquet.

New Publication

Our Professional Concerns Committee has just released the latest version of "How to Develop and Maintain Quality Musical Leadership in worship: A Congregational Handbook." This excellent resource is now available by calling 314/533-7662. They will also be available at the guild meetings. Every church worship committee, organist search committee, pastor, and guild member will find this an important tool for our profession. It contains Job descriptions, sample contracts, the AGO code of Professional Standards, the code of Ethics, and the 2004 salary scale.

Help Promote Our Two Summer Programs

Please duplicate and distribute the two fliers included in this month's Opus. Hang them in your choir rooms, put notices in your choir newsletters and give them to your piano and organ students. Help us make the Organist Training and Pipe Organ Exploration Day a success.

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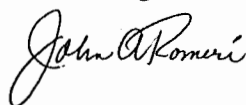
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This Year's Awards

Our Awards Nominating Committee (Cathy Bolduan, Henry Glass, Maxine McCormick, Christopher Orf, Pat Partridge, and John Romeri) has decided that 2004 is such a special year for our city and our Chapter that we would offer special awards as well. Rather than the many categories we usually honor, this year we will honor two very outstanding St. Louisians: Dr. Blanche Touhill, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Missouri, St. Louis and Dr. Virginia Weldon, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the St. Louis Symphony. Both of these incredible women have made unbelievable contributions to the Arts in St. Louis. We are pleased to be able to recognize them with the Avis Blewitt Award. Neither can be with us for the May Banquet, but will be honored to at our opening meeting on Monday, September 27, 2004.

And Finally...

For the last two years I have enjoyed serving our great AGO Chapter as your dean. We have had some extraordinary chapter events during that time, which make me very proud of the work that your officers and committees were able to accomplish. I thank them all for their tireless work on our behalf. I thank all of the members for the support which you have offered me during my years as Sub-Dean and Dean. I intend to stay active with the Guild through the newly formed Organist Training Committee.



John Romeri, Dean

FROM THE ORGANIST TRAINING COMMITTEE

Committee: Marie Kremer (Chair), Cathy Bolduan, Phillip Brunswick, Mary Clements, Ron Hall, Dawn Hoy, Timothy Jansen, Barbara Raedeke, Darlene Reiner, John Romeri

THE NEW ORGANIST Spotlight on Children

Have you ever wondered how churches might introduce boys and girls to the world of the church organist? Here is an idea for a summer program, from Ann Dolbashian of the Rhode Island AGO Chapter. At the united Congregational Church in Middletown, RI seven children between ages nine and twelve volunteered to participate in her Organist's Assistant Program. Each child was assigned a special Sunday between late June and early September.

The child arrived at church one hour ahead of the scheduled service and was given a brief explanation of their duties (turning pages, changing organ stops, passing out music, etc.). Her young assistant practiced their new duties while the regular vocalists or instrumentalists rehearsed for the service. The helper then accompanied her to the choir room so that she could robe and rest for a few moments before returning to the sanctuary 15 minutes prior to the service.

Together they would check the worship bulletin to assure that all the needed music was marked and ready for the service. At 10 minutes prior to the service they would take their place on the bench for the prelude music.

Ms Dolbashian found that the most difficult task for the children was page turning and she helped them be ready by alerting them as she began the last line and again at the page turn. The children most enjoyed the occasions when they were allowed to change organ stops - clearing stops after each piece, or occasionally adding a stop during the hymns or anthem.

After trying the program out for one summer, she planned to improve it by having a general group practice further in advance and by creating a booklet with some general information and helpful hints about the job, which they could review as their assigned Sunday drew nigh. For her additional comments and tips see the full article: (Dolbashian, Ann T. "The New Organist: Organist's Assistant Program" - The American Organist, May 1998, Vol.32, No.5, p.78.)

ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Twelfth Season 2004 - 2005

Sunday September 19, 2004

James Goettsche
Vatican Organist

Friday, November 12, 2004

St. Petersburg Philharmonic

Monday, November 29, 2004

Vienna Choir Boys

Sunday, December 12, 2004

Choir of Kings College, Cambridge

Friday, January 21, 2005

Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Saturday, January 29, 2005

Chanticleer

Friday, February 18, 2005

Jitro (Czech Girls Choir)
with the St. Louis Children's Choir

Sunday, February 27, 2005

John Romeri, Organist
with the Cathedral Schola

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

I Musici, Rome

Friday, April 8, 2005

Christ Church Choir, Oxford

Schedule subject to change.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 14, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.

"Let all the world in every corner sing!"

Cecelia Stearman, mezzo-soprano,
Susan Slaughter, trumpet; Ray Smithee, organ
Kirkwood Baptist Church
211 N. Woodlawn, Kirkwood

Sunday, May 16, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Centenary United Methodist Church
Organ recital by Earl Naylor. Proceeds from free will offering go to support the music program of Centenary.

Sunday, May 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

John Rutter's *Requiem*, in the composer's version for chamber orchestra (Dr. Robert Hutcheson, conductor) and other works and ensembles, including the First Church Recorder Ensemble. First UMC of Webster Groves, 600 N. Bompert Avenue (four blocks north of Eden Theological Seminary). Call 314/961-4133 for additional information or directions.

Sunday, May 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

"Bells In Motion"
Handbell ensemble performs combination of Jazz, Pop and Traditional compositions.
Hope United Church of Christ in St. Louis Hills
Tickets may be purchased at the door (\$7.00)

Sunday, May 23, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

Organ and Brass Concert
Gateway Brass Quintet; Dr. Ray Landis, Organist
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of our Casavant Organ
Call 314/962-0475 for more information.

Sunday, May 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

"Festival of Praise"
Allen Pote, Guest Conductor
Manchester United Methodist Church
129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester
Call 636/394-7506 for more information.

Sunday, May 30, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

Evensong – The Cathedral Choir
Christ Church Cathedral
Call 314/231-3454 for additional information.

Monday, June 7, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.

A Little Lunch Music
Opera Theatre of St. Louis
Christ Church Cathedral
Call 314/231-3454 for additional information.

Saturday, June 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

"Lyra" – Vocal Ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia
First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
Call 314/9620475 for more information.

Sunday, June 13, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

Organ Recital (New Robert Dial console)
Emily & Tom Pearce "A Patriotic Recital"
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Call 314/961-7364 for more information.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 18-20, 2004

Organ recitals at the St. Louis Art Museum commemorating the organ and the organ recitals of the 1904 Worlds Fair. Additional information will appear in future issues of the Opus.

Friday, June 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Ken Cowan, Concert Organist
Kirkwood Baptist Church
211 N. Woodlawn Ave.
\$10.00 Adults, \$8.00 Students (with ID), \$6.00 under 12
Call 314/965-2349 to reserve your tickets

Saturday, June 19, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.

American Chamber Chorale
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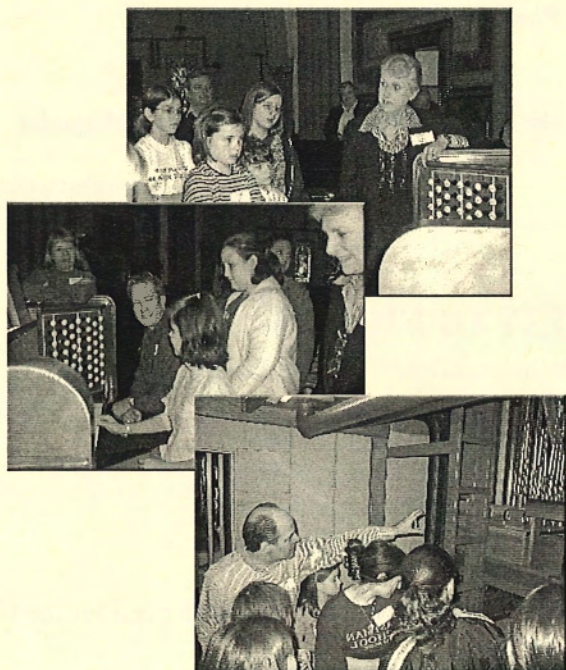
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Saturday, August 21, 2004

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10:00 a.m. — Noon

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grades 4 - 12 are welcome to spend this
morning exploring the pipe organ.**

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JOB OPENINGS

Director of Music

Eden United Church of Christ, Affton, MO has an immediate opening for a part-time (10-15 hours/week) Director of Music. The ideal candidate shall be an accomplished organist and have voice and chime choir direction experience. Interested candidates should contact the church via e-mail at office@edenUCC.org, or by letter at Music Director Search Team, C/O Eden United Church of Christ, 8920 Eden Ave., Affton, MO 63123.

Organist

Trinity Lutheran Church of Edwardsville, IL is searching for an organist to play at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:45 a.m. Sunday services as well as special services (Lent and Advent etc.). This salaried position would work closely with the Pastors to plan the worship services. All interested applicants should submit a resume with references to: Dennis Dail, 6 Meadow Rue, Edwardsville, IL 62025. For further information, please call: Dennis Dail (Music Search Committee chair) at 618/692-6566.

Part-time Organist

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 10126 East Watson Road, Crestwood, MO 63126. Duties include one Sunday morning service and one Thursday evening choir rehearsal each week, with additional services for holidays; funerals and weddings. Salary negotiable. Contact church office, 314/843-1133, or Jan Burggrabe, 314/843-8988 for further information.

Organist/Choir Director

Church of the Open Door UCC Part-time organist and choir director. 9440 Big Bend Blvd, Webster Groves, MO 63119. Contact Rev. Susan King Forbes at 314/961-0456 or opendoorucc@sbcglobal.net

OTHER POSITIONS

Part-time Music Director

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Contact Reverend Stock at 314/867-2881

MORE CATHOLIC POSITIONS

Call the Archdiocesan Office of Music Ministry
for the details of each position: 314/533-7662

Director of Music, Choir Director (available 7/04)

St. Simon of Cyrene
Contact Fr. Steve Robeson 314/385-0068

Choir Director

St. Francis Xavier "College" Church
Contact Fr. Ken Kraus 314/977-7310

Choir Director/Organist, Part-time

St. Francis of Assisi
Contact Fr. Gary Gebelein 314/487-5736

Part-time Organist

North American Martyrs
Contact Fr. Byrnes 314/837-9304

Director of Music, Choir Director, Organist

Most Holy Trinity
Contact Fr. Richard Creason 314/241-9165

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers for the St. Louis Chapter of the Guild are:

Stephen Mager, Dean
Martha Shaffer, Subdean
Mary Clements, Secretary
Dennis York, Treasurer

The nominees for the two positions open for the Class of 2007 are:

Henry Evans
Tim Allen
Tom Pearce

Nominating Committee:

Cathy Bolduan, chair,
Marie Kremer,
John Romeri

NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome **Jeff Nall** to the Guild. Jeff is the organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End.

2004 AGO PROGRAMS

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Saint Louis *Organist Training Program*

June 15 - July 27, 2004

Announcing a new organist training program this summer for aspiring organists from 6th grade thru advanced players. Beginning June 15th two group sessions as well as private lessons are available on six Tuesdays (excluding July 6th) at the Community Music School of Webster University (formally CASA) in University City on Delmar at Trinity. Cost is \$90* per student. Staffed by members of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Archdiocesan Music Office, this summer might just be the time for you to work on those organ skills or for one of your promising piano students to explore the organ and meet others with similar interests.

Exploring the King of Instruments The Organ

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 AM

Faculty: Kathleen Bolduan, Marie Kremer
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Beginning through advanced organists.*

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suitable for Preludes and Postludes.*

Private Lessons

Tuesdays *(times to be scheduled)*

30 minutes \$153.00

45 minutes \$228.00

60 minutes \$297.00

* In addition there is an annual Community Music School fee of \$25 per student.
Scholarships are also available.

Register by calling

The Community Music School of Webster University
314/968-5939

For more information contact the CMSWU, the Office of Music Ministry-Archdiocese of St. Louis,
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8' Cornopean	4' Oboe	2' Harmonic Piccolo	8' Festival
4' Oboe	1 3/5' Seventeenth	16' Double Cornopean	8' Festival Trumpet
4' Festival Trumpet	8' Cornopean	8' Oboe	8' Festival Trumpet
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