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"Before Bach's Birthday" Bash - March 17

J Michael Barone

he great man himself is handing you a personal invitation! Yes, we're at it again, in anticipation of the coming of Spring (did we already have that in February?), the Twin Cities chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting a sequence of five hour-long all-Bach concerts at four Minneapolis churches, featuring local TCAGO organists and U of M piano students in a colorful cross-section of JSB's elegant keyboard music.

Here's the itinerary and schedule:

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Hennepin Avenue United Methodist

Church, 511 Groveland Avenue; (organ by Sipe), this hour

broadcast live on Classical Minnesota Public Radio stations state-wide.

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, continuing in this venue, but with a new batch of performers

(lunch break)

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, 2020 West Lake of the Isles Boulevard; (organ by Jaeckel)

2:30-3:30 p.m.. – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lake-of-the-Isles, 1917 Logan Avenue South; (organ by Dobson)

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Plymouth Congregational Church. 1900 Nicollet Avenue South; (organ by Holtkamp)

Participating performers include organists Don Livingston, Sharon Kleckner, Andrew Hackett, Jerrad Fenske, Charles Echols, Joseph Henry, Philip Radtke, Aaron Hirsch, Kim Crissler, Mary Newton, Geoff Olson, David Engen, Philip Brunelle, pianists Miryana Moteva, Minjeong Shin, Nai-Fang Ko and Ping Feng, and cellist Eric Graf. A detailed playlist (with repertoire and performers) will be posted on the TCAGO website. And, yes, we will tip our hats in the direction of Saint Patrick, too, in a Bach-like way.

Tune in, and/or join us for any or all of the day's activities...a moveable feast of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Nothing could be better!

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The TCAGO website TCAGO.org is rich in information. It deserves our attention and exploration, since it provides access and allows us to discover a wide world of information for the professional



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as well as the amateur organist.

Read information about current events. Each TCAGO monthly event is featured on the on the (home) front page. You can read the minutes of the TCAGO Board meetings. The electronic full version of *Pipenotes* is available here with its articles about local events and other items of interest. There are lists of our officers and board members as well as information about committees and their members. TCAGO policy documents are available. (See the latest addition regarding our Investment Policy for our Endowment.) There is also information related to student competitions, composition competition, and the Pipedreams Scholarship.

Explore TCAGO history. There is a whole area dedicated to our Archives which contains remarkable information about our past. You can wax nostalgic by viewing the photos from our 100th anniversary celebrations and the 2008 National Convention. There is an extensive collection of information and photos of

Twin Cities and regional organs collected by Richard Greene. Look up your favorite organ or church and you will find the history of that particular organ, specifications and probably a photo.

Access to the wider world is available through links to AGO Headquarters, other regional chapters as well as professional organizations related to the organ world, church music, and choral organizations. Besides the listing of calendar of events in *Pipenotes* and on the web pages, there are links to the Regional *Pipedreams* calendar of organ and related events as well as the *Pipedreams* website – a remarkably rich site of information related to its radio programs, CDs and organs from around the world.

Discover local job openings, salary guidelines, who is available to substitute and who is available to give organ lessons. There is information about our educational activities such as Pipe Organ Discover Day, *Pipeworks* program and examinations. You can find advertising from our friendly organ tuners, builders and related companies. And not the least, there are the forms that you can fill out to become a member or renew your membership.

Since we will be adding to the capacity of the website to include online renewal of membership, we will be in a position to also make other changes to enhance this website. We welcome whatever input you can provide so that this website is friendly, usable and is best suited to your needs. Please contact me or David Engen – our webmaster - with your ideas.

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From the TCAGO Board

Michael Wright.

On January 9, 2012 The Investment Committee of the TCAGO recommended to the Board that it approve the Investment Policy it developed for the TCAGO Endowment. The Board gave its approval at its meeting on January 30, 2012. This policy statement can be found on the TCAGO website http://www.tcago.org/about/Investment_Policy_111811.pdf. This Policy was carefully crafted by members of the Investment Committee and our Financial Advisor,

Ouiz!

This is the first in a series of quiz questions that will be a part of each month's *Pipenotes*.

If you think you know the answer, email jpcallahan@stthomas.edu with your answer. If more than one correct answer is received and the prize cannot be divided, a drawing will be held to pick a winner. The answer for this months question needs to be submitted by March 31.

The question is: What TCAGO office did G.A. Thornton hold and in which year(s)?

The reward for the correct answer is coffee with Pipedreams host Michael Barone and a tour of the Minnesota Public Radio studios.

Funding Opportunity for Special Projects

Thomas Kite

Have you an exciting idea that would be great to share but don't have the funds to make it happen? Is there something special you'd like to do for TCAGO that would generate more interest in our mission? Does your idea benefit our TCAGO chapter or the music community at large in the greater TC area/state? If you answered yes to any/all of these questions, then there's a way to make that happen!

Be aware that TCAGO has funding available for special projects – and it can be yours for the asking – as reviewed by our committee. Through March 23rd, our committee will be accepting proposals for funding. A completed form ("TCAGO Special Projects Funding Request Form") can be submitted to either Dean Jim Callahan (jpcallahan@stthomas.edu) or Special Projects Committee Chair Thomas Kite (musikman2747@aol.com) The form may be found on the TCAGO website

 $http://www.tcago.org/about/TCAGO_Special_Projects_Template.pdf.$

All proposals need to be received by March 23, 2102.

Our committee reviews all submitted funding requests for special projects, then submits our recommendations to the TCAGO Board for final approval. Our next review meeting is set for early spring, so remember – all paperwork would need to reach us prior to March 23, 2012. Any submissions after that date won't be reviewed until Fall, 2012.

Thomas Kite, Special Projects Committee Chair

Members:

Leonard Danek

Andrew Hackett

Jim Callahan (ex officio)

The Publicity Committee is seeking members

Geoff Olson

Have you thought about getting more involved in the TCAGO? If you have experience in publicity, social media skills, or would just like to help spread the word about upcoming TCAGO events, the publicity committee could be just the place for you. Students are welcome. The committee meets once every month or two. If interested, please reply to Geoff Olson at golson1039@comcast.net.

Statement of Revenues and Expenses						
Expenses	Current Year		Current Year			
		to Date 1/29/2012		Budget 06/30/2011		
Revenues	\$	16,341	\$	15,974		
Expenses:						
Programs	\$	4,809	\$	5,250		
Chapter Development		1,878		8,874		
Administrative		1,400	_	1,850		
Total Operating Expense	\$	8,087	\$	15,974		
Net Unrestricted Income	\$	8,254	\$	-		
Net Restricted Income	\$	-	\$			
Excess (Deficit)	\$	8,254	\$			

Wayzata Symphony Orchestra Plus Organ at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church — March 4

Bill Chouinard

The Wayzata Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Marlene Pauley, joins forces with resident organist Bill Chouinard in the ensemble's first performance in the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Sanctuary in Mahtomedi. Music based on the concept of themes and variations will be performed including the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar and the Fantaisie Dialogue for Organ and Orchestra by Léon Boëllmann. A free-will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, March 4, 3:00 pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Road in Mahtomedi, is located about one mile north of Hwy 36 on Hilton Trail, just east of the 694/35E (exit 52B) junction. More information is available at www.saintandrews.org or by calling 651-426-3261.

March Madness - March 11

Michael Barone

March Madness!...? That's right, the uncertainty of our so-called winter weather has driven some of us a bit crazy, and to work out our dementia we've come up with another program to celebrate the *Pipedreams* 30th Anniversary with a special 3:00 p.m. concert on Sunday, March 11 at Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Boulevard East in Wayzata. Yes, the repertoire is a bit 'mad,' wild and wacky even. Some of it will be authentic marches, but we'll also have intradas, fanfares and toccatas, an aria or two, a souvenir, a ragtime duet, and even one passacaglia...just to retain legitimacy.

With composers from France, Germany, Iceland, Austria, Canada, Sweden and the USA, we guarantee variety. So does our performer line-up, representing some of our region's most adventuresome performers: Melanie Ohnstad, Timothy Strand, Carolyn Diamond,

Jane and Robert Nienaber, Stephen Self and Diana Lee Lucker.

On the Program:

Walter Pelz: Festival Intrada

Rachel Laurin: Marche pour la Paix

Gabriel Fauré (trans. Maurice Clerc): "Mi-a-ou," from

Dolly Suite

Felix Mendelssohn (arr. Duncan & Gower): "War

March of the Priests," from *Athalie* Stephen Burtonwood (b. 1951): *Arioso*

Sharon Elery Rogers (b. 1929): Solera Toccata

John Cage: Souvenir Paul Manz: Aria

Charles Callahan: Ragtime

Franz Schubert: Marche Militaire in D, D.733, no. 1

Robert Hanson: Passacaglia in g Tryggvier Baldvinsson: Toccata Jubiloso

Elfrida Andree: Organ Symphony (1st mvt Moderato)

Emma Louise Ashford: Fanfare

Admission is free, of course, and there's plenty of ample parking. Come one, come all...discover some new repertoire, and join us in our March Madness!

Saint John's University Men's Chorus – March 18

Richard Clarke

The SJU Men's Chorus, Axel Theimer, director, will present a concert of sacred music at Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church, 630 East Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata, 2:00 pm.

This coming March the 48-voice choir will present a special of sacred music. Performances are scheduled in Moorhead, Duluth and Wayzata. Later in the semester, the choir will present selections of this program at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. That concert will be part of the Institute for Sacred Music at St. John's inaugural season.

Organist Theophane Windschitl, OSB, will share the program with the choir, and will accompany the choir in the performance of Maurice Duruflé's Messe cum Jubilo, a beautiful setting of the Mass based on Gregorian chant themes, as is the case for much of Duruflé's music. Other selection sung by the choir will include, Bruckner's *Inveni David*, plus selections by Gallus, Tallis, Newbury and others. Solo organ music by J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupré and John Weaver will complete the program.

Admission to the concert is free. Free will donations requested. For information contact Richard Clarke, rclarke@st-barts.org

Evensong at St. John's - March 18

James Frazier

The choir of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul will sing a Lenten Evensong on Sunday, March 18 at 4:00 pm, featuring the choral music of Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901).

The choir will sing *Psalm 102*, one of the seven penitential psalms, to a poignant setting by David Hurd, with the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* sung by the congregation to plainsong settings. The anthem will be Rheinberger's *Abendlied*, a ravishing setting of an evening text, and after the service the choir will sing his *Mass in E-flat* for unaccompanied double chorus.

Many organists are familiar with the organ works of Rheinberger, but his choral works are performed less frequently. Rheinberger taught piano and composition at the Munich Conservatory. He was a teacher for the American composer Horatio Parker, among other Americans. And in 1877 he was appointed court conductor, making him responsible for the music in the royal chapel. Among his religious works, he composed twelve masses, of which only one is for unaccompanied double chorus. He also wrote two organ concertos and twenty organ sonatas.

The guest organist for the service will be Helen Garvey Jensen, who will play works by Brahms and Reger. Jim Frazier will conduct.

The church is located at 60 Kent St. in St. Paul 55102. Off-street parking is available at Summit Ave. and Kent St.; handicap access is available from Kent St. A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Bean Evensong Fund established by the late former organist Howard Don Small. A festive reception will follow the service.

For further information contact Jim Frazier at the church: 651-228-1172 ext. 38.

Organ Concert - April 1

Lawrence Archbold

An organ recital, "A Survey of *Manualiter* Organ Music, Program I," will be performed by Lawrence Archbold on the Holtkamp organ in the Concert Hall of Carleton College, Northfield, on Sunday, April 1, 2012, at 3:00 pm. This concert is the first in a third

series of "Exploring Organ Music" recitals presented by Archbold, the Enid and Henry Woodward College Organist at Carleton.

This program features music by Titelouze, L. Couperin, F. Couperin, Buttstett, Pachelbel, Zipoli, J. S. Bach, Brahms, Liszt, and Hassler. The concert is open to the public and admission is free. Call 507-222-4357 for further information.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival – June 24 - July 22

Megan Hasche

Dr. Catherine Rodland, artist in residence at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, will return in 2012 for



her third year as The Regina Holmen Fryxell and Patricia Schad Leege Chapel Organist at the 31st annual Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) from June 24 to July 22 on the campus of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

As a member of the

artistic faculty, Rodland will maintain a private organ studio, teach the Introduction to Pipe Organ elective class (which she developed and first offered in 2011), and serve as a member of the LSM worship team. In addition to serving as primary organist for all LSM worship services, Rodland will also perform as a soloist and with the LSM Bach Cantata.

Selected through a competitive application and audition process, organ students at LSM participate in a comprehensive curriculum that includes individual instrument lessons; a chamber ensemble; musicianship classes; symphony band, orchestra and/or choir; and may also include electives like introduction to pipe organ, jazz improvisation, conducting, collegium musicum, the handbell choirs and more.

LSM students are served by a roster of 34 faculty artists – esteemed practicing professional musicians and academicians from throughout the United States. For a complete list of faculty along with biographies, visit the LSM Summer Academy section located at www.lutheransummermusic.org. All faculty live in residence on the host campus throughout the fourweek program.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

Sat. March 3 "Maurice Duruflé:

A Liturgical Musician" - 9:00 a.m.

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary 1490 Fulham, St. Paul

Sun. March 4 Wayzata Symphony 3:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

900 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi

Mon. March 5 Christophe Mantoux Recital 8:15 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel

University of St. Thomas

Cleveland Portland Aves. St. Paul

Sun. March 11 Strings, Pipes and a Glorious Tenor II Cathedral of St. Paul - 2:30 p.m.

239 Selby Avenue, St. Paul

Sun. March 11 March Madness! 3:00 p.m.

Wayzata Community Church

125 Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Sat. March 17 Fourth Annual Before-Bach's Birthday Bash

all day, various south metro churches

Sun. Mar 18 St John's Univ. Men's Chorus 2:00 p.m.

Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church

630 East Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata

Sun. March 18 Evensong at St. John's 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 60 Kent St., St. Paul

Fri. March 23 Deadline for Special Projects Applications

April

Sun. Apr. 1 Deadline for Composition Competition

Sun. Apr. 1 Lawrence Archbold Concert 3:00 Carleton College, Northfield

Sun. Apr. 1 Heinrich Fleischer Memorial Concert III Steve Gentile, organist - 4:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

1114 West Traverse Road, St. Peter

Sat. Apr. 14 Historic Organ Crawl all day

Sat. Apr. 21 TCAGO Student Scholarship Competition Bethlehem Lutheran Church

4100 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis

Sat. Apr. 28 Craig Cramer Recital 7:00 p.m.

St. Olaf Catholic Church

215 S Eighth St., Minneapolis

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Minnesota Public Radio encourages you to enter your classical music performance events in the MPR online calendar. In the box in the upper left corner of the MPR main page www.mpr,org, click on "Events Calendar"...then follow the instructions on the calendar page to "submit a new event."

This information will reach an audience different from the online TCAGO or *Pipedreams* calendars. It's free, and it's another way to let people know about your classical music concerts. By all means, continue to send information directly to Michael Barone too. mbarone@mpr.org

Pipedreams

For a listing of organ events statewide, access the *Pipedreams Organ Calendar:* www.pipedreams.org/calendar. For both on-air and website listing of organ-related activities, send information to Michael Barone: 480 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101; e-mail to mbarone@mpr.org

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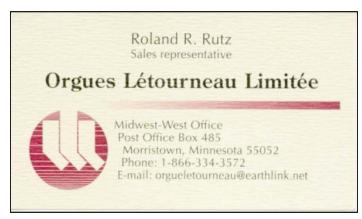
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