



Voices

October, 2009 Newsletter
Spokane Chapter,
American Guild of Organists

Dean's notes...

Fall greetings to all! The weather has finally begun to turn, to the delight of some and the regret of others. Many of us are back in the rhythm of the September to June "busy season," academic or otherwise. Certainly anyone involved in music feels a quickening of the activity pulse about now as we move inexorably to Christmas and beyond. It's my hope that you will find time to be involved in AGO activities this year. My humble apologies for the late start to the year. We need to meet; I'm sending a postcard to all this week announcing details.

There are those whose service to an organization is valuable, but there are a few whose service transcends that, whose service is literally beyond price. In this category Howard and Rita Stoess surely belong. This Chapter owes so much to their leadership: Regional Convention, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, tireless service as officers... We now must say farewell to them as they move to the West side for the immediate future, at least. Their contact info (cell phone and e-mail) remains the same for now; updated contact info will follow as soon as they are settled. We wish them well and hope that the pull of the East side will ultimately draw them back.

Don't forget to send me your event listings!

Calendar of Events

Northwest Sacred Music Chorale Fall Concert, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. and Nov. 15, at 3 p.m. at the new Kroc Center in Coeur d'Alene. We will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's birth with a variety of choral selections from his oratorios as well as individual compositions. We will also do a medley of unique and unexpected, yet familiar pieces for which Paul Grove, a fabulous guitarist, will join us.

Eastern Washington University Chamber Choir: November 15th at St. Augustine, Spokane, in a program called "English Autumn," with music of Stanford, Parry, Howells and others. Randel Wagner conducts.

The Spokane First Nazarene Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is pleased to present John Ledwon, resident artist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, in concert, Thursday, December 3rd, at seven.

Mr. Ledwon will be the first nationally acclaimed artist to play the church's nearly restored 1914 Wurlitzer, Op.42, from the Seattle Liberty Theatre.

Free Admission; donations welcome to assist final restoration and maintenance.

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(Near the intersection of Division and Country Homes)

Welcome to new members!

We warmly welcome two new organists to our area and Chapter, Jim Holmes and Janet McCullough. More on them in the next newsletter.

Radio notes

If you missed Julia Brown's recital at St. Augustine in September, there is still a chance to hear it, on KPBX's "Concert of the Week," (FM 91.1) Monday evening, November 2nd at seven.

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Though everything else may appear shallow and repulsive, even the smallest task in music is so absorbing, and carries us so far away from town, country, earth, and all worldly things, that it is truly a blessed gift of God.

-- Felix Mendelssohn