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Deans Letter



*Final Meeting of the Season
 Join us in an afternoon of fun and food!*

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Our 2009-2010 SEMNAGO is drawing to a close. Our final event will be Sunday, May 23. AGO member Lee Afdahl will host our “end-of-the-year” picnic. Beverage, plates, utensils will be provided. The meal will be catered by Patrick Moran. The menu consists of:

- ✦ Pulled pork/pulled chicken
- ✦ Potato and macaroni salad
- ✦ Baked beans
- ✦ Brownies and Bars

“Gluten Free” menu available

Cost: FREE! Your chapter will pay for this delicious meal. All you need to do is bring yourself (and one guest) and a lawn chair.

During the picnic, we’ll have a brief business meeting to elect the 2010-2012 officers/board members and to discuss the feasibility of our chapter holding a regional conference (See March/April newsletter for more details).

Please RSVP to me by May 16 at the latest if you plan to attend. Also, indicate if you need a “gluten free” menu.

Lee’s address is 10344 County Road 3 NW, Pine Island, off of Highway 52. Carpooling is available. When RSVPing, please let me know if you want driving assistance.

We thank Lee and Van for hosting this fun event!

On a personal note, it’s been a privilege to serve as Chapter Dean for the past two years. I’m thankful for the opportunity to help our Chapter and I’m also very grateful for our Executive Board who has taken initiative in planning and hosting various activities. Please convey your thanks to our Board Members for the hard work they have done!

Rev. Scott Schilbe, Dean

EVENTS . . .

Albert Lea Events
United Methodist Church

July 4, 2010 Organ Blast
 "Salute to the Armed Services"
 4:00 –5:00 p.m.
 United Methodist Church
 702 Highway 69 S
 Albert Lea, MN

Eileen Nelson Ness and Friends
 Including Ryan Hulshizer, Gail
 Thurnau, Albert Lea Cantori and more....

Root Beer Floats from 3:15-3:45 pm
 (Come early as last year there were over 400
 People attending this concert and serving over
 350 Root Beer floats!

Twilight Concerts

August 9 & 16 7:00-7:45 pm

Dean Scott Schilbe wrote this "Letter to the Editor" in response to the March 26 Post Bulletin article about teenage organist Kalle Akkerman. The letter was printed in the April 2 edition.

The March 26 article highlighting the musical accomplishments of young organist Kalle Akkerman was insightful and enlightening. Kalle's interest in the "king of instruments" illustrates that young men and women are excited about the organ and will continue to carefully learn the special skills needed to play the instrument.

The article also raises an important concern regarding the lack of full-time organists. I applaud First Congregational Church of Austin in encouraging young people like Kalle to pursue organ lessons by offering financial scholarships.

It might be of interest to Post-Bulletin readers that for the past 8 years, the Southeast Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has facilitated organ scholarships for interested area youth. The scholarships are generously provided by the Isabelle Dyck Fund of the Rochester Area Foundation. The scholarship program is designed to encourage students, with adequate keyboard training and an interest in church music, to become acquainted with the church organ. Currently, 7 students are receiving organ scholarships. Scholarship auditions for the 2010-2011 season will be held on Saturday, May 8. For further information, contact Connie Schuelka at 282-1124.

Rev. Scott Schilbe, Dean
 SE Minnesota American Guild of Organists

Congratulations to our own AGO Member!

Sebastian Modarelli

Sebastian's piece "Born in Buenos Aires" had its New York Premier on April 25, 2010.

"The Metro Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Philip Nuzzo performed the work by the Argentine born composer Sebastian Modarelli. In this exciting orchestra's commission, featuring the virtuoso wind section of the Metro Chamber Orchestra, Modarelli has captured the soul of his country in a breathtaking tour de force."

Sebastián Pablo Modarelli is an internationally acclaimed award winning composer whose works have been performed in South America, Europe and United States. His awards include the First Prize in the triennial Composers' Contest of the National Academy of Arts, as well as scholarships from the Italian government and the Mozarteum Argentino that allowed him to continue his professional formation in the Conservatory "Giuseppe Verdi" in Milan and to participate in master classes with eminent composers as Karlheinz Stockhausen, Luis de Pablo and Marco Stroppa. In 2005 Modarelli moved to Rochester, Minnesota after being offered the position of Music Director and Organist at St. John the Evangelist Church. Since then he has composed mainly organ and chamber music as well as sacred choir music. Argentinean folklore has increasingly impregnated his music style; and in 2009 Alliance Publications signed a contract with him to begin to publish his work in the U.S.

◆ SLATE OF SEMNAGO OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS 2010-2012
 ◆ To be voted on at the May 23, 2010 AGO meeting.

◆ Officers

◆ Dean: Connie Schuelka
 ◆ Sub-Dean: Sebastian Modarelli
 ◆ Secretary: Katherine Shapinsky
 ◆ Treasurer: Brian Poch
 ◆ Past Dean: Rev. Scott Schilbe

◆ Executive Board Members

◆ Bob Hachmeister
 ◆ Rev. Matt Lehman (publicity)
 ◆ Cynthia McLaren
 ◆ Eileen Nelson Ness (newsletter)
 ◆ Robert Scoggin
 ◆ Nancy Wales

◆ Scholarship Chairperson (Appointed by Board)

◆ Connie Schuelka

◆ (Nominations from the floor will be taken, assuming that the nominee has consented to the nomination).

AGO Organ Concert

The Isabelle Dyck and SEMN AGO Organ Scholarship Recital will be held Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 512 3rd Street SW, Rochester, MN. 2009-2010 Scholarship students performing at this recital are The Hoang, Evan Johnson, Teresa Kramer, Audrey Kvam, Lisa Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, and Michelle Schmid. The recital is open to the public and AGO members are particularly invited to attend to support these up and coming organists.

Dr. Peter and Isabelle Dyck have generously agreed to fund up to 8 scholarships. Students currently with a scholarship may renew the scholarship annually for up to 4 years, contingent on their performances in the annual recital and a favorable recommendation from their organ teacher.

AGO ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

The 2010-2011 Scholarship Competition will be held May 8, also at the Presbyterian Church in Rochester beginning at 9:00 am. Scholarships will be awarded to both middle school aged pianists and high school aged pianists. This year all auditions will be done on the piano.

Terry Taylor Children's Choir Director Workshop

Friday, July 23 at 4:30 pm and Saturday, July 24 ending at 3:45 pm. "This is Your Faith (and Brain) on Music!: Children's Choir Advocacy for a New Era.

Sessions include: Why Children's Choir?, Learning Ways and Plays, Devotion in Motion, Tone Improvement, Choral Anthem Reading Session. Workshop held at St. Olaf College; Buntrock Commons Sun Ballroom; 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057. Register at: www.choristersguild.org/conferences or call 800-CHORISTER (800-246-7478) Workshop is sponsored by Choristers Guild

POE Opportunity for Students

St. Louis POE from June 13-18. Openings are still available for our program. Guest faculty during the week include Michael Bauer, Doug Cleveland, Carla Edwards, Wilma Jensen, and Chris Marks.

For information: www.agostlouis.org/poe.

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Evan Johnson Recital

Sunday, May 23, 2010, come hear AGO Dyck Scholarship recipient EVAN JOHNSON play his senior recital on the newly cleaned SIPE pipe organ at Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, 4th St. and 5th Ave. SW at 2:00 pm. Evan has been an AGO scholar 3 years, studying organ with Robert Scoggin 5 years. Evan has won several awards over the last two years in voice, piano and organ, and will attend college in the fall as a music performance major. Evan will play pieces by Bach, Widor, and Plan-yavsky. He will also be singing several songs, including the Songs of Travel song cycle by Vaughan Williams. AGO members and friends are invited to come and enjoy this interesting program of organ, voice, piano with other instruments.

Organist Needed

Faith Lutheran Church of St. Charles, MN is in need of help! Please contact Pastor Steve McGinley at: pastor@hbcsc.net They have immediate organist needs starting May 2nd and going forward. He would like to secure sub(s) for the month of May and then look for permanent help going forward. They will pay a competitive wage and expenses!

Please contact Pastor Steve ASAP!

Summer Worship Arts and Music Camp (SWAM)

Open to students who have completed 1st-6th grades from the Rochester area churches. Classes of drama, music, handbells, and more...presenting the musical, "Table for Five....Thousand!" by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote. June 14-18, 2010 9:00 am—12:00 pm. Registration fee: \$15.00 by June 1. (Late registration fee \$25.00)

First Presbyterian Church, 512 3rd Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902. For posters, registration forms and other information,

Contact: Jennifer Taylor, 507-282-1618, or taylor.jennifer@fprochester.org

Congratulations to AGO member Robert Scoggin of Rochester, MN. Bob was honored by the Mayo Clinic with a ten year service award in the Mayo Volunteer Program. He was also presented the Rochester Mayor's Medal of Honor by Jeff Daehn, Mayo Carillonneur, for artistic and cultural achievement in Rochester for 47 years! Check out the May "The American Organist" for Bob's recognition.

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN

Twentieth Anniversary Series

"Back By Popular Demand"

October 10 ~ Irina and Julia Elkina, duo pianists, Twin Cities

November 7 ~ Agape Ringers, Chicago

February 13 ~ Lee Afdahl and Friends.

Joined by Med City Brass and Elinor Niemisto, harp

March 13 ~ Paul Jacobs, The Juilliard School, New York City

April 10 ~ St. Olaf Cantorei, John Ferguson, conductor

A Hymn Festival

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