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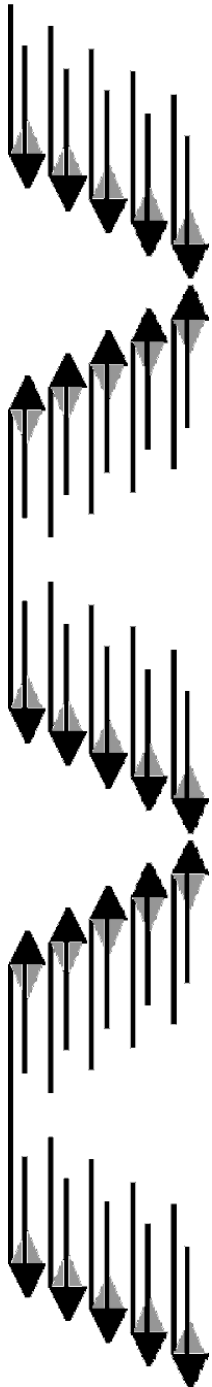
Christmas/Epiphany Party

At the home of Charlotte Cordes,
4060 North Painted Quail Place

Catch your breath, finally, and celebrate
the season with colleagues and friends.

After supper Mary Frances Fest will lead us in "Recycled Carols". This will be a fun time of interaction, broadening your horizons and knowing your fellow organists better. Everyone will be involved. Try it, you'll like it!!!!

RSVP to Charlotte at ccqmail@comcast.net or Mary Lou Barker at marloucb@q.com



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Expectancy!

I was struck particularly this fall by a number of seemingly disparate events that occurred one after the other. Maybe others among us have had the same feeling of events rushing forward!

The unseasonably warm weather through much of November made it hard to embrace "fall" as a season here in Southern Arizona, although the task of raking up the falling leaves on our fig tree at least gave me a memory of all those falls spent in Ontario, Canada!

The sensation of something surreal when playing in a Christmas choral concert on the weekend before Thanksgiving!

The election was a certain and decisive turning point for the United States and for the world. We wait in hope and expectancy!

The Thanksgiving Weekend spent with family (in short sleeves and shorts!), and putting up Christmas lights led straight to the hymns and music of Advent Sunday! The Christmas playlist on the family iPod now goes on! The favorite hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" speaks to us through the Four Sundays of Advent of hope and expectancy!

While we all experience the hustle and bustle of the secular part of our Christmas journey, try to take time to hear the still, small voice that speaks to us, perhaps first and foremost in the music of this waiting time. "We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple". This voice may be heard, in church, at home, at school, in conversation, in silence, in music. Listen, and be refreshed, as you make music that holds a place in the hearts and minds of those who may only come to church at this holy time, but who perhaps will leave our Christmas services transformed by the message. "Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel has come to thee"!

All blessings to you and yours! I look forward to seeing you at our Epiphany party on January 5!

Jeffrey Campbell

ORGAN SPECTACULAR OCTOBER 19

A recital in the Roy A. Johnson Memorial Organ Series

Celebrating the International Year of the Organ

Holsclaw Recital Hall, School of Music, University of Arizona was the venue for the Organ Spectacular program featuring Canadian-born organist and choral conductor, Dr. Maxine Thevenot, Associate Director of Music, Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque. Her program featured *Ornament of Grace* for oboe and organ by Bernard Wayne Sanders. The work was commissioned by AGO to celebrate the International Year of the Organ. Other works on the program included *Symphonie I in D minor*, Op. 15 by Louis Vierne, *Five Liturgical Inventions* by Victor Togni, and organ works of five contemporary composers. Following the recital, the celebration continued with a presentation by Dr. Thevenot of “Travels and Organs in Sight and Sound.” The photography and music were by Dr. Thevenot. This was followed by a catered Mexican supper.

Shirley Lockard



Ken Saunders appropriately attired for the Organ Spectacular.

2008-2009 Membership Directory Updates

Page 4: *Change e-mail address*

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Page 8: *Change address and position*

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Change position from Organist to Co-Director of Music

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..... *New Member*

Page 15: *Change Address*

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NOTE: With these changes, you should have 98 members

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Organ a la Carte

Sunday December 21
Lo, He Comes!
Jeffrey Campbell, organist

Music for Advent and Christmas by Bach, Pachelbel and Handel with special guest Patricia Harris, harp.

The concert begins promptly at 12:45 pm, preceded by Holiday Cheer in the Ferguson Room. at 12:30 pm.

A St. Philip's Friends of Music Event, donations at the door

RE:JOICE

December 13, 7:30 p.m.
and December 14, 2 p.m.,
St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church,
4440 N Campbell Avenue

Tucson Chamber Artists Christmas Lessons & Carols

Featuring TCA Chorus, Soloists and Jeffrey Campbell, organ

Single tickets: \$18, \$20, \$25 available by calling 520-401-2651 or email

info@tucsonchamberartists.org

or at the door. MC and Visa accepted

DISCOUNTED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has discounted its entire catalog of educational resources by 20% for AGO members making purchases now through December 23, 2008. The AGO store offers many educational resources and specialty items that can make the perfect holiday gifts for professional colleagues, organ students, organ teachers, and other organ music lovers. Dozens of books, recordings, and items of apparel, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and neckties, are offered.

Shopping for Guild gifts is easy. All merchandise can be ordered online at <www.agohq.org/store> or by contacting AGO store manager Harold Calhoun, <hc@agohq.org>, 212-870-2311 (ext. 4318) or 800-AGO-5115. Additionally, orders can be placed via postal mail using the order form found on page 9 of each issue of The American Organist Magazine. All orders totaling \$30 or more will qualify for a free gift: a CD recording of 2006 NYACOP winner Scott Montgomery.

A twelve-month subscription to The American Organist Magazine makes a wonderful gift for the new year. Alternatively, a gift of membership for a student, colleague, or loved one will provide all the benefits of membership, including a subscription to TAO Magazine. Orders for subscriptions and memberships can be placed online at <www.agohq.org/membership> or by calling 212-870-2311 (ext. 7512).

For the organist, friend, teacher, or loved one who has everything, some may wish to consider a gift that keeps on giving: a contribution to the AGO Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, or New Organist Fund in their honor. The contribution will go to work immediately supporting the educational activities of the American Guild of Organists. All contributions to the AGO are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. Contributions can be made online at <www.agohq.org/contributions> or by calling 212-870-2311 (ext. 4308).



2009 REGION IX FESTIVAL

The 2009 Region IX Festival will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, on June 22-25. Please take a moment to look at the Festival schedule, which boasts outstanding presenters and venues: <http://www.AGOinPhoenix.com>. Our Festival hotel, the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, is an historic resort of great beauty and majesty. The Biltmore has hosted numerous U.S. Presidents and celebrities and boasts the architectural inspiration of Frank Lloyd Wright. During next summer's Festival, take advantage of all that our event will have to offer and stay at the heart of the action, The Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa. In addition to the majestic Biltmore, our Festival will also showcase the architectural excellence of Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium, which represents Wright's final public commission, and we'll worship together at Ascension Lutheran Church, which was designed by Wright's son.

If you are able to stay at the Biltmore Resort, visit <http://www.AGOinPhoenix.com> to make reservations online. Use the menubar link "Accommodations/Info & Booking" to go to our special group reservations page. This will secure the \$139 room rate (per room, per night) and ensure that your reservations are credited toward the AGO account.

It is highly recommended that you purchase the transportation package, because of limited parking available at some of the venues and because of the high cost of gasoline! Parking at the Biltmore is free in the covered garage, and, by using Festival transportation, you will have more opportunities to relax and visit with other Festival attendees. We look forward to having you join us for this wonderful event. *Phoenix Rising: The Hottest Time You'll Ever Have!*

AGO NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGAN PEDAGOGY TO BE PRESENTED IN COOPERATION WITH YALE UNIVERSITY

Teaching Church Music in North America:
An Old Vocation in a New Millennium
March 11-14, 2009, New Haven, Conn.

Complete conference information, including online registration, is available at www.agohq.org. For further information, please contact the Yale Institute of Sacred Music at 203-432-3220 or e-mail <albert.agbayani@yale.edu>.

ANNUAL SHOWCASE RECITAL



The November recital at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church featured Chapter organists Kenneth Kelley, Janet Tolman, Ken Yukl, Patricia Kaltenberger and David Gay

The well attended and well received recital presented, in addition to solo organ pieces, selections for organ and percussion, organ duets, and organ and trombone. David Gay with percussionists Homero Ceron and Barbara Frieschlad performed *Four Psalms for Percussion and Organ* by Emma Lou Diemer. Kenneth Kelley and Patricia Kaltenberger performed *Duet for Organ* by Samuel Wesley. Janet Tolman with trombonist Patrick Lawrence performed *Esquisses* by James Eversole. Solo works by Myron J. Roberts, *Pastorale* and *Nova* were performed by Kenneth Kelley and Patricia Kaltenberger, respectively. Ken Yukl contributed *Little Preludes and Intermezzi* by Hermann Schroeder. A reception that followed capped a delightful afternoon.

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