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The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music and to support and inspire each other.



From the Dean

Ray Morvant

The Board is busily at work this summer planning events for the coming season. A key goal in all that we are doing is "Community Awareness": scheduling and producing events that help the Boise Community at large become more aware of our chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Among the events is the Downtown Christmas Church Walk. The Church walk has drawn much attention in the community over the last few years due in large part to the capable handling by Michael Civiello, who now produces our newsletter. This year the Church Walk will be sponsored by our chapter and feature chapter organists. We are also doing outreach to the retirement communities, suggesting our organ recitals (along with tours of the historic churches which house the instruments) as field trips for residents. Ultimately, the awareness projects are about new members. We can do our part by recommending our chapter events—promoting Les Bois to friends, family and acquaintances. They will appreciate your making them aware!

Temporary organ position Nampa Methodist Church

Contact Jeanne Kusterer at 466-7235

2012 AGO Examination Dates

Service Playing:

October 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013

Colleague:

November 16, 2012 and May 10, 2013
Let us know of your interest
and we'll get you a mentor
Complete information is in the July, TAO, pp.31-34.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Member Recital Monday, August 6, 12:15-12:4 P.M. St. John's Cathedral

Program

1. David Young, Organist Works by Felix Mendelssohn and J.S. Bach

2. Robert Schmidt, Organist Cloverdale Seventh Day Adventist Church Works by John Rutter, Marcel Dupré and Ralph Vaughan Williams

3. Robert Schmidt & David Young, duo-organists *The Stars and Stripes Forever* - John Philip Souza

Take yourself and a friend!

Progressive Dinner and Recitals

Friday, October 5 More details to come

Downtown Christmas Church Walk

December 26, 3-6 P.M.

There will be organ and instrumental music at four churches. Members—would you like to be part of this by playing 15-20 minutes at one of the churches during the Church Walk? These organs are among the finest in the state!

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Which mid-west city has this public art?



Answer to the last mystery question:

Wanamaker Organ—Macy's, Philadelphia

Have you recently been to our website, www.agoboise.org?

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You can Become a Member!
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You can add to our local History!
You can contact any of us!
You can see the Photo Archives!
You can read the Newsletters!

How cool is this?

2013 Region VIII Convention

Salem. Oregon June 23-26, 2013

Plan now to attend the Region VIII convention on the lovely campus of Willamette University. It's a beautiful area and well know for pinot noir..

Membership Time

Kirk will be sending out letters concerning membership. You can renew or join the Les Bois Chapter by snail-mail or at www.agoboise.org.

WE WANT YOU! YES, YOU! DO IT! NOW!

(I'm waiting)



Music Recommendation

By Michael Civiello

Emma Lou Diemer has always been one of my favorite organ composers. My first exposure was two albums of 19th century hymn tunes (*With Praise and Glory*) arranged ala Dale Wood and dedicated to him. Two other companion albums from which I've drawn are based on the Psalms (*Seasonal Psalms for Organ*). They are original compositions and each has a unique character.

All of these are of intermediate difficulty and need a few weeks to develop. There's a lot of usable service music in these five albums. Plus, if your organ has a MIDI module: "There are instances where synthesized MIDI sounds can be effectively employed".

Finally, a group of three of these works in a recital program would make a superb contrast if programmed well. All these are available at www.organmusiconly.com:

With Praise and Love—Volumes I & II
Sacred Music Press—Cat. #KK269 & 270

Seasonal Psalms for Organ—Volumes I & II
Sacred Music Press. Cat. #70/12589 & 12590
or call Dunkley Music to order: (208) 342-5549.

Position Available United Methodist Church, Caldwell

Organ: M.P. Möller, 1911, Opus 1194, II/23 (ex. cond.) There are two services—a more contemporary earlier and a traditional service at 11:00. Choir rehearsal is on Wed. Call the church office, 824 Logan St. 459-7435, or, Dr. Charles Reed, 459-0476, charmary@mindspring.com.

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Announcements, articles or any news of interest should be sent to me by the last Tuesday of each month.