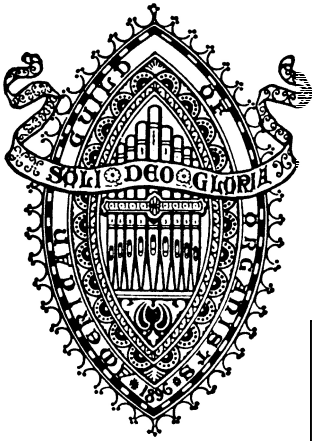


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“Setting Pistons For This Year”



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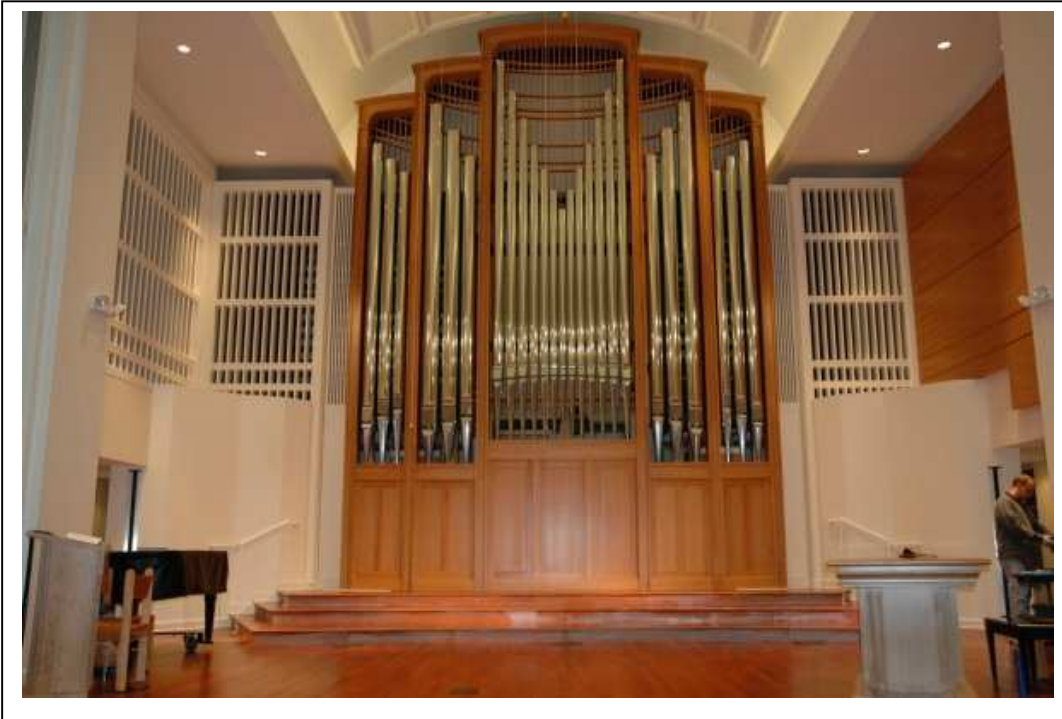
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“Escape To Enchantment”

Six of us from CACAGO - Betty Anderson, James Cathey, Bill Fox, Jim Maase, and myself (along with my former student and CACAGO member Bryan Bierbaum)- enjoyed the many delights of the “Escape To Enchantment” at the Region VII convention in Albuquerque June 28-July 1, 2009. We heard wonderful and varied recitals and concerts, attended a performance of Donizetti’s “The Elixir of Love” at the Sante Fe Opera, and learned much from various workshops. The steering committee offered several local musical highlights which included a performance of De Profundis, an all-male choir of 14 voices. The arrangements of historical mission- liturgy, Native American, and Jewish-settler’s melodies formed very unique programming as did the use of a Native-American wood flute. The concert was presented at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Albuquerque whose architecture incorporates pueblo features. Region musicians were showcased in recitals and workshops. Among the highlights were the opening concert by the choir of the Cathedral Church of St. John with husband-and-wife musicians Ian Quinn (choirmaster) and Maxine Thevanot (organist). Thevanot also played a stunning solo recital at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe on the new Fisk organ there. Composer Frederick Frahm (a member of the Albuquerque chapter) led the anthem reading workshop. Houston-based Crista Miller, whose program of primarily 20th century music at UNV was another excellent performer from within the Region. The young artist winner’s concert St. Paul Lutheran Church (Wicks) was characterized by rhythmic vitality and mature artistry for one so young. The Region will be well-represented at the National competition. I did take in our friend Antone Godding’s “What’s New For Sunday Morning” workshop, but missed the rest except for the delightful presentation on “The Use of the Organ in Opera” in Santa Fe. Attendees heard presentations on such as conducting techniques, children’s choirs, chapter maintenance, procuring a new organ, and injury-prevention. Fine recitals were presented by Daniel Roth, Steven Tharp, and Timothy Olsen (who had to manage with a change of venue because of problems with the Casavant organ at Immanuel Presbyterian). My favorite new work was the two movements from Three Pieces For Organ by Olsen’s friend Aaron Travers (all of 34 years old). We hope it will be published soon. We were amused when Roth paused just into his opening work, the Choral from Symphonie VII by Widor, in order to return the piece to the proper key (the transposer on the organ had been in use). Instruments were by Reuter (the Cathedral), Holtkamp (UNV), Moller (First Presbyterian) and the new Fisk in Santa Fe. At the Sante Fe opera we were treated like V.I.P.s, especially because of the delicious buffet supper (and free bar drinks) at the brand new pavilion built for such occasions as they are offered to the Santa Fe Opera’s biggest patrons. We enjoyed an entertaining presentation of a synopsis of the opera before the performance amid beautiful landscaping and the approach of a gorgeous sunset (performances at the opera house begin after sundown). The week ended with Flamenco dancers fandango-ing us on our way. Our chapter was one of ten who sent advertising-greetings for the attractive program book. Michael Bedford, Region VII Councillor, led the Region meetings with aplomb and generosity of heart. Madolyn Fallis and the others in our Region who give so much time to maintain the vitality of the Guild have our admiration. And we congratulate Fritz Frurip and the Albuquerque Chapter Steering Committee for a wonderful convention. We look forward to the 2011 gathering in Oklahoma City.

-Kay McAfee





Above: The New Nichols and Simpson at First Presbyterian in Birmingham MI.

MINUTES OF THE CACAGO MEETING, MAY 15, 2009

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. CRAIG CHOTARD, HOST

Phil Bordeleau, dean, called the meeting to order with a big thank-you to Ann and Sylvia for their delicious-as-usual dinner (including their homemade rolls!). We then had a full treasurer's report from Betty Deislinger. She enumerated some ways that we could be better stewards of our financial resources: to save postage, get more people on the e-mail list for the Clarion; to eliminate postage, vote for new officers and renew memberships online. Also, monetary gifts large and small are welcome and encouraged. Even small gifts can make a big difference in financing our programs and advertising.

Next, Larry Kirscher gave a report on our investment with the Arkansas Community Foundation. It is not performing as well as expected. Phil then asked for suggestions for programs for next year and perhaps in the future.

Last but not least, the election auditors gave the results of the voting for new officers, from both the absentee ballots and those cast at the May meeting:

DEAN--Phil Bordeleau

SUB-DEAN--Wayne Simpson

TREASURER Betty Deislinger

SECRETARY--Betty Anderson

MEMBER-AT-LARGE--Nathan Beethe

Respectfully submitted

Betty Anderson, CACAGO secretary

The following list is of those people that have NOT renewed as of today. Remember that the deadline for renewals is September 1st

In order to be listed in the Yearbook!

Allen, Timothy
 Barnett, Harriet
 Beall, T. David
 *Block, Frank E., Jr.
 Burton, Lyndon D.
 Butler, Jr., Richard C.
 Chotard, R. Craig
 Corley, Jackman
 Cumming, Judy A.
 *Dickinson, Stefanie
 *Diden, Mrs. Samuel R.
 (Mary)
 Epperson, Mary C.
 Finney, Lyndon
 Glaze, David A.
 Kemp, Dr. Stephen F.
 Kennedy, Linda Dale
 Lentz, Christian C
 Lusk, Barbara
 *Lyon, Dr. Susan Loy
 Maase, James
 Martin, Lewis G., SPC
 McGehee, Jim
 McGrew, Phyllis, SPC
 McKnight, Lillie
 McMains, Conner
 Merritt, Jonathan K.
 Miller, Dr. Bert O., O.D.,
 F.A.A.O.
 Payette, Lynn
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 Roberts, Rees
 Savacool, Adam
 Seidenschwarz, Scott L.
 Thompson, Martha Lynn

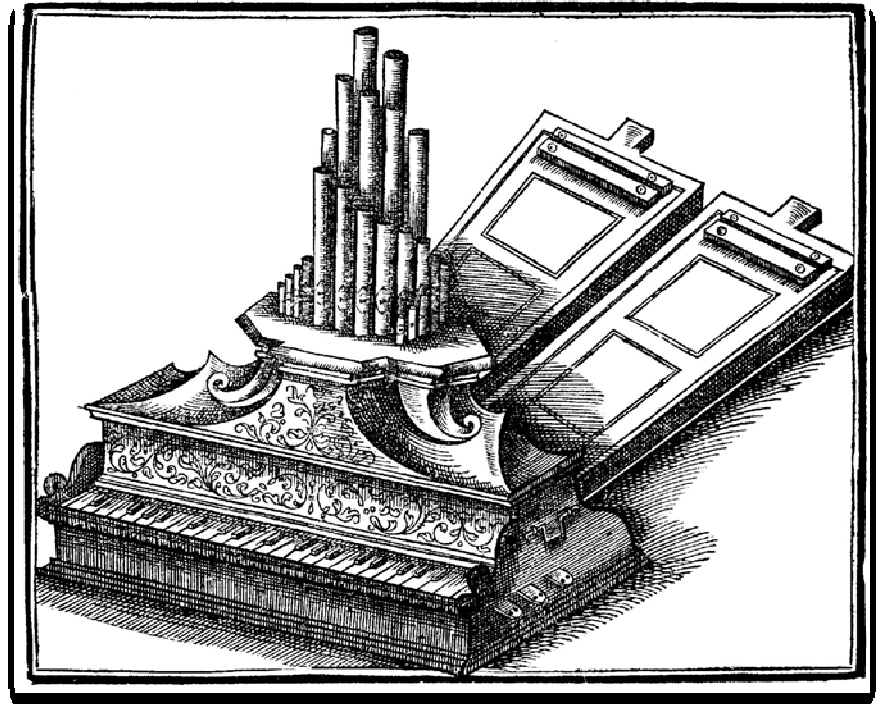
MISCELLANEOUS PIPING

This section of the Clarion is devoted to misc information or events. If you have anything you would like posted please send that to Editor@cacago.org.

I would also like to post letters, or comments members may care to share through our newsletter. editor@cacago.org

Ansley Fleming has kindly offered his services as a substitute if you should need one. You may contact him at: flemna@conwaycorp.net

Don't forget the yearbook will has members listed who can also sub should you need them.

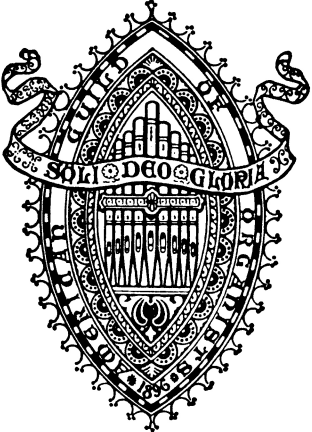


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