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**DEADLINE
For the October issue of
THE WINDCHEST
is
October 22, 2014**

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Dean's Message

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the opening event of the season. That was the largest crowd we have had for an event in quite some time. We want to express our thanks to Dr. Christensen for his hospitality and hard work in hosting such a vibrant social event. Quite a party.

Another party that happened this past summer was the National Convention in Boston. I was able to attend that event, and it was a fine example of what the Guild is able to do. Obviously, we were treated to some fine organ concerts. There were also superb choral concerts that were very moving. The addition of the scholarly research papers was a nice touch. Many of us occasionally reach the point where we are "workshopped-out" and don't want to attend a rehash of a workshop we have experienced many times over the years. The scholarly paper events that I attended were interesting and fresh - a good alternative to attending a workshop.

The regional convention in St. Louis will be coming up next summer. You may want to think about attending. More will be revealed as time progresses.

David Schack
Dean, Omaha Chapter AGO

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ONCARD update: The ONCARD system shows sixty one members as of October 15. Several more people are known to be in the process of renewing or joining. If you are one of the remaining people who want to renew and need help, contact Dean David Schack (DavidSchack@cox.net).

OUR NEXT MEETING

Simple, but Good - Easy Music for Organ
October 27, 2014, 7 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
14205 Ida Street, Omaha, NE

The next program is a organ literature sharing session. Bring something that is easy to play that you think others might want to play (Simple, but Good). We all need accessible pieces available in a pinch when our backs are to the wall and we don't have much time to practice. So we want to share those kinds of pieces in this program. For this event, you don't even need to practice ahead of time on the organ. Just bring the music and figure out your registration at the event. We'll wait. We will take a very low key, informal approach.

The organ is a fairly small instrument by Wicks. There are two manuals and pedal. Although you may want to avoid too many registration changes, there are combination pistons available if you need to use them.

When you know what you would like to play, send your information to David Schack (DavidSchack@cox.net) so we can compile a hand-out. (Name, composer, publisher, price, approximate duration, anything else you think people should know.)

Directions: Zion Lutheran Church is at the corner of 144th Street and Ida (which is 1 block south of Military). Park in the lot on the east side of the building.

Omaha AGO Hymn Festival Sunday, April 19, 2015

Have you heard?

The Omaha Chapter AGO Hymn Festival
Sunday, April 19, 2015
First United Methodist Church, Omaha

Dr. Christensen, Jean Johnson, Sally Hodges, Mark Kurtz and Greg Johnson have been hard at work on the Festival for several months. Committees are now being set up for various parts of the day. If you are asked to help, please say "yes". Better yet, call or e-mail one of the committee to volunteer. Right now Jean is trying to get a few singers from each of several churches to be the choir.

Interested? - jean.johnson.8@cox.net

Dr. Christensen, chair, is at
mrc@chase3000.com

Call for Organists for Omaha AGO Christmas Program

2014 Annual AGO Christmas Program

Looking for performers for the annual Christmas program.

This year it will be at St John's Lutheran in Council Bluffs.

They have a 3-manual Austin Pipe Organ.

First Sunday in Advent, 30th of November, the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be at 3:00 PM with a reception following in the church.

Contact Gilbert Ward, 402-391-2168 or
geward@q.com

2015 AGO
North Central Regional Convention
June 22-24, 2015
St. Louis, Missouri
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CONCERTS – Saint Cecilia Cathedral – 2014-15

October 16-17 Residency - Tamminga-Dickey Duo



October 16 – 6:30 p.m. – CLASS on Baroque Performance Practice with focus on Ensembles for Brass Players and Organists. **FREE Admission** – hosted by the Midwest Brass Society.

October 17 -7:30 p.m. – CONCERT – Tamminga-Dickey Duo **FREE concert** by two of the world's most noted Baroque specialists on organ and cornetto. Liuwe Tamminga, Italian Organist with Bruce Dickey, Cornetto Player.

November 2, 2014 3:00 p.m. – Mozart Requiem



Saint Cecilia Cathedral and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choirs join with orchestra to sing one of history's beloved sacred works on All Souls Day. The **concert is FREE** and open to the public. Included will be a time of remembrance of all of our loved ones and the performance of the Requiem officially concludes the Archdiocese's initiative – Renewing the Rite of Christian Funerals. In partnership with the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

November 23, 2014 3:00 p.m. – Marie Rubis Bauer, Organist



Marie Rubis Bauer will perform timeless music both modern and ancient – including compositions by living composers, Estonian, Arvo Pärt, Swede, Erland Hildén, Frenchman, Olivier Latry and Renaissance Italian Composers, Claudio Merulo and Antonio Cavazzoni interspersed with Gregorian Chant. The **concert is FREE** and open to the public.

February 6, 2015 7:30 p.m. – Crista Miller, Organist



Crista Miller is organist at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston, which houses the grant “sister” instrument of St. Cecilia's Pasi Organ. Highly regarded for her interpretation of Romantic, symphonic literature. **FREE admission.**

March 20 & 22, 2015 – Bach! on the Gamba and Harpsichord



Micah Fusselmann, viola da gamba and **Marie Rubis Bauer**, harpsichord, team up to perform the Gamba Sonatas of Johann Sebastian Bach. **FREE admission.**

March 20, 2014 7:30 p.m. – St. Paul's Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs*

March 22, 2014 3:00 p.m. – Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha

April 26, 2015 3:00 p.m. – Robert Parkins, Organist



From Duke Chapel in Raleigh, North Carolina, **Robert Parkins** is well known for interpretations of early Iberian and Spanish organ music. The **concert is FREE** and open to the public.

ALL CONCERTS are sponsored by patrons of the Cathedral Arts Project - CAP.

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church
239 Frank Street, Council Bluffs

Saint Cecilia Cathedral
701 N. 40th Street in Omaha
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