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FROM THE DEAN

Greetings, members and friends of the ABQ chapter AGO!

It was a pleasure to see you at our first event this season at Christ Lutheran Church in Santa Fe. I want to thank Marla Riggins-Clark, Linda Raney, and Jane Smith for joining me in the recital program. We heard repertoire from the 17th to the 21st centuries played on an instrument that hasn't been featured in a recital in many years. As part of the event, we formally installed our officers who will work to guide the chapter in the coming year.

Following that we retired to the parish hall for refreshments and social time. I was pleased to meet some new members of our chapter and to hear about the many musical activities in which our chapter members find themselves involved.

By now, you should have received your 2009-2010 Chapter Yearbook. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please contact the Registrar, Craig Smith, at critic53@cybermesa.com or by phone at (505) 603-1750.

However, you might find that the electronic copy is more useful as all of the links and email addresses are live and will work quite efficiently from your computer screen. A copy of this directory is now posted on the chapter website on the member resources page. It will be updated as frequently as new information is provided to us. If you see a correction that needs to be made, please let us know so we can keep our records current.

Our October event will take place at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque (at 9100 Menaul Blvd, between Moon and Eubank) on Saturday October 10th at 10 AM. We will present a workshop on organ improvisation structured for parish organists, and focus entirely on techniques that create music based on hymn tunes. There is no cost for the workshop and you'll only need to bring your shoes and an open mind... we'll go from there together!

The course will last two hours, and will be further expanded upon in our February chapter event at the same venue. Please note that the main west church parking lot will have been very recently resurfaced, and that you'll likely need to park on the street on the south side of the church along Northeastern Ave NE.

Enter the church through the main entrance off Northeastern, and head up to the organ gallery for the workshop. If you have any questions in advance of the workshop, please

contact me personally at info@frederickfrahm.com or the Sub-Dean Jane Smith at organista7788@hotmail.com. We hope to see you on Saturday!

Cheers,

Frederick Frahm
Dean, Albuquerque Chapter AGO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Events and Meetings

- * 10 a.m.- noon Saturday, Oct. 10: Improvisation Workshop, Part I. St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque. Presenter: Dean Frederick Frahm.
- * 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2: Executive Committee meeting. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9100 Menaul Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque
- * 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 14: Service Playing Certification Workshop. Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave. S.W., Albuquerque. Materials and strategies for preparation for AGO Service Playing Exam (materials provided). Presenter: Maxine Thevenot.

Concerts: Albuquerque

- * 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays: noontime recitals, Cathedral Church of St. John. Sub-dean Jane Smith, Oct. 7; Linda Raney, Oct. 14; Arlene Ward, Oct. 21; Las Cantates UNM, Oct. 28.
- * 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25: Great Organists at the Cathedral, Cathedral Church of St. John, 318 Silver Ave. S.W., Albuquerque. Robert Parkins, recitalist.
- * 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8: Annual recital, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque. Frederick Frahm, organist.

Concerts: Santa Fe

- * Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.: TGIF Organ Recitals, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe, 208 Grant Ave. Linda Raney, organist; Gregory D'Agostino on Friday, Oct. 30.

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If you have concerts or events you'd like publicized, or if you know of persons interested in joining our chapter, please get in touch with the Registrar at critic53@cybermesa.com or (505) 603-1750. Also, please put him on your church or personal news feeds, or copy him on bulletins and advances. The more places we can advertise our events, the better for the chapter and the organ!