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FROM THE DEAN

Most of us like a surprise. Not a big surprise – just a moderate surprise. Someone calls us, and we are happy to hear their voice. Someone does an unexpected kindness, and we are so grateful. Today, and the last few months have given us a BIG surprise. Every day brings news that seems to be more surprisingly awful than the day or week before. The coronavirus is a terrible surprise, and one that we will remember for a long time to come. We will talk and read about it for years, perhaps.

I hope that you are well, and you are doing what you can to help others. Many of us will stay home as best we can to prevent us catching and/or spreading the virus. Some will be required to perform jobs that put us in peril of catching the virus. Others will volunteer to assist those who need our help at this

time. I believe there are members who have – or will have the virus at some point along the way. I know of one of our members who is hospitalized now with the covid-19 virus. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are sick, and to all the selfless care givers, health providers, first responders, and safety professionals amongst us. We are thankful to all of them!

The daily news is surprising us with the many activities and things we cannot do. We, ourselves, have cancelled the March and April AGO meetings. Our May Bachathon has been cancelled. It is possible we will even cancel more of our meetings and events. I am very sorry that we won't have these programs and concerts. Our group is one of countless others that have almost suspended operation for the time being.

We are hopeful for a cautious return to our ability to move freely in our world. It isn't that we won't, it is just a matter of when.

Our March Members' Recital almost happened. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the program the day it was to be performed. The mayor said to limit the size of people gathering, and the church decided we could not have the program there. We had seven members ready and willing to play for us. We thank them for their willingness to give of their time and talents to prepare, and perhaps there will be a time in the future when we can hear them. We wish to thank the church for letting us practice there. Our thanks to Mary Davis for coordinating our performers practice times.
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FROM THE DEAN (CONTINUED)

We are most appreciative to the Reuter Organ Company for donating their servicing and tuning of the organ in preparation for the program.

This month’s program of the First and Sixth Symphonies of Louis Vierne, performed by Dr. Eric Plutz, has been cancelled. The Temple of the Community of Christ in Independence closed the building until May 15. At this time there is no alternative date for the concert, as we have no idea how long the shu down of buildings may last.

Nara Newcomer and Lara West have worked long and hard to present a most wonderful Bachathon for us. Sadly, the time frame for the mayor’s decree to limit crowds included the date for the program. The Bach-we-love-you-fest had to be cancelled. As there were many people and performers involved in the hours of performances, we have not scheduled an alternative date. Our thanks to Nara and Lara, and to all the people involved with planning and presenting the hoped for Bachathon.

The May 18th program at St. Thomas the Apostle has not yet been cancelled. We will keep you posted on this event. Our long-time members Dr. Beth Elswick, Director of Music and Organist, is planning to play for us, and Gerry Oehring will be giving a demonstration of the hybrid pipe and digital organ.

On June 1, a Monday evening at 6 pm,

we will hope to gather at Hosanna Lutheran church in the Liberty, MO, area for a potluck meal, fun, and the installation of new board members. Again, we will have to wait on the final word as to whether this will happen.

The election of officers and board members is underway. I hope you all have received a ballot by e-mail or by regular post. Please contact me if you have not received a ballot. We have some very fine candidates for the positions, and we certainly appreciate their willingness to join the board as we navigate these uncertain times.

Those of us that are “sheltering in place” during this coronavirus outbreak have probably tired of it long ago. I remind myself that we certainly have much to be thankful about, as most of us have a place to take shelter. For those of you that may have contracted the dreaded illness, or if know of someone or have loved ones who have – we are most sorry. To all who work to serve and protect us and care for us, I give a heartfelt “God Bless You!”

Surprise, surprise! I hope your surprises are positive ones. And by all measures, I hope good health is yours to have for years to come!

Boyd Ahrens, your Dean

**WORSHIP PLANNING
COVID19 PANDEMIC EDITION**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE
Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE
Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE
Gather Us In.....NOPE
Close to Thee.....NOPE

COULD WORK
 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
 Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
 I Come to the Garden Alone
 Trust and Obey

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Concert Cancelled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:15-12:45 p.m. - United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Avenue, Leawood, KS 66224, Building A Sanctuary—Finale of Lenten Concert Series with organ and two pianos featuring sacred, classical and secular music - Barbara Eichenberger, CAGO & Ray Smith, CAGO performing along with Kevin Bogan & Kelly Sanford

Concert Cancelled for May 30-31, 2020. Out of an abundance of caution, and in an effort to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Spire Chamber Ensemble has decided to postpone our May 30-31 concert project "Awakening New Sounds."

AGO Chapter Programs Cancelled as indicated in the Dean's article:

Monday, April 20, 2020 7:30 pm
ERIC PLUTZ IN RECITAL
 Community of Christ temple
 200 South River Boulevard, Independence, MO

Sunday, May 3, 2020
BACHATHON XLI 2:00 – 6:00 pm
 Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
 415 West 13th Street, Kansas City, MO

Monday, May 18, 2020 7:30 pm TBD
HYBRID ORGAN DEMONSTRATION
 St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church
 12251 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS

Personal Development Corner: PDC

Spending more time at home? This is the perfect time to check out the educational resources at agohq.org.

In Lessons for the New Organist session number 3. Fred Hohman discusses Couplers, Manual to Manual, Manual to Pedal, and Intra-manual couplers that bring in pitches an octave higher or an octave lower. He first demonstrates basic couplers on a mechanical action organ, and then the various coupler possibilities on an electro-pneumatic organ.

At the end of each lesson, there is a practical assignment to be done before the next lesson.

While at the website, take a look at the videos of William Porter's excellent workshop on Hymn Tune Improvisation from the 2010 National AGO Convention in Washington DC. His best advice is not to worry what happens, and practice those improvisations like you would any other piece.

Thanks and happy learning experiences,

Dan Cline



Newsletter Submissions:
Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month for the next month's edition.
All submissions must be sent to the editor at bombarde@kicago.com.
No other email addresses, please.

For God alone my soul does wait

from Psalm 62

For God al - lone my soul does wait
 God is my sole foun - da - tion strong,
 For God a - lone my soul does wait
 De - li - ver - ance and hon - or true
 O trust our God in all your ways;

2
 In si - lence and in sol - i - tude;
 And my sal - va - tion sure and true;
 In si - lence and in sol - i - tude;
 Come on - ly and from my God on high;
 O peop - les, trust your Lord a - bove!

3
 My safe - ty is in God a - lone;
 My for - tress firm in which I trust,
 My hope lives on - ly is in the Lord,
 My might - ty rock is on - ly God,
 Pour out your heart, cry out your prayers

4
 My soul is shel - tered and re - newed.
 And which no foe can still un - do.
 My soul is shel - tered and re - newed.
 My re - uge when I mourn and cry.
 To God our ref - uge and our love.

TEXT: Charles Spence Freeman, March 2020, after Psalm 62:1-2, 5, 7-8

MUSIC: Suggested tune CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM,
 Sarum plainsong, 9th cent. (LM)

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Complete Organ Works of Jean Langlais, a collection of 26 CDs with accompanying book. The definitive recordings made under the direct supervision of the composer by Ann Labounsky, leading American disciple and author of his biography and DVD. <http://www.voixduventrecodings.com>. (Editor's Comment: This impressive set is free in honor of Ann Labounsky's 50th birthday!)

REST IN PEACE:

Long-time chapter member Reggie Watkins died on March 30, 2020. He is remembered by many for his outgoing nature and soulful music. There are no details for a memorial at this time.

Substitutes Available

Substitutes listed are members of the local organ guild. The people who hold AGO certificates have passed requirements of the National American Guild of Organists for various levels of service playing and choral conducting. However, the GKCAGO is not an endorsement agency for service provided by the persons listed here. To learn proficiency of substitutes, feel free to ask them for references. Feedback regarding the hiring of GKCAGO substitutes is welcome and encouraged. Please send feedback to John Schaefer canonjohn40@gmail.com.

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SPC = service playing certificate | CAGO = Colleague certification | AAGO = Associate certification | FAGO

The following have various degrees in organ or church music at the college or post-graduate level:

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org = organist | lit = liturgical worship | dir = choral director | piano = pianist | lts = long-term sub