



Prairie Pippings

The Monthly Newsletter of SDAGO

The Mission of SDAGO is...

to bring the excitement and inspiration of the organ and its music to children and adults through events of education, entertainment and discovery.

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October Program



Celebrating 35 Years of Pipedreams

—A Members Recital

October 7 at 3:00 PM

First Congregational Church

300 S. Minnesota Ave—Sioux Falls

SDAGO members present a recital in honor of the 35th Anniversary of *Pipedreams*, APM's long-running radio program devoted to the organ and its music hosted by Michael Barone. Organ solo repertoire as well as music for organ and instruments will be included on the program. SDAGO joins chapters around the country in recitals recognizing this landmark anniversary. ***This event is open to the public—please spread the word!***

For more information about *Pipedreams*, it's programming, Michael Barone and special celebration events and interviews, visit www.pipedreams.org. Pipedreams airs weekly in our area Sundays from 6-8 AM on KRSD 88.1 FM or you can listen online anytime.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Matthew Tylutki is a recent graduate of St. Olaf's class of 2018 from Austin, Minnesota, with a degree in Instrumental Music Education. He studied trumpet with Dr. Martin Hodel, and served as the trumpet section leader of the St. Olaf Band. Matthew also studied organ with Dr. Catherine Rodland. Through his study of the organ he has had many opportunities for performances and service playing around the Twin Cities area. Notably, he held the position of Music/Organ Intern at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis last summer, and has performed recitals in Northfield, Plymouth, and St. Paul. As a part of student teaching Matthew made his public conducting debut with the Minneapolis South High School Wind Ensemble on the stage of Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota in a joint performance with the University Band. Most recently he has accepted the position of Principal Organist at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, where looks forward to beginning his career in music ministry.

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The
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Academy

SDAGO Academy Receives Memorial Gift

Elizabeth Soladay, SDAGO Academy Director

Lorna Braught died this past June. That name will not be familiar to most of you, but she and her husband, Arnie, were part of a carpool of AGO members and supporters who drove from Mitchell to SDAGO events years ago. Lorna had degrees, including in pipe organ performance, from Macalaster College in St. Paul. She taught school for a few years, ending up in Mitchell, where she met and married Arnie. She was the organist at UCC Congregational in the mid-60's, and then, in 1980, became the organist at First United Methodist in Mitchell. She was still the organist for FUMC when she died, and she was my friend.

Lorna had not been active with the SDAGO for a number of years. She was 78 when she died, but had suffered from increasingly ill health for almost 20 years. However, her love of the instrument never wavered. Arnie and her family and friends have given three full SDAGO Academy scholarships (\$250 each) in her memory. In his letter to John Nordlie, Arnie wrote, "We look back around 65 years, when Lorna was a piano student. She witnessed an organist using her feet to play. Her focus changed from piano to becoming a church organist..." Now Lorna's family and friends are helping other students have that same epiphany. The SDAGO and the world of organists thank them. This is legacy.

Soli Deo Gloria.

September Chapter Meeting Notes

SDAGO is off to a great start this season! Thanks to Dean Marilyn Schempp for hosting and everyone who attended and provided the delectable dining for our Potluck and Preview event September 7. It was a pleasant evening of catching up with everyone, welcoming new people and learning about the OrgelKids kit organ and how we may be able to use it in our schools, churches and communities. The chapter voted to purchase the instrument from its builder, John Nordlie. Jack Mohlenhoff will convene a team to formulate some possible curricula for its use. Volunteers welcomed!! Chapter Yearbook/Directories will be mailed to members later this month.



More Musical Events

September 29 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral

Transept Vocal Ensemble presents *The Tudors: Monarchy, Drama and Music of Celestial Harmony*.

Dr. Timothy Campbell, Conductor.

For more information/tickets, visit www.transept.org/concerts

September 30 6:00 PM at First Christian Reformed Church (2901 East 26th Street, Sioux Falls)

Hymn Festival: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

A festival of familiar hymns featuring the new Allen 360 organ.

October 1, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Washington Pavilion

VikeSing Men's Choral Festival with special guests Cantus

Tickets available at www.washingtonpavilion.org

NOTES from the Dean



Fall greetings!

I hope your fall schedule is well under way by now. Every August I wonder how I will plug each of my students into my teaching schedule and what performance opportunities will come my way. Well, all the students have a time slot now—at least until the next sport season starts, that is, and many of our members are preparing for our upcoming Pipedreams 35th Anniversary Recital. I hope to see you at First Congregational Church on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 3:00 pm, whether or not you are performing – and bring your friends! Another performance opportunity will be coming next March 22 for our Bach Birthday Bash. This will be held at the Augustana Chapel and we will be joined by the Augustana University Chorale. Start thinking now about which Bach piece you might perform.

We had wonderful attendance at our opening social and meeting on Sept. 7 with around 20 members and some spouses present. It was good to connect with each other again, sharing excellent food and conversation. John Nordlie presented information about the Orgelkids instrument which he built. Members present helped put it together discussed ways it could be used to share information about the organ. Members present voted unanimously to purchase it for our use. Jack Mohlenhoff has agreed to head a committee to put together a booklet on how it goes together, including information on how it might be used to present it to classrooms and other groups. If you have ways you would like to see it used, please get in touch with Jack.

We have several new members this year: Nic Engel, Matthew Tylutki, Spencer Smith, Sara Schott, Christopher Larsen, David Moglebust, and Michael Rathke. Watch for their profiles in *Prairie Pippings* and on the chapter Facebook page. When you see them at events, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our chapter. We also have a new category called Chapter Friend for folks who are interested in the organ and attending organ events, but may not necessarily be organists. Chapter Friends do not receive *The American Guild of Organists* magazine and cannot vote. For the \$15 fee, their name is included in our membership book and they will receive our chapter newsletter and emails, so they know when we have events which they might like to attend. If you know of organ enthusiasts who might fit into this category, let me know so we can be in touch with them about this possibility.

We have one member preparing to take his CAGO exam. Have you ever entertained the thought about taking one of the exams? Would you like to have another colleague working on this same goal to help motivate you? If so, let me know—maybe we can start a group for those interested in preparing for an exam. Check out the July 2018 issue of the TAO to see what is involved in the different exams.

I would also encourage you to take some time look at the national AGO website. There is a wealth of material and information there. I must admit that I had not spent any time on that website before I became the North Central Regional Councillor. Check it out and see what is all available! www.agohq.org

Have a great fall and see you in October at the Pipedreams 35th Anniversary Recital!

Musically,

Marilyn Schempp