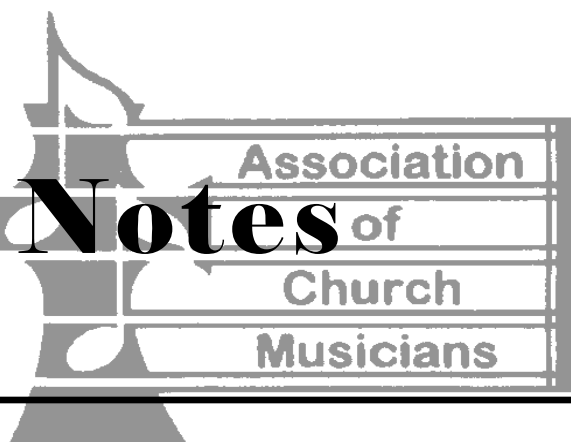


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ACM President's letter ...

Madison, and the organ world, recently lost a major musician and teacher. On December 31, 2009, John Wright Harvey passed on at the age of 90. A former dean of the Madison AGO chapter, long time member of the University of Wisconsin music faculty, and area church musician, his musical experiences extended back many years (see article on page five of this newsletter).

As a newcomer to Madison a few years ago, I was fortunate to get to know John and Jean through several delightful post-liturgical chats at Asbury United Methodist Church. After having played a piece by Emma Lou Diemer, he said "Ah, Emma Lou ..." and started telling stories about her. Similarly, a piece by Richard Purvis inspired him to talk about getting together with him in San Francisco while on shore leave. As much as he enjoyed chatting about his experiences, he always asked about the day's music and organ registrations. He will be missed by the many ACM members who knew him.

Looking ahead (several years ahead), the ACM board voted to work towards submitting a bid to host the 2015 AGO Region VI convention (see article on page three). Note the year - 2015, not 2013 (both seem far in the future!). After discussing the matter, including holding an open meeting in December, and offering an opportunity for input from members, it was decided that the 2013 date (including a submission deadline of January 31, 2010) would be too early to realistically consider. At the same time, there are many compelling reasons to indicate that Madison would be a great city to host a convention.

Stay healthy (and warm).

Mark Brampton Smith

AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C., July 4 - 8, 2010

The Web site for the 2010 AGO National Convention in Washington, D.C., is ready to explore what has already been called the "THE hottest National Convention in a long time." You'll get all the information you need to convince you this is THE National Convention to attend. To see an overview of the convention, go to www.AGO2010.org and click on the SCHEDULE menu where you will find CONVENTION AT A GLANCE with links to every performer, venue and workshop. You will find it easy to get around on the Web site.

Would you like to see who is exhibiting/ advertising or want to purchase a business card ad in the program book? Check under the ADVERTISE/EXHIBIT/SPONSOR menu.

AGO has given you two extra weeks beyond the traditional end of early registration. Register by Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th, and you will save \$70. Know a non-member who may attend? They will receive a year's membership included with their registration fee. Wish you could read about AGO 2010 in a brochure? Watch for a full-color brochure arriving soon in every AGO member's mailbox.

Need other information or have questions? Browse through the Web site and if you don't find the answer, click on CONTACT US and members of the 2010 steering committee will be happy to answer your question.

Ronald Stolk, Convention Coordinator

coordinator@ago2010.org

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 13, 7:00pm, "Heavenly Valentine" concert to celebrate your sweetheart or friends this year at Sinsinawa Mound: original music, inspirational stories from Christian singer, songwriter, and storyteller Sam Kauffman. You may come for dinner (5:45pm) and the concert (7:00pm) or just the concert. Dinner reservations are due by noon Wednesday, Feb. 9. The cost for the dinner and concert is \$20. Advanced concert tickets are \$10. Concert tickets the day of the event are \$15. Contact Guest Services for reservations or more information at (608) 748-4411.

Mondays February 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00pm, Lenten Taize Prayer services will be held at Sinsinawa Mound in Queen of the Rosary Chapel. Through the simple, meditative prayer chants of Taize music, you will be drawn in to a deeper prayer experience during this most sacred of seasons. Sister Mary Ellen Winston, OP, will lead this ecumenical communal prayer. Contact Sister Mary Ellen at (608) 748-4411, ext. 843, for more information.

Sunday, February 28th, 8:00 and 10:30am, the soloists and choir at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 303 Park St., Arlington, will perform J. S. Bach's Cantata BWV106, Actus Tragicus. They will be joined by a chamber orchestra of musicians from the Madison area.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

Celebrate the last day of winter! On **Saturday, March 20**, young pianists, ages 11-16, will have an opportunity to meet the King of Instruments, the pipe organ! This event, entitled Pedals, Pipes & Pizza, is being sponsored by the Association of Church Musicians which includes the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Pedals, Pipes & Pizza will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 110 North Gammon Road, Madison. The opening session will feature the video Pulling Out All the Stops. Afterwards students will be able to see, hear, and play the 23 rank Steiner pipe organ. Following a pizza lunch, students will travel to Resurrection Chapel at Oakwood Village West, 6201 Mineral Point Road, to see, hear, and play the pipe organ built by Stoughton resident Bruce Case. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 North Segoe Road, will be the final stop on our tour. At Covenant students will have the opportunity to see, hear, and play the 36 rank 3 manual Schoenstein pipe organ. Following the showing of the video Close Encounters, Pedals, Pipes & Pizza will conclude by 3:30 p.m.

Piano students, ages 11-16, who would like to take part in Pedals, Pipes & Pizza can contact John Krueger (phone: 608.249.0679, e-mail: j.krueger@att.net). A registration form appears in this newsletter. Pedals, Pipes & Pizza (including lunch) is free to all participants. Parents are welcome and are encouraged to join us.

MUSICA MAXIMA Spring 2010

Exciting concerts continue in the MUSICA MAXIMA series in Beloit, Wisconsin. Concerts are at First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell Street. Contribution/Freewill Offering accepted. All are invited.

Sunday, March 14, 3:00pm, Max H. Yount, organist, plays organ favorites, including Bach's and Widor's toccatas, and pieces by Buxtehude, B Wayne Sanders and Johann Steffins.

Sunday, April 11, 3:00pm, Max H. Yount, harpsichordist, plays harpsichord favorites including Fr. Couperin's *Passacaille* and *Les Baricades Mistérieuse*, and music by Rameau, Bach and Haydn

Sunday, April 25, 3:00pm, e e consort returns by popular demand. Artists are Edith Hines, baroque violin, Eleanor Cox, baroque cello, and Max Yount harpsichord and chamber organ.

Sunday, May 16, 3:00pm, Gregory Hand, Professor of Organ, University of Iowa, presents an organ concert of 20th-century tonal works: Elgar's Sonata, first movement, Whitlock's Scherzetto from the Sonata, Tournemire's "Victimae Paschali", two choral preludes of Brahms, and Gospel preludes by William Bolcom.

Sunday, June 6, 3:00pm, David Newman, pianist, returns again by popular demand, for wonderful solo performances and ensemble work with his friends.

More information is available on all concerts at info@firstcon.org, maxyount@gmail.com, or (608) 362-4821

Positions Open

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Hosting an AGO Regional Convention, a report

A survey, initiated last May, of the approximately 60 members of the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists indicated interest in hosting an AGO regional convention in Madison, possibly as early as 2013. The amount of interest was enough for the ACM Board to then invite Jan Kraybill, our AGO Regional Councillor, to Madison to provide more information on hosting a regional convention and to answer questions. Jan gave an excellent presentation in November, showing many areas and requirements necessary to plan and host a successful convention. Yes, a lot of commitment and work is involved. A steering committee of 12 is a necessity. But yes, a successful convention can make money and a successful convention can be energizing to the hosts and raise awareness of our profession in our community. A followup meeting, allowing for further discussion, was planned for December and a vote on whether to submit a bid was scheduled for January. At the December meeting concern was expressed about the amount of commitment of our members and need for preparation. The deadline for submission of a bid to host a convention in 2013 was set by the AGO as January 31, 2010. At the January, 2010, board meeting John Krueger moved that the board submit a bid to host an AGO regional convention in the summer of 2015. This bid is due January 31, 2012, allowing more time for preparation. After discussion the board voted unanimously to proceed. We have interesting pipe organs, beautiful churches, great concert venues, a vibrant downtown, good hotels, and an attractive city. We now need to continue to build interest and commitment and to plan.

ACM Board Meeting Report for the January 11, 2010 meeting

Present: Ann Herr, Mark B. Smith, John Krueger, Chuck Thomley, Max Yount, Jonathan Orwig
Minutes of November, 2009 meeting approved and treasurer's report approved.

President's Report:

Noted request from National AGO for a contribution to the AGO Annual Fund. ACM has done so in the past, and will address this at February meeting.

Regarding dissemination of AGO and related information received, board recommended Chapter Dean disseminate as is practical and deemed necessary.

Other Reports: Membership - 2010 directory being mailed out

Professional Development - John Krueger and committee will prepare an updated "Salary and Compensation Guidelines" for board approval.

New Business:

Motion was made and seconded that Madison ACM/AGO submit a proposal to host an AGO Regional Convention in Madison in 2015. Proposal is due January, 2012. After discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



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In Memoriam

John Wright Harvey (1919-2009)

“Organ – my hobby, my work, my play, my vocation, my recreation. Recital work a specialty.” So wrote Professor John Wright Harvey on a faculty information sheet dated October 26, 1961. He went on to list “Carillon – (and bells of all sorts) – a lifelong interest.” These dual interests defined John’s 24 years as professor of music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a career which began in September 1960, and ended with his retirement in June 1984. In 1962 the UW Memorial Carillon received 27 new bells and 2 claviers, enlarging it to a total of 51 bells. On February 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1970, John gave identical recitals initiating the Austin Organ Company’s Opus 2498 in the University’s Eastman Recital Hall. John taught organ and carillon to students from freshman level to doctoral candidates. Announcements of his carillon recitals appeared regularly and often.

John was born in Marion, Indiana, on June 15, 1919. He began piano study at age 8, trombone at age 14, and organ at 15. He completed a Bachelor of Music degree in organ from Oberlin Conservatory in 1941. The degree was awarded in absentia since John was by then stationed aboard a destroyer participating in the Battle of Midway. While in the Navy, John served as a musician, a signalman, and a quartermaster. He survived the loss of the USS Atlanta, sunk off Guadalcanal in November 1942. Following the war, John received a bachelor’s degree in music education from Oberlin in 1946 and a master’s degree from the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in 1952. His master’s thesis was on the history and development of the organ in the chapel at West Point. Before coming to Madison he served the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, New Jersey, Webb Horton Memorial Presbyterian Church in Middletown, New York, Central Union Church in Honolulu, and National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C.

Beginning in 1947 John was active in the American Guild of Organists. In 1952 he organized the Northern Valley Chapter in Englewood, serving as Dean for its first three years and scholarship chairman for two years. In 1958 he was Secretary of the Washington, D.C. Chapter. In Madison John was Dean of the AGO chapter from 1964-66. In 1953-56 John contributed to *The American Organist*, including a three-issue story on the West Point organ.

In Madison and beyond the university, John was active as well. He was organist at First Congregational Church. He also served as organ consultant and advisor to many congregations, including St. John’s Lutheran, Luther Memorial, Bethany Methodist, and Mt. Olive Lutheran. He was particularly involved with the design of the Austin organ at First United Methodist. An instrument of interest was the Hinners organ at St. Mary’s in Pine Bluff. John gave recitals statewide, in venues large and small, including several on the Casavant organ at St. Norbert’s Abbey in DePere.

John Harvey’s interests extended well beyond music. Pictures of Clarissa, his 1932 Chevy roadster, appeared in the newspaper as did pictures of his model railroad. He also collected disc recordings from the early 1900’s.

John married Jean Cochran on May 25, 1945, and is the father of three daughters, Ann, Carol, and Jane. John suffered from Alzheimer’s and died on December 31, 2009. Survivors include his wife, Jean, his daughters, and a brother. A memorial service was held at Cress Funeral Home, 6021 University Avenue, on January 5, 2010. A number of former students and church musicians attended.

Thank you to ACM Past-President John Krueger for writing this article.

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Registration Form for Saturday, March 20, 2010

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