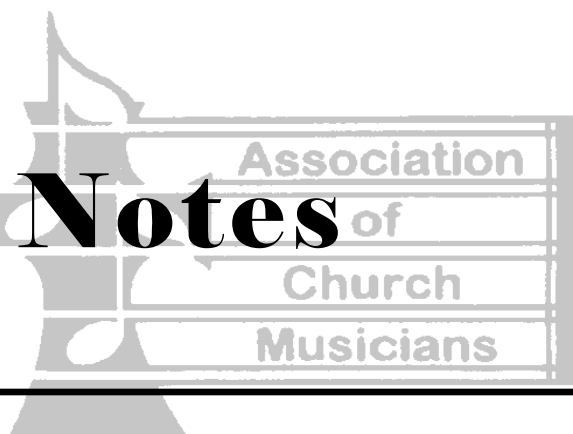


Church Music Notes

NOVEMBER, 2005



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Madison Symphony Orchestra Overture Organ Open House Announced, November 19

Samuel C. Hutchison, Principal Organist and Organ Curator for the Madison Symphony Overture Concert Organ, has announced that the Symphony will host an open house for all ACM & AGO members interested in playing the new 72-rank organ. This event will allow an up-close look at the Symphony's new 4,040 pipe Klais organ, which was completed and installed in August 2004. The organ was a gift from Pleasant Rowland and is the crowning glory of the new hall.

This event will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 9:30am until Noon. It is necessary to respond to Mr. Hutchison by phone (608.260.8680, ext 250) or e-mail (shutchison@madisonsymphony.org) no later than Monday, November 7 if you plan to attend and/or perform on November 19. According to the

invitation, it is very important that the Symphony has an accurate list of those planning to attend, due to security requirements at Overture Hall. The morning will be divided into equal segments for each player.

Attendees and participants will meet at the Command Center/Artists' Entrance on Henry Street at 9:30am and will then proceed as a group to the stage to see the organ. It will not be possible to get into the hall for those who miss the 9:30am entrance time, as everyone will need to enter together as a group.

Annual Clergy-Musician Dinner planned for January 15

Mark your calendars now for ACM's annual Clergy-Musician Dinner which will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 5:00pm at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona. A catered meal will be served followed by a member recital on the new 30 rank, 29 stop Rosales-Parsons tracker pipe organ. Be sure to join us for a festive evening of fellowship celebrating church music. This event is for all clergy and *everyone* involved in church music – choir members, instrumentalists, accompanists, and directors. Plan on joining us, and be sure to invite all who are involved in your music ministries. More information, including a reservation form, will appear in the next Church Music Notes.

President's Letter

Dear Friends, Our first series of rehearsals for the Ecumenical Hymn Festival were held in October. We are off to a great start and very thankful to all those who participated in this first series of rehearsals. The Adult and Children's Festival Chorus will resume rehearsals again next year on Monday, January 23, at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Madison. If you were unable to make the rehearsals this time around, and can make all of the remaining rehearsals next year, please consider joining this wonderful event. We are in need of more singers in both groups and welcome you to join us. Complete details including a printable registration form are available on the ACM website at www.madisonacm.org. Should you have any questions, please contact me for the Adult Festival Chorus at mblloedow@gsclwi.com or Sarah Holtz for the Children's Festival Chorus at sholtz@gsclwi.com. Your help is needed to make this a truly ecumenical event—please consider joining us!

Last month you may recall that our November event was postponed and plans were underway for another opportunity to gather. Because of the wonderful opportunity being offered by the Madison Symphony Orchestra for our members to have an "up-close look at the Madison Symphony's new Klais organ," we will consider this to be our November event. We are grateful to ACM member Sam Hutchison and the Madison Symphony Orchestra for their interest in sharing "the crowning glory of Overture Hall" with us! Complete details are above.

Thank you for your support of ACM and for the difference you make in people's lives through your music ministry.

Blessings, Mark Bloedow, ACM President/AGO Dean

Positions Available

Note: Some of these listings have been shortened or edited. For complete and up-to-date information, as well as listings from previous newsletters, see www.madisonacm.org.

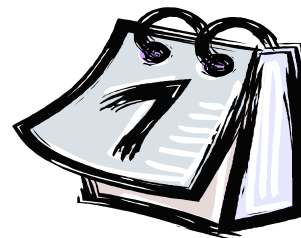
Choir Director: Vibrant, progressive church seeks musician to direct adult and youth vocal choirs. Applicant for this part-time position must be a strong choral musician with leadership skills and familiarity with Christian music, past and present. Send resume to Lake Edge United Church of Christ, 4200 Buckeye Road, **Madison**, WI, 53716 or to lakeedge@lakeedge.org.

Senior Choir and Handbell Director: **McFarland** Lutheran Church seeks a Senior Choir/Handbell Director. Candidate will be responsible for coordinating music times and dates in conjunction with music staff, establishing schedules and music selections, and participating in the worship services. This is a part-time position with rehearsals weekly and two services a week commitment. Send resume to McFarland Lutheran Church, Pastor Terry Peterson, 5529 Marsh Road, McFarland, WI, 53558 or call 608.838.3184.

Organist: The parishes of St. Raphael Cathedral and St. Patrick parish in **Madison** seek a part-time organist to play at the 11:00am Sunday mass and on major holy days and to accompany the choir, approx. 6-8 hours a week. Additional duties including other masses, funerals and weddings are available, if desired, for additional stipends. Contact Patrick Gorman at 608.821.3081 or e-mail pgorman@straphael.org.

Director of Music: St. John's Lutheran Church, **Oregon**, WI, has a vacancy for a Director of Music. This is a part-time position responsible for selection of music, scheduling, rehearsing and directing a traditional choir, praise choir, children's choir and chime choir, and recruiting and coordinating musicians for special services and events, as well as serving as a member of the worship team, under the supervision of the pastor. Send resume to the church, Attn: Karen Kreul, 625 E. Netherwood Str, Oregon, WI 53575, call 608.835.3154 or e-mail kreulr@aol.com.

Pianist/Keyboardist: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, **Madison**, is seeking a pianist/keyboardist to accompany a contemporary vocal/instrumental group for a Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm weekly rehearsal and a blended worship service on Saturday at 5:00pm. Candidates should have good keyboard skills and enjoy accompanying. Paid part-time position. Please send a cover letter and resume with references to Mark Bloedow, Director of Worship & Music, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5701 Raymond Rd, Madison, WI 53711, or e-mail to mbloedow@gsclwi.com.



Upcoming Events of Interest (ACM events in bold)

Sunday, November 6, 7:00pm, Archiglas Concert, An evening of sacred music of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian folk music, presented by a five-voice acappella ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 5700 Pleasant Hill Road, Monona, WI 53716, 608.222.1241, open to the public, free-will offering will be collected.

Sunday, November 13, 3:00pm, Organ Recital by Polish concert and recording artist Marek Kudlicki, including works by Polish composers of the Renaissance, baroque, and early 20th century, as well as works by Bach, Brahms, and Saint-Saëns. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Rd., Madison. Suggested donation, \$10.

Saturday, November 19, 9:30am-Noon, Overture Concert Organ Open House for ACM and AGO members, see article on page one. Reservations for this event need to be made by November 7.

Friday, December 2, 7:00pm, The Fayrfax Ensemble, Madison's early music vocal quartet, will be performing its annual concert of medieval and renaissance Christmas music and readings at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Segoe Road, Madison, free will offering. Members of the ensemble include ACM board member Ann Edahl and Jane Ferris, Stephen Johnson and Mike Peterson.

Saturday, December 10, 7:30pm, Madison Area Concert Handbells Christmas Concert, Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Ave., Madison, call 608.845.2476 or go to www.madisonhandbells.org for ticket information.

Sunday, December 11, 3:00pm, Madison Area Concert Handbells Christmas Concert, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1609 University Ave., Madison, call 608.845.2476 or go to www.madisonhandbells.org for ticket information.

Sunday, December 19, 4:00pm, Lessons and Carols with the Madison Diocesan Choir at the Bishop O'Connor Center, open to the public, free admission.

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Overture Concert Organ Facts (see Open House information on page 1)

- If you stacked all the organ pipes end-to-end, they would reach 8,342 feet, the height of six Empire State Buildings.
- Length of the smallest pipe: 5mm, or 0.1968504 inches – Length of the biggest pipe: 9.8 meters, or about 32 feet.
- Total length of all the wires in the organ console: 5.16 miles.
- The organ, including its moveable organ chamber, weighs approximately 150 tons and is believed to be the heaviest moveable object in any theater in the world.
- The organ rolls into playing position on 16 steel wheels on 4 railroad tracks at the rate of about one foot per minute.

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The Association of Church Musicians’ Ecumenical Hymn Festival *We Gather in Song* will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church–Central Campus in Madison. If you are interested in singing with the Hymn Festival Choirs, please contact Mark Bloedow, mbloedow@gsclwi.com for the Adult Festival Chorus and Sarah Holtz, sholtz@gsclwi.com for the Children’s Festival Chorus. All are welcome!



ACM’s Ecumenical Hymn Festival Children’s Festival Chorus at rehearsal on October 17

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