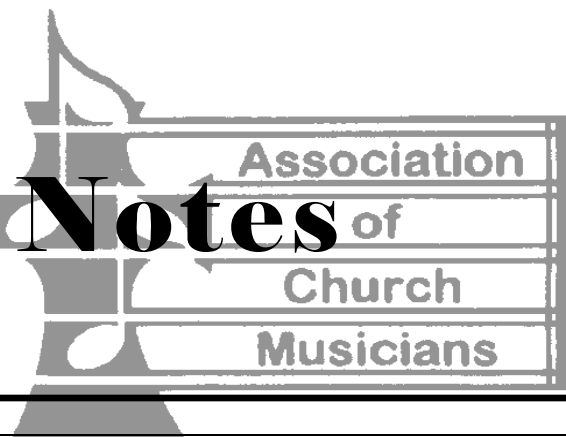


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ACM Members Invited to Overture Hall

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, ACM members and their families or guests are invited to the stage of Overture Hall in Madison to hear the Klais Concert Organ. ACM members who wish to play the "Colossal Klais" are invited to do so and will need to follow the directions in the invitation below. The free two-hour event, part of the Friends of the Overture Concert Organ's Friends University, begins at 9:30am.

Reservations are necessary for each person who attends. Whether you wish to play or just to listen, please contact John Krueger (phone: 608.249.0679, e-mail: j.krueger@att.net) no later than Thursday, January 12. To be admitted to Overture, your name and those of family and friends attending with you must be on a list to be provided to Overture's security staff.

Here is your chance to play and hear this marvelous instrument which is part of our community. Don't miss it!

Many thanks to Sam Hutchison & the Madison Symphony Orchestra for making this opportunity possible.

7 November 2011

Dear ACM friends,

I'm delighted to extended an invitation to you to take part in an **open-console day** with the **Overture Concert Organ** on **Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:30 – 11:30am** on the **stage of Overture Hall**.

In order to accomplish this in a reasonable fashion, if you would like to participate, please send me the name of the piece or pieces you would like to play, the composer of each piece and the approximate timing for each piece. E-mail to me at shutchison@madisonsymphony.org

We will place all of the names received in the hopper and draw enough names to fill the two hours, giving each person an equal amount of playing time. This means that there may not be time for everyone to play. However, we will make every effort to include as many as possible.

I trust that this will provide a bit of post-Christmas enjoyment for all of you. Wishing each of you a blessed Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season. See you in January!

Sam Hutchison,
Curator & Principal Organist
Madison Symphony Orchestra

Upcoming Events

Mondays November 28, December 5, December 12 and December 19 at 7:00pm: Advent Taize Prayer at Sinsinawa Mound. Prepare your heart for the gift of Christ's birth in the simple, meditative prayer chants of Taize music. The communal singing of this ecumenical worship will be led by Sister Mary Ellen Winston, OP. For information, call Sister Mary Ellen at (608) 748-4411, ext. 843. There is no fee.

Friday, December 2, 7:00pm, Sun Prairie Area Food Pantry Concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie. Performances by choirs and instrumentalists from Sun Prairie churches and the Sun Prairie Area Chorus plus carol singing for all. Free will offering for the Sun Prairie Area Food Pantry.

Sunday, December 4, 2:00pm, ACM-member church, St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe will hold its annual Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst (German Christmas Communion Service). Believed to be one of the few of its kind in the state, the service is conducted entirely in German, with an English translation provided. Following a service format of the traditional nine lessons and carols to re-tell the Christmas story, several native speakers from the Monroe Swiss Singers take part in the reading of the scriptures. Seasonal music of German origin will be led by organist/director Deborah Krauss Smith; the Monroe Swiss Singers mixed choir; and St. John's handbell choir, the Bells of Praise. Refreshments will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 1724 – 14th Street, two blocks east of the Monroe Middle School, and is handicapped-accessible. A drive-up entrance near an elevator is located on the sanctuary's east side.

Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 and 4:00pm, Luther Memorial Church, UW Winter Choral Concerts with the Concert Choir—Beverly Taylor, conductor, Madrigal Singers and Chorale—Bruce Gladstone, conductor, Women's Chorus—Sarah Riskind, conductor, and University Chorus—Russell Adrian, conductor. Free admission/free-will offering.

Monday, December 5 at 7:30pm, Mills Hall, UW Masters Singers—Sarah Riskind and Brian Gurley, conductors, Free admission.

Saturday, December 10, 7:30pm, Cecilia Singers will perform a Christmas Concert at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Monona, at 7:30 p.m. A second concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Raymond Rd. will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. This special concert features twenty-six singers performing a rich repertoire for the Christmas season, with organist Theodore Reinke, pianist Beth Wilson, and harpist Mary Ann Harr. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00 (\$12.00 Students & Seniors) at Willy St. Co-Op (east & west), Orange Tree Imports on Monroe St, and The Pink Poodle on Odana Rd., or for \$18.00 at the door (\$15.00 Students & Seniors) the day of the event. For more information, contact Joseph Testa, Artistic Director for Cecilia Singers at jetesta@att.net.

Saturday, December 10 at 8:00pm and Sunday, December 11 at 4:00pm, Mills Hall, UW Choral Union and Chamber Orchestra—Beverly Taylor, conductor, featuring Evensong: Of Love and Angels, by Dominick Argento, and other works by Morten Lauridsen, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Eric Whitacre. Tickets are \$15 general, \$8 senior/student, available at Campus Arts Ticketing: (608) 265-ARTS (2787).

Sunday, December 18, 6:00pm, Christmas by Candlelight at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie. Choirs, handbells, piano and organ present music for Advent and Christmas. Free will offering to benefit the Sun Prairie Area Food Pantry.

Sunday, December 18, 7:00pm, Bel Canto's Christmas Concert at St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14 St, Monroe, WI. The concert will feature the Bel Canto Singers, directed by Allen Redford, Director of Choral Music at Highland College in Freeport. Deb Krauss Smith will be performing organ works, and the Monroe Brass Quintet will also perform. This concert has become a highlight of the holiday season.

May 16-28, 2012: the University of Kansas will sponsor an organ study tour of Italy. This tour is open to anyone. It will be directed by Professor Michael Bauer, in conjunction with the noted Italian organist Francesco Cera. The tour will focus on restored Renaissance and Baroque instruments. There will also be ample time available to take in the art and architecture of Italy. Sites include Rome, Rieti, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Mantova, & Venice. For further info see www.organ.ku.edu or write mbauer@ku.edu.

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For more information, current listings and listings from previous newsletters, visit our website at www.MadisonAcm.org.

Submissions for both online and newsletter job postings should be made to both linda.warren@tds.net and ACM@MadisonACM.org.

Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison is seeking a Children's Choir Director, 6-8 hours/week, to develop and maintain a comprehensive music program for children grades K-5. Responsibilities would include recruiting choir members, leading rehearsals on Sunday mornings, directing the choir in worship once a month, meeting with staff for worship and special event planning, and providing communication for parents. Position is 10 months/year. Resumes may be sent to Covenant Presbyterian Church attn: Donna Monson, 326 S. Segoe Road, Madison, WI, 53705, or emailed to dmonson@covenantmadison.org

Choir Accompanist/Pianist: Grace Lutheran Church in Monroe, WI is seeking a skilled pianist to accompany our adult choir at our Wednesday evening rehearsals (September through May). We sing at a few Sunday morning worship services every month and at special Holiday services throughout the year. For more information, or to submit a resume, e-mail Ann Herr at ann.herr@hotmail.com.

MUSICA MAXIMA concerts at First Congregational Church, Beloit

All concerts are Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited; freewill offerings are taken to help in expenses. More information is available at info@firstcon.org, maxyount@gmail.com, (608) 365-9256

Sunday, December 18, 3:00pm, Max Yount, harpsichord and organ, Dr. Beth J. Yount, harpsichord, and Dr. Susan Behrens, piano. Program: J. S. Bach W T C II, Preludes and Fugues in b, a and D; Suite in F by Louis Couperin; Bach's Concerto in C Major for two harpsichords; Bach (organ) "Now Come, Savior of the Nations", Canonic Variations on a Christmas Song, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" and the Great G Major Prelude Jakob Hansen, baroque violin (Chicago), Eric Miller, viola da gamba (Madison), Anton Ten-Wolde, baroque Fugue; and familiar carols in arrangement for piano and organ.

Sunday, February 5, 3:00pm, Driftless Baroque: Jakob Hanson, baroque violin (Chicago), Eric Miller, viola da gamba (Madison), Anton TenWolde, baroque cello (Madison) and Max Yount, harpsichord (Beloit). A program of trio sonatas by Dietrich Buxtehude, and J. S. Bach Sonatas for viola da gamba and harpsichord

Sunday, April 15, 3:00pm will be a concert shared by two artists: Elaine Uffenbeck, organ, and Johanna Yount Baldwin, piano. Elaine will perform César Franck's great Choral no. 2 in B Minor, and Fantasia no. 1 by Petre Eben. Johanna will perform Robert Schumann's Symphonic Variations, Op. 13, and five Preludes by Claude Debussy.



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Membership Renewal Update

As of November 12, 2011, the Associations of Church Musicians' membership comprises 74 churches in south central Wisconsin listing a total of 215 individuals plus 9 individuals not associated with a particular church. Membership in the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists totals 54. You can find renewal forms on the ACM website: www.MadisonACM.org.

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www.MadisonAcm.org

ACM members are invited to mark Saturday, April 28, 2012, on your calendars for a fun organ crawl in Beloit

Rockford AGO members will be invited as well, and more friends are invited to attend. Although plans are yet to be finalized, and will be described and pictured in future Newsletters, we will meet at 10:00am, visit the Schantz at Our Savior's Lutheran, the Deistelmeier at St. Paul Lutheran, the Rufatti at River of Life Methodist, the Aeolean-Skinner at Beloit College and the large Rieger-Kloss at First Congregational. We will enjoy lunch in new-wave-style market, Bushel and Peck's in downtown Beloit, and enjoy a walk along Riverside Park. I suppose we won't have time for a boat ride, but we can look at a museum or two.

For information and expression of interest please contact me, Max Yount, at <maxyount@gmail.com>. I am willing to help coordinate carpools from Madison or other cities. If you all let me know, I will put you in contact with each other.

I wish all of you a happy Advent and Christmas season.

Max H. Yount

Director of Music and Organist, First Congregational Church, Beloit
Professor Emeritus, Beloit College

The OHS Chicago 2012 convention committee invites you to six days of exciting events featuring more than 25 organs in the Chicago area, July 8-13.

Registration will be open to anyone interested in organ building, music history, organ repertoire, or just simply enjoying a trip to the "City of Big Sounds" on the shores of Lake Michigan.

From Orchestra Hall to Rockefeller Chapel, the convention venues include extraordinary instruments of many styles and sizes. Many performers, Nathan Laube and David Schrader to name only two, have connections to Chicago and will highlight music by noted Chicago composers from the past 100 years. For more information, go to organsociety.org/2012/
We hope to see you and your colleagues in Chicago next summer!



ACM Welcomes New Members

New ACM member churches include: Assumption Greek Orthodox (Madison), Dale Heights Presbyterian (Madison), Grace Presbyterian (Beaver Dam), McFarland Lutheran (McFarland), McFarland UCC (McFarland), and St. Bernard Catholic (Middleton). New AGO members include: Dan Broner, Nancy Cox, Kelly Grady, Kristi Jo Halverson, Rebecca Redman, Maggie Rogers, and Fr. Michael Vanderhoef. Welcome! And let us know how our organization can serve you. Contact any ACM board member. Names and contact information can be found in this newsletter. Also visit our website (www.madisonacm.org) regularly to find notices of events, a substitute list, and more.

ACM Congratulates POE Students

Congratulations to Ms. Kelly Grady and Mr. Michael Mills from the Association of Church Musicians and the Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This past summer each attended a Pipe Organ Encounter, a weeklong event sponsored by the AGO. At a POE, students receive individual instruction, practice their organ skills, attend recitals, and meet other students interested in the pipe organ. Each POE student also receives a one year free membership, including a subscription to The American Organist magazine, in the American Guild of Organists.

Hello to all our faithful Church Music Notes readers!

At our October Board Meeting, it was decided that we should include an approved copy of our meeting minutes in Church Music Notes. Well here they are. I do hope that you enjoy reading them and get a little view of what our Board meetings are like. If you have any specific questions about them or if there is some way to give you a clearer understanding of them, feel free to contact me.

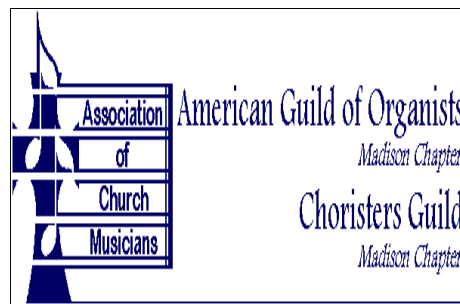
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Association of Church Musicians

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting , Monday October 10, 2011;
12:00 pm., Good Shepherd Lutheran, Madison**

Present: Ann Herr, John Krueger, Fr. Michael Vanderhoef, Bruce Bengtson, John Rafoth, Sigrun Franzen.

Absent/or excused: Max Yount, Deb Krauss Smith, Don DeBruin, Linda Warren, Julie Shipe McClain, Jonathan Orwig.



I. Call to Order Bruce Bengtson called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes Thanks from Ann to Father Michael for taking the September minutes. In Section VIII for clarification, it should read: In terms of the scholarship fund, we....Motion to approve, John Krueger, second Ann, motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report John reported income from 6 church renewals, 1 individual and from "Music Swaps". He also renewed the ACM Post Office box and updated our ACM information. Treasurer's report beginning 9/10/11 and ending 10/06/11 reported an ending balance of \$11,059.73 in the checking account, which includes \$2,142.68 held in reserve from the Ruth Pilger Andrews fund, \$245.97 in the Choristers Guild Account and \$8,671.08 in ACM checking. Total monies designated for the Ruth Pilger Andrews Fund (includes CD's and money held in reserve in the checking account) is \$17,082.57. Motion to approve the treasurer's report, Ann; second Sigrun. Motion passed.

IV. President's Report Bruce phoned a number of people, including Don DeBruin. At the Roxbury event, the church and the organ were both unlocked. Ted Reinke played some on the organ. The group sang a hymn and then they walked over to the Dorf Haus and spoke loudly over the Polka Band. 9 people were in attendance for this event. Bruce thanked Sigrun for her work on organizing the Roxbury event.

V. Committee Reports

A. Program FY 2011-2012 – Nathan Laube Recital - We need to find a church for the Monday, March 12th master class Bruce and Sam Hutchison have been discussing Master Class ideas or workshop ideas if we don't do a student Master Class. As supporting sponsors to the recital, we may receive 6 complimentary tickets. John K. advised that we accept them and offer them to the master class students. **April 2012 Beloit event/(Max)**. We could invite the Rockford Chapter? **November 12th - Friends of Overture Organ Crawl at St. Stephens and Luther Memorial**. Should ACM contribute more to "Friends of Overture?" John R. moves that we increase our ACM membership dues to the Friends of Overture Concert Organ for 2012-2013 from \$35 to \$350. Sigrun, second. Motion passes.

B. Program FY 2012-2013 - Sigrun had nothing new to add at this time.

C. Registrar/Membership John K. provided a hand out with the current list of renewals.

D. Professional Concerns - Don is mostly connected to the board electronically. Some discussion followed regarding what ways can Don use his abilities best? And what are the goals of Professional Development?

E. Website John K. had exchanged e-mails with the director of the Rock Prairie Fulcher Library Collection. They have a complete data base that could be placed in our Members' Only section. John would like to see a set of procedures in place to access the collection.

VI. Newsletter Deadline is October 15th. The board recommended that our Board Meeting Minutes, after approval, beginning with the October Minutes, be published in the Church Music Notes. Some extra notes, if needed, may be added for readers to understand them clearly.

VII. Chorister's Guild - Nothing new reported.

VIII. Old Business- Linda Krueger and Julie Shipe McClain are ready to work on the Scholarship Committee. Deana Hipke can compile a list of newspapers for Non website Publicity.

IX. New Business - Marlys Mittelstadt is celebrating 50 years of playing at St. John's. She has 2 more recitals scheduled for Nov. 12 and Dec. 10th -both at St. John's Lutheran Church. The board will send a card.

Adjournment - At 1:29 pm, John K. moved to adjourn, 2nd, Sigrun.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14th, 2011, at 12:00 pm (noon). at Good Shepherd Lutheran.
Respectfully submitted - Ann U. Herr, secretary