

A Letter From the Dean

Dear Members,

And now, it's time for a new feature of my monthly dean's column - name that organ!

- This instrument was installed in 1995, with money from the estate of Dick and Ethel Vanden Heuvel.
- Members of the organ committee included Hope College professor of music Roger Rietberg; Elton Bruins, Hope College dean of humanities; and our own Mike Van Doornik, among others.
- The organist for the dedication concert was Johann Th. Lemckert - principal organist of the St. Lawrence Church in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and professor of organ at the Royal Conservatory of The Hague. In his dedication concert, he played works by Sweelinck, Bach, Reger, Vierne, and others.
- The organ builder had workshops in both the Netherlands and Minneapolis.

If you haven't guessed thus far, the answer is the Van Daalen organ in Mulder Chapel of Western Theological Seminary here in Holland, where our member's recital will take place the Sunday after Easter, April 12 at 3 p.m.

I hope you have plans to attend - members who will play include Mike Van Doornik (from the original organ committee!), Julia Collingsworth (First United Methodist), Jim Slater (Seventh Day Adventist), me, and Hope College students David Heinze and Jonathan Bading.

We will also be inducting a new member into our League of Distinguished Service - but the inductee is a secret, so come to find out who it will be! If you don't remember, our chapter started the League of Distinguished Service last year, to honor local church musicians, both members and non-members, who have served with dedication for many decades in our local community. If you have folks you would like to nominate, please let me or another board member know about them. In a day or two, I will be sending out a poster by email - please print this out and put it up at your church before Easter Sunday! The members of our congregations are some of the most likely to attend our member's recitals, and we need them to know that this event is coming up.

Keep in mind that our last event of the year will be Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. - our end of year potluck at Gordon Bruns' lovely house in the woods. I believe the board decided to have four-hand piano music be the "theme" of the evening, so if you like to sight-read piano duets, bring a volume along that evening, as well as something to share for our meal, and be ready to share the bench with your friends in the chapter. If there is interest, I can give the presentation that I've written for the AGO Regional Convention this summer in Indianapolis. Which, by the way, if you haven't considered attending, you should! July 12-15 - great organists are on the schedule, and conventions are a good way to get some fresh inspiration from colleagues, concerts, worship services, and workshops.

Also, be sure to support local Hope College organ student Zach DeBruine, in his upcoming senior organ recital at Dimnent Chapel. Details below.

Best wishes to all during this busy weekend, and hope to see you on the 12th.

Rhonda

Zach DeBruine's Senior Recital

Mark your calendar for April 10 at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel when our student member Zach DeBruine will present his senior recital. He says the program features a variety of colorful and virtuoso works for organ, and hopes it will be one you won't want to miss!

Also, in your membership directory please change Zach's email address to zachary.debruine@hope.edu.

Member's Recital

Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m. - Mulder Chapel at Western Theological Seminary.

Free @ Three

On Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m., Rhonda Sider Edgington will be playing in Holland's Free@Three series, with French horn player Greg Bassett. The series takes place at First Reformed Church, 630 State Street. The duo will play original works for horn and organ by Naji Hakim, Rachel Laurin, and Kerry Turner. Bassett is a member of the West Michigan Symphony Orchestra and teaches philosophy at Hope College. The concert takes place at 3 p.m. and is free!

Flute Concert

The West Michigan Flute Orchestra and Great Lakes Flutes invite you and your family to their concert featuring Rhonda Sider Edgington, organ. This concert presents works by Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Rossini and Albinoni, along with a brand new work for flute, orchestra and organ by German composer and organist, Barry Jordan. This concert will take place on Saturday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. at the Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave. NE Grand Rapids, MI.

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2014-2015 Calendar		
Sun Apr 12	Member's Recital	3:00 p.m., Western Theological Seminary Chapel, Holland
Fri May 15	Annual End of Year Potluck	6:00 p.m., Gordon Bruns' Home

