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CHRISTA RAKICH RECITAL AND MASTERCLASS FEBRUARY 3 & 4

The Louisville Chapter and the University of Louisville School of Music have teamed up to present a recital and masterclass by renowned organist Christa Rakich. **The recital will be on Friday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Margaret Comstock hall at the U of L School of Music. **The Masterclass will be from 10 until 12 noon the next morning** in the same location. **Both events are free and open to the public.**

Christa Rakich, a prizewinner at international organ competitions, has received particular acclaim for her interpretations of the music of J.S. Bach. She is chair of the organ department at New England Conservatory in Boston, is Artist-in-Residence at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookline, MA and directs the music program at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford CT.

FROM DEAN AMY ROTH

I hope that all of you have recovered from the holidays and the post-Christmas therapy sessions so necessary for mental (and sometimes physical) health! Now we are into the home stretch of the AGO program year, with great programs planned from now into May. Big thanks and kudos to Jonathan Crutchfield and Jeanne Marie Rogers for the great Pizza, Pipes and Pedals program. The publicity was fantastic, and the attendance exceeded our expectations; it's a wonderful outreach/educational opportunity. The program planning process for next season will be underway soon; if you have any suggestions, comments, or evaluations to offer, please let me or Phillip Brisson know. We need people who will say, "I think we have a great program opportunity, and I'll be happy to coordinate it." May it be so!

REGISTER FOR CHICAGO CONVENTION BY JANUARY 31

You are reminded that **January 31 is the deadline** for early (and much cheaper) registration for the national convention, to be held in **Chicago July 2-6**. Please refer to your January issue of *The American Organist* Magazine for a full schedule and registration. You can also register online at www.agohq.org/2006 Chicago is only about a five hour drive from Louisville, and a national convention is a wonderful experience. Make your plans now and go – if you can't manage the whole thing, plan on a day or two!! Maybe we can even get a car-pool together – if you're planning to go, contact Ann Wade at 241-4284 or annwade@iglou.com

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF (CONTINUED)

The AGO and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) have been notified by GIA Publications of Chicago that revenue generated by *Mercy, Mercy!*, a CD benefiting church musicians affected by natural disasters, will be donated to the AGO and NPM hurricane relief funds. GIA is selling the recording for \$20 and each organization will receive 50% of the CD sales revenue. For further information, or to purchase the *Mercy, Mercy!* CD, contact GIA at 800.GIA.1358 or 708.496.3800 or www.giamusic.com

LENTEN CONCERT SERIES IN NEW ALBANY

Indiana Organists United and the Indiana University Alumni Assoc. present a series of **Friday noon** recitals on the pipe organs of **New Albany**, played by IU alumni organists: Mar. 3 - Bradley Johnson at Centenary UMC (309 E. Spring St); Mar. 10 – Dr. David K. Lamb at St. John Presbyterian Church (1307 E. Elm St.); Mar. 17 – Dr. Janet Hamilton at St. Mary's Catholic Church (Corner of Spring & 8th Sts.); Mar. 24 – Sara Cortolillo at St. Mark's UCC (222 E. Spring St.) followed by a light luncheon sponsored by the IU School of Music Alum. Board in honor of the Moller Organ designed by the late Dr. Robert Rayfield for St. Mark's; Mar. 31 – Judith E. Miller at Central Christian Church (1315 E. Spring St.); Apr. 7 – Marcie Dickinson at Trinity UMC (2796 Charlestown Rd.)

THANKS

In addition to Jonathan Crutchfield and Jeanne Marie Rogers (mentioned in the Dean's letter), we also thank Phillip Brisson, Harrison Zoercher, Sam Bowerman, Pete Webber, Charles Wetzberger, and the other AGO folk who helped out with registration, pizza, "traffic control", etc. at Pizza, Pipes and Pedals. A big vote of gratitude to the people of St. Matthews UMC who hosted this great event for the second year.

CALENDAR

- Sundays *Pipedreams* on WUOL-FM 90.5. 7:00 a.m. For program listing: www.pipedreams.org
With Heart and Voice on WUOL-FM 90.5 at 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 28 (Sa) Organ and choral program featuring French repertoire at Gethsemani (Indiana) Archabbey (sponsored by Bloomington, IN AGO). 7 p.m.
- Feb. 3 (F) Christa Rakich organ recital at University of Louisville. 8:00.**
- Feb. 4 (Sa) Christa Rakich Masterclass at U of L. 10-12n.**
- Feb. 5 (Su) Robert Boozman organ recital followed by choral evensong at St. Francis in the Fields. 4:30.
- Feb. 7 (Tu) Executive Committee meeting** at St. John's Presbyterian, NA. 7:30.
- Feb. 11 (Sa) The Louisville Chorus Valentine's dinner and concert at the Galt House. For more information or tickets, contact www.fastzone.com/chorus or 968-6300.
- Feb. 12 (Su) The Choral Arts Society concert at St. Martin of Tours. 3:00.
- Feb. 13 (M) Pierre Pincemaille (Cathedral/Basilica of St.-Denis, France) concert at Cincinnati Museum Rotunda. 7:30.
- Feb. 19 (Su) Louisville Bach Society concert at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. 3:00.
- Feb. 21 (Tu) The Concordia Choir (Rene Clausen, director) concert at First Presbyterian Church/Lex. Contact Downtown Arts Center for ticket info.: (859) 225-0370. 7:30.
- Feb. 26 (Su) Ensemble Corund (Lucerne, Switzerland) concert at Second Presbyterian Church. \$15. For tickets or more info call 895-3483. 7 p.m.
- March 3 (F) Newsletter Deadline.** Contact Ann Wade 241-4284 or annwade@iglou.com
Robert L. Boozman faculty recital at Margaret Comstock Hall/ U of L. 8:00.
- March 5 (Su) *Voces Novae (Life: Embracing the Journey)* at Church of the Ascension. 3:00.
Michael McCarthy (baritone) recital, followed by choral evensong at St. Francis in the Fields. 4:30.
- March 12 (Su) John P. Buckel (St. John's Catholic Church/Bronxville NY) organ recital at Trinity UMC in New Albany (Southern Indiana Chapter Artist Recital for 2006). 3:00.
- March 21 (Tu) Louisville Chapter meeting.** Krebs lecture at Margaret and Melvin Dickinson's Bachaus preceded by Bach's lunch. 6:30.
- July 2-6 (Su-Th) National AGO Convention in Chicago.** See article on page 1.