

AGM Special Edition

RCCO Ottawa Centre Executive Slate 2009-2010

The following is the proposed slate of candidates for the RCCO Ottawa Centre Executive for 2009-2010:

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... at our Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 1st, 2009, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

7:00 pm refreshments, meeting at 7:30. See you there.

Member of the Year: Karen Holmes

Karen was born and raised in Toronto, where she completed an ARCT in piano and a BA in Modern Languages (French and Russian) at U. of T. She received a scholarship from the French Government for further studies in French, and chose to go to Toulouse. Karen had always studied piano and she thought there would be a piano in her student residence to continue practising. But, this was not the case, so she went to the Conservatoire to see if she could practise on a piano there. This brought a laugh - there were too many piano students and not enough pianos. However, they were about to start an organ class, and would she like to talk to the organ professor (Xavier Darasse)?

She had never really liked the organ in Toronto where the only instruments she knew were not great. Still, she thought that playing the organ would be better than nothing. Then, of course, she discovered the European organ world, and also found for the first time that she could practice as much as she wanted.

Karen stayed three years in Toulouse, and earned the Premier prix d'orgue from the Conservatoire and also a Certificat de fin d'études in flute. She also attended summer organ courses in St-Maximin, France, and Harlem, the Netherlands.

After three years, Karen decided it was time to come back to Canada where

she heard of a church job in Ottawa at Westboro United Church. Karen was organist there for six years, during which she met her future husband, who was in the choir. They were married and had two children.



She also started teaching organ, harpsichord and Baroque ensembles at the University of Ottawa. Karen applied for the job at St. Peter's Lutheran Church when she heard that they were about to install a tracker-action organ, the first modern tracker in Ottawa. She was Music Director at St. Peter's for 11 years before taking some time off from regular church work. This gave her time to do the ARCCO and FRCCO examinations, as well as some supply playing, including several long-term interim organist jobs. She returned to St. Peter's in 2001.

Karen's local involvement with the RCCO has included stints as Programme Convenor, Student Concerns Convenor, Centre President and Convenor of the Pro Organo Ottawa recital committee. Karen was Programme Convenor for both the 1983 and the 2003 National Conventions which had very successful programmes. She has been National President, member of the Examinations Committee, including six years as Chair. This year, Karen was a "Travelling Clinician" and visited Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, the Annapolis Valley and Charlottetown.

Karen has recorded two CD's. The first, called *Bach Kaleidoscope* features music for organ, harpsichord and fortepiano by nine members of the Bach family (The organ part was recorded at Église St-François-d'Assise). The second CD, recorded at Église Ste-Anne, highlights early Canadian organ music.

Since Karen has given so much time and dedication to the RCCO, both Nationally and to our Centre, we wish on behalf of the Ottawa Centre, to formally recognize her commitment and hard work. At this Annual General Meeting, June 1st, 2009, we will be presenting Karen with the "Member of the Year" plaque for her past and continued dedication to so many aspects of the RCCO.

-Don Marjerrison

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Monday, November 30, 2009 at 8 p.m. Lundi 30 Novembre 2009 à 20 h

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Friday, February 5, 2010 at 8 p.m. Vendredi 5 février 2010 à 20 h

First Church of Christ Scientist (Metcalfe / Gilmour)

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Handel, Owens, Pinkham, White, etc.



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MICHAEL UNGER

Canada/Rochester, NY

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