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Seasonal Affective Disorder is a term that commonly refers to serious psychological difficulties brought on by our long dark winter months. Psychologists have recently changed the details of way this condition is diagnosed and described but it is real and significant to those who experience it.

I believe that church organists often suffer from another seasonal problem - far less serious but not without impact and, once diagnosed, very treatable. I call this problem Seasonal Affective *Registration* Disorder (SARD). I have suffered from it, often without knowing. Congregations who I have played for have been impacted by it and a few have pointed it out to me.

After the the choir starts up in September and the musical year gets underway, the life of the church organist reaches a predictable if not comfortable pattern. We begin to deal with tuning problems in the organ, with that tenor whose attendance never seems to be predictable, or that "awful" hymn that the minister always seems to want to choose. (See PostScript.)

By the long cold months of the Ottawa winter, I often experience SARD. For each and every hymn, I select the same stops for the play over, I make the same change for the first verse, I cut back to the same registration (general piston 2) for verse two and build to the same old registration for the final verse. Routine has set in - I have a registration

disorder and the choir and congregation I am playing for are suffering from it, too.

But, there is a cure, once the problem has been identified. There are several simple steps involved:

1) Clear all of your generals and make a point of not setting them for use in hymns. It may take a few seconds longer to begin playing the hymn but I am sure no one but you will be aware of the delay and you will be forced to think about your stop choices.

2) Try new things. There are many possible combinations of stops possible even on a relatively small organ. With only 8 stops, my math suggest there are 256 combinations possible. Some are not playable, some have limited use, but, often, some are simply not used because... they have simply not been used. Play a verse without a 16 foot in the pedals. Be daring! As long as you support the congregations singing, a little variety will add some energy and enthusiasm.

So. Let's all fight SARDs and get some variety into our registration choices. Rest assured, Easter and spring are not far away.

Postscript: All characters appearing in this work, including "the tenor" and "the minister", are fictitious. Any resemblance to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. Really. I made this up entirely. I am willing to identify the "awful" hymn.

- Donald Russell

Student Recital

JENNIFER LOVELESS

This year's RCCO Student Recital will take place on Saturday, February 15th at 2 pm at Rideau Park United Church located at 2203 Alta Vista Dr., Ottawa. Admission is free. Free will donations will be collected and go towards the 'Scholarship for Beginning Organ Students'. Come out and support our young organists!



Students, please send the titles of the pieces you wish to play, in addition to a short biography by February 8th. To arrange practice time at Rideau Park United, please contact Ian Bevell at: ianbevell@gmail.com. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at genevievesansamour@hotmail.com or (613) 850-1785.

- Jennifer Loveless, Student Affairs

Organ Academy Bursaries

The Ottawa Centre will provide up to four (4) Organ Academy bursaries of \$250 each to allow students aged 15 to 25 to attend the Student Academy at this summer's RCCO National Convention, *Festival at the Forks*, being held in London, Ontario, July 6-8, 2014.

Further details and application forms can be found online at the Ottawa Centre website (www.rcco-ottawa.ca). The deadline for applications is March 31st, 2014.



Members News

Membership List Update:

Morel, Matthew: Corrected email address: morelmatthew@gmail.com



Pro Organo

KAREN HOLMES

Please note that the Pro Organo recital on March 28th at Église Ste-Anne/St-Clément (528 Old St. Patrick) will begin at **8 p.m.**, because of the church's activities before that. Professor John Grew will begin his programme with De Grigny's pieces based on *Pange Lingua*, and continue with the *Offertoire* from François Couperin's *Messe pour les Paroisses*.

John Grew is a leading figure among Canadian organists. He is the University Organist and has been chair of the organ area at the Schulich School of Music at McGill University. His teaching career has spanned over thirty years. He established the Early Music program, the largest of its kind in Canada. In 2005, he received the Distinguished Teaching Award from McGill University. He is

also the founder and artistic director of the McGill Summer Organ Academy. He has concertized extensively in Europe and North America both as organist and harpsichordist. He has made numerous broadcast recordings, has appeared as



soloist with distinguished chamber orchestras and is frequently invited as a guest lecturer. In 2012 he received the QE II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work in establishing the summer early music festival *Musique Royale* in his native Nova Scotia.

On Saturday, March 29th, Professor Grew will lead a workshop/masterclass at Église Ste-Anne/St-Clément on Classical French organ music, with particular reference to Louis-Nicolas Clérambault. We hope some people will play movements by Clérambault, and it would be useful for people to bring scores. If you wish to buy a score, Clérambault is available in an inexpensive Kalmus edition (O3308). The class will start at 1:30 p.m., and will last until about 3.

Monday, March 10th at 7 pm



Wellington Gastropub
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Join us on Monday March 10th at the Wellington Gastropub in Hintonberg for a listening party of significant organ performances on vinyl.

This event is being co-presented by Tetra Speakers (a locally based but internationally respected speaker company) who will be bringing in its audiophile-quality equipment for your listening enjoyment.

There is a fee of \$25 to cover appetizers and a beverage with the remaining proceeds going to the Parkdale Food Bank and the Kiwanis music scholarships.



Around Town

Second Wednesdays of each month, October 2013 - May 2014, 12:15 p.m. Shawn Potter, Director of Music at First Baptist Church, will present a series of recitals comprising the complete organ works of Dieterich Buxtehude. Recitals will be held on the second Wednesday of every month, October 2013-May 2014, starting at 12:15. First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Ave West - Admission by donation. www.firstbaptistottawa.ca

Sunday, February 9, 2014, 2:14 p.m. Our colleague Sylvain Barrette, formerly a member of the Ottawa Centre, and now living in Quebec City, is performing a series of Bach concerts on the harpsichord in Quebec, and has been asked to repeat a couple of programmes in Gatineau. Proceeds will be for the Autism Society of Canada. Sylvain will play at the Maison Bruyère in GATINEAU (57, rue du Couvent) on February 9th, and again on April 13th. Both concerts will begin at 14h14 !

Sunday, February 16, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Aditi Magdalena (mezzo). Rededication. Music for the Celtic season of Imbolc, Saint Brigit and Candlemas. St. Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West. Admission by donation.

Weekend of February 22-23, 2014 100th Anniversary Celebrations at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Ottawa (Metcalfe at Gilmour)
Sat. Feb. 22nd, 2pm - Talk: "Does Christian Science really heal sickness and sin?" (John Q. Adams, New York City)
Sun. Feb. 23rd

- 10am Worship Service
 - 11am ORGAN RECITAL and RELEASE OF CENTENARY CD (Mervyn Games, organ and Joanne Thomas, soprano)
 - 12noon OPEN HOUSE and DISPLAY related to the church's history
- We hope you will join us!

Sunday, March 2, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Joan Fearnley (soprano) with Frédéric

Lacroix (piano). *The Many Faces of Woman*: Portrayals of women in art song featuring song cycles by Schumann, Poulenc and Larsen. St. Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson). Admission by donation.

Sunday, March 16, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Martin Soderberg (piano). Join New York City pianist Martin Soderberg on a musical journey past a barrier of notes into an exciting, moving, and very memorable listening experience through the works of the great Spanish composers: Soler, Albeniz, Granados, and more. St. Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson). Admission by donation.

Sunday, March 30, 2014, 7:30 p.m. Mary Muckle (harp and harpsichord), Kirsten Carlson (flute). Ottawa Youth Harp Ensemble. *Tigh Nan Teud / The House of Strings*: A concert celebration of music for, and inspired by, the harp in Scotland. St. Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West. Admission by donation.

Jean Langlais Workshop Review

KAREN HOLMES

The New Year got off to a great start, courtesy of Kirkland Adsett and Blake Hargreaves as they explored the music of Jean Langlais in a workshop held at St. Matthew's Church, 217 First Ave. (west of Bank St.) on January 18th 2014 at 2pm. As you can see, there was a great turnout and much enthusiasm as the music of Jean Langlais unfurled.



Our thanks and admiration go out to Kirkland and Blake for hosting such an excellent workshop and to St. Matthew's for their hospitality in graciously offering their church and organ for the afternoon.



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Robert P. Jones, M.Mus., ARCCO (ChM). All levels of students (teenager or adult). Lessons at St. Luke's Church (760 Somerset Street W.) Info: pentland@hotmail.com

Heather Rice, ARCT, BMus, ARCCO (ChM). Welcomes students in piano, organ, voice and theory, Beginner - Intermediate, Children - Adult. Call 613-563-1409

Wesley R. Warren, M.Mus., FRCO, (ChM), ARCT. Beginning to advanced organ students, piano and theory. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, (Kent St. at James), Ottawa. Info: 613-726-6341



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