

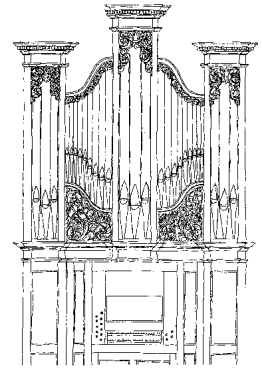


QUARTER NOTES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September, 2013

Dear members and friends of the RCCO Windsor Essex Centre,

As was noted in the last issue of Quarter Notes, we are conducting an informal survey of our members and friends. Many of you have already participated. At the executive committee meeting on September 10, however, we decided to extend the deadline for responses by 3 weeks as we are aiming for a participation rate of 75% or over. It is not too late to participate and here are the questions we are asking all members.

1. Since you have been a member of the RCCO, which programs and/or activities have you found to be most interesting and informative?
2. Which have been the least interesting and informative?
3. What are your greatest needs as an organist or church musician?
4. What types of programs or activities would you like the Centre to organize to help meet those needs?
5. What, if anything, should or

could the Executive Committee do, plan, communicate or organize to make your membership in the RCCO meaningful and relevant?

6. Do you have any preferences for days of the week or time of the day for programs and activities to be scheduled?
7. Do you receive and read the RCCO Centre Newsletter 'Quarter Notes'? (Email or regular mail?) Do you have any suggestions for articles or other information that could be included in the newsletter?
8. Have you had an opportunity to visit the Windsor Centre's Website? <http://www.rcco-windsor.com/> Do you have any feedback to offer?
9. One of our priorities is membership. Do you know any organists or church musicians who might benefit from becoming a member and might appreciate a personal invitation to join?
10. Would you be interested in volunteering for the RCCO Windsor Centre in some capacity? What might you like to do as a volunteer?

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PAUL WHARRAM

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UPCOMING EVENT:
SPAGHETTI DINNER AND
ANTHEM READING SESSION

Our annual spaghetti dinner and anthem reading session will be held at Riverside United church on Sunday September 29th. Opus II will be providing a music sale starting at 3 pm, and then the anthem reading starts at 4pm. and dinner will follow. This year papa Paulini will take over as mama Boutini's successor in the kitchen and we'll have a feast as always since he has been an understudy for this position for years of training!

Our Special Guest will be Gregg Rednor, Our Regional Director.

Opus II has promised to bring a good selection of 2 and 3 part anthems for smaller choirs this year so this is a great opportunity to plan your program for the upcoming year.

Looking forward to seeing you all there for our first event of the fall season.

UPCOMING EVENT: COOPER
AEOLIAN PLAYER ORGAN

Don't miss the tour of the unique Cooper Aeolian 1924 PLAYER organ at Morris Sutton funeral home in Windsor.

The tour will take place on October 18 starting 7:00 PM.

A complete report of the instrument and the restoration work that was done by Ron Dossenbach was featured in our last issue. The player mechanism is now working well and it will be a treat to see such an unusual organ. The funeral home is excited to be showcasing the instrument so don't miss this event

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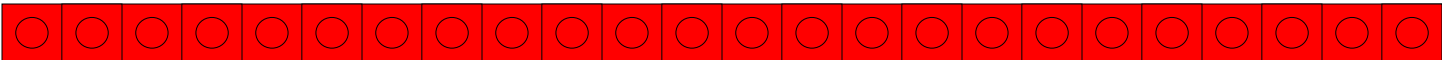
There are a couple of options for you to respond to these questions.

- by email to paul.wharram@gmail.com
- by mail to 136 Main Street W, Kingsville, ON, N9Y 1H5, OR
- by telephone to 519-712-8972

We, the members of the executive committee, want to make sure that our programming activities going forward are most relevant to your needs. Your responses to the survey questions will help us do that. We look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Wharram

President of Windsor Chapter RCCO



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Sunday September 29th Spaghetti Dinner and Anthem reading session at Riverside United Church.
2. October 18th, 7:00 PM. See the Morris Sutton funeral home Cooper Aeolian 1924 player organ featured a previous issue.
3. Choral Event— November 17th – tentative date.
4. Pedals, Pipes and Pizza— All Saints’ Anglican Church date tba
5. Hymn Playing—Thinking outside the hymnal, February 22, Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church.
6. May 4 (tentative) Hymn Tasting/ Sing-along
7. College Service & Membership meeting—June 6, 2014

Meet our Scholarship Students

You will be pleased to know that this year we have six new scholarship students, all of whom were impressive at their auditions. The members of the Executive think that you will be interested in learning about these young people so I will be describing two of them in each edition of the newsletter.

I first met CAMERON ADAMS at the Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event held at Epiphany Anglican in Kingsville last November. His fascination with the organ was evident as he returned again and again to try out piano pieces at the instrument. He is active at Knox Presbyterian Church in Leamington where he says he has always admired Louise Bryon’s work. He has played the piano at Knox for seven years, assisted with teaching Sunday School, played in retirement homes, benefit concerts, etc. etc. If I listed all of Cameron’s accomplishments I could fill a page of the newsletter. He says that his ultimate goal is to become a church organist. He has begun studying with Brian Sweetman.

Brian’s other student is KAYLA FALKENHOLT. Kayla lives in Kingsville where her father is the Pastor at the Lutheran Church. Kayla is home schooled and is therefore in a position to practice the organ at Epiphany Anglican Church during the day. Kayla already has a considerable background in several instruments including the piano, violin, accordion, flute, guitar and lever harp. She has played and sung in church, nursing and seniors homes, hospital and community events. Being a church organist runs in her family. She has many relatives living in other provinces who are church organists and she wants to continue serving God in this way.

Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.

Report from Orgelfest, 2013

From August 11 to 16, RCCO members from across Canada gathered in Ottawa to celebrate the pipe organ, to hear magnificent organs played by outstanding musicians and to acknowledge the contribution made by organists in communities much like our own to promote the instrument and its music in worship and in concert.

The Orgelfest schedule included meetings of the National Council and President's Advisory Council, the Annual General Meeting and a meeting of Centre Presidents. There were four very informative workshops and two choral anthem reading sessions; morning worship services, the College Service and Convocation; five organ concerts, a concert by the Ottawa Bach Choir and a breath-taking performance of J. S. Bach's The Art of Fugue by Honorary Patron of the College, Angela Hewitt. Running concurrently was the National Organ Playing competition and instructional programs for young organists. The week of activities concluded with organ crawls in Ottawa and Montreal. For a full account of the program, please visit http://www.rcco-ottawa.ca/orgelfest2013/index_en.html.

Here are some other highlights from the convention.

Further to recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee, Identity and Mission Statements were approved as follows:

*We are a community with a passion for the organ and its music
who seek to enrich the lives of others with our music, skills and knowledge,
by promoting the instrument and its music both in worship and in concert,
building upon the legacy entrusted to us.*

The mission of the Royal Canadian College of Organists is to enrich lives and cultivate community through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- *Provide professional and educational support*
- *Provide accreditation and performance opportunities*
- *Promote exposure of the instrument to the public through the media and public events thereby ensuing the vitality of organ and choral music for future generations.*

A Service-Playing Diploma examination, which was approved in March 2013, was given the designation of CRCCO (Colleague of the Royal Canadian College of Organists) and the new Worship Accompanist Certificate was introduced.

Festival at the Forks

The 2014 RCCO Convention, 'The Festival at the Forks', will take place in London, Ontario from July 6-8. The London Centre is looking forward to welcoming us to their beautiful city. The Centre has put together what will be an incredibly exciting and enriching convention! Have a look at the official convention website: london2014.net where you will find a complete convention schedule and list of performers. Feel free to 'like' the Festival's official convention Facebook page, which can be accessed by clicking on the 'F' in the upper right hand corner of the website homepage.

With having an RCCO Convention so close to Windsor, we are hoping to have a large delegation!

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A slate of candidates for the Executive positions and Regional Directors who comprise the RCCO Board of Directors was elected. Gregg Redner of London was elected as our Region's representative on the Board, succeeding our own Judy Boutin who was acknowledged both by the Council and the AGM for her outstanding leadership and support during her term. Congratulations to Brian Sweetman for being re-elected as National Treasurer.

After much consideration and discussion, a deficit budget going forward was approved. The major financial challenge facing the College is the declining number of members and impact of the demographic change in membership. There is less revenue being generated as a result of reduced fees available to members 65 years of age and older.

The Organ Canada publication continues to receive acclaim from members and several new communications tools have been introduced such as a Twitter account and a Facebook presence. The Twitter account [@RCCO_CRCO](#) has proven to be a valuable way of promoting members' concerts and to draw attention to interesting news items about the organ from around the world. The Facebook presence is lively with discussion, humour, announcements and other tidbits of information. To join the Facebook account, sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/RCCO.ca>

We were reminded of the resources and content available to all RCCO members through the national website <http://www.rcco.ca> For the first time this year, people are able to join the RCCO and members can renew their membership on line. When you renewed earlier this year, you should have received a user ID and password which gives you access to members-only information such as the directory of members (formerly the Year-book), employment standards and opportunities, the Examination syllabus including the requirements for the new Service Playing Diploma and the Worship Accompanist Certificate.

Future conventions will be held as follows:

In 2014, a mini-convention will be hosted in London July 6 – 8 entitled “The Festival at the Forks”. A full slate of performers and workshop leaders has been developed including the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge and Simon Nieminski organist at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburg. Two innovations should be noted. London RCCO will be offering home-billets to keep costs down and offering a three track workshop schedule (basic, intermediate and advanced) in service playing, choral conducting and issues in 21st century church music. There will be something for everyone ‘at the Forks’ and since London is so close to us, we are hoping that the Windsor Centre will be well represented. For more information on next year's convention, visit <http://london2014.net>.

In 2015, the Winnipeg Organ Festival is scheduled for July 5 – 9. Discussions are underway with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for a major concert.

Kingston will host the 2016 mini-convention and Montreal will host in 2017 – the 400th Anniversary of the founding of Montreal during the year of Canada's 150th Birthday.

The Windsor Centre was represented at Orgelfest 2013 by Judy Boutin, David Palmer, Brian Sweetman and Paul Wharram. If you would like to receive a copy of the Annual Report, please contact Paul Wharram by phone at 519-712-8972 or by email at paul.wharram@gmail.com

ORGAN FOR SALE

RODGERS THREE MANUAL CHURCH ORGAN MODEL #925

Parkwood Gospel Temple purchased this organ in 1989 when they moved to their present location. Purchase price at that time was about \$80,000. It has a full pedalboard, about 70 stops, but does not have Midi or a card reader. It has a roll top and can be locked. There are also 12 speakers for use with the organ.

This instrument would be perfect for a church which wants a large organ but cannot afford a pipe organ.

Asking price: \$5,000, negotiable

SUPPLY ORGANISTS NEEDED

The Windsor Chapter RCCO provides a list of supply organists available to cover vacations and emergencies but there is currently none available to cover Sunday services. If you are a member or know of a member who would be willing to provide this service, please let us know and we will include their information on our supply list.

YOUR 2013/2014 EXECUTIVE

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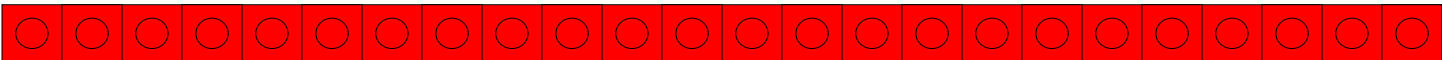
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ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER/ANTHEM READING



SUNDAY, SEPT. 29, 2013
RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH
881 GLIDDEN (WINDSOR)

3:00 to 4:00: Music for sale downstairs
4:00 to 5:30: Anthem reading in the sanctuary
5:30 to 6:00: Music sale continued and social time
6:00: Spaghetti Dinner

This year we are pleased to welcome David and Joyce Knarr from Opus II, Kitchener, who will provide music for sale and choral music for the anthem reading conducted by Joyce Knarr with Margita Lange as accompanist.

PLEASE NOTE: *If you wish to order a particular piece of music, check their website at: <http://www.opus-two.com> for availability and then email them at: opustwo@on.aibn.com. They will bring the music on the 29th.*

COST

Dinner \$5.00 for RCCO members and Centre Friends
 \$7.00 for Non-Members

REGISTRATION FORM

Members and Centre Friends may register with a member of the telephone committee but we ask that everyone else send in the registration form or phone Judy Boutin at 519 735-9632. An organist or choir director who is unable to attend may send someone in his place.

NAME OF REGISTRANT _____ PHONE _____

CHURCH _____

If the registrant cannot attend please indicate name of replacement. _____

Please indicate if a spouse or friend will be attending.

Please check if you are registering for the anthem reading only. _____

REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE MAILED TO:

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