

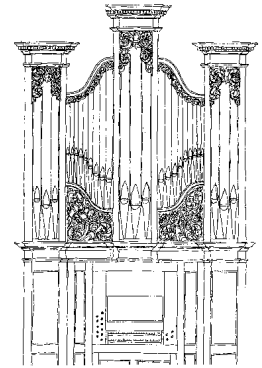


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CHORAL WORKSHOP LEAD BY DR. JULIA DAVIDS



DECEMBER 2012

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this workshop on **Sunday, February 3, 2013!**

The Canadian Chamber Choir will be touring southern Ontario in late January and early February, including a concert here in Windsor. We are very excited to be sponsoring a workshop on choral techniques with their conductor, Dr. Julia Davids, during this tour. A graduate of the Uni-

versity of Western Ontario, Dr. Davids' leadership of this ensemble is taking it to worldwide notice. Windsor's own Joel Tranquilla, conductor of the Windsor Classic Chorale and the Windsor Symphony Chorus, is their Associate Conductor.

When: Sunday, February 3, 2013, 2 – 5 pm

Where: All Saints' Church, City Hall Square, Windsor



Admission is free to RCCO members. Your choir members are invited and are admitted free as well.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the notable strengths of our Centre is its scholarship program. In the hands of Judy Boutin, we have awarded a substantial number of scholarships to beginning organ students, several of whom have continued to play and find positions as church organists. For example, Victor Ouyang, now in his fourth year of study, has been called to supply frequently in the last six months. Under Ben Schinkel's able financial direction, resources to attract new students are readily available. Further, as you know, significant memorial funds donated in memory of Joanne Quimby made possible a scholarship in her name, this year awarded to Sr. Linda Dubé.

Education—of our members and offered to anyone interested in the organ—is at the heart of the RCCO's

mandate. Paul Wharram, Jane Ann Callow and the parish of Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville gave a very successful Pedals, Pipes and Pizza in early November, centering on their newly rebuilt organ and attracting over a dozen young people. (See the article elsewhere in this Newsletter). This spring, Elder College (in collaboration with Canterbury College at the University of Windsor) will sponsor a short course on the organ given by members of our Centre, featuring its construction, repertoire and an opportunity to for hands-on experience. Organizers inform us that it is generating a lot of buzz.

This coming year, I echo the invitation of Nick Fairbank, our National President, to consider taking advantage of the opportunities to develop your skills as an organist and/or



DAVID PALMER

choir director. Think about applying for the Quimby Scholarship next spring—it's deeply rewarding to feel the excitement of being able musically to achieve something that you haven't been able to before!

Warm wishes for a blessed Christmas season.

David Palmer

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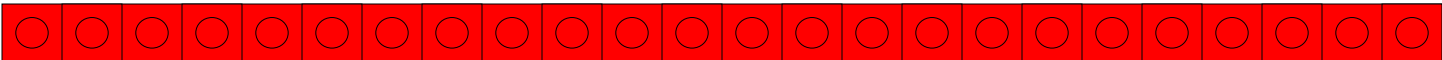
Yes, I have been asked to write up the spaghetti dinner and anthem reading again. Please be patient with me.

First of all, I must thank all the people who helped to make the event a success. There were the five people who led the anthem reading: Brian Sweetman, Margita Lange, Linda Shepley, Heather Cohen and Ron Dossenbach. Then there was the kitchen staff: Margita again, Paul van Heugten, Richard Helmer, the spaghetti sauce stirrers, the donors of desserts and the donors of door prizes (16 in all). Then there was Dorothy Shuttleworth and Ben Schinkel as greeters and David Palmer who acted as MC. Thanks again, everyone. Did I forget anyone? Hopefully not since I appreciate all the help I have received over the years.

I am happy to report that Paul van Heugten has expressed a willingness to take over Mama Boutini's job (with the help of his wife) in the kitchen, provided he is equipped with the recipe for the spaghetti sauce. That is not a problem to be sure! So it is safe to hope that the spaghetti dinner will continue into the future. Now, what shall we call the replacement for Mama Boutini – Papa van Heugtenini is a little difficult to say so how about Papa Paulini?? Judy Boutin

Judy Boutin





UPCOMING EVENTS



1. **Sunday February 3 2013**- Choral Workshop lead by Dr. Julia Davids (see front page for details)
2. **Sunday March 10th 2013** member's recital at Westminster United Church After the gifts have been unwrapped, the gifts have been put away, and the tree is down - what is next? Time to pack your dancing shoes and dust off that great piece that you have been wanting to learn (or play) and join us for our Member's Recital. This year we will be at Westminster United Church (Dougall at Tecumseh Avenues in Windsor) on Sunday, March 10, 2013.
I will be contacting you after the new year to invite you to be a part of this evening of fun and music. Make sure to keep this date open
3. **Saturday April 27th** Organ Crawl with the Chatham Centre-- We will be touring several organs in the afternoon in Chatham followed by dinner.
4. **Friday May 31st** (tentative) Annual General Meeting

WORKSHOP ON PEDALING AND REGISTRATION REPORT

As a warm-up for my work as a Travelling Clinician this year, I offered a session on Saturday, December 1 at Harrow United Church. Seven members reviewed basics of using the pedals, from position of the foot through finding notes accurately to coordinating pedaling and use of the Swell pedal. A few photos of organ consoles from the time of Bach and earlier showed how the heel was not part of pedal techniques--the pedals were placed almost UNDER the bench. We all gave thanks for the ease built in to AGO standard consoles! We explored some ideas on practicing pedal technique, from making wide intervals easy to scales.



The fine organ at Harrow United facilitated demonstration of the families of stops on the organ. Flues, reeds and their sub-groupings (principal, flute, string in the flue family; and conical and cylindrical resonators in the reed family) all came to life in the well-voiced stops of this organ. Areas of registration (ensemble or plenum, solo and accompaniment, and special effects) were heard in examples by Vierne, Ned Rorem; Bach, and in a number of hymns.

I'd be happy to forward handouts from the workshop to any members who would like them.

David Palmer





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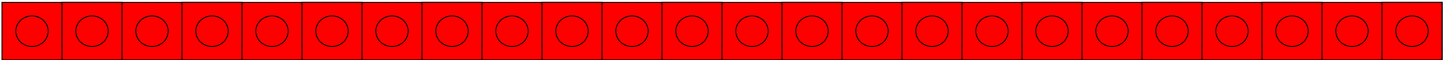
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PEDALS PIPES AND PIZZA

On Saturday, November 3rd, 12 young people between the ages of 10 and 17 participated in Pedals, Pipes and Pizza at the Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville. The participants came from Windsor, Essex, Cottom, Kingsville and Leamington.

After a 'get acquainted' activity, the young people learned about the history of the pipe organ, how the organ makes its sounds and how it works. They had fun making sounds by blowing into various sizes of 'orphan' pipes made of metal and wood and watched a video. The video is available on YouTube for everyone to see if interested.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftRvEKVdHE4>

Perhaps the most fun was had when everyone had a chance to explore the newly refurbished organ in the church sanctuary. They looked into the organ chamber, learned about the draw stops and couplers and were introduced to the newly added 'record and playback' feature. Then everyone was invited to play the organ. They experimented playing hymns, various piano pieces (from Bach to The Rose to Chopsticks), and coordinating feet on the pedals with hands playing on the manuals and creating different sound combinations. Everyone had a turn at the organ either alone or in duets.

Judy Boutin, who is responsible for the RCCO Scholarship Program, spoke to the young people about the possibility of receiving a scholarship from the RCCO to take organ lessons. Many of the participants demonstrated great potential and expressed interest in applying.

(Applications will be available from the RCCO Windsor Centre Website.)

Last but not least, we all the enjoyed pizza!

Thanks to all who organized this wonderful event, especially the young people who attended and the Church of the Epiphany for hosting it. Paul Wharram



SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT December 14th

All RCCO members and centre friends are invited to the St. Joseph elementary school Choir concert.

The event will take place at St. Joseph church in River Canard on Friday, December 14 @ 7 p.m.

The St. Joseph choir directed by Paul and Michelle van Heugten and the Villanova High School choir directed by AnnMarie Brunet will be performing. Free will offering collected at the end of the concert to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.