

The Richmond STOPLIST

November 2013

The Official Newsletter of the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Workshops on Improvisation Silent Film Accompaniments With Tom Trenney



Saturday, November 2, 2013
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
1627 Monument Avenue

8:15-9:00 a.m. Free Panera continental breakfast (*reservations required)

*For breakfast reservations, please contact Paul Honaker at paul.honaker@comcast.net 804-467-6441 at least a week prior to the program.

9:00-9:50 a.m. Workshop I: Improvisation

Abracadabra--discovering the magic of improvisation...an interactive, hands-on exploration of the building blocks of improvisation. We will endeavor to maximize our creativity within distinct, possibility-filled guidelines.

10:00-10:50 a.m. Workshop II: Creative Service Playing

Demonstration of 'organic' hymn improvisations that find their inspiration from the uniqueness of their hymn's melody and our thoughtful creativity.

11:15 a.m.- 12:00 noon Silent film accompaniments: One Week (Buster Keaton); and Big Business (Laurel and Hardy).



Tom Trenney is one of America's leading concert organists known for his improvisations on hymns, submitted themes, silent films, scripture, poetry, and artwork. Tom will lead a two-part workshop on improvisation and creative hymn and service playing, followed by a 45-minute silent film concert. Handouts will be available at both improvisation workshops. Tom Trenney has given permission for participants to use recording devices during the workshops. Immediately following the workshops, Tom will accompany two silent films (45 minutes total) on the church's 2005 IV/68 Schantz organ.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Instantly Improve Your Improvisations!

Dear Colleagues,

Last year the Richmond AGO conducted a detailed survey among our members to gather helpful input of what chapter members want in regards to monthly chapter programming. From the survey we learned that improvisation and how to improve that skill is a topic of high interest. Our program committee heeded that response, so here is your chance to take advantage of an incredible opportunity.



On November 2, our chapter will host Tom Trenney—one of America's finest concert organists—to lead a two-part workshop, specifically on improvisation. In addition, Tom will accompany two silent films that morning, but I want to focus more on his workshops.

I had the chance to attend Tom's workshop on improvisation at the 2012 National AGO Convention in Nashville. Over the years I have participated in countless improvisation workshops. *Tom's one-hour program was by far the most informative and enjoyable seminar on improvisation that I have ever attended.* His presentation included numerous examples at the organ which were easy to follow, and he provided handouts with all his demonstrations clearly outlined. To this day I still refer back to Tom's Nashville handout as a guide for my own improvisations.

Tom's workshops on November 2 will offer numerous creative ideas on improvisation, and you will leave wanting to experiment with the many techniques he offers. Tom has granted permission for participants to record both improvisation workshops. Having these seminars recorded on a device, such as a smartphone, will be convenient when you are later seated at the console practicing through the techniques.

If you want to learn the ABC's of improvising, spruce-up your own creations, or just enjoy Tom's masterful art of the skill, I hope you will join us on Saturday, November 2. You will be drawn to Tom's confident and engaging personality. Registration for the workshops is not required. Just show up! All the pertinent information about the Saturday morning event is listed on the cover of this newsletter.

Chris Martin

Dean

DEAN'S LUNCH

The November Dean's Lunch will be held Monday, November 18, 12:15 P.M. at The Mill on MacArthur In the Historic Bellevue District, 4023 MacArthur Avenue, Richmond 23227

A REMINDER THAT YOUR AGO CHAPTER IS ON FACEBOOK



Stay connected with Richmond AGO members and notices of meetings, recitals, and other events through the chapter's official Facebook page. Look for us on Facebook: Richmond Chapter - American Guild of Organists, or go to the Richmond AGO webpage www.richmondago.org and click on the Facebook icon.

Churches of Richmond and Central Virginia

For organ specifications and virtual tours of the churches of Richmond and Central Virginia, please visit the Churches of Virginia web site at:

<http://www.churchesofvirginia.org>

A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM CHAPTER HISTORIAN DONALD TRASER

Last month's Stoplist noted the death of Charles P. Cooke, Jr., a former member of the Richmond Chapter. We should not let this pass without being aware that while no longer a chapter member, Charlie was our senior past Dean, serving as such from 1959 to 1961.

The newspaper obituary contained a great deal of information about Charlie's life, but it seems appropriate to share a few more memories. I'm sure Charlie often realized the humor in things he said, but I don't think he was trying to be a humorous person. I've had many a good chuckle over things he said or did.

The obituary mentioned that he had played the organ for many years for a certain funeral home. However, back in the years before World War II Charlie's photograph appeared in the newspaper with the announcement that he had been appointed the organist for the Billups Funeral Home in Church Hill. He was paid the princely sum of fifty cents for each funeral. One of the Billups brothers, not the one who hired him, told him, "I wish you'd talked to me. I'd have given you seventy-five cents."

Also before World War II, Charlie was the organist for two years at Grace Church (now in Windsor Farms), then at Boulevard and Grove Avenue. He described their minister at the time as being a sanctimonious old coot who preached the same sermon each Sunday; he just changed the death-bed scene at the end! That church had a small Austin organ at the time, with an abundance of 8-foot stops. He commented that if you knew how to play them, some of those old organs could sound pretty good.

Following his Army service as a radio man, Charlie was appointed organist of the large Park Place Methodist Church in Norfolk. Dr. Jack Engle, whose daughter related this story to me, was the clergyman there. One Sunday a man, perhaps slightly deranged, jumped to his feet and started a rebuttal to the sermon. Despite numerous attempts, Dr. Engle could never regain the floor. Finally, the man paused for breath, and Dr. Engle quickly announced, "Now let us sing hymn number so-and-so." She reported that Charlie hit they keys and took off.

Charlie and Mayme Stone, another past Dean, were great friends, though sometimes they would go long periods without contact. They once met up at intermission of a Richmond Symphony concert at The Mosque. They began talking and did not realize, until people began exiting, that they'd talked through the entire second half of the program.

Not mentioned in the obituary was the fact the Charlie was a composer of both organ and choral works. The earliest published works for organ were in Lorenz's The Organist with the name of "C Cooke." He was paid \$10.00 for each of the published works. In more recent times two pieces were included in my Richmond Organ Anthology. H. W. Gray published an Easter introtit and an organ arrangement of "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Following his retirement from All Saints Church Charlie and wife Lois joined Grace & Holy Trinity Church before he began serving at Saint Paul's Church in Hanover. The Cookes were good friends with organist/choirmaster Tom Griffin and wife Joan. One year the choir sang the Easter introtit and Mr. Griffin played "In the Cross" during communion. Communicants exit via small door next to the organ console. Charlie commented as he passed by, "I feel like I've been to Charlie Cooke Sunday!"

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED GODSHALL

A memorial service at Bruton Parish, for the late Ed Godshall, will be held on Saturday October 26 at 10 AM. Ed's obituary can be seen at. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailypress/obituary-search.aspx?affiliateId=340&daterange=180&lastname=Godshall>

ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TO PRESENT KEN COWAN IN PERFORMANCE



Saint Bridget's Catholic Church & the Buzard Organ Company Present Ken Cowan in Concert on the church's new John-Paul Buzard, Opus 42 Pipe Organ

Date: November 15, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

Location: 6006 Three Chopt Road, Richmond VA 23226

Parking: Parking is available on the Service Road in front of the church, and after 6:00 p.m. in the lot behind the church off York Road.

Admission: The concert is free. Donations to the Organ and Concert Series Funds will be accepted.

Contact: Allen Bean, 804.282.9511 or abean@saintbridgetchurch.org



CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

November schedule of concerts

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.
Free Concert, VCU French Horn Music Students

Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.
Free concert of Music for Brass, VCU Student Performers

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,
800 S Cathedral Pl, Richmond, VA 23220 (804) 359-5651

PLEASE MARK THE DATE

Kilmarnock United Methodist Church in Kilmarnock will have their annual Messiah "sing along" Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 3:00 in the sanctuary. Cheryl VanOrnam will be our guest organist again this year and Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis will be conducting. Please bring your score (extra copies will be available) and join us in singing the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. We will conclude with the Hallelujah Chorus and there will be a reception following. You may call the church office M-Th 9-2:00 at 804 435-1797 for directions.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild Of Organists welcomes the following new members:

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CHAPTER PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2014-2015 SEASON

Although we are still in the early part of our 2013-14 program season, plans and preparations will soon be underway for the programs to be featured during the 2014-15 season. The program committee is asking members to submit ideas for programs that you would like to see presented during next year's chapter meetings and activities. Please send your suggestions for programs to Cheryl Van Ornam (ago_stoplist_cvo@yahoo.com), Sub Dean before December 15, 2013. These suggestions will be taken to the Program Committee in January of 2014. Thank you in advance for your ideas!

AROUND THE TOWN

Program announcements to appear in *AROUND THE TOWN* should be sent to the newsletter editor by the 15th of the month prior to the month in which the program will occur. Messages arriving after the 18th can not be guaranteed to appear in the upcoming month's newsletter.

EVENTS AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

October 26 at 7:30 P.M The Virginia Commonwealth University Jazz Combo, directed by Professor Tony Martucci, will perform a concert at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 26. The concert will include blues, ballads, bebop and Latin jazz. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street. Admission is free. Please call the church at (804) 359-5628 for more information.

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 P.M There will be a Thanksgiving worship service held at Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.. The Greater Richmond Children's Concert Choir, directed by Hope Armstrong Erb and Crystal Jonkman, will sing anthems at the service. The church is located at 8 North Laurel Street. For information, call (804) 359-5628.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS CELEBRATED AT THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Friday, November 1 at 7 P.M. The Chancel Choir presents "A Requiem of Peace" by Andrew Wright at mass on November 1st. The Church of the Epiphany is located at 11000 Smoketree Dr. Richmond, VA 23236.

SERVICE AND RECITAL AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

November 3 at 11 A.M. Service of Holy Communion Chancel Choir will sing Kodaly Missa Brevis with Stefan Palm, organ. On that same date, Stefan Palm, of Cologne, Germany, will also present a harpsichord recital at 3 P.M. in the Chapel

TRINITY ORGAN CONCERT AT ST. BEDE IN WILLIAMSBURG

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, Noon. Trinity Organ Concert with Stephen Lancaster, baritone, and Kevin Vaughn, organist. This one-hour recital will feature a variety of classical works. The concert is free and open to the public which is invited to bring lunch and eat with the artists afterward. Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road in Williamsburg. For information, please call (757) 229-3631, or visit www.bedeva.org/concerts.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUTH OF THE JAMES

Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. "The Beauty of Two" Flutist Barbara Gregory and Deborah Saidel with Karmalita Bawar, pianist. Bon Air Presbyterian Church, 9201 Huguenot Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235. 804-272-7514

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS CHANTICLEER

Monday December 2, 2013 Two Shows 5:30 P.M. & 8:00P.M. Chanticleer in concert. St. Mary's Catholic Church 9505 Gayton Road, Richmond Va. 23229. Tickets are \$25.00 EACH and are available at the church office beginning October 28,2013 Church Phone- (804) 740-4044 Or on line at www.stmarysrichmond.org

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

November 17, 2013 at 8:30 A.M. Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Richmond will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the parish's founding with a special service at the 9:00 A.M. Mass. As part of the celebration, the church's Moller organ Opus 601, which has been adopted by the Richmond AGO Chapter, will be played for 30 minutes of prelude music prior to the Mass. Richmond chapter member Adella Nowowieski will be the featured organist. The church is located at 2112 Second Avenue in the Highland Park section. Ample free parking is available.

From the Educational Concerns Chair:

We will be giving thanks for our many gifts we have been given in this month of Thanksgiving. The gift of music is a heartfelt one not only by the organist but by the listeners, as well. We practice to get it 'just right' so it sounds like music and not just notes. While you are practicing, think about the music for our exams. They are meant to be used and not only for AGO exams but also in your position as church organist. Give it some thought and please let me know if you are interested. Even if you are not interested, try learning the repertoire, anyway. This time the CAGO pieces are really worth the time as they are quite pretty.

Mary Campbell



Bruton Candlelight Concerts

November, 2013

*Candlelight Concerts at
Bruton Parish Church*

Saturday, November 2 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Bob Jones University Chorale from Greenville,
South Carolina, Warren Cook, Director

Tuesday, November 5 @ 8:00 pm

Harpichord Recital

Dr. Allen Shaffer, Music Director & Organist
Emeritus of Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal
Church in Norfolk, Virginia

Thursday, November 7 @ 8:00 pm

Voice & Organ Recital

Steven Lancaster, Baritone &
Kevin Vaughn, Organist from Elkhart, Indiana

Friday, November 8 @ 8:00 00 pm

Choral Concert

William & Mary Botetourt Chamber Singers &
Women's Chorus, Dr. Jamie Bartlett, Director

Saturday, November 9 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Clarke County High School Chamber Choir
from Berryville, Virginia, Ryan Keebaugh, Direc-
tor

Sunday, November 10 @ 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong

Canticles of Thomas Tallis

William & Mary Schola Cantorum,
Wes Dunnavant, Director & Allen Blehl, Organist

Tuesday, November 12 @ 8:00 pm

Harpichord Recital

Dr. Allen Shaffer, Music Director & Organist
Emeritus of Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal
Church in Norfolk, Virginia

Thursday, November 14 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber String Concert

William & Mary Gallery Players,
Susan Via, Director

Saturday, November 16 @ 8:00 pm

Early Music Concert

William & Mary Early Music Ensemble,
Ruth van Baak Griffioen, Director

Tuesday, November 19 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Douglas Freeman High School Festival Choir
from Richmond, Virginia, Amy Hruska, Di-
rector

Thursday, November 21 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, November 23 @ 8:00 pm

Early Music Vocal & Instrumental Concert

MIRA, Raven Hunter, Director

Tuesday, November 26 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Cheryl van Ornam, Organist from Redeemer
Lutheran Church in Richmond, Virginia

Thursday, November 28 @ 8:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day Organ Recital

Rebecca Davy, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, November 30 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpichord Recital

Ross Ellison, Organist & Dr. Anita Renfroe,
Harpichordist from Millersville University
in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Historic Organ Recitals - Wren Chapel, College of William & Mary

Saturdays @ 10:00 am on November 2, 16, 30 – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturdays @ 10:00 am on November 9 – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Saturdays @ 10:00 am on November 23 – Allen Blehl, Organist

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist Dr. JanEl Will, Organist & Choir Director
James Darling, Choirmaster & Organist Emeritus
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SUBSTITUTES

The persons listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list.

The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church.

Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau by e-mail at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804 647-0825.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has been filled. To submit a listing, contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau

PROVIDENCE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

901 South Providence Road, Richmond, 23217

Seeking a part-time Informal Worship Music Leader for their 9:00 AM Sunday Connections worship service. The service includes a variety of music styles (contemporary, "refreshed" traditional, global). The applicant must be proficient in keyboard and/or guitar, skilled in teaching music, rehearsing and preparing volunteer musicians (vocal, drums, guitars) for worship leadership and comfortable with leading worship. Salary \$9,000 per year with two weeks paid vacation and continuing education allowance. A complete job description may be found at www.providenceumc.net. Please email resume, references, and a cover letter that includes a brief overview of background and experience to pumcstaff@gmail.com.

CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1545 S. Sycamore Street, Petersburg, VA, 23805

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one weekly Sunday morning service and one monthly Sunday evening service as well as a weekly adult choir rehearsal. A Bell choir and a Youth choir meets seasonally for rehearsals. Special services are held at Christmas, Epiphany, Thanksgiving, Holy Week, and five Noonday services during Lent. Candidates should be skilled and have knowledge of chants, plainsong, canticles, and liturgical service music and feel comfortable directing other instruments. Two manual Moller pipe organ. Salary range \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum with four weeks paid vacation, book and music allowance, dues to professional organizations, and continuing education allowance. Interested candidates should contact The Rev. David Teschner days at 804-733-7205 or evenings at 804-861-3668.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

315 Goldsborough, Easton, Maryland, 21601.

Seeking part-time Music Director (organist and choir director) for one Sunday morning service and one adult weekly choir rehearsal and provide music for special services on Christmas Eve and day, Epiphany, Holy Week, Easter and All Saints' Day. This person should also be available for wedding and funerals whenever possible. When feasible, incorporate the parish's hand bells into the musical program. Two manual 16 rank Moeller organ, which can also be used for private lessons when not in conflict with Cathedral activities. The candidate should be able to provide this growing and diverse parish with a program of blended music and regular education through blog, newsletter, website, and that he/she would participate in whatever way appropriate in the life events of the parish. Includes four weeks paid vacation and funding for continuing education. Candidates interested in the position of Music Director, or candidates interested in a position of organist only or choir director only should contact The Very Reverend Gregory L. Powell at 410-443-4556 or greg@trinitycathedraleaston.com.

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

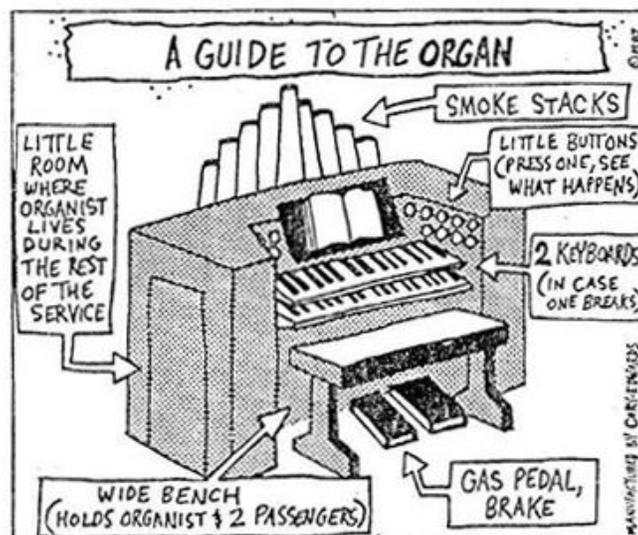
1200 Wilmington Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23227

Seeking part-time organist/choir director for one Sunday morning service and one weekly adult choir rehearsal. Special services include Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday, and Christmas Eve. Lewis and Hitchcock three manual pipe organ. Salary range \$14,000 to \$18,000 per year with sick leave, book and music allowance, and continuing education allowance. Interested candidates should contact The Rev. Mandy England Cole at the church address or by phone at 804-359-2475, ext. 13.

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

8981 River Road, Richmond, VA

Wanted; Substitute organist for Wednesday evenings and Sundays. No choir, Sunday soloist. Wed eve salary \$90, Sunday \$110. If interested in being on the regular substitute list for this church, please call Jim Corbett at 804 360 9033.



Major Choral Services & Concerts in 2013/14

There are two upcoming choral services at St. Paul's in Advent.

An Advent "O" Antiphons Service in the Atrium*
Sunday, December 1 at 5:00 P.M.

An Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols
Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 P.M.

** The atrium is a small space. Please arrive early to ensure a seat.*

For more information about additional services and concerts in 2013/14 visit the Music page of the St. Paul's website.

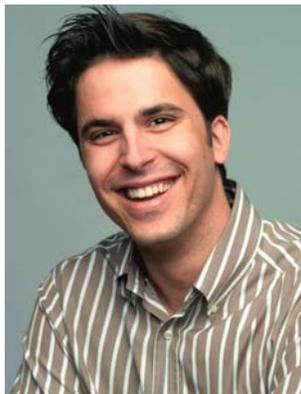
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
815 East Grace Street,
Richmond, VA, 23219 (804) 643-3589



REMINDER

Don't miss the first concert in the Richmond Chapter's Organ Repertoire Recital Series for the 2013-14 season.

Raúl Prieto Ramírez
Spanish Concert Organist



The sensational young concert virtuoso and Organist-in-Residence at Madrid's National Concert Hall makes his Richmond debut playing works by Alexandre Guilmant, Jehan Alain, Marcel Dupré, Charles-Marie Widor, J.S. Bach and Nicholas Bruhns. The concert will be followed by a festive reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Recital Series.

Friday October 25 at 7:30 P.M.
Ginter Park Presbyterian Church
3601 Seminary Avenue

Free parking is available in the lot beside the church and in the lot on Brook Road and Walton Avenue



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DID YOU KNOW?



Some months ago, we received a request to look into an organ that was believed to have been installed in the White House. Since a White House organ would certainly qualify as an organ in a "strange or interesting place," we agreed to pursue the idea.

Months of attempts to communicate with White House staff and public relations people proved fruitless, as the current White House PR people apparently don't even respond to email requests from the public. Furthermore, there was no mention of a White House organ on the official web site www.whitehouse.gov. So we decided to take the investigation further and began making inquiries through contacts with military personnel who would have had knowledge on the subject.

With the help of William Chapman, organ curator at West Point, we were pointed in the direction of Brantley Duddy, an organ technician who is responsible for such famous organs as the Wanamaker-Macy's organ, the Atlantic City Convention Center organ, etc. Brant immediately knew of the organ in question, and provided the following information:

There were two known organs used in the history of the White House. One was a rental electronic organ which had been brought in for a recital by the late Carlo Curley during the administration of President Jimmy Carter. But many years before the Curley event, there was a pipe organ permanently installed in the East Room. That instrument was built at the direction of Rodman Wanamaker, son of John Wanamaker the Philadelphia department store founder. The younger Wanamaker had close ties with the White House and served as a Presidential Elector from Philadelphia. Built by the Welte Company, the instrument, which was technically on loan, was a fixture in the East Room. There are numerous documents to support that it was regularly used at White House functions. After it was removed from the White House, it was stored in the Wanamaker storage building on Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia. Eventually, it was rescued and installed in a local church. As time passed, the Welte was replaced by an electronic organ, and it ended up in a private residence in Franklinville, NJ where it resides to this day. The present owner has converted his basement into a well thought out music room, and the former White House Welte is the now focus of that room. The owner has asked that we not reveal his name or exact location, but we do know that the instrument is in use and well cared for.

During our investigation, we learned that there is a scrapbook of numerous newspaper clippings, in the hands of an individual in Philadelphia, which detail the organ's history during the White House years. Next time your editor ventures to Philly, I will attempt to visit the person who currently holds that collection in order to provide more information on this notable residence organ.