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## President's Message



Since this is the annual convention issue, I thought I might mention a few of the projects the Board approved, expanded or introduced. First: The radio show was funded to extend it an additional thirteen weeks. Our Vice-President, Russ Hamnett is currently working on the additional shows as well as trying to get the first thirteen weeks "on the air." Again, we need your help in making this most important endeavor a success . . . write me or Russ for ways to help. Dorothy VanSteenkiste proposed a scholarship program which the Board approved. Look for details on this program of ten \$500 scholarships. As a companion program to director Laurel Haggart's home theatre organ group, I asked Jack Moelmann to develop a similar group that would act as a sounding board for ATOS members that have electronic organs in their homes. Contact Jack if you are interested in being a part of this new group . . . and for those of you with theatre pipe organs who haven't already contacted Laurel, do it today! Director Bob Markworth is presently putting on video tape the slide show originally produced by Catherine Koenig and shown at the Portland Convention. Russ Hamnett also did the narration for this project. Many people had asked for it, so with the majority of the work being done by Lloyd Klos, we have put together an index of the articles appearing in THEATRE ORGAN from 1976 to 1989. Look for more information on the index in my next President's Message. That's just some of the activities of the Board . . . more to follow at a later date.

I would like to publicly thank Al Hermanns for his help in coming up with a list of post 1960's music that sounds and works well on the theatre organ. Let me hear from you as to your suggestions; I'll try to come up with everybody's suggestions in a future issue.

Don't forget that this is the time to be thinking about giving . . . and what better way to show your love for friends than to give them a gift membership to ATOS. After all, what could be more considerate . . . you just gave them the gift of friendship, camaraderie and music. Pretty good, huh? and all this for only 25 measly dollars.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

John Ledwon

### RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TAPING REQUIREMENTS for the 1991 YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION have been completed.

They have been sent out to all chapter presidents and former contestants.  
We are anxious to get the material into the hands of new contestants.\*

Anyone desiring information may call:  
DOROTHY VanSTEENKISTE at 313/383-0133 or send a request to:  
9270 Reek Road • Allen Park, Michigan 48101

We encourage all our members to contact their schools, music studios and teachers. Make your theatre organ available to these students early so that they will be ready for COMPETITION!

\*If you are unaffiliated please call and we will arrange for a chapter to sponsor a candidate if you have one.

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Watch for news of Nor-Cal's  
"NINETY-ONE-DERFUL" CONVENTION

July 5-9, 1991!

