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In Memory of Janet Becker

Jim Houston, piano and Michael Britt, organ will present a
Concert at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church,
Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 PM

Program

Fantaisie	Clifford Demarest
Selections from Six Duos	Camille Saint - Saens
Transcriptions	Johann Sebastian Bach
Dream of Oiwen	Charles Williams
Duet Suite	Denis Bedard

Plus a few surprises.

Reception following performance

Directions

Traveling from Virginia on the Beltway (Rt. 495) proceed northwest on River Road (exits 39 & 40) to a right onto Bradley Blvd. and drive to Kentsdale Dr. Our lady of Mercy is located at the NW corner of Kentsdale and Bradley Blvd.

This concert will take the place of our usual November crawl.

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Dues: Due in October, Send \$10.00 to Secretary-Treasurer. (NOTE: Please make out checks to Hilbus Chapter, OHS)

Treasurer's Reminder

It's time to send your dues of \$14 to Barbara Birckner. Dues checks should be made out to "OHS - Hilbus Chapter. THANK YOU to all who have included donations in with their dues. Your generosity is appreciated.

New Old Organ Discovered

reported by Wyatt Colclasure

Little is known about the instrument. It was located in a small church in the Jones Creek (Sparrows Point) area of Baltimore. The only information available was that it was purchased on July 6, 1943 from J.C. Myers for a price of \$700.00. The church had decided to sell the property to support another congregation.

The building was a somewhat typical, low ceiling box, with the organ at the center front. If there was originally a case it had been discarded except for the façade. The chests and pipes protruded into some classrooms at the rear of the church. The sides and rear were enclosed with paneling. When I examined it there were clumps of insulation which had fallen down in various places, though the chamber was not particularly more dirty than others I have seen in regular use. The pipes and mechanical parts appeared to be in generally good condition.

The key action seemed fairly light and crisp. There was no wind, however, so the touch under pressure could not be guessed.

The name plate was missing, but the recess for it was in the shape of a wide and short diamond.

The organ has six ranks, a 58/27 compass, flat pedal board, and a chromatic chest. The pedal Bourdon is on a separate chest with a ventill. The draw knobs, left to right, are:

- * Manual to pedal coupler
- * Pedal Bourdon 16'
- * Fifteenth 2'
- * Octave 4'
- * Open Diapason 8'
- * Dulciana 8'
- * Melodia 8'
- * Bellows Signal

The Swell shoe is at the right edge of the pedal board, angled about 45o.

The organ was removed from the church by David Storey for storage in his facility. He has determined that it is a Henry Niemann; a near duplicate to Jim Houston's Niemann at the Unitarian Church Social Hall. It is for sale.