

ORGAN SPECTACULAR!
WORLD'S LARGEST ORGAN CONCERT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

Project Description

Organ Spectacular! — World's Largest Organ Concert is part of a year long International Celebration of the organ to be held in 2008-09. This particular program, along with other events of the Celebration year, is designed to entertain, inform, and engage new audiences for organ music, while giving seasoned listeners a fresh perspective on the organ's expansive repertoire. Organ Spectacular! will include more than 200 family-oriented concerts involving more than 2000 performers in this country and abroad. It will bring organ music to a new audience of listeners, generating new friends, and reinvigorating existing audiences for the King of Instruments.

Included on this program in many venues will be the winning composition in a competition organized for this event. Another work, by Stephen Paulus, has been commissioned for this concert.

Organ Spectacular! is a follow-up to the 2000 World's Largest Organ Recital, the most successful community outreach effort in the history of the Guild. The goal for this up-coming event is to increase public awareness of the organ, the instruments, and the music. Admission charges will be set by each chapter.

Organ Spectacular! will feature the organ in its historic and evolving roles as a solo instrument, as an accompanying instrument, and as an ensemble instrument. AGO chapters are encouraged to develop collaborative programming with local arts and cultural organizations. This could include adult and children's choirs, instrumentalists, orchestras, and even marching bands. "Informances," multimedia, and audiovisual technology that can be integrated into the concert to put the organ "on stage" are encouraged.

The AGO website, www.agohq.org/os will provide promotional material, art work, and suggested repertoire which local chapters will be able to use. Chapters will benefit from a national wave of publicity surrounding the October 19 event.

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