

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007-2008

Dear Members,

It has been a privilege to serve as your Vice President for 2007-2008. The office of the Vice President has two principal duties: (1) Acting as a chapter liaison, and (2) Chairing the awards committee for the AMICA International Award and the Leo Ornstein Literary Award.

(1) Chapter Liaison

This area has definitely improved since last year. Most Chapters now send me invitations and notices about Chapter activities, whether by e-mail or snail mail. I would ask again that each Chapter place me on its mailing and/or e-mail list for Chapter functions. My addresses:

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(2) Awards

An awards committee consisting of Dave Saul, Richard Tonnesen and I considered nominations for the AMICA International Award and the Leo Ornstein Literary Award. The committee's recommendations are as follows:

International Award

The AMICA International Award will be awarded to Kenneth K. Caswell of Austin, Texas. Ken recently retired after 17 years as manager of the Austin Symphony, is widely known and respected for his knowledge of the Welte reproducing systems and piano rolls.

Ken had a long-time dream to accurately record and preserve the rare composer-played music embodied on reproducing piano rolls. After 40 years of study and research, Ken produced seven historic classical piano CDs recorded on the Pierian label. The Pierian Recording Society is a tax-exempt organization whose purpose is the preservation of historic performances and obscure repertoire.

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These classical CDs (which include a few 78 rpm recordings) are:

Volume 1 Claude Debussy -The Composer as Pianist (All his known Welte recordings)

Volume 2 Enrique Granados – His Recordings for Welte & Soehne Paris, 1913

Volume 3 Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler – For many years considered the greatest American pianist

Volume 4 Maurice Ravel - The Composer as Pianist and Conductor - Welte & Duo-Art

Volume 5 Alexander Scriabin - The Composer as Pianist - Recordings for Welte & Soehne 1910

Volume 6 Teresa Carreno – Her recordings for M. Welte & Soehne April 1905

Volume 7 Alfredo Casella & Ottorino Respighi - The Composer as Pianist

AMICA is pleased to honor Ken Caswell for his work in raising awareness of the historical importance of reproducing pianos to the general public as described above.

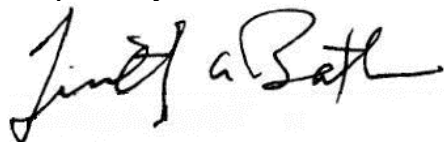
Ornstein Literary Award

The Leo Ornstein Literary Award will be awarded to Vincent Morgan of the Lady Liberty Chapter. In addition to his tireless and world-wide promotion of mechanical music, Mr. Morgan has been an important contributor to the Bulletin in recent years. His fine efforts in this regard have not gone unnoticed, either by the Awards Committee or the general membership.

AMICA is thus pleased to present Vincent Morgan with the 2007-2008 Leo Ornstein Literary Award.

In closing, let me say what a pleasure it has been to work with my fellow officers and the chapter representatives, and most especially, with our enthusiastic President, John Motto-Ros.

Respectfully submitted,



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