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Music Division Carries Out Development of Programs with Community Groups

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DAYTON, Ohio, November 10, 1971 --- One of the University of Dayton's purposes—that of developing programs with community groups—is being carried out by the Music Division of the Department of Performing and Visual Arts.

The division, through Professor John Carlson, has developed a cooperative agreement with the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Kettering (3939 Stonebridge Road) for the use of the church's new 89-rank Casavant pipe organ for instructional and recital purposes. Music majors who are studying the organ as part of their academic routine will journey from the campus to the church for instruction and practice.

Professor Carlson also revealed that, in an effort to stimulate interest in the instrument, the University will begin a public organ recital series in December. The division hopes to have at least one recital a month at the church. Mr. David Palmer, a faculty member from the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, will launch the series on Sunday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Palmer is one of Canada's most brilliant organists and has concertized extensively throughout his native country.

"Our purpose in developing the concert series," says Carlson, "is to develop and renew interest in the organ as a concert instrument, to give our own students and the public an opportunity to hear this fine music, and to afford an additional opportunity for gifted musicians to display their talents.

"There are not enough concert opportunities in the United States for talented organists," he concluded.