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American Virtuoso Organist, Wilma Jensen, to Play Recital in Chapel of St. Basil

WHO: Wilma Jensen, renowned organist and choral conductor, educated at Eastman School of Music

WHAT: Jensen will play works by Duruflé, Davies, Alain, Dupré, Vierne, Cochereau, Elgar and Franck on the 1998 Schoenstein organ in the Chapel of St. Basil.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24

WHERE: Chapel of St. Basil, on the Academic Mall of the University of St. Thomas
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

COST: Free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

Wilma Jensen has served on the faculties of Indiana University, Bloomington; the Scarritt Graduate School, Nashville; Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City; and the Blair School of Music of Vanderbilt University, shaping a generation of organists, teachers and church musicians. Her own concert career has taken her throughout the U.S. and around the world, including tours of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, West Germany, France, Poland and England.

A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, she was a pupil of Catharine Crozier and Harold Gleason. Jensen is the choirmaster/organist *emerita* at St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tenn., where she served for 19 years. She has made critically acclaimed recordings, both as an organ soloist and in the role of conductor with the St. George's Choir. Jensen worked on building the choir to a musical level that resulted in an invitation to sing for the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association and an extended tour in Europe.

As dean-elect of the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for the 2005-2006 year, Wilma Jensen and her committee planned the programs for 2006-2007. She is now dean of the AGO for 2006-2007.

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