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The Eureka Art and Culture Commission will award Douglas Moorehead the “Eureka Arts Recognition Award” at the Eureka City Council meeting on Tuesday. This award is presented each year to an individual who has contributed to the betterment of life in Eureka through creative endeavors.

Moorehead was chosen for his role in bringing great music literature for the pipe organ to the community through the Christ Church Concert Series. Because of his efforts, the public has the opportunity to enjoy a music experience normally available only in major metropolitan areas.

The Christ Church Concert Series is designed to promote and celebrate great music literature for

the pipe organ and associated voice and instrumental ensembles, adding to the vibrant artistic culture of the North Coast Community.

The concert series consists of:

- * Two organ concerts each year: a winter concert with an internationally or nationally known organist and a fall concert with a regionally known (West Coast) organist.
- * The Rhododendron Festival Concert for organ and other instruments and voices with local musicians.
- * Three “Sundays at 4” free concerts during the summer months which include the organ.
- * The “Monster Mash” concert at Halloween for children.
- * The Messiah Community Singalong with organ.

The church's Kegg Pipe Organ, installed in 2008, is central to the church's community outreach program. With its 31 ranks, it is an instrument of remarkable color and versatility. The outreach program embraces the vision that the culture of the surrounding community, and not just that of the church, should be enriched by an instrument of this quality.

The organ is meant to be heard and enjoyed by many and to be considered a community instrument for the North Coast.

Moorehead was of key importance in selecting the organ builder, choosing the design of the organ to obtain the finest organ possible within the budget, and suggesting the extensive acoustical retrofitting of the church interior to accommodate the organ.

According to Moorehead, he loves music himself, but he is particularly interested in how music reaches and affects others. His personal art relates to performance with keyboard instruments. He is an accomplished organist and has an understanding of the great works of organ music and how they should be played.

Moorehead holds a doctor of musical arts degree from Stanford University. He was on the music faculty at the University of La Verne for eight years before coming to Eureka. He has been the organist at Christ Episcopal Church, 15th and H streets, since 1982, and his responsibilities were subsequently enlarged to include director of music.

For many years he has been an active member (and frequent chapter dean) of the local Sequoia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It is through his contacts in the national organization that he is able to contract with organists to perform here.

The city of Eureka is joining art leaders and supporters across the country in celebrating October as National Arts and Humanities Month. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the

positive impact the arts bring to local schools and communities.

The Eureka Art and Culture Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the city council and the city manager for all matters pertaining to art, literature, music and other cultural activities. Its current focus is to promote art in public places and create a registry of artists interested in public art commissions.

More information can be found at www.eureka-art-culture.com .

