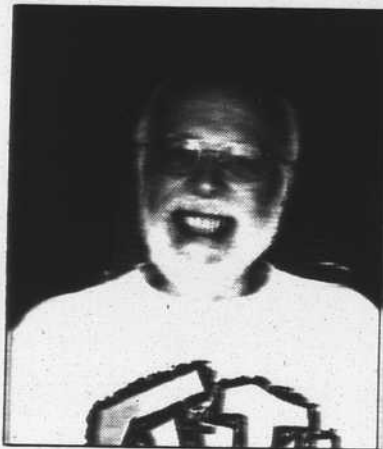


# Kopper Tunes Up Hearts with Worship Music



**Robert Kopper**

Robert Kopper spends his weekdays tuning Wuritzers, Yamahas, Baby Grands and all other manner of pianos. Every Tuesday morning you will find him at Statesville Manor on E. Broad St tuning up peoples' hearts with worship music.

For 38 years, Kopper served as an organist and choirmaster at two large Lutheran churches in the

Cleveland, Ohio, area. Eight years ago he and his wife June moved to the Troutman area and became involved in church life and music ministry here.

Eager to take his music and joy beyond church walls, he began to volunteer at Statesville Manor. He also says he is willing to meet with any church "that desires to grow and mature in the joy of worship."

Recently Kopper was honored at Statesville Manor during National Assisted Living Week. Anyone who wishes to can stop by Statesville Manor at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday's and join Kopper and residents in musical worship.

## Reserve Wedding Expo Booth Spaces

Mooresville-Spaces are going fast for the Jan. 24 Wedding Expo, says Sylvia Spury, special projects manager for the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, and anyone interested in a booth should

include the creation of new work, purchase of equipment, professional development workshops, travel support for expenses associated with exhibitions or conferences and the development or upgrade of promotional materials such as brochures, video tapes, audio tapes, or slides.

Through a partnership with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Arts & Science Council and Arts Councils in Iredell County and seven other surrounding counties (Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rowan, Rutherford and York, S.C.), the 2003-2004 RAPG program will distribute \$33,000 to both established and emerging artists in all disciplines to pursue projects that further their artistic development. Fundable projects

reserve space as soon as possible. The Expo will include prizes, D.I. Fast Freddie and a Fashion Show. For more information on the event, contact Spury or anyone else at the MSI chamber office at 704-664-3898.

# Snyder Awarded Art Grant

Max Snyder of Iredell County was named as one of 20 artists from Mecklenburg, Iredell and seven other surrounding counties to receive a Regional Artist Project Grant (RAPG). The only artist from Iredell County to receive a grant, Snyder was awarded \$2,960 to produce *Moons of Jupiter*, an original jazz CD recording.

way for artists to receive funding to develop and refine their skills," said Iredell Arts Council Executive Director Dusty Rhodes. "This funding will help local artists do things they would not be able to do otherwise. The 2003-2004 grants were very competitive. There were 68 applicants from the nine-county region competing for the \$33,000 with only 20 getting funding."

"The RAPG program is a great

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