

The following contribution from **Rosemary Knight** arrived just after the last newsletter was printed:

Anyone who has seen the film *Martinikerk Rondeau* about the pipe organs of the Dutch city and province of Groningen will be pleased to learn that **Fugue State Films** are about to make a new film about the organs of Cavaillé-Coll. They have now successfully raised the £80,000 required for this undertaking, and filming will shortly commence at St Ouen in Rouen. The film should be available for viewing from September 2012. Although fund-raising is now complete, the DVD set is still available at a reduced price. See the **Fugue State Films** website for details.

This is an extract from what Will Fraser and Simon Still of **Fugue State Films** have written about the project:

To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll's birth, and the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his organ at St Sulpice, Paris, Fugue State Films plans to produce the first ever full-length documentary film about the great organ builder's life and work, as well as lots of filmed performances and recordings. We are working with English organist Gerard Brooks as well as famous French organists and scholars. The result will be a beautifully packaged DVD / CD set called *The Organs of Cavaillé-Coll*.

Details are at <http://www.fuguestatefilms.co.uk/cavaille-coll>

We want to do this because we think that Cavaillé-Coll is the best organ builder of the nineteenth century. We love the amazing instruments he built. Furthermore, his organs directly inspired people such as Franck, Widor and Vierne to write their compositions for the organ.

What we're planning is a huge undertaking. We need to film and record superb organists performing at up to fifteen of Cavaillé-Coll's most important organs, to interview the most important scholars and performers, and to film in key locations where he lived and worked.

Please support this project. So please help us bring the magnificent work of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll to as wide a public as possible through making and releasing this film.

*Note: Will Fraser will talk about this project and Gerard Brooks will give the celebrity recital at the Grand Orgue event on Saturday January 28 mentioned above in the President's Message.*