



THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN

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Thank you to Glen Douglas for hosting our end-of-the-year party at Aeolian Manor. We had a full house, great food and fellowship, in addition to the opportunity to hear several of us play the Manor Organ -- a fitting conclusion to an excellent season.

I also want to thank all on the executive committee, especially the outgoing class of 2013 who have just completed a three-year term: Ann Frohbeiter, Jackson Hearn, and Crista Miller. Please take time to review the roster for the class of 2016, as printed in this issue, and vote for three on the enclosed card.

The Steering Committee for the 2016 convention and all of the related committees continue to be busy and hard at work. I am most appreciative to everyone involved, and especially to Rhonda Furr, convention coordinator, for her dedication and outstanding leadership.

We have an exciting chapter with much going on and much to be thankful for. Let's continue to work together in our work promoting the art of organ and choral music as we crescendo to AGO 2016.

Steve

Now Collecting Dues

We are now collecting dues for 2013-2014; please be sure to submit yours prior to the due date of **July 15, 2013**.

PLEASE NOTE!

Please note that an incorrect mailing address was listed on the form enclosed with the previous edition of *The Pipeline*. For a revised form with the correct address, visit www.ago-houston.org.

Upcoming Events

**HBU Organ Recital Series
Opening Event:**

An Evening with Joby Bell
Friday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.

Belin Chapel
Morris Cultural Arts Center
Houston Baptist University
7502 Fondren Rd.
Houston, TX. 77074

AGO Region VII Convention-Austin

June 30-July 3, 2013



When was the last time you heard the phenomenal Ken Cowan in concert? Or the inimitable Isabelle Demers? Or the incomparable Damin Spritzer? I am sure your memories of any of these players and their performances rate high in your list of great recitals.

Here is the good news: you have the opportunity to hear all three of these amazing performers at the AGO Region VII Convention in Austin, Texas June 30-July 3! There is still time to register for what promises to be an incredible convention. Jack Martin and his diligent steering committee have bent over backward to arrange a top-drawer convention in a city teeming with colorful organs, beautiful facilities, great cultural attractions and fine dining. Also featured will be numerous invaluable workshops and special events, including a Gerre Hancock Memorial Improvisation Concert. You will not want to miss this convention!

To register, simply go to the convention website at www.austinago2013.org or contact convention registrar Hal Rutz at haroldrutz@earthlink.net. You may also contact the AT&T Conference Center at 877.744.8822 to make your hotel reservation.

Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM, DMA
AGO Region VII Councilor

Candidates for the Class of 2016

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following candidates for the class of 2016 to serve on the Executive Committee as Members-at-Large. Please vote for three on the enclosed postcard and mail by July 31.

Dan Fenn

Dan returned to his position as Organist and Music Associate at Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston in January of this year. In 2009 he completed the Master of Sacred Music degree in choral conducting shared between St. Olaf College in Northfield and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, where he studied with Anton Armstrong. He previously completed a MM in organ at University of Houston with Robert Bates.

Paul Butt

Paul serves as Organist/Director of Music at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Lake Jackson. He completed a MM in organ at Rice University with Clyde Holloway, and previously has served as Organist at The Woodlands United Methodist Church. He is originally from Portland, OR.

Michael Ging

Michael serves as Organist and Assistant Director of Music at New Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Missouri City, TX and is pursuing a Master of Music in Organ with Ken Cowan at Rice. He's from Charleston, South Carolina and hold an undergraduate degree in organ performance from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he studied with Jack Mitchener.

Cathy Hildreth

Cathy Hildreth holds a Masters in Organ from Rice University as well as a BM in Organ from the University of Hartford. She has served as a substitute and interim organist for numerous churches in Houston while raising her three children. Cathy also is a registered nurse and a member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses.

2016 National Convention News

Dear AGO Chapter and Friends:

We are thrilled to share our new convention logo with you! The Promotion Committee presented the logo to the Steering Committee at the May meeting, and the design was met with applause and unanimously approved. Kudos to Carol Nave and her committee for their outstanding work. Carol described the committee's desire to create a logo that was unique, adaptable, appropriate and timeless. The vibrant green color pallet and the suggestive pipe display creates a fresh logo that will look great in advertising, on name tags and music bags, and clothing articles. The emblem also works well in black and white. Look for this logo to be prominently displayed for years to come!



The Program Book Committee is considering using both an electronic version of the program book, as well as a smaller hard copy of basic convention information. Andrew Bowen demonstrated the many features of an electronic convention book that would integrate all convention elements. The smaller convention book would still include the basics everyone needs. Houston will be launching the AGO forward, *setting a new benchmark for future conventions!* (Remember this phrase from our vision statement?!)

Our final presentation at the May Steering Committee meeting was the roster of performers presented by the Performance Committee. Linda Thomas, Interim Chair serving while Robert Bates has been on sabbatical), offered a brief history of the committee's work. She noted that the committee started with 82 names, and many factors were considered in achieving the outstanding line-up of performers. The performer roster was approved unanimously and with great enthusiasm. We will be able to share the roster, venues and schedule with you after the National Council approves our selections in October. Stay tuned!

Your convention committees are working very hard, giving countless volunteer hours to serve the world of organs, music and musicians. Convention committees are intentionally small to facilitate ease in effective teamwork, but some of the committee goals can only be accomplished with additional assistance from Chapter members. Occasionally, our convention committees will need friends like you to staff special task-force groups.

- A task-force is a small group dedicated to completing a specific task for a committee.
- Members of a task-force work for a specific amount of time on one task until it is complete. They are not designated committee members, but within the specific timeframe, operate under the leadership of the committee.
- When the task is completed, the task-force is dissolved.
- A person may be on more than one task-force if their schedule allows.

If you are interested in working on a task-force in the future, please send Ann Frohbieter, Ralph Tamper or me a note. We will add your name to a list of task-force volunteers that we will distribute to our committee chairs. Offering to help does not oblige you to accept when called, but does require your commitment to see the task through if you agree to help.

Thanks for your continued support! This convention is hosted by all of us – not just the few on committees. Success depends on each one of us offering our time and giving our best to this historic Houston event!

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Houston AGO Chapter Programs Fall 2013

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Daryl Robinson in Recital

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
4807 San Felipe
Houston, TX. 77056
Free to AGO Members

Saturday, October 26—10:30 a.m. to noon

Church Music Workshops

Peter Dubois: Service Playing

Bob Simpson: Choral Conducting

First United Methodist Church, Houston
1320 Main Street
Houston, TX. 77002

Chapter Information

WEBSITE: www.ago-houston.org

WEEKLY EMAIL:

“Upcoming Organ and Choral Events”
Deadline is Wednesday each week

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