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THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN

Steven Newberry

As we begin a new program year, we welcome new members to the executive committee. Congratulations to Paul Butt, Dan Fenn, and Cathy Hildreth who have been elected to the Class of 2016. I look forward to their creativity and the unique talents they will bring to the leadership as we journey these next three years to the convention. Again, I personally want to thank our outgoing officers who have led us well: Ann Frohbeiter, Jackson Hearn, and Crista Miller.

We have an exciting year planned. Please note the upcoming two events in October: Daryl Robinson's Recital at St. Philip Presbyterian and the Church Music Workshops at Christ Church Cathedral with Bob Simpson (Choral Conducting) and Peter Dubois (Service Playing). There will also be a brief chapter meeting at 7pm prior to Daryl's recital to install officers.

If you have not yet turned in your renewal, please do so ASAP as the deadline has past.

I look forward to serving as your Dean for another year.

All best,

Steve

CHOIR & ORGAN Magazine for AGO Members

We are pleased to announce that the publishers of *Choir & Organ* are generously offering all Houston AGO members a free 6-month subscription to this digital and interactive magazine. To set up, visit the Members-Only page on the Houston AGO website.

Symposium on the Art of Improvisation

Save the dates, January 6-9, 2014! Houston AGO in collaboration with Rice University's Shepherd School of Music will present an invigorating symposium on the art of improvisation, organ playing and pedagogy in the French manner. Events include a grand opening hymn festival, recitals on landmark instruments, workshops on repertoire and hymn playing and masterclasses in improvisation. Visit music.rice.edu/symposium for further details and registration information.

PIPEDREAMS on KUHA-Houston 91.7 FM

Tune in to Pipedreams to hear events recorded this past April 12-14, 2013 during a conference co-sponsored by the Westfield Center for Historical Keyboard Studies and the University of Houston. The program will be distributed to stations on 9/2 (Monday), but usually is broadcast during the subsequent week, often on Sunday at 6 a.m. (in this case, 9/8). Check your local listings on KUHA-Houston. Audio for the program will be live on the program link as of the afternoon of 9/2, and will continue there for an indefinite (long) future time, globally available 24/7. For a full program listing featuring Houston Organists, go to <http://pipedreams.publicradio.org/listings/2013/1335/>.

Fall Events

Wednesday Sept. 4 6:30 PM	Handel in Concert and Theology: commentary by Rev. Dr. Michael Lloyd, Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University. Music of Handel presented by the Chorale and soloists of St. John the Divine. Free and open to the public. The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, TX 77019
Friday Sept. 6 12:45 PM	First Friday Organ Recital Series. Patrick Parker performs music of Bach, Marchand, and Reger. Free and open to the public. The recital will last ca. 35 minutes. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002
Friday Sept. 13 7:30 PM	HBU Organ Recital Series Opening Event: An Evening with Joby Bell Free and open to the public. Belin Chapel, Morris Cultural Arts Center— Houston Baptist University, 7502 Fondren Rd., Houston, TX 77074
Tuesday Sept. 17 7:30 PM	Musica Divina: A concert inspired by the recent election of Pope Francis. Houston Chamber Choir. Works by Palestrina, Poulenc and Mulet. For tickets call 713.224.5566 or visit www.houstonchamberchoir.org . 10% discount available for AGO readership: when ordering use the offer code AGO. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1701 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002
Sunday Sept. 29 5:00 PM	Choral Evensong offered by The Palmer Choir. Music of George Dyson, David Ashley White, Charles Wood, et al. Free and open to the public. Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main St., Houston, TX 77030
Tuesday Oct. 15 7:30 PM	**Organ Recital by Daryl Robinson, Recipient of First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2012 American Guild of Organists' National Young Artists Competition. Free admission for AGO members. St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056
Friday Oct. 18 7:30 PM	The Phil Kramer Artist's recital Series at New Hope Lutheran Church. World Premiere of Organ Concertos by Daniel Sigmon and Ryan Gagnon. Michael David Ging, Organ and Sarah Lysiak, Soprano with The New Hope Festival Orchestra. Pre-concert talk at 7:00 pm. Free and open to the public. For more info visit www.newhopelcmusic.org . New Hope Lutheran Church, 1424 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX 77459
Sunday Oct. 20 5:00 PM	Organ Concert: "From Bach to Buster" by Daniel J. Fenn. Works by Bach, Ives, Saint-Saens, Sibelius, and others. Includes organ accompaniment to the Buster Keaton silent film "One Week". Free and open to the public. For more information, call 713.267.5061. Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Lane, Houston, TX 77042
Sunday Oct. 20 6:00 PM	Episcopal Diocese of Texas Adult Choral Festival. Alan Raines, Conductor. Free and open to the public. Christ Church Cathedral, 117 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002
Sunday Oct. 20 7:00 PM	Organ Recital: Rededication of newly renovated organ featuring Herndon Spillman. Free and open to the public. Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 16335 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062
Saturday Oct. 26 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Church Music Workshops. Peter Dubois: Service Playing and Bob Simpson: Choral Conducting. First United Methodist Church, 1320 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002

Fall Events, continued

Tuesday Oct. 29 7:30 PM	Organ Concert. Peter DuBois, host of NPR's With Heart and Voice in Recital. Ticketed: \$25 reserved/\$15 general/\$10 students, seniors, and AGO members Tickets available at the door and at www.cocathedralmusic.org (website sales begin after Sept 1.) Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1701 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002
Sunday Nov. 3 5:00 PM	Choral Evensong for All Saints' offered by the Chorale of St. John the Divine. Free and open to the public. The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, TX 77019
Sunday Nov. 3 4:15 PM	Organ Recital and Evensong for All Saints'. Anthony Williams, Recitalist. 4:15 PM Recital, 5:00 PM Evensong. Free and open to the public. For more information www.christchurchcathedral.org . Christ church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002
Saturday Nov. 9 7:30 PM	Requiem for a President. Houston Chamber Choir. Music of Barber, Tormis, and Duruflé's Requiem. For tickets call 713.224.5566 or visit www.houstonchamberchoir.org . Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002
Sunday Nov. 10 3:00 PM	The Phil Kramer Artist's Recital Series at New Hope Lutheran Church Phillip Lamb in Recital. Free and open to the public. For more info visit www.newhopelcmusic.org . New Hope Lutheran Church, 1424 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX 77459
Sunday Nov. 17 11:00 AM	Requiem, Heinrich Biber, incorporated into the Eucharist. Choir of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Brady Knapp, Music Director; Sigurd Øgaard, Organist. Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, 6221 Main St., Houston, TX 77030
Friday Nov. 22 7:00 PM	DMA Organ Recital of HyeHyun Sung. Free and open to the public. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002

Instruments

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Pipe Organ for Sale— Built by Parsons Organ Company, Canadagua, New York.

Westminster will take sealed bids on the organ with a minimum bid being \$5,000. Bids should be delivered to the church office or postmarked by August 31, 2013. The organ will be sold as is and the cost for moving it falls to the buyer. The organ must be moved out of Westminster by November 1, 2013. For specifications and information, contact Johnna Murad at the church office. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 14700 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, Texas 77083. www.wpchouston.net. Phone: 281.530.1675, Fax: 281.530.1676

Organ Student Wants to Buy Digital Organ for Home Use—Immediate need for a digital organ, at least 2 full manuals with full AGO pedal board, in good condition. Please contact Carla Barrows, csbarows@gmail.com, AGO member/organ teacher or Mr. Yung Tuan, yungtuan@hotmail.com.

2016 National Convention News

Dear AGO Chapter and Friends:

We have had a busy and exciting summer! On August 13-15, the Convention Steering Committee met with three National AGO leaders to review our convention work, and we received glowing affirmation. AGO Executive Director James Thomashower, Councillor for Conventions Mark Babcock, and Bill Gray, the 2014 Nashville Convention Coordinator, interviewed representatives from all 15 of our convention committees. During sessions lasting 50-minutes each, committee representatives shared their committee's progress. The National team provided valuable suggestions and advice that will help us as we continue planning this landmark Houston event. When you see a convention committee or committee chair, congratulate them on a job well-done. Their names are listed on our AGO Houston website. While we have much work ahead, this was an important milestone in our convention work.

Did you know that you are a member of the AGO convention's most important committee?

Every chapter member is part of our fund-raising committee! While we have a committee designated to guide this process, the responsibility of raising funds for the convention belongs to all of us. We will be moving through this process in several steps. Our first step is education so that people understand the purpose and benefits of the AGO and the coming convention. This awareness will lay the foundation for future efforts in fund-raising, recruitment of volunteers, and increase our convention attendance

- Although the convention is three years away, we must begin now to spread the word to our congregations, work colleagues, organ fans, and friends.
- We need you to help us spread the word through church, work, and community newsletters, community bulletin boards, Facebook, Twitter and other types of social media.
- Following this article, you will find bullet points you can use to create messages to educate and share convention information. Modify the language to make it your own and tailor it to the specific audience.
- The information listed is not intended to be used all at one time. Pick and choose statements to gradually share with your network of acquaintances over the next few months. Think of creative ways to do this . . . a personal letter, question/answer, info teasers....

Thank you for supporting the convention, your convention leaders and committees! This is a team effort and you are a valued member of our team!

Rhonda

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Members of the Houston AGO Chapter,

Wow! I was so impressed with the level of planning, vision and detail for the 2016 Houston AGO Convention during my recent visit. You have excellent leadership all around and are ahead of schedule. The gracious hospitality extended to me suggests that Houston will host a thrilling AGO party in 2016! Thank you for your extraordinary work on behalf of the AGO. Conventions are the life blood of our organization. They fuel the passion we have for our grand mission to advocate for excellent organ and choral music. I left the Trio Meetings in Houston this week inspired by your chapter's work and excited for 2016.

Congratulations, thank you and continue on!

Warm regards,
Mark A. Babcock, Councillor for Conventions



2016 National Convention News, continued

Dear Chapter Members and Friends:

We need your help to educate and create awareness of our 2016 National Convention. Sharing your excitement is the first step toward a successful convention! Please use the following bullet points to create messages and share news of our National Convention with your congregations, colleagues, acquaintances, and friends through newsletters, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media. (Multiple messages sent over several months are better than one long message.) Feel free to modify the language and make it your own, show your enthusiasm, and adapt the language to your specific audience.



- The purpose of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, to provide a forum for mutual support and inspiration, and to further the education of our musicians by offering a comprehensive series of examinations for professional certification.
- The AGO is committed to education and community outreach. Our competitions and *Rising Stars* performances help demonstrate AGO's commitment to the education of the next generation of church musicians and music teachers.
- We are delighted to announce that Houston will host the National Convention of the AGO June 19-23, 2016.
- The Houston Chapter of the AGO will host over 1500 musicians, teachers, students and ministers from five continents.
- National and International performing artists and clinicians will deliver world-class performances and workshops.
- The five-day event will feature the Houston area's exceptional pipe organs, churches, choral and instrumental ensembles, and performing arts venues.
- Eighteen new compositions have been commissioned and will be premiered at the convention. The compositions include works for solo organ, organ and choir, organ and congregation, and other "organ plus" works.
- Convention workshops will focus on training for young musicians, organ building and worship space design, repertoire and performance practice, professional concerns, and sacred music development. Choral reading sessions will also be included.
- Enlightening worship services with both inspire and model outstanding worship practices.
- We are thrilled to showcase Houston as we celebrate the history, heritage, and future of the King of Instruments!

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Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Daryl Robinson in Recital
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Free to AGO Members

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Church Music Workshops
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Bob Simpson: Choral Conducting
First United Methodist Church
1320 Main Street
Houston, TX. 77002

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

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The Pipeline is published in September, December, February, May and July.
The next newsletter deadline is November 15, 2013

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