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AGO Renewal Form

As I write this first column as the new Chapter Dean, I'm reminded of a promise I made to myself back in the 1990s. After four years as the Dean of the Chippewa Valley Chapter in Wisconsin, I made a vow that I would never again serve as a Chapter Dean. (Smile.) I broke my promise for the same reason many of you have served this and other AGO Chapters; that is, to give back to our profession and promote quality music.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to read the interview of Clyde Holloway by former Houston Chapter Dean, Joby Bell. The fond tribute to the outstanding Houston teacher, performer, and church musician is on pages 50-57 of the June issue of *The American Organist* magazine.

Special recognition goes to the outgoing officers who have served this chapter with tremendous loyalty: Steve Newberry, Suzanne Anderson, Linda Hazelip, Mariesse Samuels, and Robert Bennett. Our outstanding leadership for the coming year is listed on page 6.

I hope you will make every effort to join us and be involved with our chapter. We're not just planning for the 2016 convention; we have four programs based on the foundations of the Guild: performance, worship, scholarship, fellowship, and learning about a new instrument. I hope to see you at our opening Banquet and Guild service on September 23.

Enjoy your summer!

Kathryn

NYACOP 2014 Results

Congratulations to Houston AGO member and University of Houston doctoral candidate HyeHyun Sung for her second place finish in the 2014 National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance in Boston on June 23. In addition, congratulations to third place winner Kirk Rich, a graduate of Oberlin College and Indiana University, who will begin his doctoral studies this fall with Robert Bates at the University of Houston.

2016 National Convention News June 19-23, 2016

By Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator



Dear Chapter Members:

Houston was well-represented at the Boston convention with approximately 30 Houstonians attending workshops and concerts, making new friends, and inviting folks to Houston for our convention! If you were in Boston and are not on the Steering Committee, we need and value your thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to share your comments with the related Houston Committee Chair. I have included their names at the end of this article.

In addition to our “research gathering” in Boston, our Promotion Committee, under Carol Nave’s superb leadership, has created a landing page for our website. The landing page is basically a space holder for our website that will be launched in the spring of 2015. However, rather than simply holding the space announcing the coming of the website, the attractive page layout and design offers the viewer basic, helpful information. Check it out! www.agohouston2016.com.

Our Gifts, Grants, and Donations committee has created a variety of Underwriting Opportunities between \$500 and \$15,000. The list will be shared in an upcoming issue of *The Pipeline*, but if you would like to pledge or underwrite an event now, please contact danfennago2016@gmail.com.

Below is the list of your Steering Committee Chairs. Feel free to share your ideas with them. We want all our Chapter Members to be part of our convention planning. When you talk with these fine people, also thank them for their countless hours of service. The email addresses for everyone follows the same format: firstname.lastname@ago2016.com.

Executive Team	Rhonda Furr Ralph Tamper Ann Frohbieter Nancy Ginsburg Taylor	Treasurer/Finance	Edwin Holsworth
		Project Management	Alan Birchenough
Registration	Steve Newberry	Gifts/Grants/Donations	Dan Fenn John Burchfield
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Performance	Robert Bates	Workshops	Matthew Dirst
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2014-2015 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS



Opening Banquet and Demonstration of new Pasi Organ

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

1311 Holman St., Houston, 77004

Catered by Treebeard's for \$28 per person

(Please note: the Chapter is offsetting the meal to keep the cost down per person).

RSVP by September 15 to Sub-Dean Dan Fenn at dfenn@houstongrace.org.

Cocktails at 6:30; dinner at 7; announcements/convention update at 7:45; break; organ demo at 8:15; Guild Service with Installation of Officers at 8:30; open bench after the service.

Organists: Dorry Shaddock of FELC and Zach Musick, University of Houston organ student

**INCENTIVE DRAWING: Everyone in attendance at the banquet will receive a raffle card to bring to the Ben Sheen concert on October 21, 2014 at St. Paul's UMC. Prior to the last piece, a drawing of these raffle cards will be held and the winner will receive \$200 off the 2016 AGO Convention Registration fee.*

Organist Benjamin Sheen in Concert

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main St, Houston, 77004

Free and open to the public.

Winner of the inaugural Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition and awarded Second Place at the 2013 St. Alban's International Organ Competition, Sheen received his Master of Music degree at the Juilliard School in New York and is Assistant Organist at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. He is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists. This concert is co-sponsored with St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

From Triomphe de l'Art Modal to The Embrace of Fire: Charles Tournemire's

Gregorian Chant Legacy, Received and Refracted by Naji Hakim -

Workshop by Dr. Crista Miller

Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 9 to 11 am (with refreshments 8:30-9 am)

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1701 San Jacinto Street, Houston, 77002

Miller lectured and performed portions of this material at two 2012 Tournemire conferences sponsored by the Church Music Association of America, Nova Southeastern University, and

Duquesne University. Conference presenters, many pupils of the Ste. Clotilde tradition, aimed to study and re-illuminate Tournemire's massive work based on music for the Liturgical Year. Miller's doctoral document had identified Middle Eastern musical elements in Naji Hakim's works based on extensive study and contact with Hakim and Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet Hakim, both "grand-students" of Tournemire. Ste. Clotilde's legacy is also strong in Hakim and his *homages* to teacher Jean Langlais; Langlais's teacher, Charles Tournemire; and Tournemire's student Olivier Messiaen.

Miller's comparison of Hakim's homage to Tournemire (Embrace of Fire) alongside the Sacred Heart Office of L'Orgue Mystique will illuminate how Tournemire's early experimentation with Hindu modes paved the way for future acceptance of exotic scales, and also how Tournemire used unusual registrations motivically, many reproducible on the Pasi Organ.

**Social Event at the home of Glen Douglas and
Launch of 2016 AGO Convention Website**

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 4 pm

8507 Chalcos Drive, Houston, 77017

Learn about his home organ; brief program; open bench; official convention website launch

AGO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OPTIONS

The Deadline for AGO membership dues is July 15, 2014. There are two ways to renew:

- 1) The AGO is now using the system Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues (ONCARD) and allowing you to pay with a credit card. The link is <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. Note that the form has been customized for the Houston Chapter, and you have the ability to update all your contact information.
- 2) As change is sometimes difficult, you may also renew this year by mailing the enclosed form to HOUSTON CHAPTER AGO, 5773 Woodway, PMB 263, Houston, TX 77057. PLEASE NOTE: While there will be a slight "grace" period after the July 15 deadline, we urge you to respond as quickly as possible to avoid a delay in receiving *The American Organist (TAO)* Magazine and to help with our preparations for the online directory.

New Student Membership for Full-Time Students in Organ/Sacred Music: The AGO Houston Executive Committee voted to provide free student memberships to all full-time college students studying organ or sacred music at a Houston area university. Student membership forms will be sent to area organ professors; this membership is not available through ONCARD. For more information, please contact Membership Chair Jackson Hearn (contact information on page 6).

Do you know an organist, choral director, or organ enthusiast who should be a member of the AGO? Please invite them to attend our events and join our chapter. New members (other than student members) may join through ONCARD or by downloading a renewal form on our website.

July and August Local Events

All events free or free will offering unless otherwise indicated.

Evensong

Royal School of Church Music -

Gulf Coast Course

Thursday, July 3, 6:30 pm

Christ Church Cathedral

1117 Texas Ave, Houston, 77002

First Friday Organ Series at

the Co-Cathedral

A Fourth of July Extravaganza

Dr. Crista Miller and Dr. Jeong-Suk Bae,

organists

Friday, July 4, 12:45 pm

First Friday recitals are 30 minutes in length

Featuring current and former students of Moores

School of Music, University of Houston

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1701 San Jacinto, Houston, 77002

Music at St. Philip

Julia Fox, Soprano; Anne Leek, Oboe;

Matthew Dirst, Organ and Harpsichord

Saturday, August 2, 7:30 pm

Admission \$10 at the door.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

4807 San Felipe @ 610 West Loop, Houston,
77056

Music at St. Philip

Robert Bates, Organ

Sunday, August 31, 6:00 pm

Admission \$10 at the door.

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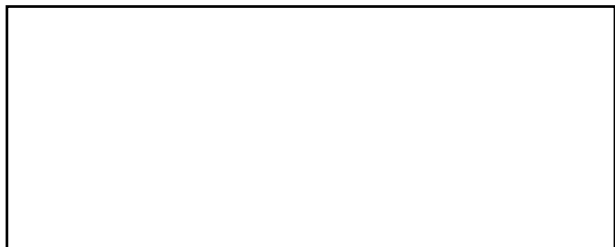
Redesign of the AGO Houston Website

The Executive Committee approved the hiring of a web-design specialist to update our Houston Chapter website and logo. With the 2016 Convention drawing attention to the Houston Chapter, the committee agreed to move ahead with an up-to-date website and logo that reflects the City of Houston in the 21st Century. More details to come.

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