



# THE PIPELINE

## DEAN'S COLUMN

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Chapter Highlights

**W**e have an exciting year of events leading up to the wonderful convention. If you have wondered, **“How can I help with the convention?”** - come to our volunteer fair on September 20<sup>th</sup>! If you have wondered, **“How will I maneuver around the Hilton Americas and do they have decent food?”** - come to our dinner, tour, and evening of entertainment on October 20<sup>th</sup>! Most of your other convention questions can be answered at the convention website: [www.agohouston2016.com](http://www.agohouston2016.com).

Congratulations to Chapter Member Monica Czausz on winning the Regional Competition for Young Organists (RCYO) for the Southwest Region. She and other regional winners will be featured as Rising Stars at the 2016 National Convention. Monica is a senior at Rice University, majoring in performance, and recently was announced as the Organist at Christ Church Cathedral. Former Cathedral organist Sigurd Øgaard has been appointed as the new organist at Bergen Cathedral in his hometown of Bergen, Norway. We wish Sigurd well in this new position. Also, congrats to Daryl Robinson on his new position at Westminster Choir College.

Finally, it is with a sad heart that I report that long-time Houston AGO member Dr. Lewis Zailer passed away on July 27<sup>th</sup>. I had the honor of calling Lew last year to pass along the news that the Chapter Board had voted to make him an Honorary Lifetime Member of the chapter. He was extremely pleased to be honored and grateful for the recognition.

*Kathryn*

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

It isn't too late to renew your 2015-2016 AGO Dues! To renew, login to ONCARD at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>. You also will be able to update your contact and substitute information, and be given an opportunity to contribute to national and chapter funds. Credit card payments are accepted, or print out an invoice from the payment screen to send in with your check. Your prompt response is necessary to help plan programming for the coming year. Thank you!

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## 2015-2016 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

### **Organ Concert by Patrick Scott – Sunday, September 20 at 6 p.m., St. Philip Presbyterian, 4807 San Felipe St, Houston, TX 77056**

The Concert is co-sponsored by St. Philip Presbyterian Church and is open to the public with a free-will offering

Patrick A. Scott is Assistant Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Philip. A graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Scott is quickly becoming one of the nation's prominent young organists. He was awarded the first prize as well as the audience prize in the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation held at the 2014 AGO National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. While in Boston, he also was awarded second prize in the Schoenstein Hymn Playing Competition, making him the only organist to be a finalist in multiple competitions at one convention.



*Evening includes: Officer Installation service at 5:30 in the Gathering Area; all members and guests are welcome to attend; Post-Concert Reception and Convention Volunteer Job Fair in the Gathering Area; visit with the performer and discuss convention volunteer options with the 2016 Volunteer Committee.*

### **Evening at the Convention Hotel: Tour, Tasting and Entertainment – Tuesday, October 20 from 6:30-9 p.m., Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel, 1600 Lamar St, Houston, TX 77010**

Partly underwritten by the 2016 Convention and the Houston Chapter, this event will be a celebration of our many years of convention planning and give us a chance to tour the hotel and taste a wide assortment of cold and hot appetizers and desserts. In addition, award-winning harpist Naomi Hoffmeyer will provide a program of music by Dussek, Renie, Cras, and Hindemith.

*Cash bar and check-in: 6:30 p.m. in Hotel Lobby*

*Tour and tastings: 7:15 p.m.*

*(Cash bar will be available all evening at different locations)*

*Program: 8-8:30 p.m.*

*Final tour and desserts: 8:30-9 p.m.*

*Reduced price: \$25 per person (Cash or check only; no credit or debit cards)*

*RSVP by October 15 to Sub-Dean Dan Fenn:*

*[dfenn@houstongrace.org](mailto:dfenn@houstongrace.org)*

*(Members are encouraged to car pool to reduce parking garage fees.)*



Harpist Naomi Hoffmeyer is the Principal Harpist with both the California and Corpus Christi (TX) Symphonies, and was also the first prize winner in the Advanced Division of the American Harp Society National Competition in 2009. In the summer of 2014 she played Principal Harp in the Spoleto USA (SC), Atlantic (ME), and New Hampshire Music Festivals. As an active musician in the San Francisco Bay Area prior to moving to Houston, she has performed with ensembles such as the San Francisco and Houston Symphonies, Opera Parallèle, and the Eco New Music Ensemble. In May 2015 she completed her Master of Music degree at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music with Paula Page, and she returns to the Shepherd School in the fall to begin an Artist Diploma. She graduated with honors from the Interlochen Arts Academy in 2006, where she studied with Joan Raeburn Holland. She continued her studies with Douglas Rioth at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and is a former pupil of Alice Giles, Karen Gottlieb, Ann Hobson Pilot, and the late renowned pedagogue and performer Alice Chalifoux.

### **Epiphany Party at Ralph Tamper's Home – Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 6-8 p.m.**

2726 Tudor Manor, Houston, TX 77082

### **French Repertoire Workshop with George Baker at Rice – Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Shepherd School of Music, Old Edythe Bates Organ Hall – Fisk/Rosales Organ

Free and open to the public; includes light lunch at break

## 2015-2016 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS (continued)



A native of Dallas, George Baker obtained his Bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University under Robert Anderson and traveled to Paris to study with Marie-Claire Alain, Pierre Cochereau, Jean Langlais, and André Marchal. During his time in France, Baker earned the Prix de Virtuosit  with Mention Maximum from the Schola Cantorum, under Langlais. He ultimately returned to the United States, earned a Master of Music degree on full scholarship from the University of Miami and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Michigan, then began teaching at Catholic University in Washington D.C. before deciding to undertake the challenge of becoming a medical doctor. Although he obtained his M.D. and became a dermatologist, Dr. Baker never ceased performing, composing, teaching, and recording.

In his early years as a musician, George Baker won first prizes by unanimous jury decisions in several major organ competitions including the American Guild of Organists (Buffalo, 1970), the Grand Prix de Chartres (Chartres, France, 1974), and the International Improvisation Competition (Lyon, France, 1979). His recording credits include the complete organ works of J. S. Bach (1979) and the complete organ works of Louis Vierne (world premiere recording, released in 1994, a project he shared with Pierre Cochereau). He has been awarded three French Grand Prix du Disque, two of which were for The Complete Organ Works of Darius Milhaud. In 1995, the eight-CD Vierne set won the coveted Grand Prix Sp cial du Jury from the Nouvelle Acad mie du Disque Fran ais. In 2000, the same recording won a critic's choice award from American Record Guide. Dr. Baker is represented by Karen McFarlane Artists and is a lecturer in improvisation at Rice University.

### Area University Student Organ Concert at Trinity Lutheran, Klein – Sunday, April 17 at 4 p.m.

Martin Ott Opus 68; 39 Stops 50 ranks 4 extensions, Tracker action, 3 manual – 56 note  
18926 Klein Church Rd, Spring, TX 77379

Area university students and younger students perform a joint concert with reception

## AGO Houston 2016 National Convention June 19-23, 2016 By Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator



*It is time to CELEBRATE!!*

After five years of work, the AGO 2016 National Convention Steering Committee is pleased to announce the launch of our convention website, [AGOHouston2016.com](http://AGOHouston2016.com). We want you to be among the first to explore this wonderful site and celebrate the dedication and teamwork that led us to this point. As with any project of this magnitude, the website will continue to grow as more details are confirmed—so visit it often! If you have not signed up for the convention newsletter, you can do so by clicking the “Newsletter Sign Up” button at the bottom of the website homepage.

Mark your calendars: Registration begins October 15! Be among the first to register for the convention and take advantage of the “Early Chapter Member” rate of \$350! And don’t wait to reserve your room at the Hilton of the Americas! Only a limited number of rooms are held at our special \$145 per night rate, and they fill up fast.

Congratulations to our convention committees whose commitment, hard work, and innumerable volunteer hours have led us to this point!

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