



THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN

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Summertime, and the living is easy... Well, maybe it is in 2015, but not next summer. Yikes! However, let's enjoy this summer and be refreshed for the exciting 2015-2016 season and convention. Thank you to Glen Douglas for hosting our final event of this season. What a treat it must be to have a pipe organ in your home! And thank you to our performers – Michael Ging, Kirk Rich, and Grant Wareham – as well as to our members who brought refreshments.

As the 2014-2015 season comes to an end, I want to thank our outgoing officers—the 2015 Class of Members at Large. Thanks to Stephen Distad, John Meier and Daryl Robinson for their service. In September, we will install our chapter officers, including the new 2018 Class of Members at Large: Phyllis Harris, Dorry Shaddock, and Ralph Tamper. Congratulations to them, and many thanks to all of the candidates for agreeing to be on the ballot.

To date, only a few of our Houston members have signed up to attend the 2015 Southwest Regional Convention in Fort Worth from June 28-July 1. The Fort Worth steering committee has planned an outstanding program, including performances by world-class organists Todd Wilson, Jane Parker-Smith, and Bradley Hunter Welch. Our Chapter has contributed \$500 to the convention and we need to have a visible support, so I encourage you to attend! There are still plenty of rooms at the convention hotel. For more information, visit www.agofortworth2015.org.

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RENEWALS NOW DUE

Now is the time to renew your 2015-2016 AGO membership! You should have recently received an email from the National AGO with complete details about dues.

To renew, login to ONCARD at the following link: <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>

Please update your information, including whether or not you wish to be on the sub list. You also will have the opportunity to contribute to national and chapter funds. On the payment screen, you can pay by credit card or print out an invoice to send in with your check. Your prompt reply to this request is necessary to help with programming for the coming year. Thank you!

2015-2016 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

Organist Patrick Scott at St. Philip Presbyterian – Sunday, September 20

Evening includes Officer Installation service at 5:30 in the Gathering Area, and Reception and Convention Volunteer Job Fair after the concert in the Gathering Area. 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 and is quickly becoming one of the nation's prominent young organists, having been awarded the first prize, as well as the audience prize, in the National Competition in Organ Improvisation held at the 2014 AGO National Convention in Boston. While there, 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 Tour and Tasting at Hilton of the America's (AGO Convention Hotel) – Tuesday, October 20

Cash bar and check-in at 6:30 pm in Hotel Lobby

Tour and food begins at 7:15 pm

This event is partly underwritten by the 2016 Convention. Reduced price: \$25 per person

RSVP by October 1 to Sub-Dean Dan Fenn at dfenn@houstonsgrace.org.

Members are encouraged to car pool to reduce parking garage fees.

Epiphany Party – Sunday, January 3, 2016

6:00-8:00 pm at the home of Ralph Tamper (2726 Tudor Manor, Houston, TX 77082-7669)

French Repertoire Workshop – February 6, 2016

George Baker leads this workshop from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music, Old Edythe Bates Organ Hall – Fisk/Rosales Organ.

Session 1: Dr. Baker will discuss his time studying with the French "greats" in the 1970s: Marie-Claire Alain, André Marchal, Jean Langlais, and Pierre Cochereau

Session 2: Improvisation class on the "essences" of various composers, which, if employed, help one to emulate their compositional style and musical language. Includes materials for self-study.

Free and open to the public; light lunch provided

Area University Student Organ Concert – Sunday, April 17, 2016

4 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Klein; Martin Ott Organ, Opus 68; Tracker action, 50 ranks, 3 manual
18926 Klein Church Rd, Spring, TX 77379

JUNE-AUG. LOCAL EVENTS—All events free or free will offering unless other indicated.

HOUSTON BALLET presents Morris, Welch, and Kylián with Houston Chamber Choir

7:30 pm on June 5 & 6; 2:00 pm on May 31, June 7

For tickets, call 713.227.2787 or visit HoustonBallet.org.

Wortham Center, 500 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77001

Solemn Vespers and Benediction for Corpus Christi (Extraordinary Form)

7 pm on Sunday, June 7

Offered by the Sola Stella choir; Felipe Gasper, Director of Music and Organist

Works by Bairstow, Pergolesi, Soriano; Gregorian chant and Anglican chant

Annunciation Catholic Church, 1618 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77003

Projections: Houston No Limits; Dr. Crista Miller, organ

7:30 pm on Tuesday, June 16

A multimedia organ recital featuring works by Houston composers Michael Remson, Joseph Patrick, and Daniel Knaggs.

For ticketing information visit www.cocathedralmusic.org.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1701 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002

AGO Houston

2016 National Convention

June 19-23, 2016

By Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator



The Steering Committee is thrilled to announce the 2016 AGO National Convention performance and worship schedule! Two committees invested many hours to bring us these outstanding performers and services.

We will welcome world-class artists selected by the Performance Committee under the leadership of Robert Bates, Chair, and Ken Cowan, Deputy. Special thanks are owed to Phillip Kloeckner and Linda Thomas, who served as Interim Chairs during Dr. Bates' sabbatical. We are equally grateful to the rest of the committee members, including Steve Godowns, Jan Jouett, Clayton Roberts, Daryl Robinson, Jian Guang Shi, Linda Thomas, and Joanna Elliott Whitsett.

The Worship Committee, under the leadership of David Henning, Chair, and Don Hermanson, Deputy, has planned worship services in different styles. Committee members are Paolo Bordignon, Ken Cowan, Rob Landes, Jim Ross, Bob Simpson, and John Yarrington.

Please note that while the details included below are no longer confidential, we will wait until after the Regional Conventions to publicize this information beyond our Chapter.

Evening Performers and Worship

Sunday, June 19	Festival Prelude and Opening Convocation
Monday,	Michel Bouvard, (<i>St. Cecilia Concert</i>), Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Tuesday, June 21	Mary Preston and Houston Chamber Choir, St. Paul's Methodist Richard Elliott, First Presbyterian
Wednesday,	New York's St. Thomas Men and Boys Choir, Co-Cathedral
Thursday, June 23	John Schwandt, Aaron David Miller, Melissa Givens, Ann Gebuhr, St. Martin's Episcopal

Afternoon Performers

	Except where noted, all afternoon recitals will be performed twice
Monday, June 20	David Goode, Foundry United Methodist Church (single performance) Marie-Bernadette Dufourcet, St. John the Divine Episcopal Ludger Lohmann, St. Philip Presbyterian Worship: Christ Church Cathedral
Tuesday, June 21	Catherine Rodland, organ, Carol Rodland, viola, Epiphany Episcopal Davidsson Dancers with organ, St. Philip Presbyterian Raúl Prieto Ramírez, organ, Teresa Sierra, piano, Grace Presbyterian (single performance) 2014 NYACOP/NCOI Winners, Houston Baptist University Hymn Festival with David Cherwien, St. Luke's United Methodist (single performance)
Wednesday, June 22	Edoardo Bellotti, Christ the King Lutheran Isabelle Demers, Rice University Dorothy Papadakos and Silent Film, First United Methodist
Thursday, June 23	Joby Bell, Palmer Memorial Episcopal Diane Belcher, Rice University <i>Ars Lyrica</i> , Moores Opera House, University of Houston Worship: St. Paul's United Methodist

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