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THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN

Daniel J. Fenn

Happy New Year! I just finished my first choir rehearsal of the new year, and I remarked to the group how glad I was that there was no Christmas music we still had to learn! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and that you were able to rest and rejuvenate.

We have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate our own Dr. Robert Bates as he retires from the University of Houston. There are two ways you can help us do so. First, come hear Robert play the complete works of Brahms in a recital at the University of St. Thomas. Second, a concert will be given in his honor later this season at St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Both are highlighted on the next page.

Join your colleagues for an informal time of visiting and catching up on Friday, February 17 at the Omni Hotel in the Galleria at 5:00 p.m. Then hop right down the street to hear the amazing Stephen Tharp at St. Martin's at 7:00 p.m. *(Please note that the Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event that was scheduled for the following day has been postponed until the fall.)*

Our closing chapter event will be at Grace Presbyterian Church where we get to enjoy the gifted organist Michael Burkhardt. I'm sure most of you (myself included) have played his music for many years. If you've never heard him in person, you are in for a treat. We are happy to partner with the local chapter of the Choristers Guild in this endeavor. Your choir members of all ages are invited (and needed) to take part in this event. Rehearsals will be that afternoon (April 30) at Grace. We have a large Chancel area and can definitely make room for your singers!

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Cheers, y'all!

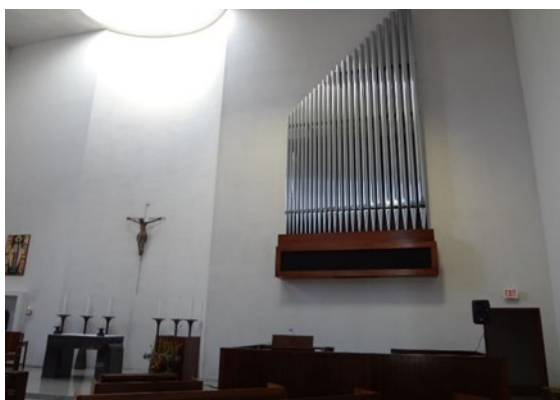
-Dan

March Pipeline: Deadline for submission – February 15

UPCOMING HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

Robert Bates in Recital

(co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas)
Sunday, January 29, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
**The Chapel of St. Basil (corner of W. Alabama
and Yoakum)**



Happy Hour Gathering

Friday, February 17, 5:00 p.m.
**The Omni Hotel – 4 Riverway,
Houston, TX 77056**

*This precedes the 7:00 concert at St.
Martin's Episcopal Church (717 Sage
Road) as they present organist Stephen
Tharp in recital*

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Concert in honor of Robert Bates

Sunday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church (4807 San Felipe)

In celebration of Dr. Robert Bates for his many years of teaching at the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, come past and present students perform in his honor. A reception will follow.

UPCOMING HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS (Continued)

Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt, Organist

(co-sponsored by the Houston chapter of Choristers Guild)

Sunday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church

(10221 Ella Lee Lane – one block north of Westheimer on the Beltway)

Information on how your children, youth, and adult choir members can participate can be found at <http://www.houstoncg.org>

Repertoire:

K-5th grade Anthems:

Lift Up Your Heads

Jody Lindh

Choristers Guild, CGA-420

Ubi caritas

Becki Slagle Mayo

Choristers Guild, CGA-1426

6-12th grade Anthems:

Praise the Lord, His Glories Show

Hal H. Hopson

SAB Voices and Piano

Beckenhorst Press, BP 1122

Walk in the Light

Traditional, arr. Andre Thomas

SATB and Piano

Choristers Guild, CGA1063

Adults and Kids:

Hallelujah, Mungu wa Israeli

Tanzanian, arr. Michael Burkhardt

Soloist, Caller, Unison Treble Voices, Descanting Voices, SATB Voices, Percussion and Opt. Piano

MorningStar Music, MSM-50-6526



New Year's Resolution — AGO Certification Exams **By Phyllis Harris**

We're an AGO chapter with 15 SPCs, 9 CAGOs, 7 AAGOs, 2 FAGOs and 1 Choir Master (Bob Simpson!) which means almost 20% of us have an AGO certificate. I'm part of the 80% who doesn't have a certificate, but the Service Playing Certificate on my New Year's Resolutions List – and since I hate doing things alone, I'm proposing a support group meeting **Monday evening January 30** for anyone interested in taking the SPC exam before March 31, 2017 – and let's get to 25% before Fall of 2017!!

Phyllis Harris – phharristx@hotmail.com 281-660-7011

Other Area Music Events for January-February **(Free unless otherwise noted.)**

First Friday Organ Series at the Co-Cathedral

John Kirk, organist

First Friday recitals are 30 minutes in length and feature current and former students of Moores School of Music at the University of Houston

Friday, January 6, 12:45 p.m. (approx. time - immediately follows 12:10 Mass)

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1701 San Jacinto St.

Houston, TX 77002

Evening Prayer in observance of Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street

Houston, TX

The Music of Josef Rheinberger

Katie Clark, Mezzo-Soprano

Patrick Parker, Organ

Organ Sonatas and Six Religious Songs by a great early Romantic composer on the 1893 Hook & Hastings organ

Saturday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

Covenant Church

4949 Caroline Street

Houston, TX 77004

More information at www.houstonbaroque.org

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Evensong

Sunday, January 8, 5:00 p.m.

Pre-evensong organ recital 4:15 by Yuri McCoy

Christ Church Cathedral

1117 Texas Avenue

Houston, TX 77002

Ken Cowan, Organ Concert

Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.

Edythe Bates Old Organ Recital Hall

Rice University

6100 Main Street

Houston, TX

Clavier-Übung Part II**Mario Aschauer, harpsichord**

Sponsored by Bach Society Houston

Thursday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard

Houston, TX 77005

Tickets: <http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org>

Other Area Music Events for January-February (continued)

Evensong in Observance of the Conversion of St. Paul

Sunday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

*St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5501 Main Street
Houston, TX*

Bach and the Psalms

Bach Society Houston directed by Rick Erickson

Co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel

Bach: Der Herr denket an uns, BWV 196; Nach dir, Herr, verlanget mich, BWV 150; Lobet den Herrn, BWV 230

Sunday, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

*Congregation Beth Israel
5600 N. Braeswood Boulevard
Houston, TX 77096
Tickets: <http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org>*

HBU Organ Recital Series

Giles Brightwell, organ

Friday, February 3, 1:00 pm

(Friday recitals at HBU are 30 minutes in length and feature area organists.)

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

Georg Philipp Telemann: Cantatas, Instrumental Chamber Works, and Solo Organ Works

Megan Stapleton and Julia Fox, soprano

Nadia Lesinska, baroque violin

Bruce Brogdon, theorbo

Jordan Witherspoon, viola da gamba

Patrick Parker, organ and harpsichord

Saturday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

*St. Philip Presbyterian
4807 San Felipe
Houston, TX 77056
More information at www.houstonbaroque.org*

Evening Prayer in honor of Absalom Jones

Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.

*St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5501 Main Street
Houston, TX*

Stephen Tharp, organ concert

Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

*St. Martin's Episcopal Church
717 Sage Road
Houston, TX 77056*

Other Area Music Events for January-February (continued)**Israeli Vocal Quintet Profeti della Quinta**

Madrigals and Hebrew prayers by Renaissance composer Salomone Rossi

Sponsored by Houston Early Music

Saturday, February 18, 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Israel

5600 N. Braeswood Boulevard

Houston, TX 77096

Tickets: <http://www.houstonearlymusic.org>

Bach Family Motets

Bach Society Houston directed by Rick Erickson

Sunday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

Pre-concert talk at 5:15

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard

Houston, TX 77005

Tickets, visit www.bachsocietyhouston.org

Friday, February 24, 7:30pm

New Hope Lutheran Church

1424 Murphy Road

Missouri City, TX 77459

Tickets, visit www.bachsocietyhouston.org

Evensong for Transfiguration

Sunday, February 26, 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street

Houston, TX