



THE PIPELINE

DEAN'S COLUMN Steven Newberry

At this holiday time, we as a chapter have much to celebrate and be thankful for as the organ and choral art is alive and well in the greater Houston area.

Daryl Robinson opened the chapter's season in spectacular form as he played an exciting program on the Fritts organ at St. Philip; and Bob Simpson and Peter Dubois enlightened us in a morning of workshops on choral conducting and service playing at First United Methodist Church. In the meantime, the 2016 Steering Committee continued their work and received final approval of the particulars of the convention program from National Council in October. Kudos to Rhonda Furr and the committee for their continued hard work! I encourage you to read Rhonda's report which will direct you to the restricted part of the chapter website where you can view programming for 2016.

We are pleased to sponsor a hymn festival with Tom Trenney, as our next event on January 6, as part of a larger organ symposium presented by Rice University. The hymn festival, which concludes the first day's events, is 7:30 pm at St. John the Divine. The festival will be an appropriate celebration for the day, as it is The Feast of the Epiphany. Note that the 2013-2014 Chapter Directory is posted on the website. Please email music@sjd.org if you would like a hardcopy.

In the meantime, I wish each of you a blessed and wonderful holiday season. May it be filled with great music making and quality time with family and friends.

Steve

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Houston AGO Chapter Program

Hymn Festival

January 6th, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

led by **Tom Trenney**, Minister of Music
First-Plymouth Congregational Church
Lincoln, Nebraska.

*The Church of St. John the Divine
2450 River Oaks Blvd, Houston, TX 77019*

Symposium – The French Tradition Improvisation, Organ Playing and Pedagogy

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 master classes in improvisation. Registration and participation are FREE. If you would like to play for one of the master classes, there are a limited amount of slots available.

For more information, visit music.rice.edu/symposium.

December & January Events

DMA Organ Recital

HyeHyun Sung

Sunday, December 1, 6:00 pm

Free and open to the public

For more info, visit www.christchurchcathedral.org

Christ Church Cathedral

1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002

Organ Concert

Patrick Parker, Organ and Kevin Shannon, Trumpet

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 pm

Given in preparation for the National Young Artist

Competition in Organ Performance.

Free and open to the public

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3471 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77027

HBU Organ Recital Series

Rhonda Furr

Friday, December 6, 1:00 pm

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

Free and open to the public

Belin Chapel, Morris Cultural Arts Center

Houston Baptist University

7502 Fondren Rd, Houston, TX 77074

The Messiah

Houston Chamber Choir &

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 pm

For tickets call 713.224.5566 or

visit www.houstonchamberchoir.org

The Church of St. John the Divine

2450 River Oaks Blvd, Houston, TX 77019

Lessons and Carols Service

Offered by St. Martin's Parish Choir

Sunday, December 8, 11:15 am

Free and open to the public

Childcare available in Founder's Hall

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

717 Sage, Houston, TX 77056

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Offered by The Cathedral Choir

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

Free and open to the public

For more information visit www.christchurchcathedral.org

Christ Church Cathedral

1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002

Te Deum: A Christmas Celebration

Bach Choir Houston and Mercury Houston

Antoine Plante, director

Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm

For tickets and other information visit

<http://mercuryhouston.org/events/71>

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

500 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77001

Olivier Messiaen: La Nativité du Seigneur

Rice University Students of Ken Cowan

Tuesday, December 10, 7:30pm

Free and open to the public

Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall

Rice University

6100 S. Main St. Houston, TX 77251

Advent Cantata

The St. Philip Choir, Orchestra, and

Organist Matthew Dirst

Sunday, December 15, 11:00 am service

Free and open to the public

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056

And Glory Shown Around: An Early American Christmas

The Rose Ensemble

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 pm (pre-concert talk at 4:15)

For tickets visit www.HoustonEarlyMusic.org

Christ Church Cathedral

1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002

Advent Lessons and Carols

Offered by The Palmer Choir

Brady Knapp, Director of Music

Sigurd Øgaard, Organist

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 pm

Free and open to the public

Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

6221 Main St, Houston, TX 77030

20th Annual Christmas Concert

Combined Choirs and Orchestra of Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints, Katy Stake

Sunday, December 15, 7:30 pm

Free and open to the public

Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Community

1530 Norwalk Drive, Katy, TX 77450

New Year's Day Organ Recital

Christa Rakich

Wednesday, January 1, 6:00 pm

A free will offering will be taken

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005

**Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney

Chapter Program

Monday, January 6, 2014, 7:30 pm

Free and open to the public

This event is presented in collaboration with Rice University

and is part of their Organ Symposium

The Church of St. John the Divine

2450 River Oaks Blvd, Houston, TX 77019

Bach Vespers - Bach Society Houston

Bach Choir & Mercury Orchestra

Sigurd Øgaard, director

Sunday, January 19, 6:00 pm

with Cecilia Duarte, alto

A free will offering will be taken

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005

2016 National Convention News

Dear Chapter Members:

In every convention planning process, several milestones must be successfully crossed to proceed. We have successfully passed our *second milestone!* (The first was the approval of our new music commissions in 2012.) In early October, Ralph Tamper, our Deputy Coordinator, and I met with the AGO National Council in Boston and presented our roster of performers, proposed venues, schedule and convention budget. We are thrilled to announce that all four elements passed UNANIMOUSLY! The National Council was very enthusiastic about our convention proposals!



BRAVA!! and BRAVO!! to our convention committees!

Their tireless effort and countless volunteer hours have resulted in an outstanding roster of composers, musicians and convention schedule! If you have an opportunity, thank our Committee Chairs, Deputies, and Committee Members for their work on our behalf. Their names are available on the chapter website: <http://www.ago-houston.org/2016.html>.

Your 2016 National Convention Steering Committee is thrilled to share with you, our Houston chapter members, the proposed roster of composers, performers, venues and convention schedule. All individuals, groups and venues involved have accepted our offer/request to participate in the convention and have agreed to general terms that will be articulated in contracts sent this coming year. Please remember that unanticipated changes may occur since we are still over two years from the convention – June 19-23, 2016.

Important note: Please do not share convention details on social media pages such as Facebook, etc. or on personal web pages until after the Convention website posts this information in 2015. We still need signed contracts to finalize our agreements, and we don't want to spoil the surprise by sharing this information beyond our chapter. The convention details are available on the "Members-Only Pages" of the Houston Chapter AGO website.

Thanks for your support of our convention work! You are our cheerleaders and our best promoters! While convention details are only for chapter members, you can help us by spreading the word that the 2016 National AGO Convention will be spectacular!

Rhonda Furr, 2016 Convention Coordinator

The Oklahoma City Chapter AGO 2014 Young Organists Program

The application form and rules are now available on the "Members-Only Pages" of the Houston Chapter AGO website – www.ago-houston.org. Requirements include a Curriculum Vitae and one-page proposal of a program, which may be anything related to the organ world, i.e.

performance, lecture, lecture-recital, or any other creative program. One winner and one runner-up will be selected. The winning Young Organist will offer her/his proposed program in 2014-15 at a date agreed upon with the Sub-dean of the OKC Chapter and will receive \$500 plus travel expenses. The application must be postmarked by March 1, 2014.

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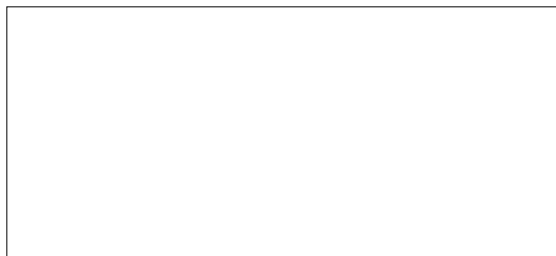
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Most in good to very good condition
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CHOIR & ORGAN Magazine for AGO Members

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.

Chapter Information

WEBSITE: www.ago-houston.org

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

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER:
The Pipeline is published in September, December, February, May and July.
The next newsletter deadline is January 15, 2014

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