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# THE PIPELINE

## DEAN'S COLUMN

Daniel J. Fenn

Over the past few days, we have been reminded how precious life is. The death of chapter member Jay Whatley on Friday, February 24 certainly came as a shock to everyone. He was beloved, not only by the churches he served throughout his career, but by countless students who were influenced by him at Sam Houston State University and Lone Star College-Kingwood. He will be missed!

All of you who are involved in music-making and teaching have a profound influence on those who listen and learn from you. May this busy upcoming season also be a time of reflection and growth as we lead people through academic semesters, through Lent, through concerts, through extra rehearsals, and through all the “other duties as assigned” that we sometimes get stuck with.

I'd like to take a moment to welcome some of our newest members since the beginning of the program year: **Catherine Schaefer, Jonathan Aigner, Christopher Lo, and M.J. Gallop.**

In January, the AGO National Council introduced a pilot program establishing a new member category for Volunteer Organists. We also welcome Houston-area colleagues who have taken advantage of this opportunity: **April R. Hahl, Gary Jones, Barbara DeOliveira, Stacy Mouton, Heather Saydyk, and Brian Faleski.**

Stay tuned in the coming month or so for a ballot containing candidates to serve on the chapter's executive committee. These will need to be mailed back in soon after you receive them.

Lastly, please make every effort to attend the last two events of our program year. We hope you will even bring singers to participate in the hymn festival. All of that information is on the next page.

Cheer's, y'all!

Dan

May-June Pipeline Deadline for submission – April 15

## UPCOMING HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS



### 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 hear past and present students **Andrew Galuska, Crista Miller, Kirk Rich, Daryl Robinson, HyeHyun Sung, and Joanna Whitsett** perform in his honor. A reception will follow.*

### Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt, Organist

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

**Sunday Afternoon, April 30**

**1:30 – Registration begins**

**2:00 – Rehearsals and Activities for kids**

**3:30 – Rehearsal with Adults**

**5:00 – Hymn Festival**

**Grace Presbyterian Church**

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

Go to [www.houstoncgo.org](http://www.houstoncgo.org) for information on how your children, youth, and adult choir members can participate.



Repertoire:

*K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Anthems:*

**Lift Up Your Heads**

Jody Lindh

Choristers Guild, CGA-420

**Ubi caritas**

Becki Slagle Mayo

Choristers Guild, CGA-1426

*6-12<sup>th</sup> 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

## Summer Events Around Texas

### AGO Southwest Regional Convention in Dallas!

June 12-15, 2017

To whet your appetite for the June 12-15 regional AGO convention, here are some highlights:

Stefan Engels (SMU) - Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (Richards & Fowkes organ)

Joel Bacon (Colorado State) - St. Mark's School Chapel (Letourneau organ)

Monica Czauz (2014 RCYO winner) - St. Monica Catholic Church (Nichols & Simpson organ)

Maxine Thevenot (St John's Cathedral, Albuquerque) - Christ the King Catholic Church

(Juget-Sinclair organ)

Elizabeth Farr (U of Colorado) - harpsichord recital at University Park UMC

Nathan Laube (Eastman School of Music) - Meyerson Symphony Center (Fisk organ)

Rebecca te Velde (Oklahoma State U) - Shipp Chapel, Lover's Lane UMC (Casavant organ)

Alcee Chriss III (DMA student at McGill U) - Highland Park UMC (Dobson organ)

Also featured will be the organ/percussion duo Organized Rhythm at Christ UMC, Plano (Reuter organ),

and the spectacular vocal ensemble Chanticleer at Guadalupe Cathedral.

The winner of the Regional Competition for Young Organists will play his/her recital on the Alfred Kern

organ at University Park UMC.

After the opening Engels recital, there will be a service with the Denton Bach Players in celebration of the

500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation at King of Glory Lutheran Church.

A service of Evensong will showcase the renovated Noack organ and the choir of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

Most meals are included in the convention fee.

Early-bird discounted registration rates expire March 6.

For more information, visit [www.agodallas2017.org](http://www.agodallas2017.org)

### San Antonio (The Alamo Chapter) to host POE Plus

June 25-30, 2017

POE Plus is designed for adults, ages 18+, who have achieved an intermediate level of keyboard proficiency and are interested in having a first-hand experience of the pipe organ. Previous organ study is not required.

Faculty will include distinguished concert organists and church musicians from the San Antonio area.

Housing and most meals will be on the beautiful campus of Trinity University, where you will have access to all the facilities the university offers. You will have a private room with a shared bath. Parking will be available.

Scholarship assistance is available through the American Guild of Organists. Please contact the Director of the POE to which you are applying for information on initiating the online scholarship application process. In addition, students may also contact AGO chapters or religious institutions if financial aid is needed.

For a brochure, visit [www.alamoago-satx.org](http://www.alamoago-satx.org)

Highlights include an opening welcome and recital. Private and paired instruction. Workshops on pedaling, hymn-playing, organ stops, improvisation and more. Plenty of time for individual rehearsal. Mexican dinner on the San Antonio River. Visits to great organs and an organ builder's studio. Evening Fiesta on our last night together in the Skyline Room on campus

For more info contact the Director, Jon McMahon, at [JonMcMahon@grandecom.net](mailto:JonMcMahon@grandecom.net) or 210.365.9236

## Other Area Music Events for March-April (free unless otherwise noted)

### **Lenten Organ Recital Series** **Christopher Holman, organist**

Friday, March 3, 12:15–12:45 p.m.  
*Christ the King Lutheran Church*  
2353 Rice Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77005

### **First Friday Organ Series at the Co-Cathedral**

#### **Collin Boothby, 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, March 3, 12:45 p.m. (approx. time - immediately follows 12:10 Mass)  
*Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart*  
1701 San Jacinto St.  
Houston, TX 77002

### **HBU Organ Recital Series**

#### **Giles Brightwell, organ**

Friday, March 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

### **Evening Prayer in honor of Charles and John Wesley**

Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.  
*St. Paul's United Methodist Church*  
5501 Main Street  
Houston, TX

### **Organ Concert - David Higgs**

Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m.  
*Tarrytown United Methodist Church*  
2601 Exposition Blvd  
Austin, TX 78703

### **Organ Recital and Choral Evensong**

Sunday, March 5  
Organ Recital by Alexander Anderson at 4:15 p.m.  
Evensong at 5:00 p.m. by the Cathedral Choir  
*Christ Church Cathedral*  
1117 Texas Ave.  
Houston, TX 77002

### **Choral Concert – The Glories of Venice**

#### **British Vocal Ensemble VOCES 8 and Chancel Choir of St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

Sunday, March 5, 6:00 PM  
*St. Luke's United Methodist Church*  
3471 Westheimer Rd.

**Organ Concert and Choral Evensong**

Sunday, March 5

Organ concert by Michael Ging at 5:30 p.m.

Evensong at 6:00 p.m.

*The SJD Chorale offers an opportunity to worship in the beauty of holiness through the ancient Anglican practice of sung evening prayer. Music: Purcell – Hear my prayer, O Lord; Sumsion – Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A Major; Howells – Like as the Hart*

*The Church of St. John the Divine*

*2450 River Oaks Blvd.*

*Houston, TX 77019*

**Organ Recital - Douglas Cleveland**

Sunday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

*Memorial Drive United Methodist Church*

*12955 Memorial Drive*

*Houston TX 77079*

**Lenten Recital Series at First - Week I**

**Michael Ging, organist**

Tuesday, March 7, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Sandwiches after each recital

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*1311 Holman at Caroline*

*Houston, TX 77004*

**Ubi Caritas: Prophetic voice, contemporary cries**

**Dr. Crista Miller, Organ and Gregorian chanters**

*Preview of a program Dr. Miller is presenting at the conference “Gregorian Chant in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education” at St. Joseph’s Seminary, New York.*

Tuesday, March 7, 12:45 p.m.

*Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart*

*1701 San Jacinto St.*

*Houston, TX 77002*

**Lenten Organ Recital Series**

**Jeffrey Cooper, organist**

Friday, March 10, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*2353 Rice Boulevard*

*Houston, TX 77005*

**Organ Concert - Thomas Gaynor**

*The Moseley Memorial Music Series at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church presents a concert of organ music by Thomas Gaynor.*

*Thomas will perform works by Wagner, Liszt, Mozart, Saint-Saëns and Duruflé.*

Sunday, March 12, 5:00 p.m.

*St. Thomas' Episcopal Church*

*4900 Jackwood*

*Houston, TX 77096*

*Suggested Donation \$20 | \$15 Senior | \$5 College Student at the door*

**French Masters: Secular Cantatas and Chamber Music by Clerambault and others**

Megan Stapleton, soprano

Alaina Diehl, baroque flute

Nadia Lesinska and Alan Austin, baroque violin

Bruce Brogdon, theorbo

Jordan Witherspoon, viola da gamba

Patrick Parker, organ and harpsichord

Sunday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

1311 Holman St

Houston, TX 77004

More information at [www.houstonbaroque.org](http://www.houstonbaroque.org)

**Lenten Recital Series at First - Week 2****Jeffrey Cooper, organist**

Tuesday, March 14, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Sandwiches after each recital

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

1311 Holman at Caroline

Houston, TX 77004

**Lenten Organ Recital Series****Kirk Rich, organist**

Friday, March 17, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard

Houston, TX 77005

**Lenten Recital Series at First - Week 3****Heeyeon Cha, organist**

Tuesday, March 21, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Sandwiches after each recital

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

1311 Holman at Caroline

Houston, TX 77004

**Five Centuries of French Tradition****Dr. Robert Bates, organist**

An internationally acclaimed recitalist and teacher, University of HOuston organ professor Dr. Robert Bates served as the consultant for Opus XIX. He has taught numerous church musicians who serve in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This recital will be his final performance at the Co-Cathedral prior to his retirement from the University of Houston in the spring of 2017. This program features works of Attaignant, Titelouze, Couperin, de Grigny, Lasceux, Franck, Alain, Hakim

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1701 San Jacinto St.

Houston, TX 77002

Tickets available at [cocathedralmusic.org](http://cocathedralmusic.org).

General admission is \$20, AGO/Senior is \$15, Student is \$10

**Chris and Cynthia Holman: Lenten Vocal Music of French Favorites**

Works of Franck, Gounod, Durufle, Vierne, and Messiaen

Thursday, March 23, 12:45 p.m.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1701 San Jacinto St.

Houston, TX 77002

**Evensong for the Season of Lent**

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

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

**Taizé Prayer**

*The choirs of Music for Children and Youth lead a contemplative service of song and prayer in the style of Taizé, featuring song, prayer, and silence that quiets the mind, opens the heart and feeds the soul. Using simple melody and words, a basic reality of faith is expressed. Reception following.*

Sunday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.

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

**Lenten Recital Series at First - Week 4****Dorothy VanDine, organist**

Tuesday, March 28, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Sandwiches after each recital

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1311 Holman at Caroline  
Houston, TX 77004

**Bach Trio Sonatas**

Bach Society Houston directed by Rick Erickson

Organ transcriptions of Bach's Trio Sonatas for baroque winds and strings

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Pre-concert talk 6:45 by Christopher Holman

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
2353 Rice Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77005  
Tickets, visit [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org)

**Organ Concert - Dr. Hans-Ola Ericsson, (Montreal, Canada)**

Specialist in the Mystic works of Catholic Composer Olivier Messiaen,

*Hans-Ola Ericsson is an exceptional figure on the international music scene, offering us truly unique multimedia program of Messiaen and contemporary works. No other organist in the last decade has played as many contemporary work premieres as Ericsson; he has worked closely with John Cage, György Ligeti and Olivier Messiaen to better understand their artistic visions. As a post-avant-garde composer, Hans-Ola Ericsson blends existing sound material with the unheard in his works.*

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tickets available at [cocathedralsmusic.org](http://cocathedralsmusic.org).

General admission is \$20, AGO/Senior is \$15, Student is \$10

**Organ Concert - Thomas Trotter**

Friday, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

Edythe Bates Old Organ Recital Hall  
Rice University  
6100 Main Street  
Houston, TX

**Lenten Recital Series at First - Week 5****Jeong-Suk Bae, organist**

Tuesday, April 4, 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.

Sandwiches after each recital

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*1311 Holman at Caroline*

*Houston, TX 77004*

**Brahms: Requiem**

*The SJD Chorale, River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, and soloists perform A German Requiem by Brahms to begin Holy Week. This is a free concert, with a reception following in Sumners Hall.*

Saturday, April 8, 4:00 p.m.

*The Church of St. John the Divine*

*2450 River Oaks Blvd.*

*Houston, TX 77019*

**Choral Evensong**

*Cathedral Choir*

Sunday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.

*Christ Church Cathedral*

*1117 Texas Ave.*

*Houston, TX 77002*

**Brahms: Requiem**

*MDPC Sanctuary Choir, soloists and a full orchestra perform Lara Hoggard's English translation of Brahms' masterwork.*

Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

*Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church*

*11612 Memorial Drive at Blalock*

*Houston, TX 77024*

**Lenten Organ Recital Series****Rick Erickson, organist**

Friday, March 24, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*2353 Rice Boulevard*

*Houston, TX 77005*

**Lenten Organ Recital Series****Dorothy VanDine, organist**

Friday, March 31, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*2353 Rice Boulevard*

*Houston, TX 77005*

**Lenten Organ Recital Series****Jeong-Suk Bae, organist**

Friday, April 7, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*2353 Rice Boulevard*

*Houston, TX 77005*

**Bach: St. John Passion**

*Bach Society Houston directed by Rick Erickson*

Sunday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. (Pre-concert talk at 5:15 by Michael Marissen)

Friday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*2353 Rice Boulevard*

*Houston, TX 77005*

*Free, but seat reservations are recommended; visit*

*[www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org)*

**HBU Organ Recital Series**

**Rob Landes, organ**

Friday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.

(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*

**Moore's Symphony Orchestra & Organ Concert**

*The Moore's School Symphony Orchestra (Franz Krager, conductor) and organist Robert Bates present Symphony No. 6 by Bacri, the Organ Concerto in G Minor by Poulenc, and Symphonie Concertante for Organ & Orchestra by Jongen.*

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

*The Church of St. John the Divine*

*2450 River Oaks Blvd.*

*Houston, TX 77019*

**An Evening of Francis Poulenc**

The Cypress Creek Community Chorale and Cypress Creek Christian Church present a concert of Francis Poulenc's *Gloria* and *Organ Concerto in G Minor* with organist Ann Frohbieter and conductor Joel Plaag.

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

*The Centrum*

*6823 Cypresswood Dr.*

*Spring, TX 77379*