

# The Pipeline



## AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS HOUSTON CHAPTER

### From the Dean...



Jackson Hearn

This year is just speeding by, and it's been a while since I've taken the time to acknowledge people who have been hard at work.

We have been treated to some extremely fine programming this year, thanks to SubDean David Henning, the efforts of the program committee, and all members who have contributed and will contribute by way of hosting and/or performing.

We are soliciting ideas for next year's programs. It is never too late to start planning! Please let David or me know if you would:

1. Like to host at your church.
2. Have an idea for a program.
3. Would like to play or present something in an upcoming program.

Our telephone committee, chaired by Linda Hazelip, does a great job of calling the membership to remind them about our programs.

Of course, there is always a contingency of very technically savvy individuals who help to get all this information out to us. Newsletter editor Steve Newberry has been publishing our beautiful full color Pipeline with the help of St. John the Divine, and is now being ably assisted by John Gearhart. Sondra Tucker has kept our chapter's website up to date. Thanks

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### APRIL MEETING Tuesday, April 28

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

11:00 am  
FREE Master Class with  
JASON ROBERTS

12:15 pm  
Complimentary lunch provided  
*(by reservation to  
Dave Henning 713.621.3040  
dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org)*  
in St. Martin's Cafe

**JASON ROBERTS** is Organist and Choirmaster at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. A graduate of Rice University and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, his teachers have included Clyde Holloway and Martin Jean. Roberts is currently a doctoral candidate at the Manhattan School of Music, where he studies with McNeil Robinson. Recently he has given recitals at the Brick Presbyterian Church in NYC, Trinity College in Hartford and Mercer University in Macon, GA. He is winner of the 2005 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition USA.

While a student in Houston, Mr. Roberts served St. John the Divine as Assistant Organist. His primary responsibilities were the 7:45am Chapel services. We welcome Mr. Roberts back to SJD as he tackles the magnificent Letourneau Organ. His concert will be sure to inspire!

### Organ Concert

Monday, April 27, 7:30 pm  
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church  
2450 River Oaks Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77019  
713.622.3600

Jason Roberts, organist

2008 winner of the AGO National Organ Improvisation Competition  
Finalist American Guild of Organists National Organ Playing Competition.  
The concert is sponsored in part by the Houston Chapter of the AGO.



Jason Roberts

## Chapter Directory

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## About Town...

### Thursday, April 2

**12:15 pm** Lenten Recital Series  
Elizabeth Brownlee, harp  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Friday, April 3

**12:00 noon**  
The Stations of the Cross  
**12:30 pm** Organ Recital  
Phyllis Harris and friends  
ST PIUS V ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
824 MAIN @ HARRIS, PASADENA 77506

### Saturday, April 4

**8:00 pm**  
Organist Susan Karako  
WEST HOUSTON UMC  
3611 UNIVERSITY BLVD, HOUSTON

### Sunday, April 5 PALM SUNDAY

**5:00 pm** Evensong  
Cathedral Treble Choir with strings  
Ladies of the Cathedral Choir  
*Pergolesi Stabat Mater*  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVE, HOUSTON 77002

**5:00 pm** Lecture-Michael Marissen  
**6:00 pm** Bach Society Abendmusik  
*Handel's Brockes Passion*  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2353 RICE BLVD AT GREENBRIAR, HOUSTON

**7:30 pm** Choral Concert  
MDPC Sanctuary Choir, Soli, Orchestra  
*Verdi - Stabat Mater*  
*Beethoven - The Mount of Olives*  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVE, HOUSTON 77002

### Wednesday, April 8

**12:10 pm** Lenten Organ Recital Series  
Organist Derek Meador, First CC  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6221 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 10

**12:00 noon**  
Dubois *The Seven Last Words*  
Kenneth Axelson, Organist/Director  
ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4900 JACKWOOD ST, HOUSTON 77096

**7:30 pm**  
St. John's Chorale and Instrumental Ensemble  
Rutter *Requiem*  
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD., HOUSTON 77019

### Sunday, April 19

**5:00 pm** Psalm Writing Workshop  
Author Ray McGinnis  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Sunday, April 26

**6:00 pm** Bach Society Vespers  
Bach Choir and Orchestra  
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1311 HOLMAN AT CAROLINE, HOUSTON

### Monday, April 27

**7:30 pm** CHAPTER CONCERT  
Organist Jason Roberts  
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD., HOUSTON 77019

### Saturday, May 2

**7:30 pm** Cantare  
"I Do, I Do: A Wedding Feast"  
ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4807 SAN FELIPE ST, HOUSTON 77056

### Sunday, May 3

**3:00 pm** Concert & Evensong  
Organist Bruce Power  
The Cathedral Choir, Robert Simpson, Dir.  
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD., HOUSTON 77019

### Jobs available...

At the time of publication, there are no job listings. Contact Marshall Maxwell for the latest information.

*Marshall Maxwell 713.524.3554*  
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Do you have something happening at your church or synagogue to share with your colleagues? For inclusion in this calendar, send information to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.org).

## For Sale

Johannus Opus 20 digital organ for sale. 34 American Classic voices; 34 Baroque voices; 2 keyboards; full pedal board; external Infinity speakers with a powered sub-woofer. \$16,500. Call 979.553.3306 for more information.

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The Cimarron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists announces the 2009 Cherine Troxel Organ Scholarship Competition, to be held on Saturday morning, May 16, at the First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK.

The first place winner will receive a prize of three hundred dollars (\$300), the second place winner two hundred dollars (\$200).

The Competition is named in memory of the late Cherine Troxel, one of the founding members of the Cimarron Chapter, and is supported by her widowed husband. The Competition is open to any organist who has had a maximum of four years of college-level organ study. The repertoire to be performed is to be selected by each contestant and shall include two works, one composed prior to 1800 and one composed after 1800.

The Competition Regulations and an Entry Form can be had from Dean Jackson Hearn. ([jacksonhearn@aol.com](mailto:jacksonhearn@aol.com)).

Please note that applications to enter must be postmarked by April 30, 2009.

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to all of you. Yours truly tries to spread the word over e-mail! If you're not on the AGO e-mail list, but would like to be, please send an e-mail to [HoustonAGO@aol.com](mailto:HoustonAGO@aol.com).

In my capacity as Dean, I get calls all the time from people wanting guidelines for salaries. Rhonda Furr, our Professional Concerns Committee chair, has been meeting with a group to work on AGO Salary Guidelines for our chapter. The last time such guidelines were established was in 1997. They plan to have these numbers together by the end of May.

We're lucky to have so many willing individuals in our chapter who work together to "further the cause." It has made my job as Dean quite easy, and much less daunting of an effort. You might consider carrying the torch one year!

## Escape to Enchantment!



American Guild of Organists  
REGION VII CONVENTION  
June 28-July 1, 2009

## Region VII Convention 2009

If you haven't taken note of the outstanding roster of artists, presenters, workshops and worship opportunities to be offered by the Albuquerque Region VII Convention, pull out the most recent TAO (Feb issue, p. 44) and check them out. There is a vast array of talent and variety that any region would be proud to offer. Fritz Frurip and the Albuquerque steering committee have been hard at work for months now planning and organizing this fine convention.

Let's support these endeavors by attending the convention! This seems like a no-brainer, but there are many activities and events these days that draw our attention. Regional conventions are wonderful opportunities, not only to better ourselves in our work, but also to reconnect with those in our region and profession who are near and dear to us. Please encourage your chapter members to plan to attend the regional convention. Albuquerque has hosted fine regional conventions in the past, and this one will be no less rewarding.

## The 2008-09 Directory

is now available from Jackson Hearn at any AGO meeting.

**Deadline for the  
MAY issue  
is April 20.**  
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# AGO Houston Programs

## Programs, Spring 2009

Monday, April 27, 7:30 pm

**Jason Roberts in Concert** 2008 winner of the AGO National Organ Improvisation Competition AND Finalist AGO National Organ Playing Competition.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON 77019

Tuesday, April 28, Noon

**Lunch with Jason Roberts**

Mr. Roberts will discuss organ improvisation and competition preparation.

ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
717 SAGE ROAD, HOUSTON 77056

May - TBA

**End of Year Closing Service**

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4900 JACKSON ST, HOUSTON 77096

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