

August 15, 2008

# The Pipeline



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
HOUSTON CHAPTER

## From the Dean...

Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Bethel United Church of Christ  
1107 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007

with  
Regional Councilor  
**MICHAEL BEDFORD**

6:30  
Social Hour

7:00  
Demonstration of the Organ  
*S. G. Price and Son 23-rank Pipe Organ  
built in 1982 for Park Place Lutheran Church*

7:30  
Dinner and meeting  
*Cost \$10*



Michael Bedford

Our guest for the September meeting will be our new Regional Councilor, Michael Bedford. Mr. Bedford, a full-time church musician since 1973, currently serves as organist/choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he plays the organ and supervises a full graded choir program including three singing choirs, one handbell choir and a chamber ensemble. He has held similar positions in Texas and Colorado. A long-time member of the American Guild of Organists, he is Past Dean of the Fort Worth, Colorado Springs and Tulsa Chapters. In May of 1991 he earned the Associate and Choirmaster certificates through the American Guild of Organists Professional Certification examinations. He will speak to us about the certification program of the AGO.



Jackson Hearn

Dinner for the evening is by reservation only. The cost is \$10. Reservations may be made by calling David Henning at 713-985-3820 or e-mailing him at [dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org). Deadline for reservations is September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Dues are due!** Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the renewal form for the 2008-2009 calendar year. Our deadline for remittance is September 1st, with September 15 the

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## An August Adventure

August 23, 8:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church

**It is not too late to attend !**

*Presenters*

Organ & Choral, Joel Martinson

Handbells, **Bill Alexander**

Children's Choir & Hymnody, Michael Hawn

*Registration* [www.ago-houston.org](http://www.ago-houston.org), click on "events."



## Chapter Directory

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[www.ago-houston.org](http://www.ago-houston.org)

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#### 2009

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Jason Farris  
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Crista Miller

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713.522.3663 (fax)

## About Town...

### Friday, August 22

**7:00 pm** John Potter, organ  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
717 SAGE ROAD  
713.985.3823

### Tuesday, August 26

**7:30 pm** Robert Bates, organ  
with lecture by Matthew Dirst  
Bach *Clavier-Übung*  
ORGAN HALL, FINE ARTS BUILDING  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

### Friday, September 7

**7:00 pm** Kris Becker, piano  
CHAPELWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
11140 GREENBAY ST.  
713.465.3467

**7:30 pm** Dr. Rihhee Hong, organ  
ST. THERESA CHURCH  
115 SEVENTH STREET, SUGARLAND  
261.494.1156

### Friday, September 12

**7:30 pm** Bradley Welch, organ  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
717 SAGE ROAD  
713.985.3823

### Sunday, October 5

**5:00 pm** Dr. Marilyn Keiser, organ  
First Presbyterian Church  
530 MAIN STREET  
713.620.6438

### Saturday, October 11

**5:00 pm** River Oaks Chamber Orchestra  
Tkts: 713.354.2250 [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD 77019

### Sunday, October 12

**3:00 pm** Clayton Roberts, organ  
**3:30 pm** Choral Evensong  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD  
713.622.3600



**Deadline for Sep 10  
issue is Aug 25th.  
Send to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.org)**

## Houston Chapter

### Maintains Substitute Directory

Our Houston Chapter is dedicated to maintaining an accurate list of organists who are available to substitute both for Sunday morning services and other services such as weekday services, weddings, and funerals.

If you would like to be included on the sub list, here are some things that you should know:

There are two lists: The "A" List consists of organists who are available on Sunday mornings. The "B" List consists of organists who are available only at other times.

The substitute lists are available at [www.ago-houston.org](http://www.ago-houston.org) by clicking on the "Substitute" tab. The lists will also be published in the chapter directory this fall.

Just because you were on a list last year does not mean that you will be automatically renewed there this year. The lists are compiled from information we receive from renewal forms. You must indicate your desire to be included on your renewal form.

To be listed, you must be a member in good standing and current in your dues to the A.G.O.

Due to space considerations, our web site will list ONE phone number and an email address for each person.

Thank you for helping the Chapter manage its substitute lists.

### Jobs available...

For the latest information contact  
Marshall Maxwell  
[marshall@marshallmaxwell.com](mailto:marshall@marshallmaxwell.com)  
713.524.3554

**Organist position** - First United Methodist, Rosenberg (just southwest of Houston off Hwy 59). Two Sunday morning services, rehearsal on Wednesday evening. Other occasional services and accompanying duties. Contact Kris Woldy, Director of Music, at [kris.wold@sbc.global.net](mailto:kris.wold@sbc.global.net) or call the church office at 281.342.3333 for more information.

Separate part-time **Organist Position** and **Director of Music Position**. Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS), 9111 Emmett F. Lowry Exp., Texas City, TX 77591, 409-938-1277 [peacelutherantc@yahoo.com](mailto:peacelutherantc@yahoo.com). 10:30am traditional Sunday service following the Lutheran Service Book and the new hymnal of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Wednesday evening rehearsal but could be flexible.

# American Guild of Organists

## Membership Renewal Notice 2008-2009

**Due Date: Sep 1, 2008**

It is now time to renew your membership for the 2008-2009 year. Your dues include a one-year subscription to The American Organist Magazine (TAO) and support for the programs run by the national organization and by our local chapter. To continue receiving the benefits of membership and your TAO subscription, please mail your dues payment now to: **AGO Houston, 5773 Woodway, PMB 263, Houston, TX 77057**. Please return this form with your payment. Make your check payable to Houston Chapter, AGO. Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and tax-deductible. Payment is due by **9-1-08**

| Membership category (check one)                                                                          | Amount   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular voting member <b>\$88</b>                                               | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special voting member <b>\$64</b><br><i>(65 and over, under 21 or disabled)</i> | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student voting member <b>\$36</b><br><i>(Full-time w/valid school ID)</i>       | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner voting member <b>\$64</b><br><i>(Only one TAO per household)</i>        | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual voting member <b>\$35</b>                                                  | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Primary chapter _____)                                                         | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student dual member <b>\$14</b>                                                 | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter friend (non-voting) <b>\$35</b>                                         | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Chapter \$ _____                                                | _____    |

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (including AGO Certificates and academic degrees)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (Please list in the form below)

D = Day \_\_\_\_\_

E = Evening \_\_\_\_\_

F = Fax \_\_\_\_\_

D= Cell \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization/Business/Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

### CODE OF ETHICS

Revised by the National Council on April 23, 2001

Preamble: The purpose of the American guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the guild. They shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

**RULE 1.** Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

**RULE 2.** Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

**RULE 3.** In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved.

**RULE 4.** Before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service, members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician. In cases where this engagement has been requested by a third party, it is appropriate for the third party to offer the incumbent his/her customary fee. It is the responsibility of members to inform the third party of this rule.

**RULE 5.** Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matter of a personal or confidential nature.

**RULE 6.** Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

**I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF ETHICS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Availability to substitute: circle the appropriate  
O, C, or O/C Sunday services  
O, C, or O/C Saturday services, weddings, etc  
O, C, or O/C Weekday services

O= Organist only

C= Choir Only

O/C= organ and choir

## AGO Houston Programs, 2008-09

**Monday, September 15: Opening Banquet**  
Michael Bedford, AGO Region VII Councilor

6:30 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm Demonstration of the Organ  
7:30 pm Dinner and Meeting  
BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1107 SHEPHERD DR., HOUSTON 77007

**Sunday, October 19, 7:30 pm**  
International Day of the Organ combined with the  
Diocese of Texas Diocesan Choral Festival.  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.  
1117 TEXAS, HOUSTON 77002

**Monday, November 17, 7:30 pm**  
Michael Unger, 2008 winner of the AGO National  
Organ Playing Competition.  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN STREET, HOUSTON 77004

**Sunday, January 4**  
Our Annual Twelfth Night Party. TBA.

**Monday, February 16**  
Organ Crawl to organs of interest in the Houston  
Area. Details to follow.

**Monday, April 27, 7:30 pm**  
Jason Roberts, 2008 winner of the AGO National  
Organ Improvisation Competition and Finalist in the  
AGO National Organ Playing Competition.  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON 77019

**Tuesday, April 28, Noon**  
Jason Roberts will discuss organ improvisation and  
preparing for the competition over lunch to take place  
at St. John's.

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deadline for inclusion in the yearbook. Last year the  
yearbook was delayed indefinitely due to so many late  
renewals. This year we will publish the yearbook in time  
to be distributed at our October meeting at Christ Church  
Cathedral on Sunday, October 17. Any members joining  
or renewing after September 15 will be included in future  
newsletters.

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