

# The Pipeline



## AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS HOUSTON CHAPTER

### From the Dean...



Jackson Hearn

Two things that you as a Guild Member need to know about and make a note of now, before the Thanksgiving turkey carcass is thrown out. One is the December meeting on December 8 which is actually the September meeting from September 15. (You remember that date? It was just after the visitation of the Hurricane Ike. It seems ludicrous now, but, in the days before Ike's landfall, David Henning and I actually struggled with the decision whether or not to cancel the meeting, since it was planned for four whole days after the storm.) Our regional councillor, Michael Bedford, will be here to meet with us. In addition, we will have a business meeting, dinner, and an organ demonstration.

Second, the annual 12<sup>th</sup> night party will again be at the Bahn's this year on Sunday evening, January 4. Last year new and old friends got together to toast the end of a festive holiday season and just relax and get to know each other a little better.

As a Guild, we need both kinds of programs to make us a happier, healthier chapter. We need to take care of business and be encouraged to grow as musicians, but we also

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**Monday, December 8th**  
Bethel United Church of Christ  
1107 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007

with  
Regional Councillor  
**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*  
Registration: *Dave Henning 713.621.3040*  
*dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org*

RSVP BY DECEMBER 4



Michael Bedford

**THE DECEMBER MEETING** (originally scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>!) is Monday, December 8th at Bethel United Church of Christ with Michael Bedford, our Regional Councillor. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with a Social Hour and a demonstration of the S.G. Price and Son 23-rank Pipe Organ at 7:00 pm. Dinner and meeting follows at 7:30 pm.

Our Guest for the evening is our new Regional Councillor, **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.

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## Chapter Directory

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## About Town...

### Sunday, December 7

**4:00 pm** Advent Lessons & Carols  
 Presented by Chorus Angelorum for  
 The Feast of our Lady of Walsingham.  
[www.chorusangelorum.org](http://www.chorusangelorum.org)

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 7809 SHADYVILLA LANE  
 (ONE MILE NORTH OF I-10 ON WIRT ROAD)

**5:00 pm** Advent Lessons and Carols  
 CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
 1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

**6:00 pm** Angels Rejoice "Gloria"  
 The Festival Choir & Orchestra  
 Children's Choirs, Ballet Grace,  
 Jubilation Ringers & Joy Bells.  
 Free Admission.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 3300 AUSTIN PARKWAY  
 SUGAR LAND, TX 77479

### Sunday, December 14

#### Second Sundays at 3

**3:00 pm** Concert, *Salon Ensemble* from the  
 River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

**3:30 pm** Evensong for Advent  
 Music by Willan and Vaughan Williams  
[www.sjd.org](http://www.sjd.org)

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

### Sunday, January 11

#### Second Sundays at 3

**3:00 pm** Crista Miller, organ recital  
**3:30 pm** Evensong for the Epiphany  
[www.sjd.org](http://www.sjd.org)

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

**4:15 pm** Keith Weber, organ recital  
**4:30 pm** Evensong for the Epiphany  
 CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
 1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

### Saturday, January 17

**9:00 am-4:00 pm** Adult Choral Festival  
 Weston Noble, conductor.  
 Cost: \$40 - Lunch Included  
 For information email John Markert at  
[johnmarkert@zionlutheran.org](mailto:johnmarkert@zionlutheran.org)  
 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 3606 BEAUCHAMP ST., HOUSTON

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).

### Sunday, January 25

**4:00 pm** Choral Evensong  
 Presented by Chorus Angelorum  
 Music by Ferguson, Rose, Wills, Near.  
[www.chorusangelorum.org](http://www.chorusangelorum.org)  
 OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 7809 SHADYVILLA LANE  
 (ONE MILE NORTH OF I-10 ON WIRT ROAD)

### Other Events

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE VILLA DE MATEL

The Houston Chamber Choir  
 The Treble Choir of Houston

#### Saturday, December 13

3:30 pm Special Children's Concert  
 7:30 pm Houston Chamber Choir

#### Sunday, December 14

3:30 pm Houston Chamber Choir

CHAPEL OF THE VILLA DE MATEL  
 6510 LAWDALE AVE., HOUSTON 77023

Tickets: 713.974.1253

[www.houstonchamberchoir.org](http://www.houstonchamberchoir.org)



#### MIDWINTER ROSE

Cantare Christmas at MFAH

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 December 13, 14, 15 and 16  
 7:30 pm

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON  
 MAIN ST AT BINZ  
 AUDREY JONES BECK BUILDING

Tickets: [www.cantarehouston.org](http://www.cantarehouston.org)

### 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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## 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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need time to grow in community and just have fun. So plan to be with us and put those dates on your calendar, or in your PDA, or on your computer. We'll see you in December!

*December Program, cont. from pg 1*

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.

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@stmartinsepiscopeal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopeal.org). Deadline for reservations is December 4th.

## Escape to Enchantment!



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

## The 2008-09 Directory

The 2008-2009 Houston Chapter Directory was available at the November Recital and will again be available at the December meeting. Those that have not been picked up at the meeting will be mailed out after December 12<sup>th</sup>

## A Holiday Wish

*The Executive Board of the Houston Chapter wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In the words of our president as printed in the December issue of the TAO, we "wish each of you all the gifts that music can bring as you give this gift to so many others in the coming weeks."*

**Deadline for the  
January/February issue  
is December 31.  
Send to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.org)**

## A Twelfth Night Party on the Tenth night!

JANUARY 4, 2008 AT 7:00 PM

at the home of

WALTER AND MARY BAHN  
10 S. Briar Hollow Lane, #13 (77027)

Wine and cheese at 7:00 p.m.  
Pot-luck dinner when all are gathered

Please call Mary Bahn to RSVP. 713.623.0200

*The RSVP is needed for gate access. A list will be provided to the guard at the gate.*

# AGO Houston Upcoming Programs, 2008-09

Monday, December 8, 7:30 pm

## **Dinner Meeting with Michael Bedford**

COUNCILLOR FOR REGION VII

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1107 SHEPHERD DR., HOUSTON, TX 77007

Sunday, January 4, 7:00 pm

## **Annual Twelfth Night Party**

*at the home of*

WALTER AND MARY BAHN  
10 S. BRIAR HOLLOW LANE, #13 77027  
RSVP 713.623.0200

Monday, February 16

## **Chapter Meeting with Marsha Seale**

REGIONAL COORDINATOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
PLACE AND TIME TBA

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.

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

May - TBA

## **End of Year Closing Service**

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4900 JACKSON ST, HOUSTON 77096

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