

June-July, 2008

The Pipeline

From the Dean...

GET READY FOR AN

An August Adventure

JOEL MARTINSON TO LEAD ORGAN TRACK



Jackson Hearn

In today's world, it is difficult to be unique, but one of the unique things that we do as a chapter is to join forces with the Houston Chapter of Choristers Guild, the Greater Houston Handbell Association, and The Houston Bronze Ensemble to present *AN AUGUST ADVENTURE* -- an opportunity to explore the worship arts of choral, organ, and handbell music for adults and children. If you haven't taken part in it before, plan to do so this year.

AN AUGUST ADVENTURE will be August 23, at First Presbyterian Church in the museum district. The clinician for the organ track is Dallas musician Joel Martinson. He will lead sessions on service playing, organ literature, and a choral reading session of the best in late 20th and early 21st century choral music.

Mr. Martinson holds the position of Director of Music Ministries and Organist at The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, Texas, where he coordinates the vibrant musical life of the parish, including choral and instrumental ensembles for all ages. A product of two generations of clergy/musician families, Martinson has worked as a musician in Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed Jewish houses of worship.

An active composer, Mr. Martinson has been commissioned by a wide array of churches, musical organizations, and individual performers across the United States. His award-winning compositions have been widely featured at conventions of professional and denominational musicians' organizations in the US, and have been performed throughout the US and Great Britain, as well as in Europe, Scandinavia, South Africa and South Korea. His works have been recorded by professional choral organizations, university choirs and wind ensembles, community and church choirs, acclaimed organ recitalists, and other performers. They have been heard nationally on both *Pipedreams* and NPR's *Performance Today*. Martinson is represented by a

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Program Ideas for the 2008-2009 season

Now is the time to submit your ideas for chapter programs.

Are you interested in serving on the program committee?

We want to hear from you!

Send your thoughts to sub-dean, David Henning.

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About Town Events...

Saturday, June 7

7:30 pm Dr. Marcus St. Julien, organ
 St. Theresa welcomes back former choir
 director for over 20 years. Dr. Julien is
 currently an instructor at the Loyola
 University School of Music in New
 Orleans. Admission Free.
 ST. THERESA CHURCH
 115 SEVENTH STREET, SUGARLAND
 281.494.1156

Sunday, June 8

10:15 am Schubert *Mass in G*
 Good Shepherd Choir and
 Soloists from Kingwood College
 GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 2929 WOODLAND HILLS, KINGWOOD

Sunday, June 8

7:00 pm Whitney Women's Chorus
 Works by Victoria, Bach, Stroepe, and
 Hayes. Free Admission.
 WEST UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST
 3611 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD

Sunday, June 15

1:00 pm Docent Tour of St. Martin's

1:30 pm "The Tonal Colors of the
Gloria Dei Organ"

2:00 pm Festival of Sacred Music
 St. Martins Choir, Orchestra, & Organ
 George Mims, Director of Music/Organist
 David Henning, Assoc. Dir of Mus/Organist
Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 717 SAGE AVE., HOUSTON

Sunday, June 15

7:00 pm Concert - Robert Bates, organ
7:30 pm Evensong - The Palmer Choir
 Brady and Courtney Knapp, Directors
 Diane Meredith Belcher, organist
Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 6221 MAIN STREET
 HOUSTON, TX 77030-1576

Monday, June 16

10:00 am Opening Eucharist with the
 River Oaks Chamber Orchestra and the
 St. John's Chorale. Mozart: *Missa*
Trinitatis.

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
 2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON

Monday, June 16

8:00 pm Gala Concert featuring "The
 Three Sopranos" Nancy Curtis, Leigh
 Shipman, Ana Godfrey- Trevino and
The Ambient Brass. John Gearhart
 and Steve Newberry, organists.

TICKETS:

ADVANCE \$15 713.354.2250
 \$20 AT DOOR

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
 2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON

Tuesday, June 17

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist
 Premiere of "The Houston Mass"
 by Gerre Hancock.

Sheldon Curry, Director of Music
 Phillip Kloeckner, Organist

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 1805 WEST ALABAMA, HOUSTON

8:00 pm Houston Chamber Choir
 Robert Simpson, director

TICKETS: AVAILABLE AT DOOR

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 4807 SAN FELIPE, HOUSTON

Wednesday, June 18

11:00 am Morning Prayer
 The Houston Children's Chorus
 Stephen Roddy, founder-director
 Christopher Teel, organist

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 1015 HOLMAN ST., HOUSTON

Thursday, June 19

4:00 pm Closing Eucharist
 Simon Preston: *Missa Brevis*
 Robert Simpson, Organist-Choirmaster
 Bruce Power, Assoc. Organist-Choirmaster

Association of Anglican Musicians Event
 CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
 1117 TEXAS AVE., HOUSTON

The public is cordially invited
 to attend any of the events of the
Association of Anglican Musicians
 as listed above.

Deadline for August issue
 July 15th
 send to music@sjd.org

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complete setting of the liturgy in the newly released hymnal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as well as compositions in the official hymnal supplements and new music resource materials of both the ELCA and The Episcopal Church. Nearly 100 of his works are published by Oxford University Press, Paraclete Press and a number of other respected US music houses.

An accomplished organist and national competition winner, Martinson holds both the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Organ Performance with secondary area of composition from The University of North Texas where he was a student of Charles S. Brown. A frequent organ recitalist and performer of hymn festivals, he has also been invited to lecture on the diverse styles of sacred music at the turn of the twenty-first century as well as his work as a composer, speaking to AGO chapters and conventions, denominational gatherings, and university students. From 2000-2004, he was Adjunct Faculty in Church Music at the University of North Texas in Denton, where he taught a series of courses in the historical and modern practice of liturgy and church music.

Check our website for a copy of the *AN AUGUST ADVENTURE* brochure.

Jobs available...

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Principal Organist - Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, a vibrant, young parish of 4,100 families in northwest Houston, TX, seeks a talented, experienced professional organist to serve as the principal organist in a dynamic music ministry. The parish is growing rapidly and will soon complete construction of a new 1,500-seat worship space. This position entails accompanying 3 Sunday morning Masses and 2 mid-week choir rehearsals, in addition to accompanying weddings and funerals and other services on occasion. The position includes particular privileges for weddings and funerals. The parish's choral and congregational repertoire emphasizes music normally accompanied with organ. The ideal applicant will possess a degree in organ performance, Colleague-level AGO certification, or equivalent experience and knowledge of organ repertoire; familiarity with Roman Catholic liturgy; and a warm, engaging personality.

The position entails an average of approximately 10 hours of work weekly (5 hours during the summer); remuneration will be based on AGO salary guidelines for ¼-time employees.

Résumés may be submitted to Felipe Gasper, Director of Music, via email at music@ctrcc.com or via postal mail at:
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
c/o Principal Organist Search Committee
11507 Huffmeister Rd., Houston, TX 77065

The position is open from June 9, 2008 until filled. Please see <http://music.ctrcc.com> for a full job description and more information on the parish's music program.

Pianist - Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church, Katy, TX - a growing young church with exciting ministry possibilities. We are looking for someone who has not only a love of music, but a heart for worship. Responsibilities include Sunday morning worship services and choral accompaniment.

Send resume to Carol Bahret, Chair of Personnel Committee - bahret@netzero.net or GLPC, Attn: Carol Bahret, 6035 S. Fry Road, Katy, TX 77450. Church office: 281.646.7500

Organist - Westminster United Methodist Church. Available in August. Contact Andrew Alegria, Director of Music at aalegria6844@hotmail.com or 713.782.7750.



American Guild of Organists National Convention June 22 – 26, 2008 Minneapolis – St. Paul



To sign up via web or download a form:

<http://www.ago2008.org/html/registration/register.html>

The Hilton Minneapolis, an elegant facility with high-speed wireless internet in all rooms, only \$138/night. Reservations: 888-933-5353 or use the link on the convention Web site.



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David Ashley White, Gerre Hancock, and Carson Cooman.

Improve Your Skills Take a Guild Exam

The Houston Chapter would like to encourage all its members to take one of the five Guild examinations: The Service Playing Test, the Colleague Exam, the Associateship Exam, the Fellowship Exam, or the Choir Master Exam. Each of these examinations fulfills a particular niche in the many varied talents and gifts of Guild members, and no matter what your educational or skill level, there is a Guild exam that will stretch your knowledge and abilities. Take a look at the requirements at <http://www.agohq.org/education/index.html>.

As a veteran of three of these exams, I can tell you that the preparation time was a time of learning and has benefitted me in every capacity of my work.

If you would be interested in learning more about the exams, forming a study group, or if you've been teetering on the edge of signing up, but just need a cheerleader, please give me a call. My contact information is listed in the Chapter Directory found earlier on this page.

SONDRA TUCKER, SECRETARY HOUSTON AGO

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