

# The Pipeline



## AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS HOUSTON CHAPTER

### From the Dean...



Jackson Hearn

**Emails and Professionalism**  
I hope most of you are aware of the weekly e-mail alerts that the Houston Chapter sends out each week with a notice of the concerts that are happening in our member's churches for the given week. "This Week in Organ and Choral Music" goes out not only to our AGO membership but also to the names of those who have signed up to get notices of such concerts in the city. As you would expect, each time we send out the notices we get a handful of returned e-mails for various reasons. Then I hear from members with valid e-mails who didn't get a weekly message. If you aren't getting the chapter's weekly e-mail (and you would like to), send your email to [HoustonAGO@aol.com](mailto:HoustonAGO@aol.com), and we will gladly add you. In the meantime, check your spam box. We might be there. It frustrates me that the Guild seems to have problems getting emails to those who really want to be reminded about concerts, while companies promoting Viagra, Cialis, and other Canadian Drugs seem to have NO problem getting their emails to me.

I received one such e-mail recently encouraging me to try Professional Strength  
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### MARCH MEETING Tuesday, March 24

Covenant Baptist Church  
4949 Caroline  
(in the museum district)  
Houston, TX 77004

**6:30 pm**  
Social Hour

**7:00 pm**  
Demonstration of the Organ

*1893 Hook and Hastings II/9  
Pipe Organ built for First Baptist Church,  
Georgetown, KY*

**7:30 pm**  
Dinner and meeting - Cost \$10  
Registration: Dave Henning 713.621.3040  
[dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org)

RSVP BY MARCH 20

Before dinner, organist Carl McAliley will demonstrate the beautifully restored Hook and Hastings organ in the nave of Covenant Baptist.

After dinner, the program will be a discussion led by Marsha Seale on Professional concerns.

Dinner for the evening is *by reservation only*.



The Choir from St. John's College,  
Cambridge, England  
in HOUSTON!

**Monday evening - March 30 - 7:00 pm**  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
5501 Main Street

Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/student

Call St. Paul's Music Office 713-528-5776  
for tickets and further details

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## About Town...

### Sunday, March 1

**3:00 pm** Lenten Flute Concert.  
Catherine LeGrand, flute. Program of meditative pieces including premier of variation on Pange Lingua for flute and piano by Houston composer Hall Lanier. Catherine LeGrand, flute. Clayton Roberts & John Markert, accompanists.  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3606 BEAUCHAMP, HOUSTON

**5:00 pm** Evensong for Lent  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

**6:00 pm** Bach Society Organ Vespers  
Balint Karosi, Boston organist, music of Bach, Boehm, Buxtehude, Karosi  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2353 RICE BLVD. AT GREENBRIAR, HOUSTON

### Wednesday, March 4

**12:10 pm** Lenten Organ Series  
John Meier, organ  
Assistant organist, St. John the Divine  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6221 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Thursday, March 5

**12:15 pm** Lenten Recital Series  
HSPVA Madrigal Singers  
Rob Seible, Director  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Sunday, March 8

**9:30 & 11 am**  
Prairie View A&M Chorale Group  
CLEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
16335 EL CAMINO REAL, HOUSTON

### Second Sundays at 3

**3:00 pm** Concert and Evensong presented by the Houston Children's Chorus. Stephen Roddy, director; Robert Brewer, organ  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON

**4:00 pm** Evensong  
St. Paul's Choral Scholars  
Eddie Quaid, Director  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN 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).

### Wednesday, March 11

**12:10 pm** Lenten Organ Series  
Robert Brewer, organ  
Organist-Choirmaster, Church of the Epiphany  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6221 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Thursday, March 12

**12:15 pm** Lenten Recital Series  
UH Moores School of Music  
Concert Women's Chorus  
Richard Robbins, Director  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Sunday, March 15

**6:00 pm** Piffaro, The Renaissance Band  
The musical world of JA Bach, father of JS. Music by Praetorius, Scheidt, etc. for wind band.  
CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2353 RICE BLVD. AT GREENBRIAR, HOUSTON

### Wednesday, March 18

**12:10 pm** Lenten Organ Series  
Aaron Wilson, organ  
Organist, Grace Presbyterian Church  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6221 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Thursday, March 19

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

### Wednesday, March 25

**12:10 pm** Lenten Organ Series  
Joanna Elliott Whitsett, organ  
Organist, Moody Memorial Church  
PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6221 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

**12:15 pm** Lenten Recital Series  
Pianist Giovanni Antipolo  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN ST, HOUSTON

### Thursday, March 26

**7:00 pm**  
Brad Sherrill presents The Gospel of John  
CLEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
16335 EL CAMINO REAL, HOUSTON

## 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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## 2009 CHERINE TROXEL ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

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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Viagara. At first I thought, "What profession needs Viagara in extra strength?" At once I thought of several instances and then I just tried to put it out of my mind. But I did dwell on the idea of just what makes one professional? Is it by receiving a salary for an act or service? Can an amateur or aficionado behave with the same degree of professionalism as one who receives money for doing the same thing? We as a Guild are concerned with professionalism when being an organist is concerned. Our March meeting will deal with that topic as Region VII Coordinator for Professional Development, our own Marsha K. Seale, will talk to us about Professional Concerns. Please join us for that meeting at Covenant Baptist Church.

## 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.

## Jobs available...

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

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**Deadline for the  
APRIL issue  
is March 15.**  
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# AGO Houston Programs

## Programs, 2008-09

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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