

# The Pipeline

From the Regional Councilor...



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
HOUSTON CHAPTER



Michael Bedford

I met a few weeks ago with the Steering Committee for the 2009 Albuquerque Regional Convention to be held June 28-July 1. This particular meeting took place at the Uptown Marriott Hotel, the designated convention hotel. We had an opportunity to sample food provided by the hotel, as well as an opportunity to look at rooms and meeting spaces the hotel is providing for the convention.

This meeting told me many things. First, the hotel rate is the lowest of all the regional conventions: \$105 per night plus tax for single, double, triple, or quad. This is an incredible rate, and unmatched by other conventions. The next lowest rate is \$119, offered by Region III and Region VI. The staff members of the hotel, from serving staff all the way up to coordinator for our convention, were friendly and courteous, answering all questions and addressing all issues in a professional and unhurried manner.

The second thing I learned (which I actually already knew) was that the various chair people for the Steering Committee were on top of all issues. The difference was that I had a chance at this meeting to see them in action. Fritz Frurip is doing a fine job of addressing details and questions as they arise. The committee chairs are working tirelessly in their various capacities, and from what I could see everything was where it needed to be at that point in time. I found that this committee is made up of qualified people who also enjoy being together, making the work they do that much more pleasurable.

In your newsletter and/or at your next meeting, please stress to your individual chapter members and all interested individuals that this is one of the best deals

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## May Meeting

Monday, May 11  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
4900 Jackwood Street  
Houston, TX 77096

6:00 pm  
Dinner (\$12) at the Rectory  
(by reservation to  
Dave Henning 713.985.3820  
dhenning@stmartinsepiscopal.org)

7:30 pm  
Evensong with the St. Thomas Choir  
Kenneth Axelson, organist/choirmaster  
Schoenstein & Co Organ, 2002

The practice of singing evening prayers is as old as the church itself.

The Anglican service of Evening Prayer was the result of the joining of two of the ancient monastic offices—Vespers and Compline—into one service by Thomas Cranmer, the first Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury. When the prayers are set to music and sung, it is called 'Evening Song,' or 'Evensong' in Elizabethan English.

Composers from Cranmer's time to the present have given themselves to the composition of such settings, and these have been part of the church's continuous, daily offering of prayers ever since. Evensong is essentially a service of reflection; within a hallowed space one may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.

- Preces and Responses: *William Smith*
- Psalm 111
- Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C  
*Jack Ossewaarde*
- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
*Mack Wilberg*
- Ye watchers and ye holy ones  
The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

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## About Town...

### Saturday, May 2

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

### Sunday, May 3

**3:00 pm Organ Concert**, Bruce Power  
**3:30 pm Choral Evensong**  
The Cathedral Choir, R. Simpson, Dir.  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD., HOUSTON 77019

**6:00 pm Concert**  
Organist Piotr Rachon, organist of  
the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the  
Baptist, Warsaw, Poland  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

### Sunday, May 9

**3:00 pm Concert by**  
The Cathedral Treble Choir  
Mariann Parnas-Simpon, director  
LATHAM AUDITORIUM  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

### Sunday, May 31

**4:15 pm Concert**  
Organist Steve Newberry, Interim  
Director of Music, St. John the Divine  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

**5:00 pm Evensong for Pentecost**  
The Cathedral Choir, R. Simpson, Dir.  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON

**Deadline for the  
June/July issue  
is May 20.**

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### Sunday, June 7

**3:30 pm Concert**  
Celebrating the Anniversaries of  
Joseph Haydn and Felix Mendelssohn,  
Haydn's "Te Deum" and  
Mendelssohn's "Lobgesange"  
The Cathedral Choir and Orchestra  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS AVENUE, HOUSTON



### The 2008-09 Directory

is now available from Jackson Hearn at any  
AGO meeting.

### 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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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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going this summer in the AGO. Please encourage all you come in contact with to be sure and take advantage of this low registration fee and tremendous hotel rate. Even at the later registration fee of \$280, this convention will be well worth the time and money you invest in it.

Thank you for your many hours of dedication to the AGO, and if I can be of any help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best to all,

Michael Bedford, AAGO, ChM, DMA  
Regional Councilor, AGO Region VII

## 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.

# AGO Houston Programs

## 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

COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH  
4949 CAROLINE (IN THE MUSEUM DISTRICT)  
HOUSTON, TX 77004

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, 11:00 am

### *Lunch with Jason Roberts*

Mr. Roberts will discuss organ improvisation and competition preparation.

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

Monday, May 11

### *End of Year Dinner & Evensong*

6:00 pm Dinner ` 7:30 pm Evensong with the St. Thomas Choir; Keneth Axelson, organist/choirmaster (see pg1 for more information)

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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