

The Pipeline



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS HOUSTON CHAPTER

From the Dean...



Jackson Hearn

Close to 300 people gathered on October 19 at Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate the organ at our organ spectacular. I want to thank Linda Patterson, chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Music Commission, and Bruce Power and the staff of Christ Church for hosting the joint Organ Spectacular and Diocesan Choral Festival. Seven organists, over 140 choristers, an oboist and a choral director joined forces to celebrate the art of the organ with AGO chapters all over the world. It was indeed spectacular!

Special thanks go out to chapter members Jason Farris (Tallowood Baptist Church), Ann Frohbieter (Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church and Congregation Emanu El), John Meier (The Church of St. John the Divine), Kathryn Sparks (Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church), and Ronald Wyatt (Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston). Phillip Kloeckner (Rice University and St. Stephens

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WINNER, FIRST PRIZE
AND AUDIENCE PRIZE
AT THE 2008
AMERICAN GUILD
OF ORGANISTS
NATIONAL YOUNG
ARTISTS COMPETITION
IN ORGAN PERFORMANCE

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WINNER, FIRST PRIZE
AT THE 2008
6TH INTERNATIONAL
ORGAN COMPETITION
MUSASHINO-TOKYO, JAPAN



MICHAEL UNGER
CONCERT ORGANIST

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

7:30 P.M.

Free Admission

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5501 Main Street, Houston 77004

ABOUT OUR GUEST ARTIST...

Originally from Toronto, MICHAEL UNGER currently resides in Rochester, NY, where he is completing doctoral studies at the Eastman School of Music. Michael holds masters' degrees in both organ and harpsichord from Eastman, and is also a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, where he was the recipient of the University Gold Medal in Music. He has been a student and teaching assistant of David Higgs and William Porter, and has also studied with Ethel Briggs, Sandra Mangsen and the late Larry Cortner. Additional studies have included European summer academies specializing in historical keyboard performance.

In 2008, Mr. Unger was the first prize winner in two prestigious organ competitions. He was the first Canadian to be awarded both first prize and audience prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP), and he was first prize winner of the Musashino International Organ Competition held in Tokyo Japan where he also received the Yoshida Minoru Memorial Award, the Toyota Mayor's Award, and the Tokorozawa MUSE Award. In 2007 he was awarded two of Canada's top scholarships for organ and church music, the Lilian Forsyth and Godfrey Hewitt Memorial

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## About Town...

### Sunday, November 2

**3:00 pm** Dan Miller, organ  
Organ Dedication VISSER-ROLAND/ROGERS  
[wbchouston.org/349362.ihml](http://wbchouston.org/349362.ihml)  
WESTBURY BAPTIST CHURCH  
10425 HILLCROFT, HOUSTON

**4:15 pm** Recital: Bruce Power, organ  
featuring music of Messiaen

**5:00 pm** Evensong for All Saints  
[www.christchurchcathedral.org](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org)  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
1117 TEXAS ST., HOUSTON

### Saturday, November 8

**7:00 pm** Dan Miller, organ  
Organ Dedication: RODGERS 3-manual organ  
[www.FriendswoodFriends.org](http://www.FriendswoodFriends.org)  
FRIENDSWOOD FRIENDS CHURCH  
502 S. FRIENDSWOOD DR., FRIENDSWOOD

### Sunday, November 9

**3:00 pm** Dan Miller, organ  
Organ Dedication ~ 281.578.0707  
New RUFFATTI pipe organ addition to the church's (1999) RODGERS 3-manual organ.  
[www.EpiphanyCatholic.org](http://www.EpiphanyCatholic.org)  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
1530 NORWALK DRIVE, HOUSTON

### Second Sundays at 3

**3:00 pm** Concert, *Angelus Harp Ensemble*  
**3:30 pm** Evensong for All Saints  
Music by Howells and Bainton  
[www.sjd.org](http://www.sjd.org)  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON

### Sunday, November 16

**4:00 pm** Fort Bend Boys Choir Concert  
A Benefit Concert: \$20 Donation (Call 281.488.2055 tickets in advance or at the door). Info: 713.526.5731 [www.StmArts.org](http://www.StmArts.org)  
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5315 MAIN ST., HOUSTON

### 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  
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## Jobs available...

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

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Episcopal Church) served as Festival Organist, accompanying the choir and playing the hymns. The Festival Choir was directed by Dr. James Morrow, Director of Choral Activities for the University of Texas. A special friend of the Guild, Grace Tice, played oboe as part of the performance of "Ornaments of Grace," the first place winner in the 2008 AGO competition for compositions for organ and other instruments.

We will continue our celebration of the International Year of the Organ with the concert on November 17 of Michael Unger (see other articles). Don't just join us at the concert. Bring friends and introduce them to the glories of the Pipe organ.

*Jackson Hearn, Dean*



Participants of Organ Spectacular  
*(Left to Right)* Dr. James Morrow, Ronald Wyatt, Jason Farris, John Meier, Grace Tice, Phillip Kloeckner, Jackson Hearn.  
Not pictured: Ann Frohbieter and Kathryn Sparks.

**Deadline for the DECEMBER issue is November 15.**  
Send to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.org)

## 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 page two of this newsletter.

Sondra Tucker  
Secretary, Houston Chapter AGO



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Scholarships. Other awards include Eastman's Jerald C. Graue Fellowship for musicology in 2007, and the Association for Canadian Choral Conductors' Composition Competition in 2002.

Mr. Unger performs solo recitals in the United States, Canada and Europe, and is also active as a chamber musician and continuo player, most recently performing with western New York ensembles Publick sick and the New York State Baroque Orchestra. He has served as the Director of Music of Rochester's South Presbyterian Church since 2002.

## Requiscat in Pace . . .

Charles Lively, beloved church musician and friend to many in our chapter, passed away on September 15 and was buried in Bowling Green, Kentucky on October 6. A memorial service was held in his honor at South Main Baptist Church on Thursday, October 23. Charles was the former organist at South Main Baptist Church, a position he held for 43 years. He was active in the AGO and a member of the Executive Committee from 1996-1998. Charles will be deeply missed.

*"Rest eternal grant to him o Lord:  
And let light perpetual shine upon him."*

### FROM THE EDITOR

Due to technical issues resulting from Hurricane IKE, there unfortunately was not an October issue of *The Pipeline*. We are currently back on our regular monthly publication schedule. The DEADLINE for all submissions is the 15TH OF THE MONTH for the issue dated the 1st of the following month. It is our desire to create a newsletter that is a comprehensive compendium of all the organ and choral offerings in the greater Houston community. Therefore, we need your submissions from a listing of happenings and events to suggested articles and items to share. Please send all submissions to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.org).

### THE NEAR-PERFECT RECITAL PROGRAMME

Pass the Keg and Fudge ..... Jazz Box  
Tomato, Avocado & Fig in C ..... Jack in the Box  
Trip for Organ and Two Tom-toms ..... Agnes Day  
*(in the Hypodermic Mode)*  
The Dodo and the Hoot Owl ..... Handle  
From Hell below to Earth I come ..... Patch L. Bell  
Chore in E Major ..... C. Sir Frank  
Tunes for the Road ..... Walker  
*Duke Street; Miles Lane; Federal Street*  
By the Waters of Babyland ..... Polly Tonality  
Fantasia on One Note ..... Sye Pherr  
The Joy & Transparency of those Awful Corpses ... Messy Ann  
Behold, I stand with one foot in the door ..... Fuller Brushman  
O Whither Shall I, Flea? ..... Schuebler  
Fantasy on the Tedium ..... Ray Grrr  
Massive Schmell from *Sonata 1* ..... Hinder Mith  
Skater's Rondo ..... Rink  
Song of the Basket ..... Weaver  
Toccata on B-A-A-H ..... Lamb  
The Fig Jug ..... J. Batch  
Tu Es Brutus ..... Mullet  
Rosy Meadow ..... Van Williams  
Allergy for a Defunct Friend ..... Sourbee  
"Finally" from 10<sup>th</sup> Symphony ..... Wee Door

# AGO Houston Upcoming Programs, 2008-09

Monday, November 17, 7:30 pm

**Michael Unger in Concert** 2008 Winner of the  
AGO National Organ Playing Competition.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
5501 MAIN STREET, HOUSTON 77004

Sunday, January 4

**Annual Twelfth Night Party**

Monday, February 16

**Houston Area Organ Crawl** Details to follow.

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.

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