

The Pipeline



AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS HOUSTON CHAPTER

From the Dean...

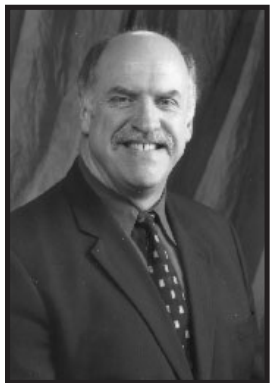
Monday, September 15th
Bethel United Church of Christ
1107 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007

with
Regional Councilor
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 deadline is September 9th.*



Michael Bedford

What I did on my Summer Vacation



Jackson Hearn

Like many of you, I spent some of the "down time" of summer attending workshops or other educational events.

(The August Adventure was especially good this year. Joel Martinson brought some great ideas on repertoire, service playing, and registration.) I also created my own continuing education event as I have for the past three years. I spend one week holed up in my own house, reading a couple of books I have bought over the past twelve months, reading through new choral music, and planning the choral calendar for the coming season. I make a schedule, stick with it (mostly) and get a lot done. But one thing is missing: the camaraderie that I find when I gather with other musicians for an extended period of time. It is surprising how one can be inspired to be a better musician over a gin and tonic or a glass of wine.

Our Sub Dean, David Henning, has come up with a good slate of programs for the coming year. Perhaps not all of them will be on a topic that you find close to your heart, but the good thing is that you will be with a group of people who, like you, love the organ, enjoy playing it or hearing it played, and want to further the knowledge of the organ. Make an

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Houston Chapter

Maintains Substitute Directory

Our Houston Chapter is dedicated to maintaining an accurate list of organists who are available to substitute both for Sunday morning services and other services such as weekday services, weddings, and funerals. If you would like to be included on the sub list, here are some things that you should know:

There are two lists: The "A" List consists of organists who are available on Sunday mornings. The "B" List consists of organists who are available only at other times. The substitute lists are available at www.ago-houston.org by clicking on the "Substitute" tab. The lists will also be published in the chapter directory this fall.

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Chapter Directory

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www.ago-houston.org

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2009

Joanna Elliott
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2010

John Gearhart
Jeff Hoover
Crista Miller

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## About Town...

### Friday, September 12

**7:30 pm** Bradley Welch, organ  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
717 SAGE ROAD - 713.985.3823

### Sunday, September 14

**5:00 pm** Choral Evensong  
The Trinity Choir, Howells *O Pray*  
Smith Responses, Wood Canticles  
Info Joe Causby 713.528.4100x21  
[joseph.causby@trinitychurchhouston.net](mailto:joseph.causby@trinitychurchhouston.net)  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1015 HOLMAN AT MAIN

### Sunday, September 28

**2:00 pm** Recital, Audrey Vallance, soprano  
John Markert, accompanist  
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3606 BEAUCHAMP ST - 713.869.1493

### Friday, October 3

**7:30 pm** Music St. Martin's  
George Mims, organ, Houston Symphony  
Brass, and Bagpipe. Tkts: Adults \$20,  
Students \$10, Immediate Family \$40.  
[musicsec@stmartinsepiscopal.org](mailto:musicsec@stmartinsepiscopal.org)  
ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
717 SAGE ROAD - 713.985.3823

### Sunday, October 5

**5:00 pm** Dr. Marilyn Keiser, organ  
Free admission. [rfurr@fpchouston.org](mailto:rfurr@fpchouston.org)  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
5300 MAIN STREET - 713.620.6438

### Saturday, October 11

**5:00 pm** River Oaks Chamber Orchestra  
Tkts: 713.354.2250 [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD

### Sunday, October 12 *Second Sundays at 3*

**3:00 pm** Clayton Roberts, organ  
**3:30 pm** Choral Evensong  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD - 713.622.3600

**Deadline for the October issue is Sep 20.**

Send to [music@sjd.org](mailto:music@sjd.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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### Monday, October 20

**7:00 pm** Three Organists Concert  
*The International Year of the Organ*  
John Gearhart, Steve Newberry, & John Meier  
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE  
2450 RIVER OAKS BLVD - 713.622.3600

### Sunday, October 26

**5:00 pm** Kathryn Sparks  
*10th Anniversary Organ Concert*  
Solo Organ Works, Organ and Brass, &  
Lauridsen *Lux Aeterna* - MDPC  
Sanctuary Choir & UH Choral Artists  
MEMORIAL DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11612 MEMORIAL DRIVE

**7:00 pm** Organ Recital by Jeff Weiss  
CLEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
16335 EL CAMINO REAL - 281.488.5111

*(Substitute Directory continued from pg 1)*

Just because you were on a list last year does not mean that you will be automatically renewed there this year. The lists are compiled from information we receive from renewal forms. You must indicate your desire to be included on your renewal form.

To be listed, you must be a member in good standing and current in your dues to the A.G.O. Due to space considerations, our web site will list ONE phone number and an email address for each person.

Thank you for helping the Chapter manage its substitute lists.

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effort to come to the Guild meetings and reconnect with those people. We live in an age where MySpace, Facebook and other online social networks seem to replace real time, face to face contact. Don't let it happen to you as an organist.

And while we are on the topic of Chapter meetings, let me encourage you to bring someone else who isn't a member. Every dean each year urges us to reach out and invite new members. It is a message that can't be said enough. Be evangelical! Think about the young person who always comes up after church to watch and hear you play your postlude and bring them to some of the meetings with a concert. Invite the organist from the church down the street. Use your imagination! Start with the September meeting. SEE YOU THERE!

*Jackson Hearn, Dean*

# American Guild of Organists

## Membership Renewal Notice 2008-2009

**Due Date: Sep 1, 2008**

It is now time to renew your membership for the 2008-2009 year. Your dues include a one-year subscription to The American Organist Magazine (TAO) and support for the programs run by the national organization and by our local chapter. To continue receiving the benefits of membership and your TAO subscription, please mail your dues payment now to: **AGO Houston, 5773 Woodway, PMB 263, Houston, TX 77057**. Please return this form with your payment. Make your check payable to Houston Chapter, AGO. Contributions beyond dues are encouraged and tax-deductible. Payment is due by **9-1-08**

| Membership category (check one)                                                                   | Amount   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular voting member <b>\$88</b>                                        | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special voting member <b>\$64</b><br>(65 and over, under 21 or disabled) | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student voting member <b>\$36</b><br>(Full-time w/valid school ID)       | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner voting member <b>\$64</b><br>(Only one TAO per household)        | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual voting member <b>\$35</b><br>(Primary chapter _____)                | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student dual member <b>\$14</b>                                          | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter friend (non-voting) <b>\$35</b>                                  | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribution to Chapter \$ _____                                         | _____    |

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (including AGO Certificates and academic degrees)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (Please list in the form below)

D = Day \_\_\_\_\_

E = Evening \_\_\_\_\_

F = Fax \_\_\_\_\_

D= Cell \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization/Business/Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

### CODE OF ETHICS

Revised by the National Council on April 23, 2001

Preamble: The purpose of the American guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. Voting members are entitled to enjoy the privileges and are expected to accept the responsibilities of membership in the guild. They shall be considered equally for Guild offices and participation in Guild activities. These are the rules that shall be considered binding upon all voting members in good standing.

RULE 1. Members shall promote good working relationships within the American Guild of Organists and shall respect the employment of colleagues. Members shall address differences between themselves and other members by following the procedures outlined in the Discipline.

RULE 2. Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else. Members shall apply for employment only for a position which the employer, with the knowledge of the incumbent musician, has officially and publicly declared vacant by announcement of the vacancy.

RULE 3. In cases pending under the Procedures or in cases where the National Council has determined that a position has been made vacant by wrongful termination of a member of the American Guild of Organists, members shall not seek or accept regular or permanent employment for themselves, a student, or colleague at that Institution until the National Council is satisfied that differences between the Guild and the Institution have been resolved.

RULE 4. Before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other service, members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician. In cases where this engagement has been requested by a third party, it is appropriate for the third party to offer the incumbent his/her customary fee. It is the responsibility of members to inform the third party of this rule.

RULE 5. Members shall conduct professional activities with truthfulness, honesty and integrity, and shall maintain sensitivity in matter of a personal or confidential nature.

RULE 6. Members shall not discriminate against others on the basis of race, national origin, age, religious affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or medical condition (including, but not limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

**I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF ETHICS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Availability to substitute: circle the appropriate

O, C, or O/C Sunday services

O, C, or O/C Saturday services, weddings, etc

O, C, or O/C Weekday services

O= Organist only

C= Choir Only

O/C= organ and choir

# AGO Houston Programs, 2008-09

Monday, September 15: **Opening Banquet**

Michael Bedford, AGO Region VII Councilor

6:30 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Demonstration of the Organ

7:30 pm Dinner and Meeting

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1107 SHEPHERD DR., HOUSTON 77007

Sunday, October 19, 7:30 pm

**International Day of the Organ** COMBINED WITH THE

Diocese of Texas Diocesan Choral Festival.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

1117 TEXAS, HOUSTON 77002

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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FROM THE DEAN

MEMBERSHIP FORM

CALENDER