

THE PIPELINE

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DAVID HENNING

FROM THE DEAN

It has been a busy season over the past few weeks—Christmas and the Advent season preparing and leading to Christmas, the New Year and everything surrounding these days. It has also been a busy season for your AGO chapter! We have hosted, all or in part, recitals connected to the opening of two wonderful new pipe organs at the Co-Cathedral and St. Philip Presbyterian Church. It is the presence of organs such as these and many others in the Houston area that led to your Executive Committee submitting a bid to host a National AGO convention in 2016—our bid was accepted last summer when the National Council met at the Washington D.C. Convention. Shortly after that I submitted Rhonda Furr's name to our Executive Committee for approval as Convention Chair and Dr. Furr was then approved by the National Council. Rhonda has done a superb job of organizing our Convention—a million details as you can well imagine—and our Convention is off to an auspicious start!



As many of you know, our Pipeline editor resigned last spring due to other commitments—I am happy to announce that Sondra Tucker has graciously accepted the role as editor, allowing our Pipeline to resume publication. This vital line of communication will help to serve our membership in communicating the many concerns that present themselves on a regular basis. Please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee if you have concerns about our shared interest in the AGO!

STUDENT RECITAL TO BE RESCHEDULED

FEBRUARY PROGRAM NEWS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the student recital originally planned for February 7 is being rescheduled for a later date. As soon as the new date is confirmed, the telephone committee will alert all members of the Chapter. Thanks for your understanding.

RHONDA FURR

CONVENTION 2016 UPDATE

Plans are already underway as we prepare to host the AGO National Convention in 2016! Many of you were part of the 1988 Houston National Convention success story and we intend to once again show the best of Houston's fine instruments and hospitality in 2016.

Below is a summary of our preparation activities during the Fall:

Officers appointed:

- ♦ Convention Coordinator: Rhonda Furr, D.M.A.
Professor of Music, HBU; Organist: First Presbyterian Church, Houston;
Dean, AGO Houston Chapter 1996-1998; organ consultant, author, composer
- ♦ Executive Assistant, Ann Frobieter, D.M.A.
Organist-Director of Choirs at Congregation Emanu El; Organist,
Cypress Creek Christian Church; Dean, AGO Houston Chapter 2004-2006;
member of National AGO NYACOP Committee; featured in National AGO Convention;
has performed internationally in concert in Europe/Canada
- ♦ Executive Secretary, Sondra Tucker, M.M.
AAGO, Choir Master; Director of Music/Organist: ChristChurch Presbyterian, Bellaire;
published composer of choral, handbell, organ music; current
Secretary, AGO, Houston Chapter
- ♦ Treasurer, Edwin Holsworth, C.P.A., J.D.
Licensed CPA; licensed attorney; international tax
specialist; substitute organist in home church

Chapter Brainstorming Session, November 15

- Guests included AGO National Councillor for Conventions, Dennis Elwell and Michael Bedford, AGO Regional Councillor for Region VII
- Brainstorming breakout sessions resulted in ideas for making the 2016 convention a successful, unique and great experience for planners and participants.
- Plan to attend our Brainstorming II on Monday, March 28 at St. Martin's Episcopal, Bagby Hall, 7:00 p.m. (717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056-2111)
- If you have not completed our survey of skills and interests (included), please do so ASAP and mail to: Sondra Tucker, 14011 Cherry Mound Rd., Houston TX 77077.
- The convention dates and location will be released when a hotel contract is signed; the convention will either be the third week of June or the first week of July
- Your Convention Officers have been hard at work, and Committee Chairs will be announced soon!
- An updated survey of area instruments will also be conducted this Spring.
- Keep informed of the progress and activities by reading the newsletter and viewing our website: www.ago-houston.org/2016

I hope you are as excited as I am about this great opportunity for Houston! The planning process will bring us together as friends and musicians as we join together to achieve our goals for this wonderful event!

Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator

POSITIONS

St. Pius V Catholic Church is looking for an organist. Please send resumes to Fr. Oscar Castro, St. Pius V Catholic Church,
824 Main St., Pasadena, TX 77506 713-473-9484

First United Methodist Church, Fulshear. is currently looking for a pianist for practice on Wednesday nights and 2 Sunday morning services. The compensation is 1200 per month, plus \$50 per hour for additional rehearsals to prepare for seasonal music such as Lent and Advent. Interested parties can contact Director of Worship, Bodie Gilbert at bodiegilbert@gmail.com.

AROUND THE CHAPTER

Congratulations to Phyllis Harris who has taken a new job as a liturgical musician at St. Mary's Seminary.

Congratulations to Kathryn Sparks White, whose organ setting of Brahms' "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" has been accepted for publication at MorningStar Music.

Congratulations to Joanna Elliott Whitsett and husband Jeff, who are expecting their first child in August!

Tell us your ideas for AGOHouston 2016!
Don't miss our 2nd Brainstorming Session
March 28, 7 p.m.
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bagby Hall
717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056-2111

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Paul Butt	Daryel Nance

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Crista Miller
Ann Frohbieter

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OPEN POSITIONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday January 28 & Saturday January 29

Houston Choristers Guild Workshop and
Hymn Festival
Registration form is at houstonchorister.org

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 1:00pm

Ken Cowan, lecturer
Rice University, Shepherd School of Music,
Organ Recital Hall

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 8:30pm

Crista Miller, organ recital
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 30, 2011, 7:00pm

Ken Cowan, organ recital
Rice University, Shepherd School of Music,
Organ Recital Hall

Friday, February 4, 12:00-12:30

Noon Organ Recital Series
John Meier, Guest Organist
Houston Baptist University Belin Chapel

Friday, February 4, 12:45pm

First Friday Concert
Hye Hyan Sung
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Tuesday, February 8, 7:30pm

The St. Olaf Choir
Grace Presbyterian Church
Tickets: tickets@stolaf.edu

Sunday, February 13, 5:00pm

Houston Brass Band Plays the Pops
with Kathryn White on the Sanctuary piano
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Thursday, February 17, 6:30pm

Taize Service
St. Paul's UMC Chapel

Sunday, February 20, 3:00pm

Stephen F. Austin Concert Choir
St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 20, 6:00pm

Bach Vespers
Bach: BWV 144;
Sebastian Knebel, guest organist
Bach Choir,
Mercury Baroque, Albert LeDoux, director
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 27, 6:00pm

Robert Bates, organ, and Ars Lyrica
Directed by Matthew Dirst
Handel: "The Cucu & the Nightingale"
St Philip Presbyterian Church
suggested donation \$15

Sunday, February 27, 7:00pm

Bay Area Chorus: "Angels and Demon"
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Tickets: bayareachorus.org
Advance: \$10. Door: \$15/\$12

Friday March 4, 12:45pm

First Friday Concert
Clayton Roberts
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 6, 6:00pm

James E. Taylor H.S. Chorale
St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Pre-service concert and sung Eucharist

Sunday, March 6, 6:00pm

Organ Vespers
Aaron David Miller (St. Paul, MN)
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 13, 5:00pm

Evensong for Lent
Christ Church Cathedral

All events are free unless otherwise listed.

AGOHOUSTON 2016 SURVEY

Name: _____

Preferred Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Skills: Please rank according to ability level: 1-5 (1 = weak or no skill; 5 = strong skills)

Skill	Rank	Skill	Rank	Skill	Rank
Art: Logos, etc.		Computer: Publisher		People Skills	
Art: Graphic design		Computer: Word Processing		Photography	
Communications: Group Facilitator		Creative Skills		Planning: Big picture	
Communications: Public Speaking		Financial: Accounting		Planning: Detail	
Communications: Writing/ Editing		Financial: Budget Dev/ Maintenance		Research	
Computer: Access		Helping Skills		Technical: Audio/visual	
Computer: Excel		Leadership : General		Web site: Development and Maintenance	
Computer: Data Entry		Leadership: Direct groups		Other:	
Computer: Hardware-networks		Management		Other:	
Computer: Powerpoint		Note taking		Other:	
Computer: Programming		Organizational Skills		Other:	

Skills: Please rank according to ability level: 1-5 (1 = weak or no skill; 5 = strong skills)

Task	Rank	Task	Rank	Task	Rank
Accompanist: Organ		Liaison: Hotel		Registrar	
Accompanist: Piano		Liaison: Local Musicians		Registration	
Choral Director		Liaison: NCOI		Stop List	
Competition		Liaison: NYACOP		Student Housing	
Daily Paper		Liaison: Rising Stars		Transportation	
Door monitor		Liaison:Volunteers		Website Dev/Maintenance	
Exhibits		Logistics		Workshop Coordinator	
Facilities-Churches		Logo Design		Worship	
Facilities-universities		New Music		Other:	
Finance		Non-music event planning		Other:	
Fund-raising		Performances		Other:	
Grant writing		Photography		Other	
Hospitality: Booths		Pre/Post Convention Activities			
Hospitality: Food		Program Book Design			
Hospitality: General		Program Book: Marketing/Sales			
Hospitality: Social		Promotion			
Houston Organ Survey		Publicity			
Liaison: Guest Artist					

Finance Committee

Program Committees

Registration Committee

- New Music
- Performances
- Workshops
- Worship

Other Standing Committees

- Exhibits
- Gifts/Grants/Donations
- Hospitality
- Program Book/Advertising
- Promotion
- Volunteers

Logistic Committees

- Facility
- Housing
- Transportation

WIND & FIRE

AGO REGION VII CONVENTION 2011

JUNE 12 - 15, 2011

**Let the Wind inspire you and the Fire ignite your passion
in Oklahoma City
at the Region VII AGO Convention.**

**Visit WindAndFireOKC.com to discover the many workshops, concerts and
worship opportunities that await.**

Early registration extends through March 31st.

Concerts include:

**Canterbury Choral Society Richard Zielinski Singers
Mary Preston Susan Ferré Christopher Houlihan**

Workshops:

AGO LEADERSHIP

CERTIFICATION

CHORAL

COMPOSITION: Composers' Roundtable

ORGANS

First Presbyterian Church Progressive Organ Crawl

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Write to the following address to subscribe or to send
concert announcements: HoustonAGO@aol.com

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Beginning with the March 2011 issue, The Pipeline will be issued electronically to each Chapter member who has an email address on file with the Chapter. The newsletter will also be made available on the web site.

Those who do not have computer access will need to request a hard copy by calling Sondra Tucker at 281 531-4245.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH**