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# THE PIPELINE

## DEAN'S COLUMN

Daniel J. Fenn

There's no better way to start my first dean's letter than to offer my heartfelt thanks to so many people. First of all, to Kathryn White who has served us so faithfully as dean for the past two years. Second, to Rhonda Furr, whose task of being our convention coordinator over these past 6 years or so has set a new standard in leadership for all future national conventions. Lastly, to those of you who have spent countless hours on a myriad of details for our marvelous convention. Speaking of the convention, bravo and congratulations to our own Kirk Rich who won the second place prize in the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP).

That being said, now is the time to build on the energy and enthusiasm we all felt during those 5 days in June. Please join me in making the commitment to support our local chapter by our presence at events. On the next two pages you'll see a wide variety of programs and special offerings. Please add them to your schedules and plan to attend or volunteer to help when those asks appear. We are grateful to other organizations and institutions who have offered to partner with us for many of these. I'm especially excited for our Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event in February!

I'm happy to welcome our newest chapter officers who were voted in earlier this year: Joseph Painter and Suzanne Anderson (filling vacancies in members-at-large positions for 2017 and 2018, respectively) as well as the newest members-at-large: Giles Brightwell and Ken Anderson. Changes in appointed positions include Phyllis Harris, who has stepped in as our new Certification Chair, and I'm delighted that Rev. Michael Rinehart has accepted my invitation to serve as our Chaplain. Not only is he the Bishop of the Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), his undergraduate degree is in organ performance from Valparaiso University! Thanks to all of you for your willingness to serve!

Just a few housekeeping items and requests from your leadership team:

- ◆ If your **membership dues** are up for renewal, please go online and complete that process at <https://www.agohq.org/oncard-login/>
- ◆ "Like" our Facebook page; search for "Houston Chapter, American Guild of Organists"
- ◆ **Deadline** for the November-December *Pipeline* is October 10
- ◆ **Deadline** for the weekly e-blast is each Wednesday
- ◆ If your church's or venue's organ is listed on our chapter website, please go online and proof those at <http://ago-houston.org/houston-area-pipe-organs/>. You can send any edits to Kathryn White at [kwhite@mdpc.org](mailto:kwhite@mdpc.org)

I hope to see you at our opening event on Monday, September 19. All of those details are on the next page. It will be a great time to visit, eat, share, and sing together. If I can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to get in touch – [dfenn@gpch.org](mailto:dfenn@gpch.org) or 713-267-5030 (office).

Cheers, y'all!

-Dan

## 2016-2017 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS

### **Opening Banquet and Guild Service with Officer Installation**

**Monday, September 19**

**Covenant Church – 4949 Caroline Street  
(in the Museum District)**

6:30 p.m. – wine and appetizers

7:00 p.m. – dinner

8:00 p.m. – service

Cost = \$25 (cash or check that evening)

**RSVP by Friday, September 9 to Andrew Bowen**

[bowenaab@gmail.com](mailto:bowenaab@gmail.com)



### **A Weekend with Bradley Hunter Welch**

(co-sponsored by Rice University)

**Friday, October 14** – organ concert at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 15** – 10:00 a.m. to Noon workshop

on “Planned Improvisation in Worship”

**Rice University’s Organ Recital Hall (6100 Main Street)**



### **Robert Bates in Recital**

(co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas)

**Sunday, January 29, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**

**The Chapel of St. Basil (corner of W. Alabama  
and Yoakum)**



## 2016-2017 HOUSTON CHAPTER EVENTS (Continued)

### Happy Hour Gathering

**Friday, February 17, 5:00 p.m.**  
**The Omni Hotel – 4 Riverway,**  
**Houston, TX 77056**

*This precedes the 7:00 concert at St. Martin's Episcopal Church (717 Sage Road) as they present organist Stephen Tharp in recital*



### Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

**Saturday, February 18**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Churches and Venues**  
**in the Midtown area**

*Pedals, Pipes and Pizza is a partial-day event that introduces children and youth to the pipe organ, ending with a pizza lunch. Begin to spread the word to area piano and organ students. More information available soon!*



### Concert in honor of Robert Bates

**Sunday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. Philip Presbyterian Church (4807 San Felipe)**

*In celebration of Dr. Robert Bates for his many years of teaching at the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, come past and present students perform in his honor. A reception will follow.*

### Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt, Organist (co-sponsored by the Houston chapter of Choristers Guild)

**Sunday, April 30, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
 (10221 Ella Lee Lane – one block north of Westheimer  
 on the Beltway)

*Information to come on how your children, youth, and adult choir members can participate.*



## Letter from Rhonda Furr, Convention Coordinator 2016 AGO National Convention



Congratulations, Houston!! What an incredible convention! The emails and notes from around the world have been enthusiastically positive. Our success was a direct result of years of investment and sacrifice by many of you.

We hosted over 1,200 registrants and thousands of local guests who attended our concerts, workshops and worship services. We offered more than 70 workshops at our lovely convention hotel. Between nine and eleven concerts and worship services were scheduled each day and audiences were impressed by phenomenal performing artists. We were praised for our diverse programming that showcased something for everyone, including performances for solo organ, choir and organ, dance and organ, film and organ, chamber music, as well as other “organ plus” concerts. Many folks seemed surprised that Houston had so many stunning venues and instruments. Our successful promotion campaign included social media and newsletters. One of the biggest hits of the week was the convention app, and the beautiful convention book will remind our participants of their memorable week in Houston. The Exhibit Hall, with its interesting exhibits and spaces for engaging with friends, was popular throughout the convention. Due to the outstanding financial guidance by our Finance Committee, we will divide a nice surplus between the Chapter and the National Office. The hospitality experienced by our guests was frequently mentioned in thank you notes send to us.

**BRAVO, HOUSTON!!**

**Your national convention has become a benchmark for future conventions!**

-Rhonda



*-photo courtesy of Richard Hoggart*

## Other Area Music Events for September-October (free unless otherwise noted)

### Italian Masters

*Chamber vocal and instrumental music and Solo organ works by Lonati, Monteverdi, Zipoli, and others*

Megan Stapleton and Julia Fox, soprano

Nadia Lesinska, baroque violin

Bruce Brogdon, theorbo

Jordan Witherspoon, viola da gamba

Patrick Parker, organ and harpsichord

Sunday, September 4, 7:00 pm

First Lutheran Church

1311 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004

For ticket information: [houstonbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:houstonbaroque@gmail.com)

### Evensong

Sunday, September 11, 4:00 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street, Houston, TX 77004

### Holy Eucharist on the feast of Hildegard of Bingen

*In conjunction with SMU Perkins School of Theology*

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street, Houston, TX 77004

### All-Bach Organ Concert

*Part of the new Leipzig in Houston Festival ([leipziginhouston.org](http://leipziginhouston.org)), the University of Houston's Bach Scholars perform works by Leipzig's greatest composer.*

Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

1311 Holman at Caroline, Houston, TX 77004

### Choir and Organ Concert: Complete choral works of Maurice Duruflé

*Houston Chamber Choir directed by Robert Simpson, with Ken Cowan, organist*

Saturday, September 24, 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 25, 4:00 pm

Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall and Grand Organ

Shepherd School of Music, Rice University

6100 Main St., Houston, TX

tickets available at <http://houstonchamberchoir.org>

### Choral Eucharist for St. Michael and All Angels

*Acolyte Guild Dedication Service*

*Good Shepherd Choir, Jackson Hearn, Organist/Choirmaster*

Sunday, September 25, 5:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

2929 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77009

## Other Area Music Events for September-October (Continued)

### Bach Vespers

Part of the new Leipzig in Houston Festival ([leipziginhouston.org](http://leipziginhouston.org)).

Bach Society Houston, directed by Rick Erickson

Bach: *Die Elenden sollen essen*, BWV 75; Homilius: *Die Elenden sollen essen*

Sunday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.

Pre-vespers talk 5:15 by Gregory Barnett

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005

### Organ Concert: Complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé

#### Erik Suter, organist

Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 pm

Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall and Grand Organ

Shepherd School of Music, Rice University

6100 Main St., Houston, TX

### Choir, Brass, and Organ Concert: The Glorious Sounds of Leipzig

Part of the new Leipzig in Houston Festival ([leipziginhouston.org](http://leipziginhouston.org)).

Bach Choir Houston joins with Houston Saengerbund, Brass players from the Houston Symphony, and organist Christopher Holman

Tuesday, September 27, 7:30pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005

For tickets, visit [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org)

### Choral Evensong

Music of Herbert Howells, Iain Quinn, Charles Wood, and David Ashley White

Sunday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.

Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

6221 Main Street, Houston, TX

### Evening Prayer in honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 pm.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street, Houston, TX

### Evensong

Sunday, October 9, 4 pm.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

5501 Main Street, Houston, TX

### Jephtha by G. F. Handel

Handel's final masterpiece sets an Old Testament tale about a warrior's foolish promise to God and its terrible consequences.

The austere subject matter from the Book of Judges becomes pure gold in Handel's hands; his oratorio is full of beautiful melodies, searing choruses, even a surprise ending.

Moore School of Music Concert Chorale, Betsy Cook Weber, director

Ars Lyrica Houston, Matthew Dirst, artistic director & conductor

Saturday, Oct 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts

800 Bagby Street, Houston TX 77002

For tickets, 713-215-2525 or visit [www.arslyricahouston.org](http://www.arslyricahouston.org)

**Other Area Music Events for September-October (Continued)****Harpichord Recital - Charlotte Mattax**

*Co-sponsored by Bach Society Houston and Houston Early Music*

**Concert:** Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005

For tickets, visit [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org)

**Masterclass:** Friday, October 21, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Moore School of Music

3333 Cullen Boulevard, Houston, TX 77004

**Organ Concert**

*Michael David Ging performs as part of the Phil Kramer Recital Series*

Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

New Hope Lutheran Church

1424 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX 77459

Tickets: \$10 adults; FREE for students and children ([www.NewHopeLC.org](http://www.NewHopeLC.org))

**Episcopal Diocese of Texas 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Choral Festival**

*The Rev. Dr. William Bradley Roberts, Conductor*

*Featuring anthems for the seasons of the Church Year*

Sunday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

4900 Jackwood, Houston, TX 77096

For information contact Steve Godowns, registrar: [Godowns49@aol.com](mailto:Godowns49@aol.com)

**The Music of Johann Adam Reincken**

*Chamber Music and Solo Organ Works by one of J.S. Bach's influences*

Nadia Lesinska and Alan Austin, baroque violin

Bruce Brogdon, theorbo

Jordan Witherspoon, viola da gamba

Patrick Parker, organ and harpsichord

Sunday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

1311 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004

For ticket information: [houstonbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:houstonbaroque@gmail.com)

**Bach Vespers for Reformation Day**

*Bach Society Houston directed by Rick Erickson*

*Bach: Ein feste burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80; Singet dem Herrn, BWV 225; Schein: Nun danket alle Gott*

Sunday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

Pre-vespers talk 5:15 by Matthew Dirst

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005

**Organ Concert: Rice University organ studio**

*Bryan Anderson, Collin Boothby, Monica Czausz, Yuri McCoy, Grant Wareham, Rebecca Yoder, organists*

Sunday, October 30, 7:30 pm

Edythe Bates Old Recital Hall and Grand Organ

Shepherd School of Music, Rice University

6100 Main St., Houston, TX