

The Monthly Mixture

Newsletter of the Austin Chapter American Guild of Organists February 2006

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza introduces 30 students to the organ



On Saturday, January 7, 30 teenage piano students (representing 18 teachers) and several observers spent a day exploring pipe organs along the UT Drag in the Austin Chapter's first annual Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event. Several additional applicants were turned away for lack of space. Publicity was through KMFA, the Round Rock Leader, and several announcements to the Austin District Music Teachers Association.

The day began at St Austin Catholic Church with an excellent introductory video. Participants then split into three groups and visited organs along the Drag (St Austin Catholic, University Presbyterian, and University United Methodist). After brief introductions to each instrument, students tried out pieces, which included a wide variety of Baroque and Classical selections and hymn arrangements. Each host organist provided registration suggestions and answered questions. A noon pizza lunch provided time for visiting, video, and more questions. Students received packets with organ specifications,

upcoming organ concerts, and Austin area organ teachers, as well as a souvenir pipe, courtesy of Garland Pipe Organs of Fort Worth.

Feedback from teachers, students and parents was most positive:

'Thank you so very much for a wonderful Saturday...It was such a treat to have the opportunity to learn so much and to hear such lovely instruments.'

'My students and parents thoroughly enjoyed the instruments and the organists who generously shared their time with them.'

'[My student] all but glowed regarding the organ demo.'

Very special thanks go to the day's hosts: Dr John Hoffman of St Austin, Scott McNulty of UPC, and Dr David Polley of UUMC. Their generosity and expertise helped to demystify the organ and put participants at ease as they tried the instruments. Thanks also to members of the Program Committee for their input and to Eric Mellenbruch for creating the attractive registration brochures. I also heartily thank my co-chair, Marti Dudgeon, whose energy and organization were indispensable.

It was a pleasure to organize the event and recognize the potential for such an educational experience in the Austin area.

Watch for details in the next *Mixture* issues for a year-end chapter event this later this spring.

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Monthly Mixture is the
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National Convention July 2–6 in Chicago

The American Guild of Organists will hold its 48th biennial national convention in Chicago July 2–6, 2006. The convention program includes inspiring performances of organ, choral, and handbell music by leading artists in the field; 78 workshops on a variety of topics, including twelve choral reading sessions; and 100 exhibits by organbuilders, music publishers, and other vendors. Premier performances of new music by Frank Ferko, Adolphus Hailstork, Naji Hakim, Aaron Miller, Emily Maxson Porter, Richard Proulx, Shulamit Ran, Augusta Reed Thomas, Richard Webster, Sharon J. Willis, and Carl Wiltse/Donald Allured have won the support of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The 2006 convention steering committee promises that the week-long celebration of the King of Instruments will be...

DAZZLING! An opening night concert spectacular on the Casavant organ in Symphony Center's Orchestra Hall features organists Thierry Escaich, Philippe Bélanger, Maxine Thevenot, David Schrader, and the CHICAGO Orchestra performing newly commissioned works for organ and orchestra conducted by Julian Wachner.

DIVERSE! Hear Thomas Murray playing the 1922 E.M. Skinner at St Luke's Episcopal, Chelsea Chen playing the new Fisk at St Chrysostom's, James O'Donnell playing the Dobson/Schlicker at Valparaiso University, the Chicago Community Chorus and Mickey Thomas Terry at Moody Church, plus Janette Fishell, Alan and Jeannine Morrison, Carol Williams, and international artists Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin (France), Alexander Fiseisky (Russia), and Wolfgang Seifen and Stefan Engels (Germany).

DYNAMIC! A symphony of performing ensembles includes Chicago A Cappella, the Bach Week Festival Orchestra and Cathedral Singers, Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus, Saint Clement Choir, House of Hope Presbyterian Church Choir, and the Trinity Church Wall Street Choir.

DRAMATIC! Savor organ recitals and performances of choral music in many of the

grandest cathedrals and churches in the greater metropolitan Chicago area, including Holy Name Cathedral, St James Cathedral, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and Valparaiso University Chapel.

DIVINE! A heavenly host of worship opportunities in Chicago's houses of worship, plus daily Compline and Vespers, a Festival of Hymns, a workshop on singing the psalms, and an inspirational forum on 'Where Is Worship Going?'

DEFINITIVE! Hear the finalists in the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance and the National Competition in Organ Improvisation, AGO/Quimby Rising Stars, and world premier performances of compelling works by the winners of the AGO/ECS Award in Choral Composition and the Holtkamp-AGO Award in Organ Composition.

DARING! An unprecedented array of workshop choices from Gregorian chant to Gospel music, Hispanic resources to Dutch organ music, playing the pedals to performing arts medicine, the music of Buxtehude to that of Reger, Leo Sowerby: a Chicago legend, to the life of Virgil Fox.

DELIGHTFUL! Exquisite dining, unparalleled shopping, fabulous fireworks, and all of the sights and sounds of cosmopolitan Chicago.

For further information, please contact CHICAGO National Convention Coordinator Ron Vanderwest at 630 369 2994, or e-mail.

other events of note

Organ workshop at St Stephen's School

Clinicians Bryan Rust (Organist, St Mark's Episcopal Church) and Lucinda Meredith (graduate student, UT) cover 48 new pieces in four sessions; whole packets or single pieces of music will be for sale. Concluding the day will be a short mini-concert by our two clinicians.

Saturday, March 25

8:30 am–4:30 pm

St Stephen's Episcopal School Chapel

2900 Bunny Run

\$34; lunch available for \$6

concert calendar

february

- 18 **Sacred Music Workshop at UT**
With Malcolm Archer, Glenn Chandler, Elaine Dykstra, Gerre Hancock, James Morrow, and Frank Speller
8:30 am–3:30 pm \$45/\$40/\$35
School of Music, 25th @ Robert Dedman Dr
www.music.utexas.edu/campsConferences/Default.aspx
- Austin Girls' Choir Madrigal Dinner**
Travel back in time to Merry Olde England; dine with the royal court and enjoy the tangled web of intrigue
6:30 pm
First United Methodist Annex, 1201 Lavaca
453 0884
- 19 **Great Organ Series: Malcolm Archer**
St Paul's Cathedral, London
3:00 pm \$10
Bates Recital Hall, 25th at Robert Dedman
- Austin Civic Orchestra Children's Concert**
3:00 pm \$10/\$8/\$3
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
- Texas State Univ. Symphony Orchestra**
Camille Saint-Saëns's Symphony No. 3, the 'Organ Symphony', conducted by Howard Hudiburg, with organist Dr John C. Schmidt
3:00 pm free admission
University Presbyterian, 2203 San Antonio St
www.upcaustin.org 476 5321 x208
- 24 **Conspirare: Wondrous Journey**
Romantic classics, Renaissance music for multiple choirs, Veljo Tormis's *Curse Upon Iron* and other Scandinavian choral gems. Also featuring Conspirare Children's Choir
8:00 pm \$25/\$20
University Presbyterian, 2203 San Antonio St
info@conspirare.org 476 5775
- 25 **TEMP: The Art of the Troubadours**
Ranging from the dazzling fireworks of 12th-century Aquitanian chant to the evocative love songs and political and social commentaries of the troubadours of Provence
8:00 pm \$15/\$12
First English Lutheran, 30th & Whitis
- 25 **UT Choral Arts: Rossini Mass**
Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle, his final masterpiece, for chorus, soloists, two pianos, and harmonium. Soloists from the Houston Grand Opera Studio. James Morrow conducts
8:00 pm \$17/\$15/\$10
Bates Recital Hall, 25th at Robert Dedman
471 0806
- 26 **St Stephen's School inaugural recital**
Inauguration of new Ahlborn-Galanti electronic organ featuring Karen Christiansen Haverlah, Lucinda Meredith, and Christopher Teel playing works of Bach, Franck, Ad Wammus, and others
4:00 pm
St Stephen's Episcopal School Chapel
2900 Bunny Run
- 28 **Bach Goldberg Variations at 1st Presbyterian**
Internationally acclaimed harpsichordist Richard Egarr performs Johann Sebastian Bach's immortal Goldberg Variations in the first stop on his US tour
8:00 pm \$15/\$11
First Presbyterian, 8001 Mesa
255 5745

march

- 2 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Jean Farris Fuller, organ; David Stevens, tenor; Kathleen Turner, oboe
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196
- 5 **Great Organ Series: Gerre Hancock**
University of Texas, Austin
3:00 pm \$10
Bates Recital Hall, 25th at Robert Dedman
- 9 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Bryan Rust, organ; Elizabeth Pétillot, mezzo
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196

concert calendar, continued

march, continued

- 10 **St Cecilia's Series:**
The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree
Music from the *Altbachisches Archiv*, Bach's collection of compositions by his ancestors.
Directed by James A. Brown
8:00 pm \$15/\$12
First Presbyterian, 8001 Mesa Dr
345 8866
- 11 **Music for Manna II: Food bank benefit**
Singer-songwriter Jennifer Klein and friends reunite to perform an evening of Christian music to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank
7:30 pm donations requested (cash/check)
Covenant Presbyterian, 3003 Northland
- 12 **Choral Evensong**
An all-Herbert Howells service featuring the *Collegium Regale* Magnificat & Nunc dimittis
6:00 pm
Good Shepherd Episcopal, 3201 Windsor
- 16 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Frances Webb, organ; Cheryl Parrish, soprano
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196
- 23 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Tim Smith, organ; Leah Lewis, mezzo
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196
- 24 **Austin Vocal Arts: Music of the 21st Century**
8:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
www.chorusaustin.org 719 3300
- 26 **Music at Tarrytown:**
Music for oboe, violin & continuo
Ian Davidson, oboe; Bruce Colson, violin;
Betsy Sanders, cello; Elaine Dykstra,
harpsichord
2:00 pm
Tarrytown United Methodist, 2601 Exposition
St Austin Series: Eric Mellenbruch, organ
Works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Buxtehude,
Near, Weckmann, and Cabanilles
3:00 pm \$10/\$5
St Austin Catholic, 2026 Guadalupe
477 9471

- 30 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Eric Mellenbruch, organ; Phillip Hill, bass
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196
- 31 **Austin Classical Guitar Society: Assad Duo**
8:00 pm \$25-\$50
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
austinclassicalguitarsociety.org 300 ACGS

april

- 1 **TEMP: French Baroque music for Holy Week**
Le Reniement de St Pierre by Charpentier (with Christopher LeCluyse as St Peter), with other works by Charpentier, Couperin & Lully
8:00 pm \$15/\$12
First English Lutheran, 30th & Whitis
- 2 **Great Organ Series: Elaine Dykstra**
Organist, Tarrytown United Methodist Church
3:00 pm \$10 (series benefit)
Bates Recital Hall, 25th at Robert Dedman
St Cecilia Series:
Salad Days and Russian Dressing
Explore the versatility of Dmitri Shostakovich with the Austin Chamber Ensemble
3:00 pm \$20/\$15/\$5
First Presbyterian, 8001 Mesa Dr
345 8866
- 6 **St David's Lenten Sacred Concerts**
Lenore Alford, organ; Men's Quartet of St David's
12:05 pm; lunch (\$6) follows at 12:30
St David's Episcopal, 7th and San Jacinto
472 1196
- 9 **Choral Evensong**
6:00 pm
Good Shepherd Episcopal, 3201 Windsor
- 15 **Easter Vigil Service**
7:30 pm
Genesis Presbyterian, 1507 Wilshire Blvd
478 2565
- 23 **A. Mozart Fest: Classic Virtuoso**
Pianist William Doppmann performs Rachmaninoff's Corelli Variations and music of Debussy, Liszt, Shostakovich, and Bartók
3:00 pm \$35/\$25/\$15
First Baptist, 901 Trinity St

concert calendar, continued

- 29 **Austin Classical Guitar Society:
Jorge Caballero**
8:00 pm \$20–\$40
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
austinclassicalguitarsociety.org 300 ACGS
- 30 **Moses and the Freedom Fanatics**
Fully staged musical drama written by Hal
Hopson about the Exodus, presented by the
children of Celebration, grades K–5
4:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr

may

- 7 **Northwest Hills UMC: Rutter *Magnificat***
Sanctuary Choir, orchestra and soloists
4:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
- 12 **St Cecilia Series: Nathaniel Bryant Mayfield**
A historical journey of the trumpet from the
renaissance to the present
8:00 pm \$15/\$12
First Presbyterian, 8001 Mesa Dr
345 8866
- 13 **Austin Vocal Arts: Early Baroque Music**
8:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
www.chorusaustin.org 719 3300
- 14 **Choral Evensong**
6:00 pm
Good Shepherd Episcopal, 3201 Windsor
- 20 **Austin Civic Chorus: Handel's *Samson***
8:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
www.chorusaustin.org 719 3300

july

- 16 **Austin Classical Guitar Society: Elliot Fisk**
2:00 pm
Northwest Hills Methodist, 7050 Village Ctr Dr
Call 300 ACGS for tickets

positions available

Organist

First Baptist Church

Susan York, organist at First Baptist Church since 1975, is retiring this summer. FBC is now advertising the organ position to begin at an agreed upon date sometime this summer. Pay will be commensurate with experience and education. Position averages 10-15 hours per week, including one worship service per week plus extra services during Holy Week and Advent, accompanying 3 choirs and soloists, occasional musical productions, weddings and funerals. Casavant Pipe Organ, built in 1969, console digital upgrade in 2006, 56 ranks. Résumés due by May 1.

contact Louise Avant, Minister of Music
478 2241 x 218
or send résumé to First Baptist Church
901 Trinity St
Austin TX 78701

Organist

Rolling Hills Community Church, Lago Vista

8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday services
7:00–9:00 pm Thursday choir rehearsal

contact Armor Lee Gardner, choir director
512 267 2942 church
512 267 6911 home

Choir director

Trinity United Methodist Church

10 hours/week, \$10,000.

contact The Rev. Dr. Sid Hall, 423 6887
or Alice Crabtree, 892 8774

Organist/Pianist

Covenant United Methodist Church

In need of an organist and piano accompanist for worship services (two each Sunday) and choir rehearsals (Wednesdays). Occasional extra services and rehearsals during Advent and Lent. Church experience preferred.

contact The Rev. Dick West, 346 3124

Organist/Pianist

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church

Applications are being taken for the position of church organist/pianist.

contact church office, 830 625 5141

Organist

United Methodist Church, Marble Falls

Organist needed for 1,100-member growing United Methodist Church in Marble Falls in the Hill Country. The church has a three-manual Allen organ, 50-voice adult choir, very active music program, classical and contemporary choral repertoire. Two Sunday morning services and one Wednesday night choir rehearsal. Salary competitive and negotiable. Optional possibility for directing handbells or youth choir.

contact Joni Bedard joni@281.com

Organist

Berkeley United Methodist Church

Organist for Sunday services and occasional special music. Two Sunday morning services (app. 140–160 total average attendance); occasional Wednesday choir practice or special music rehearsal. Requires prior experience in organ performance, with prior experience in church music preferred.

contact 512 447 6633, or send résumé to
Berkeley United Methodist Church
2407 Berkeley Ave
Austin TX 78745
or bumc78745@sbcglobal.net

substitute list

* Early Svc Only
+ Late Svc Only
~ Weddings
/ Funerals
Piano Only

This list is not necessarily complete, and only includes those available for Sunday services (among other times). Contact Placement Director Cathy Brigham (cathy.brigham@concordia.edu) for more information.

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