

The Monthly Mixture

The Austin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Newsletter
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Chapter Web site: www.acago.com



Message from the Dean _____

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Beside the variety of outstanding concerts listed in this month's letter, I'd especially like to call your attention to three very unusual (and free!) opportunities coming up soon:

Hymn Festival on February 6 presented by the Presbyterian Assoc. of Musicians
Gerre Hancock recital on February 7 at University Presbyterian Church
Organ Crawl in Bryan/College Station (all-day event) Saturday, March 28

How fun do those events sound?

This year's all-day Mid-Winter conference at UT on Saturday, January 24 was also a great success, with a stellar cast of presenters offering creative techniques and interesting information on a stimulating variety of topics. Turnout was very impressive.

I hope 2009 holds promise and a renewed sense of possibility for each of you and prospects for a rewarding year.

Paul Keith
Dean, ACAGO

Organ Crawl

Dear colleagues,

With the beginning of 2009 close at hand, I would urge all of you to put a very special event on your calendar: Joint meeting of the Austin, Central Texas (Waco) and Brazos Valley (Bryan/College Station) AGO chapters in Bryan on March 28. The Brazos Valley chapter will serve as our hosts as we

visit 3 organs in Bryan, have a break for lunch at a place close to St. Andrew's, and then visit 3 in College Station. We are trying to be finished by 4 or 4:30, since we all have to get back for our Sunday services.

In order to accomplish such a full agenda, chapter officers suggest starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday. And, they have very graciously offered to house anyone who wants to make the drive on Friday instead of so early Saturday morning!

In my two years of service as District Convenor for this part of Texas, I have been very impressed with the amount of organ activity occurring in the Bryan/College Station area. Several new organs have been installed and others have had rebuilds and/or enlargements completed. Not only is this an opportunity to assess the organ situation in a neighboring city, but of even more value to me is the chance to meet and spend time with others who toil in God's fields on Saturdays and Sundays. I personally find these gatherings to be uplifting and inspiring and hope you will, too.

More details, directions and other pertinent information will be coming your way in upcoming newsletters. Hope to see you in Bryan.

Elaine Dykstra
District Convenor
Organist, Tarrytown UMC

This attachment provide much more information.



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Concerts

Take advantage of the concerts offered. Come support the artistic endeavors of your fellow chapter members and their colleagues.

February 1, Sunday

Baroque Plus

3:00 pm

Tarrytown United Methodist Church

2601 Exposition

Free

Ian Davidson, Beth Blackerby, Betsy Sanders and Elaine Dykstra will perform works by Telemann, Boni, Vincent and Mozart.

**February 5-8 Thursday- Sunday
Presbyterian Association of Musicians
Conference**

University Presbyterian Church

www.presbysmusic.org

1-800-728-7228, ext. 5288

February 6, Friday

Hymn Festival

8:00 pm

University Presbyterian Church

2203 San Antonio

presented by Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Open to the public.

February 7, Saturday

Gerre Hancock Recital

8:00 pm

University Presbyterian Church

2203 San Antonio

presented by Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Open to the public.

February 9, Monday

Bach for Violin, Jessica Mathaes

7:30 PM

St. Austin Catholic Church

2026 Guadalupe Street

\$10 suggested general admission

www.staustin.org

Jessica Mathaes, concert-master of the ASO, will perform Bach's solo violin works.

February 27, Friday

M. Brett Patterson, 8:00 p.m.

Bates Recital Hall, UT School of Music

www.music.utexas.edu/calendar

March 28, Saturday

Organ Crawl in Bryan/College Station

9:00 am thru 4:30 pm (approximate)

Co-sponsored by Brazos Valley and Central Texas AGO chapters

Visit 3 organs in Bryan and 3 organs in College Station

More details to follow.

March 28, Saturday

Organ Crawl (See Newsletter page 1 for more information.)

March 31, Tuesday

St. John's College Choir,

Cambridge University, England

St. Austin Catholic Church

\$20 General Admission

\$15 Faculty, Staff, Seniors

\$10 UT and Public/Private School students
UT School of Music

www.music.utexas.edu/calendar

Open Positions

St. Patrick Cathedral in downtown Fort Worth provides the following full-time position vacancy announcement for Director of Liturgical Music and Organist.
www.stpatrickcathedral.org.

St. Patrick Cathedral, 1 206 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

St. Patrick Cathedral offers a full-time compensation package following the salary guidelines of the American Guild of Organists, as well as benefits according to diocesan policy. Weddings, funerals and associated rehearsals are paid separately and also follow AGO guidelines.

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For Concerts: Only programs with organ alone, organ with choir but not being presented during normal worship hours, or concert series sponsored at places of worship will be posted. All information must be in regular Arial font, size 12, black. Please proof the text before sending. All spelling and grammar must be correct before it will be accepted.

All information must be submitted to jhoffman@staustin.org by the 15th of each month to be included in the upcoming newsletter, which will be emailed around the beginning of each month.

Please submit information using the following format:

Date of Concert, Day
Concert Title
Time of Concert
Concert Site Location
Cost/admission
Web link, if available
One line summary of the concert

For Open Positions, please submit information in the following format:

Type of Position
Location of Employment
Full-time, Part-time
Hours
Salary
Supervisor or contact person.
Details limited to 50 words.

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