

The Monthly Mixture

The Austin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Newsletter
March 2009

Chapter Web site: www.acago.com



Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Opportunities to experience outstanding organ programs continue to abound as we enter the Lenten season. Several churches will offer Lenten organ and/or music series featuring gifted musicians from Austin and beyond. Judith Hancock will perform in the Great Organ Series at UT Austin on March 8, and the world-renowned St. John's College Chapel Choir of Men and Boys will perform at St. Austin's Church at the end of the month.

Our next chapter event also occurs near the end of the month, on March 28, when we will drive over to College Station for an organ crawl, our first in many years. What a great and rare opportunity for all-day fun and fellowship with colleagues you may not have seen in a long time! Please RSVP to Elaine Dykstra at edykstra@austin.rr.com.

Paul Keith
Dean, ACAGO

Dear colleagues,

On Saturday, March 28 we have a wonderful opportunity to join area organists at a gathering in Bryan/College Station to learn about the numerous happenings in the organ world in that part of our state. As I wrote in an earlier email, this has been a vision of mine since becoming your District Convenor two years ago.

We will begin at 9:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan [Moeller

recently rebuilt by John Fort], followed by First Methodist [rebuild by Dan Garland, dedicated just this year] and St. Andrew's Episcopal [a Pilcher rebuilt by Fort]. After a lunch break nearby, we will move to College Station for a visit at Christ United Methodist at 1:30 [new Ruffati in a new building], St. Thomas Aquinas [vintage Wickes], ending with St. Thomas Episcopal [Visser-Rowland, 1984]. What a spectrum of instruments!

Members of the Brazos Valley AGO chapter have put together an exciting day for us and I hope all of you will attempt to participate. Yes, for the outlying chapters, it is a bit of a drive but it is such a beautiful drive and at a time of the year when the spring wildflowers should be putting on a show of their own.

Don't forget, for those who might want to go over on Friday, they have very graciously offered to house anyone who wants to make the drive on Friday instead of so early Saturday morning!

I look forward to seeing you in Bryan.

Elaine Dykstra

Concerts

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

4 March, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Lisa Chung
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

4 March, Wednesday
Lenten Service-Recital
6:30 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Dr.
Chris Oelkers, St. Louis Catholic Church,
guest organist

5 March, Thursday
Lenten Concert: Steven Robbins, flute,
12:05 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. 8th St.
Free
www.stdave.org
Free parking in garage at 8th and Trinity, and
program is followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.
(\$8).

8 March, Sunday
Jessen Series: Judith Hancock, organ
4:00 PM
Bates Recital Hall, MRH Building;
\$15 public, \$10 UT faculty/staff and seniors,
\$5 students

9 March, Monday
Organ Concert, Storm Knien
7:30 p.m.
St. Austin Catholic Church
2026 Guadalupe Street
Free
www.staustin.org
Works by Bach, Muffat and Alain.

11 March, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Brooks Whitmore
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

11 March, Wednesday
Lenten Service-Recital
6:30 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Dr.
Brett Patterson, Grace Episcopal Church,
Georgetown, guest organist

12 March, Thursday
Lenten Concert: The St. Edward's
Madrigal Chamber Choir, 12:05 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. 8th St.
Free
www.stdave.org
Free parking in garage at 8th and Trinity, and
program is followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.
(\$8).

18 March, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Brett Patterson
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

19 March, Thursday
Lenten Concert: Benjamin Kolodziej,
organ, 12:05 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. 8th St.
Free
www.stdave.org
Free parking in garage at 8th and Trinity, and
program is followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.
(\$8).

25 March, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Austin Haller
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

25 March, Wednesday
Lenten Service-Recital
6:30 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Dr.
Brooks Whitmore, organist

26 March, Thursday
Lenten Concert: The University of Texas
Horn Choir, 12:05 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. 8th St.
Free
www.stdave.org
Free parking in garage at 8th and Trinity, and program is followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. (\$8).

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.
See last month's Newsletter page 1 for more information. Visit www.acago.org

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

1 April, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Zvonimir Nagy
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

1 April, Wednesday
Lenten Service-Recital
6:30 p.m.
Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Dr.
Paul Keith, Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, guest organist

2 April, Thursday
Lenten Concert: Gitanjali Mathur,
soprano, 12:05 p.m.
St. David's Episcopal Church
301 E. 8th St.
Free
www.stdave.org
Free parking in garage at 8th and Trinity, and program is followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. (\$8).

4 April, Saturday
Dong-il Shin Masterclass
2:00 thru 4:00 pm
Free
Bates Recital Hall, University of Texas

5 April, Sunday
Dong-il Shin Recital
4:00 pm
\$15 General Admission
Bates Recital Hall, University of Texas

8 April, Wednesday
Noonday Lenten Organ Series
Paul Keith, Organist
12:05 p.m.
Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
7127 Bee Caves Rd.
Free; Lunch follows
Call 327-1116 for information
www.whpc.org

20 April, Monday
Organ Concert, Keith Womer
Music from the *Orgelbuchlein*
7:30 p.m.
St. Austin Catholic Church
2026 Guadalupe Street
www.staustin.org
Free
Lenten and Easter portions of Bach's Little Organ Book of Chorales. The *Schola*

Cantorum of St. Austin will sing each chorale followed by the organ chorale. Bring your own copy with you.
 Free parking garage: corner of MLK and San Antonio or behind the church.

4 May, Monday
Choral Concert
A Night of American Spirituals
7:30 p.m.
St. Austin Catholic Church
 2026 Guadalupe Street
Free

www.staustin.org

The Choir of St. Austin sings American Spirituals with several special guests including Fr. Steven Bell, CSP associate pastor of St. Austin..
 Free parking garage: corner of MLK and San Antonio or behind the church.

Treasurer's Report _____

Month of February, 2009		
Checking Account		
Balance as of 2/1/09		
	\$202.45	
Deposit 2/9/09		
\$ 88.00		\$290.45
Ck#1104 2/16/09		
\$ 52.00		\$238.45
AGO National - Dues		
Ck#1105 2/24/09		
\$ 13.94		\$224.51
Website Balance as of 2/28/09		\$224.51
Money Market Balance as of 2/1/09		
		\$5,307.16
Interest 2/9/09	\$2.82	\$5,309.98
Balance as of 2/28/09		\$5,309.98
Joy Chandler, Treasurer		

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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Submission Guidelines:

For articles: Submit the information to the Dean of the Austin Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 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.

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.

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. Positions will be posted for only one month. Please re-submit to renew the posting.

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