

THE MONTHLY MIXTURE



The Newsletter of the Austin Chapter American Guild of Organists

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FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

Though it seems strange mentioning this as most people still have Jack-O-Lanterns on their porches, please keep in mind that the much anticipated ACAGO Christmas party will be hosted at the Lemens' residence just east of town in the rustic hills of Manor. Bob has an ever-growing 4-manual organ in his house. Pipes Everywhere! Pencil in the evening of December 7 on your calendars and bring friends, or wine, OR BOTH!

As we gather with friends and family later this month for Thanksgiving, have a safe start to the Holiday Season.

Sincerely, Aaron M. Garcia, Dean



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2014-2015 PROGRAM YEAR

AUSTIN CHAPTER, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 9 at 4 p.m. — CANCELLED

Our originally planned Veterans' Day/patriotic concert for this date has been cancelled. See you in December!

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The Chapter's Holiday Party is planned at the home of Bob Lemmens. Save this date, and watch future postings for additional information, including driving directions!

JANUARY

Friday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

ACAGO/Inaugural Year Concert Series, Grace Episcopal Church (Georgetown)
Recent NCOI winner, Patrick Scott, in a concert featuring both traditional repertoire and improvisations.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8

University Presbyterian Church
Workshop (Saturday) and recital (Sunday) featuring Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist of the Wanamaker organ in Macy's, Philadelphia.

APRIL

Date and Time TBD

Organ Crawl with location(s) to be determined.
Watch future postings for confirmation of day, date and time.

MAY

Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m.

End-of-the-year event and members' dinner.
Watch future postings for confirmation of day, date and time.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of November 1, there are 52 active members of the Austin AGO. We are thrilled to have each one of you as part of our local AGO chapter, and look forward to your continued participation in chapter activities.

We have an additional 13 members who were active last year, but have not yet paid their dues for this year.

If you're not sure whether your membership is current, you can check your membership status at <http://www.agohq.org/oncard/>

If you have questions about the online renewal process, or are having trouble logging into the ONCARD system, contact Helen Wiley (helen.wiley@gmail.com) for assistance.

ORGAN PLAYING, REPERTOIRE AND FEEDBACK

An informal group of Austin AGO members has formed to meet and play organ repertoire for one another on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 2:00-3:00 pm. Locations vary monthly.

Playing:

Anyone who is interested may play, usually in about ten minute slots — depending on who would like to play each week.

Repertoire:

Bring whatever repertoire you want to play for feedback. Gentle Sunday morning prelude to a knuckle-crunching Demessieux etude — no holds barred!

Feedback:

When you play, you let the group know how to help you, and how you want the others to listen. (Physical technique, musicianship, approach on difficult passages, registration ideas, etc.)

This is a great opportunity to try out new repertoire with a group of peers, before premiering it at church or recital. And, it is a similar opportunity to hear repertoire that you may want to learn in the future.

Contact **Christina Hargis** at chargis@sjnaustin.org to be added to the e-mail distribution/reminder list, and please consider joining us!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities are posted promptly to the Austin AGO website when they are received. These listings represent those job opportunities that remain unfilled since the last Newsletter.

THE LAKEWAY CHURCH, located at 2203 Lakeway Blvd. Lakeway, TX 78734 (approximately 16 miles from the University of Texas) is looking for an Organist/Accompanist. The church's organ is 2 manual Allen Organ, with full pedal-keyboard. The Music Ministry at the Lakeway Church has a tradition for doing a wide variety of music from Bach, Handel, Mark Hayes, Karl Jenkins, Joseph Martin, Mendelssohn, Rutter, to Vivaldi. Anthems are often hymn arrangements, standard choral anthem literature, spirituals and gospel music settings.

It is possible to configure the position requirements in one of two ways. One would include accompanying the 30 voice Chancel Choir in weekly Wednesday night rehearsals from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (7:00 – 9:00 p.m. during Advent & Lent) & two Sunday morning services each week. (Warm-up 7:45 a.m. for 8:15 a.m. service until about 9:00 a.m., followed by a break until 10:30 a.m. warm-up for 11:00 a.m. service lasting until noon.) If preferred it might be possible to make the position a primarily Sunday position playing the organ for the Sunday Services each week but using a fine pianist in the church to cover the Chancel Choir Rehearsals (with occasional rehearsals played by the organist.)

Please contact Mark Savage-Rains, Director of Music Ministries, The Lakeway Church, 2203 Lakeway Blvd., Lakeway, TX 78734, mark@lakewaychurch.net. 512 554-3483

Submitted 26 August; posting renewed 30 October

Please send notices of open/filled positions to monthylmixture@gmail.com
Postings will also be made on the ACAGO website

LOCAL CONCERTS AND PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Holbrook Organ series

A program of Bach, Buxtehude, Bohm, Brahms, Karg-Elert and Sweelinck on the 1862 Holbrook Organ, which comes from Harvard University.

Christopher Keenan, organist



Saturday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Organ Recital

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Austin)

The Feast of St. Cecilia will be celebrated early with a varied program including Bach, Bolcom, Haydn, Sweelinck, and Liszt. The new parish worship space was dedicated in December, 2012, and includes a three-manual Walker organ.

Jill Nennmann, organist

Sunday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Great Organ Series at UT – Bates Recital Hall

Eric Mellenbruch, organist



Friday, March 27, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church (Georgetown) – Inaugural Year Concert Series

Jeremy Bruns, organist in concert

DECEMBER

Tuesdays at 12 noon

Advent Organ Concerts

St. Louis Catholic Church

Join us for great music and an nice hot lunch on the first three Tuesdays in Advent. All programs start at 12:00 noon and last about 30 minutes. Free admission to concerts, \$7 for lunch afterwards. St. Louis Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Road, 512.454.0384, www.st-louis.org

December 2: Chris Oelkers

December 9: Eric Mellenbruch

December 16: Matthias Maierhofer

LOCAL CONCERTS AND PROGRAMS

DECEMBER (CONT'D)

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

“Caroling at Noon” Concerts

St. David’s Episcopal Church – Historic Church

Free, half-hour programs of virtuosic music-making and audience-wide caroling. Followed by lunch (\$9) at 12:30 p.m. Visit stdave.org/concerts for more information

December 4: The University of Texas Bassoon Ensemble

December 11: The St. Andrew’s Episcopal School Select Choir

December 18: Voice of St. David’s – sparkling motets for chamber choir

Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas at Redeemer – Sounds of the Baroque

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Friday evening’s concert will feature the works of Bach, Boyce, Rameau, and Vivaldi featuring the *Musica Redemptor* Orchestra (27-piece, period-instruments). Admission: \$25/Students \$15; nursery provided. www.RedeemerPres.org

Mark Dupere, conductor

Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Austin)

The Music Ministry of Saint Vincent de Paul Church invites you to our second annual presentation of this traditional service of scripture, anthems and carols, telling the story of salvation from the fall of Adam through the Incarnation according to the Gospel of Saint John. Please join us for this prayerful celebration of the Christmas Season. *Admission is free.*

Jill Nennmann, Director of Music Ministry

Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Christmas at Redeemer – Christmas Oratorio by J. S. Bach

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

On Sunday afternoon and evening, the Redeemer Choir, soloists, and the *Musica Redemptor* Orchestra will feature the magnificent Christmas Oratorio by J. S. Bach (the first three cantatas). No tickets required, donations accepted; nursery provided.

www.RedeemerPres.org

George Dupere, conductor

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JANUARY

Friday, January 16, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Joint Presentation – ACAGO and Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church (Georgetown) – Inaugural Year Concert Series

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Friday, January 23, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Holbrook Organ series

Hee-Jung Min-Maierhofer, organist

FEBRUARY

Date TBA

Grace Episcopal Church (Georgetown) – Inaugural Year Concert Series

Organ Plus: Atypical Pairings – a collaborative concert tentatively planned to include organ + harp, organ + bagpipe, organ + guitar, organ + painter, et cetera.

MARCH

Friday, March 6, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Holbrook Organ series

Matthias Maierhofer, organist

Friday, March 27, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church (Georgetown) – Inaugural Year Concert Series

The one-year anniversary of the dedication and inauguration of the memorial organ at Grace. Joyce Jones returns as guest organist, and the premieres of several commissioned pieces are anticipated.

MAY

Friday, May 1, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Holbrook Organ series

Paul Keith, organist

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Events, Concerts, Job Opportunities, Professional Development Milestones

Church concert series (individual event listings or pdf flyers), Trivia,

Notes from the Bench (serious or humorous)