

PIPINGS - An occasional Newsletter

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Dean's Message -

I am honored to serve as your new Dean and wish to invite each of you to join us as we launch our exciting program year.



The wonderful programs and outreach are not possible without the many volunteers who make them happen. This year we welcome Jeremy Bruns as our new Subdean and Program Committee chair. He is starting to plan the 2019-20 year so if you have ideas, let him know! We have four new Executive committee members, Alain Bojarski, Terry Halco, Mary Jodice and Fr. David Michael. We have challenging work ahead of us, but it is my hope that we work together to become a stronger, healthier organization. Outgoing Dean Robert Barney lead BAGO with heart and passion. In our many fruitful and joyful conversations over the past two years Robert often remarked on how his work with fellow organists helped him with church and musical situations. If you see Robert in your travels, be sure to thank him for his work.

Upcoming programs:

The Opening Service is at [King's Chapel](#) on Sunday, September 23rd. "A Boston Evensong" with a premiere of a chorale prelude (An Wasserflüssen Babylon) by Patrick Walker, CAGO, a BU student of Peter Sykes. Heinrich Christensen, a vigorous advocate of new music will play the premiere. The music for both the recital and Evensong are by Boston composers, including BAGO's James Woodman. Patrick's piece will be available for download from October until the end of January.



You asked. We heard. We have a few classes coming up. When you receive this a Bach masterclass will have already happened. In October our own Jay Lane will lead a workshop to help us aid and lead our choirs. Be sure to join him at Church of the Advent on Saturday, October 13th beginning at 10:00 a.m. His workshop is: A blended sound from your volunteer choir: here are the tools you need. Jay is known for his work with choirs. Do you have ideas for more classes? Let us know!

Youth Events (YOI)

Christine Hogan has announced the Scholarship Auditions for 2018-19. They

will be held on Saturday, September 29th at The Dover Church in Dover.

Kudos and Thanks

Two people you may not have seen last year were the dynamic hospitality duo of Demetri Sampas and Jeffrey Mills. If you were nourished after a concert or program, it was due to their efforts. Many thanks to Jeffrey and Demetri.



This year's calendar is filled with organ concerts by local and visiting organists. We have several new and rejuvenated organs coming to the area. How will you know what is going on? Visit the spectacular new BAGO website. Really. Go there immediately; *click on the graphic at the top*. Claire DeCustati got it up and running with a grant from the Special Projects Advisory Committee (SPAC) funds. BAGO in action. Claire is extremely generous with her time and technical expertise for BAGO. Many of us are only organists. Claire was a project manager for IBM before her retirement in addition to being an organist.



Who sends out the Pippings e-blasts? David Baker (picture, left) does that for BAGO. He is the organist at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Marlborough and a lawyer specializing in bankruptcy. In conversation with David, he views his work as a lawyer as a way to help people get back on track after a setback. His musical and legal work are pastoral in many ways.

Both Claire and David helped edit the report about the recent accusations made against James David Christie. The story was widely reported, but David, Claire and Jeremy helped get the word out to BAGO in a non-sensational way.

Membership focus

One of the goals set out by the AGO is to increase our membership. It can only happen with our combined efforts. Our Registrar Lynn Vermeer sent out a few steps for membership renewal and ONCARD updates.

Our new membership coordinator is Sam Nelson, newly minted MM from BU. Sam will be welcoming all new members and helping to bring our lapsed members back to the fold. Sam would love to talk to all of you, but make his life easier by renewing on your own.

It's an easy process. Everyone should update their ONCARD information by September 15th!

Click [here](#) to do so or call 212-870-2310 to renew by phone!



Rosalind Mohnsen honored by the Organ Historical Society.

BAGO member Rosalind Mohnsen was chosen by the Organ Historical Society to receive the Distinguished Service Award. Rosalind was honored at the 2018 OHS National Convention in Rochester, NY. The award is richly deserved by tireless Rosalind. Her integrity and honesty brings the organs she plays to life.

Rosalind's biography is filled with recitals for OHS (over twenty-three!),

AGO and BAGO. She was featured in the Boston 2014 convention, playing the 1883 Hook and Hastings, Opus 1168 at St. Joseph's Church in Boston. Rosalind also wrote an article for the online journal Musforum in November 2013 outlining the work she calls her real calling, church music. Click [here](#) to read more.

Congratulation, Rosalind!

A BOSTON EVENSONG

Sunday, September 23rd King's Chapel.

Recital at 4:30, Evensong at 5 pm

RECITAL BY HEINRICH CHRISTENSEN

Embertides
Hilary Tann

Fantasy Variations
Carson Cooman

An Wasserflüssen Babylon
Patrick Walker
(commission)

Magnificat VII Toni
James Woodman
(US premiere)

**Choirs: King's Chapel,
Magnificat Boston,
First United Methodist
Church of Melrose.
Andrew David Mattfeld,
director.**

EVENSONG

Preces and Responses
Louise Munding

Psalm 138
Super Flumina Babylonis
Megan Henderson

Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in A
Everett Titcomb

By the Waters of Babylon
Marc Hoffeditz

The Forman Benediction
Daniel Pinkham

Festive March
Daniel Pinkham

**Installation of Officers.
Reception following.**

Boston Chapter Leadership -

Louise Munding, Dean
Jeremy Bruns, Sub-dean and Program Committee Chair
Daryl Bichel, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair
Lynn Vermeer, Registrar, Sam Nelson, Membership Coordinator
Jay Lane, Secretary

Tish Kilgore, Election Coordinator

Rev. Joy Fallon, Chaplain

David Baker, Newsletter editor and Competition Committee

John Dunn, AGO Professional Certification Coordinator

Steven Young, Professional Certification Committee

Jack Russell, Competition Coordinator

Christine Hogan, Young Organists Initiative

Claire DeCustati, Directory and Operating Procedures Committee

Carl Klein, Organ Library/Archives, Janet Hunt, Placement Director

Joseph Scolastico, Reporter

Martin Steinmetz, Special Projects Advisory Committee (SPAC)

Joshua Lawton, Substitutes Coordinator

Executive Committee:

2019: Leo Abbott, Jonathan Ambrosino, Lois Regestein

2020: Anthony Brown, Claire DeCustati, Jonathan Ortloff, Joseph Scolastico

2021: Alain Bojarski, Terry Halco, Mary Jodice, Father David Michael