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BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

Sub Dean's Message

Peter Krasinski

We certainly have had our share of snow and difficult weather the past few weeks but that has not put the brakes on our proud and rugged chapter. Congratulations to all those that braved the drifts to attend the Holy Cross Organ Birthday Concert on February 10th and the Organ recital and Evensong at Advent on February 17th. Nothing like New England tenacity! I'm sure that these two events were but examples of our rugged character. A number of fine events are coming up that I urge members to attend and support: this is your chapter and it's full of talent and energy. Become involved and know that I'm only a phone call 617.794.4222 or [email](#) away to hear your thoughts and ideas for programs to come.

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Merrimack Valley

AGO Mini-

Convention is

Saturday, February

23. Judy Howard,

Richard Bunbury,

Brink Bush, Eleanor

Pearson Featured.

Deadline for

registration is Feb 22

(Friday at noon) Click

[here](#) for current

info.

Feb 26: ROUND TABLE: WORKING WITH VOLUNTEER CHOIRS

Please join us for a round-table discussion Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM in the Parlor at Plymouth Congregational Church, 582 Pleasant Street in Belmont. We will be focusing on the following topics: "Working With Volunteer Choirs" and "Weddings and Funerals". During the former we will explore

methods for recruiting members, how to most effectively work with a wide range of abilities and preparation practices when attendance is less than perfect and the effective rehearsal planning involved to address these topics.

For the latter topic, "Weddings and Funerals" we will explore unusual repertoire and requests therein, preliminary education and planning, consultation, how to most appropriately handle difficult requests, and how most effectively to explain fees to both clergy and client.

[Plymouth Church](#) is located at 582 Pleasant Street (Route 60) Belmont, MA 02478. We will be meeting in the Parlor which is most easily accessed from the side door at the front of the church, facing Pleasant Street. The main sanctuary doors will not be open. The parlor is immediately to the left of the side door and the comfortable venue will be well-lit for first-time visitors. If you have any questions the evening of the event, please contact Christine Hogan christine@hogans.org 617-834-8146 (cell phone) as she will have her cell phone with her for the duration of the meeting.

March 16: BACH AROUND THE CLOCK - from
Sunrise to Sundown

The Boston AGO has teamed up with [WGBH Classical New England](#) and [First Lutheran Church](#) to expand our popular annual celebration of Bach's birthday. On Saturday, March 16, for fully twelve hours (6am to 6pm!), free programs will celebrate the diversity of the master's compositional output. Included are four organ recitals, an organ introduction for children, concert programs by Boston Baroque, Handel and Haydn Society, and New England Conservatory, and many more! There's even an option for a German lunch (reservations required).

More information is here: <http://www.flc-bostonmusic.org/>

HARVARD MASTER-CLASSES March 3 & 13
HARVARD RECITALS February 26, March 5, 12 & 26

All members of the Boston AGO are warmly invited to attend two master classes in the Memorial Church, Harvard University. The first, featuring guest artist Nathan Laube, is Sunday evening, March 3rd at 7:30pm. Recently appointed to the faculty of the Eastman School of Music, Mr. Laube will coach several Harvard organ students on the new Fisk organ prior to his recital in the church on Tuesday, March 5th.

The following week, and coinciding with his March 14–16 BSO appearances, Olivier Latry will coach students in open session on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:00pm.

In addition, the Harvard Tuesday Recital Series continues with Nancy

Granert on February 26, Worcester–native

Amanda Mole on March 12th, and Peter Sykes on March 26th.

All are invited, and each event is free! Contact [Chris Lane](#) for more information.

Save the Dates:

March 24 Noon–3:30 Organ Improv Round Table Brookline

April 5 Marilyn Keiser in NYC, recital and gala [tribute](#) by AGO National

April 6 AGO Competition for Organ Performances Details TBA

April 13 1 pm Wilhelm Middelschulte Sesquicentennial Church of the Advent, Boston with Brink Bush and Heinrich Christensen

April 20 9:30 am – 2 pm In Search of Searles, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen MA

May 14 Faxon 100 Details TBA

Check out performances on our BAGO calendar page [here](#).

February 22--[Harpsichord](#) in Worcester

February 24--[E'song](#) in Newton

February 24--Hatsumi Miura in [Marblehead](#)

February 24--Judy Hancock in [Worcester](#)

February 26--Nancy Granert at Harvard

March 1--Parisian Salon in Sudbury

March 2--Parisian Salon in Boston
March 3--Wind Trio in Worcester
March 8--Deplorations in Cambridge

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