

BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

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SUPPORT our convention. Click <u>HERE</u>.

Nominees complete bios and photos are <u>here</u> several bios and photos have been added.

Worship Service Listing

As a courtesy to AGO national convention-goers, BAGO members are invited to submit information on their Sunday worship services (June 22 & 29) for inclusion on our convention website and as a hand-out available at the Marriott Copley Place. Please email Buffy Gray <u>buffygray@msn.com</u> and include your church's name, address, web site, and brief listing of any "special" music and instruments. The deadline for inclusion is Thursday, May 1.

ONCARD Membership Renewal

Starting this year, annual AGO membership dues will be collected and processed by Headquarters in New York City instead of by individual chapters. The system used is named ONCARD (Online National Collection and Remittal of Dues), and it will allow members to pay their dues online by credit card. (AGO Executive Director James Thomashower explained the program in the February issue of The American Organist, page 7.) An invitation will be sent from AGO HQ by e-mail to current members, inviting us to review and update personal data through ONCARD, and to renew membership dues starting in April. Memberships may continue to be renewed or begun paying by check sent through U. S. mail.

CONVENTION NEEDS:

We need 6 keyboards/electronic pianos (good quality, damper pedal and stool if possible); 1 boombox, 4 music stands, and a projector screen. Equipment can be stored on site in the Northeastern room. If anyone could help, please contact Joe

Scholastico: <u>Joseph.Scolastico@gmail.com</u>.

Boston Bach Birthday 329

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. First Lutheran Church, 299 Berkeley Street (Berkeley & Marlborough Streets), Boston Cost: Free-Will Offering

Boston AGO and First Lutheran Church of Boston jointly present the sixth annual Boston Bach Birthday celebration.

Organ recitalists (listed by time)The double of the double of

SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014 8AM-6:30PM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BOSTON

STON BACH BIRTHDA

Peter Krasinski, organ, specialist in the ort of live silent film accomponiment "BACH MEETS BUSTER, A SILENT FILM STAR"

UE IN C MAJOR, BWV 5

First Lutheran Church Cheir, Soloists & Orchestre, László Fassang, ergan, Bálint Karosi, a CANTATA "WIR DANKEN DIR, GOTT, WIR DANKEN DIR", BWV 29

Cambridge Concentus: Marika Holmqvist, rislin, 8 Dylan Saverwald, hersichord SONATA IN A MAJOR, BWV 1015; SONATA IN G MAJOR, BWV 1021

FANTASY & FUGUE IN G MINOR, BWV 542 PASSACAGLIA IN C MINOR, BWV 58.

Schola Canterum of Boston, Frederick Jodry, Grettor, Brown University MOTET "SINGET DEM HERRN EIN NEUES LIED", BWV 225

Special Events 9:45 a.m. Robin Leaver (former President, American Bach Society): Keynote Speaker 10:00 and 11:45 Brian McCreath (The Bach Hour, 99.5 WCRB): Interviews

Concerts by period vocal and instrumental ensembles 11:15 a.m. First Lutheran Choir & Orchestra (Cantata 29) 1:10 p.m. Schola Cantorum of Boston (Singet dem Herrn) 2:50 Cambridge Concentus (violin and harpsichord) 3:30 Exsultemus (Motets of Homilius, Bach's Student) 5:10 Emmanuel Music (Danielle Maddon, solo violin)

Full schedule: <u>http://flc-boston.org/bbb2014</u> Reservations for the German Lunch (\$15; children 3-10, \$10): <u>https://bachbirthday2014.eventbrite.com</u> Contact: <u>joyceorganist@aol.com</u>

The Twenty First Annual L. Cameron Johnson Memorial ORGAN COMPETITION For High School Students

Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11 o'clock am STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH on the Campus of the University of Connecticut

1st prize \$1,500 offered by Storrs Congregational Church
2nd prize \$750 offered by the Northeastern Connecticut & Greater Hartford Chapters, American Guild of Organists
3rd prize \$300 offered by Johannus New England

Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2014 containing one composition from each of the following periods:

Baroque, Romantic, and 20th or 21st Century

Rules and application forms available online at <u>www.northeasternctago.org</u>

The L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition is sponsored jointly by the Northeastern Connecticut Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Storrs Congregational Church

Historic organ concert set for Sunday, April 6 in Northfield

Permelia Singer Sears of Dunstable will give a concert on the oldest, non-altered, twomanual EG&G Hook organ in North America. The concert will take place at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church at the corner of Main Street and Parker Avenue on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m., and will benefit First Parish Church. A free will donation of \$10 is suggested.

Built in 1842 for the Springfield, Mass., Unitarian church, this rare instrument was installed in First Parish in 1871. "Nothing has been changed from the way the Hooks built it back in 1842," says Sears, who is famous for making historic organs sing. Rather than focus on the limitations of early organs, Sears chooses pieces which highlight a particular instrument. Sears says of this instrument,



"There's a sweetness to this organ and some pieces just blossom under that." Joining her on the program are husband David Foster Sears, who plays with the

Arlington Philharmonic, and daughter Rebecca Ann Sears, who has appeared in chamber music recitals and was the violin soloist in the premier of David Sears' Violin Concerto for the Arlington Philharmonic.

David Sears says, "We love to make the acquaintance of instruments that other people would find a difficult challenge and we find a wonderful opportunity." A reception will follow the concert.

For more information, call Lynne Walker at 413-498-5716 or Chris Harris at 413-498-2133.

LIVE MUSIC:

Click <u>here</u> to go to the calendar. The website calendar now contains 4 months of listings.