

PIPINGs - A Monthly Newsletter

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Hello from the Dean!

March is always a busy month for us, isn't it?

The Quimby competition is will be held on March 16th featuring three competitors. The competition will take place at Boston University's Marsh Chapel at 735 Commonwealth Avenue on Saturday, March 16th, starting at 1:30 pm and lasting until 4. We need people to come and sing hymns as the competitors play them. Thanks to BAGO members Jack Russell and David Baker for doing the legwork to get this competition off the ground. There is a lot of organization needed behind the scenes to make this happen.

There are many events happening as we continue to celebrate our hero JS Bach, 334 years after his birth. The Boston Bach Birthday will take place at First Lutheran (see the accompanying flyer). Be sure to attend this event that we co-sponsor with First Lutheran.

Check the website, <http://www.bostonago.org/>, often for more information about upcoming events. We received an NEA grant to help fund our POE events! Further information is on the website. Claire DeCusati spends many hours keeping the website updated.

In the midst of everything take some time for yourself. Really.

Best to you.

- Louise Munding

From Our Neighbors to the North...

You are invited to the next **FREE workshop** co-sponsored by the AGO Merrimack Valley Chapter and the AGO New Hampshire Chapter on Sunday, March 10 at 3pm at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH. Directions to the church can be found at www.olmmparish.org/office--church-locations.html. The church has a large parking lot.

The topic of the workshop is "Yoga and Organ Practice". Playing the organ places unique demands on the human body. This participatory workshop will explore tools from yoga to foster a healthy spine, practice pain-free, and reduce stress at the console. No experience in yoga is necessary; just come with an open mind and comfortable clothing.

This workshop will be presented by Brett Maguire. Brett is a musician, yoga teacher, and rock climber. As an organist, he frequently performs with the Boston Pops and Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall and Tanglewood.



He has played in recital at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, and in 2005 he won First Prize and Prize of the Audience in the André Marchal International Organ Competition in Biarritz, France.

Brett has been practicing yoga since 2006. He is a Kripalu-certified yoga instructor and maintains a Mysore-style Ashtanga practice in Brookline, MA. A traditional rock climber, Brett has climbed in Joshua Tree, CA; Red Rocks, NV; and Indian Creek, UT, in addition to the many excellent cliffs scattered throughout New England. He is presently Director of Music at Hadwen Park UCC in Worcester and is the accompanist for the Assumption College Chorale.

The workshop will be followed by a social time with goodies and beverages. Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues, even if not members of the AGO, to this free workshop.

Since the number of attendees is limited due the size of the organ loft, please register now by sending an email or calling/texting to Alain Bojarski (alain.bojarski@comcast.net - C: 978-394-2494)

Our Annual Celebration of JSB!

Boston Bach Birthday 334

Saturday March 23, 2019

The First Lutheran Church of Boston

presented by The First Lutheran Church of Boston and the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

8am: **Lorraine Mihaliak**, organ

9am: **Nelli Jabotinsky**, violin

10am: **Peter Krasinski**, organ
"Bach and the Balloonatic!"

11am: **Robert August**, organ

12pm: **German Lunch** {tickets: \$15}

1:10pm: **Sabrina Lang & Linnea Timko**, violins

1:15pm: **Bálint Karosi**, organ
with **Audrey Fernandez-Fraser**, soprano

2:15pm: **Aaron Larget-Caplan**, guitar

3:15pm: **Adriaan Hoek**, organ

4:40pm: **Michael Ochoa**, oboe

5pm: **Vespers** featuring
J.S. Bach's motet "Jesu, meine Freude"

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Free admission to all concerts and events; donations requested

Balcony seating: \$20 at the door

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Red Line to Charles/MGH



plate from *Atlas Coelestis* (1742)
of Johann Gabriel Doppelmayr

Peter Hurford - RIP

From Alan Thurlow, Chairman ~ chairman@bios.org.uk

Members will be sad to learn that Peter Hurford, noted organist and Founder of the St Albans International Organ Festival, died on Sunday 3rd March.

In his memory the www.orgelradio.eu website will broadcast Peter Hurford recordings all day on Friday 8th March.

There is a brief obituary on the www.organroxx.com website.



