



BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

FAXON 100 GALA CONCERT

Many chapter members as well as the general public, turned out for the Boston Chapter's "Faxon 100 Gala Concert" at Old South Church on Tuesday, May 14th. The program was inspired by and featured much music from George Faxon's retirement recital given at Trinity Church in the 1980's and included organ repertory and arrangements of Faxon's as well as compositions by his wife, Nancy Plummer Faxon. The Master of Ceremonies, Jonathan Ambrosino, skillfully introduced many aspects of Faxon's personality, pedagogy and musicianship to the audience. The performers demonstrated the musical influences of their colleague with skill and superb interpretations on the Skinner at Old South Church. Mr. Faxon's violinist daughter, Emily, played as well on the program. Organist honored to perform were Leo Abbott, Richard Grant, Thomas Murray, Fred MacArthur and Rodger Vine.

Back, L-R: Fred MacArthur, Thomas Murray, Richard Grant and Jonathan Ambrosino. Front L-R Peter Krasinski, Emily Faxon, Rodger Vine and Leo Abbott

The evening concluded with a gala reception where many rekindled friendships, conversed with the artists and enjoyed fine fellowship. The printed program, designed by Len Levasseur, is sure to become a keepsake, and an essay on the life and art of George Faxon by Robert Chase was also made available.

I commend chapter leaders Dan McKinley, Dean, and Peter Krasinski, Sub-Dean, for their vision for the program as well as for creating a welcoming environment within the chapter, fostering relationships while raising standards of performance and critical inquiry.

Cheryl Duerr, Councillor for Region I

May 30, 2013

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Documents from the Annual Meeting are here:
[Annual Reports](#) and
[Treasurer's Report](#)

Region 1 & 2 Regional Convention is in [Hartford](#) June 30-July 3. Registration is [here](#). Other regional convention details are [here](#).

DON'T MISS the "final" chapter event is the Young Organist Initiative (YOI) concert, Tuesday, June 25, 12:15pm, at King's Chapel.

Coming up:

- Time to renew--you recently received a paper invitation, the online sign-up will be up soon!
- Consider advertising in the Organ Yearbook. More information soon.

Watch this video of retiring Eastman professor William Porter (for many years also at New England Conservatory, and St. John's Bowdoin St).

Tribute to Bill Porter

SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Max Miller, Remembered: Boston University and the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organist will host a service of remembrance celebrating the life and music of Dr. Max Miller at Marsh Chapel, Boston University on **Sunday, September**

8th, 2013 at 3 pm in the afternoon. Please save this date for what will certainly be an emotional and loving tribute to our beloved colleague.

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

May 31 Rising Stars in Worcester

June 12 BEMF Fringe at Old West Boston

June 13 BEMF Organ Mini Festival in Boston

June 15 BEMF Fringe at Holy Cross Cathedral Boston

June 24 Bells in Melrose

Check out Summer series concerts on Wednesdays at [Methuen Memorial Music Hall](#)
and Tuesdays at [Old West](#) beginning in July

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