



# BOSTON PIPINGS

news and notes for members of Boston Chapter AGO

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## **ANNUAL BOSTON CHAPTER MEETING, PROGRAM AND DINNER Monday, May 11, 2015**

- 1) **Dinner** at 5:30 PM at:  
[Lemon Grass Restaurant](#)  
1710 Mass. Ave  
Lexington, MA 02420

The reservations deadline has passed. Please consider attending the program and meeting. If you missed the deadline, please consider making your own reservation.

- 2) Presentation by **Scot Huntington** at 7:00 PM at  
[Follen Church](#) 755 Mass. Ave -  
1.6 miles from the restaurant

### **E & G. G. Hook: A Formula for Success and a Blueprint for the Future**

A lecture by Scot Huntington exploring how America's most respected and prolific organ builder of the 19th century crafted instruments of excellence and enduring beauty: organs built for their times, yet transcending generations to speak to us and ours. Drawing on inspiration from English, German, and later French practice and home-grown experience, they created a formula for success forged a century and a half ago which now gives us a blueprint for the future -- for those willing to listen and learn as the from apprentice to the master, to their musical legacy. Scot will be joined by Chapter Dean Peter Krasinski, to present an demonstration with improvised musical examples of the superb 1868 E. & G.G. Hook catalog organ in the Follen Church, Lexington: a timeless *multim in parvo* masterpiece of musical logic - perhaps the most versatile 15-stop organ ever designed for an American church.

Scot Huntington is an Organ builder and Organ Historian, and has been a member of the

Boston Chapter AGO since 1978. He is a past President of the Organ Historical Society and has served various capacities for that organization as well as the AGO. Scot gave a similar presentation as part of a panel discussion on the Hook firm as part of the AGO national in Boston last June.

3) The Annual Meeting will begin by 8:00 and the agenda will be designed with an adjournment of 9:00.

### **ROBERT BYRD'S MEMORIAL CONCERT**

**Tuesday, May 19th at 7 PM @[Old West Church](#), Boston**

Join us as we celebrate the work and life of Robert Byrd with a concert of music including music of the organ, anthems, solos and hymns. The remembrance is presented by his friends and colleagues and was postponed due to the dramatic weather this past winter. Please come.

### **NEW HAVEN (YALE/ISM) REGIONAL CONVENTION**

**JUNE 28-JULY 1**

Our regional convention is right around the corner! Here is [a link](#) to the website. There is a link right on the home page to the convention hotel - the New Haven Omni. I hope to see you there!

Dean Krasinski encourages you and you friends and colleagues to put an ad in the program book. One particularly fun way to fill program book ads is to have your church put an ad into the book to honor you. Here is the [link](#) to exhibits and advertising.

### **YOI SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT**

Please don't forget the last Chapter Program of this season!

**Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at Noon. Young Organist Initiative Scholarship Audition Winners Concert.**

Come support the latest additions to the organ world by attending this concert showcasing young local talent.

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### **The Dean's Spring Message**

As our chapter nears the close of the 2014-2015 season, your Dean, Executive Committee and Committee Chairs are thinking back on the events and programs past and looking forward to the future. It is to be hoped that this coming time of renewal will find that same spirit in you: yes, many of us serve our congregations as music makers, creators and leaders. Along with being rewarding, it can be exhausting and, sometimes, even trying. Along with this, many of us care for others and know the demands and joys of family, friends and associates. Try to take sometime for yourself ... often easier said than

done. More than a few of us hold multiple jobs, juggling our lives to make ends meet while striving for an ever more perfect art.

Your Guild is here to help. Take the step to make that call to the Dean, a board member, or committee chair if you need help, have a question, want change, want things to stay the same, have something to share, have a gripe, or have a compliment.

Your Guild is here to help. Has there been a moment this year when you wondered why you were a member of the AGO? Tell us why and hopefully you will not only feel that you have been heard but will experience action, as well.



Your guild is here to help. Are you feeling that your talents could be used to forward the mission of our guild and chapter? Then YOU are here to help! Contact us.

There is much to enjoy as the Spring bursts forth in our land and much of it is musical! Along with the magnificent offerings of our own guild, including the dinner, program and annual meeting on Monday, May 11th, regional conventions and other organ related offerings abound.

*Here are a few...*

Consider attending THE PIONEER VALLEY-WESTERN MASS 2015 Organ Historical Society Convention, June 28 to July 3. Here is a [link](#) to registration.

Please use this [link](#) to find out information about the other regional conventions, POE events and other national news about the AGO.

The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada annual conference in New Orleans takes place from July 12 to 16. We will be partnering with them for a City/Suburban event next BAGO program season. Until then, check them out [here](#).

Perhaps you may wish to explore another world of the pipe organ by experiencing the theater organ at the EMCATOS Social at the Zeiterion Theatre, 684 Purchase St. in New Bedford MA on Sunday, May 24, 2015 @ 2:00 PM. Here's a [link](#) to that event, which is free and open to guests.

Please do carve out that time for yourself and keep in touch...

*Peter Krasinski, May 2015*

"Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy."

(from DESIDERATA, by Max Ehrmann, 1927)

**PREVIEW OF THE 2015-2016 BAGO PROGRAM SEASON**

## SAVE THE DATE! 9/8/2105

The opening Service of Installation for the 2015-2016 season of the Boston Chapter of the AGO hits the ground running the Day after Labor Day on TUESDAY, SEP. 8 AT 7:00 @Saint Cecilia's Church, Boston - Plan to be there and put it on your calendar NOW! The Choir of Trinity Wall Street will be joined by organ, brass and percussion and will be conducted by and will feature the music of Julian Wachner, one of the most prominent and nationally covered young music makers in the United States. Boston was an important wellspring for this gifted composer. As an added attraction, the prelude will feature our own Forrest Eimold as organist for "Blue Green Red, for trumpet and Organ". The service will be designed both for our chapter installation service and as an attractive event for the general public.

Programing next season continues to be forward looking and designed to serve our members needs as well a attract new fans of the pipe organ.  
After the opening service continue the vibe!

9/20 - Multi-media presentation of Holst's THE PLANETS arranged and performed by Boston's own celebrity organists, Peter Sykes and Vickie Wagner.

10/25 Holy Cross Cathedral Annual Concert

11/7 Old West, Boston (City location) and 11/8 Christ Church, Andover (Suburban Location). A collaborative dual event with the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

12/31 First Night Recital

More!

### **NEW INTERACTIVE CHAPTER MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK**

We have a new interactive Chapter Management Handbook. You can find it and lots of other chapter documents at this [link](#).