

The Monthly Mixture



Austin Chapter AGO ❖ September 2017

From the Dean —

Dear Friends,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! As school gets back in session, so do choirs and music programs gear up for the fall. And so too does the Austin AGO. There is a listing of our upcoming Chapter Events below, with as much detail as we now have. Here is a shorthand list of the full year, so that you can easily mark your calendars:

Chapter Events, 2017/18:

- Sunday, September 17, 6:30 pm - Clergy/Musician Dinner at St. Theresa's.
- Friday, October 27, 7:30 pm - Chapter Volunteers at *Phantom of the Opera*, First United Methodist Church.
- Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Organ Crawl to San Antonio.
- Saturday, January 6, 2:00 to 5:00 pm - Twelfth Night Party at the Lemmens' home.
- Saturday, February 3, All Day - Midwinter Conference, Georgetown
- April 22, Time TBA - Members' Recital, First United Methodist Church, Round Rock.
- Saturday, May 5, 6:30 to 9 pm — Pedals, Pipes and Pinot (Intro to the organ for adults) Redeemer Presbyterian, Austin.

I am making this a bit of an event-calendar issue. Austin is amazing for the variety of musical, worship, and cultural offerings we have, and much of it happens in our houses of worship. I have therefore listed as much as I can in one newsletter. Of course, we can't all get to everything, but none of us can get to anything if we don't know about it. There was a gratifying response to my call for calendar items, and these are listed here in three categories: Recurring Events; Organ Events; and Other Concerts. I hope you find this useful.

For next month's newsletter, I hope to have a member-written report on the Dallas Regional Convention this summer, as well as a remembrance of Hap Speller. If any of you would like to contribute other items, please let me know. The deadline for the October issue will be September 20.

Wishing all of you the best in the good work you do,

Gregory Eaton, *Dean*

Upcoming Chapter Events

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 6:30 pm

Clergy/Musician Dinner; Please invite your clergy to join us for our first Chapter event of the season. We will meet at St. Theresa's Church, 4311 Small Drive, Austin 78731. The dinner will be in Room 202 of Elmer Hall, which is the newest building at the southern end of the campus. Fr. Larry Covington of St. Theresa's will be our speaker. Please mark the date on your calendar, and have your clergy do likewise. But please do come, even if your clergy are unable to join us. We are asking members to give a \$12 donation to cover their dinner. *Clergy are being hosted for free by the Chapter.* This is sure to be a wonderful event, with food from Rudy's BBQ, and what is sure to be an engaging address from Fr. Larry. **Please RSVP BY 9/9/17 to Jean Fuller:** jean@stmattsaustrin.org. I hope to see many of you, and your clergy, there!

Friday, October 27, 2017 - 6:30 pm

We are asking for **Chapter Volunteers** to assist with the presentation of the silent film *Phantom of the Opera* at First United Methodist. If you are interested in helping as an usher or in another capacity, please write Gregory Eaton to be included on the roster of volunteers. gregory@allsaints-austin.org

Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Organ Crawl to San Antonio; Shelby Simmons, Sub-Dean of the San Antonio AGO, is putting together a roster of church for us to visit. Those who wish to carpool will meet here in Austin at 9 am, while those who want to meet us there can plan to meet at 10 in San Antonio. Full details are still being worked out, and will be included in next month's newsletter. Contact Sub-Dean Jean Fuller to let us know you are interested in going. jean@stmattsaustrin.org

No Program in December: Have a fulfilling Hanukkah/Christmas!

Saturday, January 6 - 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Twelfth Night Party; We will again gather at the home of Bob Lemmens, 11207 Jones Road, Manor, TX 78653. There will be wonderful food, games, and opportunities to play the astounding house organ! Join us to celebrate the official end of the Christmas season.

Saturday, February 3 - 9:00 am to 8:30 pm

Midwinter Conference; The day's activities will be based at Grace Episcopal Church, 1314 E. University, Georgetown. We are still confirming workshop presenters, but will definitely have a presentation by Kathleen Thomerson, and a masterclass offered by Joon Ho Park, interim professor of organ at UT. Dr. Faythe Freese will play a recital to close the conference.



Organ Music Available

Ann Moeller, whose husband Vernon Moeller was an active long-standing member of the Austin Chapter, would like to know that she is trying to find a home for his collection of music. It is a library which was put together over a period of 40-50 years, and has many important works in it. She is not selling the music, but will accept donations, if you wish. If you might be interested in any of this music, please contact her at (512) 870-7057, or moeller.ann4@gmail.com



AND KEEP THESE AUSTIN CONCERTS/EVENTS IN MIND:

Recurring Events

Every Sunday:

8:00 pm - Compline at St. David's Episcopal Church, 301 E 8th Street; www.stdave.org

9:00 pm - Compline at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Road; www.st-louis.org

Second Sunday each month:

6:00 pm - Evensong with Eucharist at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Road; www.gsaustin.org

Last Sunday each month:

4:00 pm - Evensong at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 209 W 27th Street at Whitis Ave.; www.allsaints-austin.org

Organ Events

Friday, September 29, 7:30 pm:

The Holbrook Organ Series presents organist Eric Mellenbruch.. No ticket necessary; donations accepted. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2111 Alexander Ave., Austin; www.redeemerpres.org

Friday, October 27, 7:30 pm:

First United Methodist Church presents *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925), with organ accompaniment. \$30/Senior \$25; Student tickets available at the door with ID for \$5. First United Methodist Church, 1201 Lavaca Street, Austin; www.fumcaustin.org

Friday, November 3, 6:30 pm:

Gregory Eaton in recital, with Brant Pope, *narrator*. Music from Bach to Mother Goose, and echoes of Halloween! Free-will offering. Followed by a fund-raising Wine & Whiskey Tasting in the Parish Hall. All Saints' Episcopal Church, 209 W 27th Street, Austin; www.allsaints-austin.org

Friday, November 3, 7:30 pm:

The Holbrook Organ Series presents organist Chris Keenan. No ticket necessary; donations accepted. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2111 Alexander Ave., Austin; www.redeemerpres.org

Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm: The Candlelight Concert Series: Organ recital by Joseph Causby of St. Mark's, San Antonio. Free admission. Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Road, Austin; www.gsaustin.org/events/concert-series

Other Events in Our Houses of Worship

Saturday/Sunday, September 2/3:

8:00 pm Saturday; 3:00 pm Sunday - La Follia Austin Baroque presents Brandenburg Concertos 3, 5 and 6, as well as the Orchestral Suite in B minor in their All-Bach 2017/18 season. \$30/Senior \$25; Students \$10. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2111 Alexander Ave., Austin; www.lafollia.org

Sunday, September 10, 7:00 pm:

The ECR Concert Series presents *An Enchanted Evening*, with the Austin Girl's Choir. Enjoy a musical walk down Memory Lane as the girls sing American Songbook classics, Beatles songs and tunes of the '60's!

Suggested donation \$30/Senior \$25; Student tickets available at the door with ID for \$5. Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2200 Justin Lane, Austin; www.girlschoir.org

Saturday/Sunday, September 16/17:

7:00 pm Saturday; 3:00 pm Sunday - Texas Early Music Project presents *Paris City Limits, Part Deux*. \$30/Senior \$25; Student tickets available at the door with ID for \$5. 9/16 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W 15th Street, Austin, and 9/17 at First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Drive, Austin; www.early-music.org

Saturday, September 30, 7:30 pm:

Eight Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op. 83 by Max Bruch, with YuHua Chiu, clarinet, Xavier Garcia, viola, Mijung An, piano. Suggested donation of \$15/\$10 will benefit the Dell Children's Medical Center. St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd. (512) 454-0384; www.st-louis.org/concerts

Friday, October 6, 7:30 pm:

The Candlelight Concert Series: Austin Cantorum presents *Alleluia: The Wonders of Life*. Praise, Wisdom, Creation Mystery and Remembrance are thoughtfully explored through music and text. Free admission. Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Road, Austin; www.gsaustin.org/events/concert-series

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 pm:

Austin Cantorum presents *Alleluia: The Wonders of Life*. Suggested donation \$15/\$10. St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd. (512) 454-0384; www.st-louis.org/concerts

Saturday/Sunday, October 7/8:

7:00 pm Saturday; 3:00 pm Sunday - Texas Early Music Project presents *24 Italian Hits: Arias and Art Songs*. \$30/Senior \$25; Student tickets available at the door with ID for \$5. 10/7 at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2111 Alexander Avenue, Austin, and 10/8 at First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Drive, Austin; www.early-music.org

Saturday/Sunday, October 14/15:

8:00 pm Saturday; 3:00 pm Sunday - La Follia Austin Baroque presents Chamber Music by Bach, featuring the Trio Sonata from the Musical Offering, the flute sonata in A major, the solo violin sonata in g minor, and the gamba sonata 2 in D major in their All-Bach 2017/18 season. \$30/Senior \$25; Students \$10. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 2111 Alexander Ave., Austin; www.lafollia.org

Thursday/Friday, October 19/20 at 7:30 pm:

Ensemble VIII presents *Celestial Fire –Masterworks of the Renaissance*. \$45/Senior \$35; Students with ID \$10. 10/19 at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, 7127 Bee Cave Road, Austin, and 10/20 at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Road, Austin; www.ensembleviii.org

Saturday, October 21, 7:30 pm:

The Music of Black Composers, with Dr. Nicole Taylor, soprano, Dr. Nikki Birdsong, accompanist. Suggested donation \$15/\$10. St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd. (512) 454-0384; www.st-louis.org/concerts



Job Listings

None at this time