Music Camp 2015
23rd Annual Diocesan Music Camp, Brenham, TX July 5-11, 2015

Young musicians in rising grade 4 and up will once again meet in Brenham for the Diocesan Music Camp at Blinn College and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church.

A week of singing, art, swimming and breakout sessions in vocal and instrumental music is planned. Campers will stay in the new dormitory at Blinn College, eating meals in the Student Center cafeteria and meals catered by local restaurants. Swimming at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center, outreach opportunities, art lessons, pottery and group games fill the campers’ days. A Friday night Show for Parents and Closing Family Service at St. Peter’s showcase the music learned during the week.

The experienced staff, headed by Music Commission members Garmon Ashby, Jackson Hearn and Linda Patterson, will teach a great variety of music during the week. College-age musicians serve as counselors.

The tuition of $450 includes all room, board, snacks and musical instruction. Scholarships, generously underwritten by the Gilbert P. and Thyra Plass Foundation, are available.

For more information, contact Dr. Linda Patterson linda@stpetersbrenham.org or 979-836-7248 ext. 13.
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from the chair

Easter greetings to you! I hope that you have enjoyed a great Easter holiday, and are beginning to think of the ways that you can learn and grow this summer. Our list of conferences and conventions might help you identify a new opportunity. I am looking forward to the Association of Anglican Musicians’ (AAM) Conference in Tampa, followed by the opportunity to serve as 1st Alternate of the Diocese of Texas at General Convention in Salt Lake City. It’s not mandatory that you be an AAM member to attend the conference—and I recommend it for those who seek fantastic worship opportunities with excellent music.

Check out the article, “Learning Every Day” in the March issue of The American Organist. It gives some wonderful online resources that will help you immensely!

Looking forward to seeing you at some great upcoming musical events--

Faithfully,
Linda Patterson
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DIOCESAN COUNCIL CHOIR

A new model for Diocesan Council includes an opportunity for volunteers from all churches to be involved in the Opening Service on Friday evening. The 2015 Diocesan Council Opening Service in February featured a combined choir that rehearsed together before the Service, and sang anthems (selections from our Diocesan Choral Festival) by Hampton, Vaughan Williams, William Bradley Roberts and John Rutter. The group was conducted by Garmon Ashby and Jackson Hearn, with accompaniment by a brass quartet and organists Jackson Hearn and Linda Patterson. Join us next year!

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mailing list updates

to update or add to the music commission mailing list, please contact Bonnie Harris-Reynolds, 511 Dexter Drive, College Station, TX 77840, (979) 696-0452 (home), or (979) 696-8903 (St. Thomas) or by e-mail: music@stthomascbs.org (St. Thomas).

e-mail updates

we are assembling an e-mail list of musicians of the diocese.

Please send e-mail information to Bonnie Harris-Reynolds: music@stthomascbs.org

Download additional copies of this issue, camp forms and Choral Festival registrations from our Web page at www.epicenter.org/musiccommission
23rd Annual Music Camp
Blinn College & St. Peter’s, Brenham

July 5-11, 2015
Tuition $450
Includes room, board, and all supplies

Scholarships Available!

Training in Both Vocal and Instrumental Music!

Register online at www.epicenter.org/musiccommission
Youth Choral Festival: January 31, 2015

The Eleventh Diocesan Youth Choral Festival—the 2015 Youth Choral Festival was held on Saturday, January 31st at the Cathedral. Guest conductor Kristin Lensch of Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis led our diocesan youth in a wonderful day of rehearsals, ending with a sung Evensong. The Calvary, Memphis Youth Choir came along and sang with us. Their visit included a lock-in at the Cathedral’s Ballard Youth facility. Next year’s conductor for the Youth Choral Festival will be Dr. Giles Brightwell of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School in Houston. Watch our webpage or contact Steve Godowns49@aol.com for more information.
Spring & Summer 2015 Music Conferences and Events

Music at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue, Houston
Christchurchcathedral.org
Sunday, March 29, 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday
Offered by the Cathedral Choir
Sunday, May 24: Recital 4:15,
5:00 p.m. Evensong
Organ Concert and Choral Evensong for Pentecost
Offered by the Cathedral Choir
Guest Organist: Christopher Jennings

Music at Palmer Church
Palm Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m
Organist Ken Cowan will play Marcel Dupre’s “Stations of the Cross”
Choral Evensong
Sunday, May 24th 5:00 p.m.

Music at St. Thomas, College Station
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX
Saturday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m.
Brazos Breeze Flute Choir
Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Ross Phillips Senior Guitar Recital
Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.
TAMU Small Ensembles Spring Recital
Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.
TAMU Guitar and Flute Studios Spring Recital
Saturday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m.
Benefit Concert, Maureen & Casey Papovich and Friends
Sunday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.
Pablo Leon Senior Violin Recital
Sunday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Consort’s Summer Solstice Concert:
Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Music celebrating the Summer Solstice

MUSIC CONFERENCES

June 15 - 19
AAM: Association of Anglican Musicians
2014 Annual Conference: “The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen”
Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18
- Tampa, FL
Liturgies – Concerts – Recitals – Workshops - Fellowship
http://conference.anglicanmusicians.org

June 28 – July 1
AGO: American Guild of Organists
AGO Southwest Regional Convention
Sunday, June 28 - Wednesday, July 1 – Fort Worth, TX
Recitals, Concerts, Workshops, MasterClasses, more
http://www.agofortworth2015.org

June 28 - July 3
60th Organ Historical Society Annual Convention
Sunday, June 28 – Friday, July 3
Pioneer Valley - Western Massachusetts
www.organhistoricalsociety.org/2015

July 13-19
65th Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference
Monday, July 13 – Sunday, July 19
Our own Bob Simpson will be the Choral Director!
Monday, July 13 – Sunday, July 19
The University of the South & DuBose Conference Center
Sewanee and Monteagle, TN
www.sewaneeconf.com

July 19-23
Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
Sunday, July 19 – Thursday, July 23, Atlanta, GA
Worship Jubilee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
AND Biennial Conference of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians
“Called to Be a Living Voice: Vocation, Reformation, Mission”
Hymn Festival, Worship, Organ Recital, Choral Leadership, Workshops
http://www.livingvoice2015.org

July 21 -26
40th Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy
Tuesday, July 21 – Sunday, July 26
Syracuse, New York
Vital Worship: Food for the Journey
Duncan M. Gray Conference Center, Canton, MS
www.mississippiconference.org

HOUSTON CHAMBER CHOIR
Friday, March 27, 2015, 7:30 pm
MOZART’S MESSIAH MAGIC
Mozart’s re-orchestration of Handel's masterpiece.
Prince of Peace Catholic Community
19222 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, TX 77070

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 7:30 pm
SACRED VISIONS
Featuring Stravinsky’s Symphony of Psalms
in collaboration with Da Camera of Houston South Main Baptist Church
4100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 8:00 pm
STRAVINSKY’S _LES NOCES_ –
Debut performance with Houston Ballet, performing
Stravinsky’s iconic score about a Russian peasant wedding.
Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center
500 Texas Avenue
Houston, TX 77002

May 28, 30, June 5 & 6, 2015, 7:30 pm
May 31, June 7, 2015, 2:00 pm
Presented by Houston Ballet
George.Heathco@HoustonChamberChoir.org
www.HoustonChamberChoir.org
Combined choirs of parishes in our Diocese will gather to sing with guest conductor Garmon Ashby of EHS and St. Thomas, Nassau Bay. A Saturday rehearsal is held for Houston-area churches. Participants in the Houston area on Sunday morning have the option of singing at the Cathedral’s 11 AM Service.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, all participants will gather for rehearsal with Garmon Ashby.

The 6 PM Festival Service is free and open to all to enjoy the choral music.

Steve Godowns, godowns49@aol.com, is the registrar.

My name is Anna Purdum. I attend St. Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church in Longview. Our church is host to a group which I lead called Songwriters & Artists Gathering. The group consists of Christian songwriters and artists of diverse backgrounds who meet monthly for encouragement, education and networking. Throughout the year we hold benefit concerts which help raise money for local charities.

I am writing for two reasons. (1) I would like to let people know what we are doing and extend an invitation to any who might benefit from our meetings. Meetings take place here at St. Michael’s in Longview every second Tuesday at 6:30 pm. (2) I would like to know if there is a way for some of our group members to help with music at diocesan events in the future.

Here is a link to our facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1388955331354959/

Anna Purdum
(903)238-5811
The Leadership Program for Musicians (LPM) – Eucharist/Graduation

The Leadership Program for Musicians is a teaching ministry that gives church musicians an increased sense of vocational awareness, along with the tools and resources to enable congregations to sing well and participate actively in worship.

The Leadership Program for Musicians is a national organization administering a curriculum covering key areas in church music and liturgical education as well as spiritual formation. LPM is a program of the Episcopal Church USA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LPM is taught by highly qualified teachers and tailored to local needs. Successful completion of all courses earns the LPM Certificate in Church Music. The program is taught locally and covers a full range of church music skills. Particular attention is paid to smaller church needs.

The Closing Eucharist with Graduation and reception for 2014-2015 will be on Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Frelsburg, 2309 FM 1291, New Ulm, Texas 78950 with the Rev. Herb Beyer presiding and preaching. Everyone is welcome.

LPM is a two-year program with seven courses, which may be taken in whole or part, beginning any year: Leadership of Congregational Song (piano/organ/keyboard, voice/cantor, or guitar/other instruments), Teaching New Music to the Congregation, Survey of Christian Hymnody, Liturgy and Liturgical Planning; Foundations for Christian Worship, Resources for an Effective Music Program, Principles for Choral Leadership: Conducting for Church Musicians and Voice Training for Choirs, and Philosophy of Church Music. Classes typically meet one Saturday a month September through May.

For more information or a hard-copy brochure, contact Marsha Seale, Texas-Louisiana LPM Coordinator, 713-562-6972, mkseale52@msn.com. The national website is www.lpm-online.org.

Used Choir Vestments--Free to a Good Home!

30-40 of various sizes; Deep red cassocks with white cottas.

They are not all exactly the same fabric and/or dye lot, but all are deep red. I think a few need minor repairs (e.g., replacement buttons). I expect about 40 white cottas will be available. There is some variation in the style of the cottas.

We look forward to being able to share these vestments with someone who has a need for them.

Contact: Dr. Nancy Taylor Ginsburg (DWS)
Choir Director/Music Ministry, Ascension Episcopal Church,
2525 Seagler Road, Houston, TX 77042

e-mail: ntginsburg.mwa@gmail.com, phone: 713/304-7345
IN CONCERT
Saturday, April 25, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Throughout more than 1750 concerts and across a catalog of award-winning recordings, Peter Phillips and the Tallis Scholars have done more than any other group to establish sacred vocal music of the Renaissance as one of the great repertoires of Western classical music. Phillips has worked with his 11-voice ensemble to create, through tuning and blend, the purity and clarity of sound which he feels best serves the Renaissance repertoire.

Program
Josquin des Pres: Gaude Virgo
Josquin des Pres: Missa Pange lingua
William Byrd: Cunctis diebus
Nico Muhly: Recordare, Domine
Arvo Part: Tribute to Caesar
William Byrd: Diliges dominum
William Byrd: Tribue, Domine

Purchase tickets in advance for $20 or at the door for $25 (Students $10). Order tickets by phone at 713-590-3311 or online at www.christchurchcathedral.org.
Proceeds benefit the Cathedral’s music ministry.

FREE PARKING
Cathedral Parking Garage on San Jacinto between Texas and Prairie
Hymns for April-September, 2015

Hymns for April, May, June, and July were chosen by Bonnie Harris-Reynolds, St. Thomas, College Station.

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Hymns for August and September will be posted as soon as they are available!!

W = Wonder, Love, and Praise, L = Lift Every Voice and Sing II

SAVE THE DATES!

MUSIC CAMP JULY 5-11, 2015 Brenham
ADULT CHORAL FESTIVAL October 24-25, 2015 Christ Church Cathedral
YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL February 6, 2016 at the Cathedral