May 18, 2016

Dear Students,

Thanks for your interest in our AGO Houston National Convention High School Day, Tuesday, June 21! This is your opportunity to get a taste of the American Guild of Organists National Convention, a biennial event attended by well over 1,000 organists and organ enthusiasts from across the nation and several foreign countries. We are very excited to host the AGO National Convention in Houston!

This High School event is a great opportunity because it gives students interested in the organ the opportunity to experience all the excitement of the convention at a small fraction of the cost. The regular student registration fee for the full convention is $250, but we are offering this one-day event for high school students for $20.

All students who will be enrolled in high school this fall or who just graduated from high school this spring are eligible for this event.

Our schedule for the event is below. With our finalized itinerary, parents will drop off their students at the Hilton Americas-Houston, the convention hotel, and pick them up from Houston Baptist University’s student center.

* 8:30-8:45: Arrive at Hilton Lobby, 1600 Lamar St, Houston, TX (meet in the lobby at the sofa/chairs in front of the Hotel Registration Desk)
* 9:00-10:55 AM: Attend convention workshops (your choice of 19 exciting options--see list on last page—as well as the exhibit hall)
* 11:00 AM – 12 Noon: Pizza Lunch
* 12:00 Noon: Board special bus to Grace Presbyterian Church
* 2:00 PM: Recital: Dúo MusArt-Barcelona – Raύl Prieto Ramírez, organ, and María Teresa Sierra, piano
* 3:00 PM: Bus to Houston Baptist University
* 4:00 PM: Recital: 2014 National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP) First Prize winner, Jonathan Rudy, and 2014 National Competition in Organ Improvisation (NCOI) First Prize winner, Patrick Scott, Houston Baptist University
* 4:50-5:15 PM: Parents pick up students from Houston Baptist University Student Center. 7502 Fondren Road, Houston 77074. (When you enter HBU from the main (first) entrance on Fondren, the student center is in the brick building straight ahead. Student center is on the right end of the building.)

Please fill out the registration form and waiver on the pages below and mail them with your payment to the address at the bottom of the form. Please include your check for $20 per student made out to AGO 2016 National Convention.

We’re looking forward to seeing you at the Convention! Feel free to contact me with any questions at my email address below.

Sincerely yours,

Grant Wareham

Chairman, Committee for Youth Development

AGO 2016 Houston Steering Committee

Grantwarehamago2016@gmail.com

AGO Houston National Convention High School Day Consent/Medical/Insurance Form

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FAMILY PHYSICIAN (name and phone) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (including those of medicines and food) or physical limitations that should be considered. List dosages of medications currently being taken:

Allergies/Limitations

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In the event of serious accident or illness, if you cannot be contacted, do you grant permission to take your son/daughter to a physician or hospital, and do you consent to any emergency treatment? Please initial yes or no.

YES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary requirements? If so, please explain briefly.

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The undersigned student and parent/guardian hereby consent to participation by the student in the AGO Houston National Convention High School Day:

* We understand that the chaperones are volunteering their time to assist coordinators and students in getting to and from events and monitoring their behavior. The chaperones cannot assume responsibility for the behavior of individual students.
* We hereby waive any claims against, and release, and forever discharge any liabilities of any and all AGO coordinators, faculty, and chaperones, for any damage or injury to the student or his or her property that may occur during the event.
* We certify that the student has no known medical problems or allergies, is not taking any medications and has not recently been exposed to any communicable diseases, except as described above. We hereby grant permission to any doctor, dentist, nurse, paramedic or other licensed health professional to treat the student should the need arise. Any chaperone may give any additional medical consent that may be requested.
* We understand that if a medical problem or condition arises, every reasonable attempt will be made by any chaperone to contact the parent/guardian.
* We agree that if the student should have to be sent home due to any medical condition, that this should be determined by one or more chaperones and at least one medical doctor.
* We, the parent/guardian, acknowledge our responsibility for any problem created by the student during the High School Day, including any disciplinary or other non-medical problem. If the student must be sent home for medical or disciplinary reasons, we the parent/guardians agree to pay for the travel expenses or to reimburse for any such costs paid by others.
* If any emergency or any problem of any kind arises concerning the student, every attempt will be made to reach the parent/guardian named above at the phone numbers set forth. If it is impossible to reach these responsible individuals, we hereby consent and give authority to one or more chaperones to take such action as is reasonably necessary under the circumstances, and we do hereby release and forever discharge any and all chaperones and High School Day coordinators from any claims, liability or causes of action whatsoever regarding any damages, costs, injury, or demands whatsoever in law or in equity to the student or his or her property resulting from their acts or actions.
* The undersigned parents/guardians of the student assume full responsibility for all physician/medical/surgical/rehabilitation expenses and liabilities in connection with the student's attendance at the High School Day.
* We, parents/guardians and students, give our permission for photographs or videotapes to be taken during the event. These may be used for promotional purposes.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete and return with payment by June 13, 2016 to

Youth Development Committee

AGO 2016 National Convention

1302 Waugh Drive, #392

Houston Texas 77019

Please contact Grantwarehamago2016@gmail.com with any questions regarding this application

Workshop Opportunities

June 21, 2016

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

* How to Create Events that Attract and Encourage Teenage Organists, Annie Laver, Rm 335A
* \*Bridging the Big Pond: A Bi-Continental Collaboration of Composers, Rebecca te Velde, Rm 335BC
* \*An Introduction to the Organ Music of Max Reger, Anderson & Billmeyer, Rm 336AB
* Modern Realization of Solo Partimenti by Pasquini, Jeong-Suk Bae, Rm 337AB
* Working with Young Singers, Marianna Parnas-Simpson, Rm LB-A
* Playing to Learn-Learning to Play: The Art of Practicing the Organ, Michael Bauer, Rm LB-B
* \*Meet the Rising Stars, Christian Lane, Rm LB-D
* The AGO and the Pre-AARP Generation, Matthew Burt, Rm Rm LB-E

10:00 AM – 10:25 AM

* \*Anton Heiller's Variations, Mark Steinbach, Rm 335BC
* \*Adagio Lost and Adagio Regained: Handel Concertos, HyeHyun Sung, Rm 337AB
* Thematic & Stylistic Devices in Widor's Symphonie romane, Op. 73, Joby Bell, Rm LBB

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

* Engaging Your Audience and Supporters Through Content Marketing, Nave & Pope, Rm 335A
* Incorporating the RSCM "Voice of Life" in your Choral Program, Linda Buzard, Rm 336AB
* Ten Commandments of Leading Good Choral Rehearsals, Betsy Cook Weber, Rm LBA
* \*Recent Organs in Houston: A Panel Discussion with the Builders, Scott Cantrell, Rm LB-D
* AGO Member Forum, John Walker, Rm LB-E 10:30 AM – 10:55 AM
* \*Max Reger's Last Organ Work: Fantasie and Fuga in D-Moll, Op. 135b, Mina Choi, Rm 335BC
* \*The Intersection of Politics & Modern Organ Music in mid-century Germany, Sarah Wannamaker, Rm 337AB
* The "Tricks of the Trade": Working with Banchieri's L'Organo Suonarino, Edoardo Bellotti, Rm LB-B

\* denotes workshops recommended for High School Day Attendees