



JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

ORGANIST PATRICK PARKER PERFORMS AT JANUARY 11 MEETING

Highly regarded for interpretations of German Romantic composers, Patrick Parker has been hailed for his "excellent technique and musicality" and "strong rhythmic lines and expressive phrasing." Initially compelled by the music of J. S. Bach, Patrick established Houston Baroque as music director and has recently been named Minister of Music and Organist of Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.



Patrick's program will feature music by Mendelssohn and he will elaborate on his experience on the Mendelssohn organ in Leipzig and talk about Mendelssohn's development as an organist.

PROGRAM

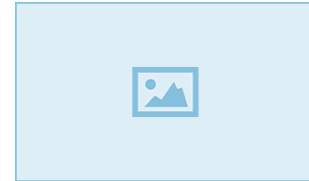
Ostinato in C Minor
Andante alla Marcia in B-flat Major
Prelude in D Minor
Andante with Variations in D Major
Prelude and Fugue No. 1 in C minor, Op. 37
Organ Sonatas, Op 65
 Sonata IV in B-flat Major
 Sonata VI in D minor

HAPPY 2017!!

I hope all of you have had a great Holiday Season and are ready for 2017. This month's HSLBA meeting will be next week, Wednesday, January 11. Social time begins at 10:00 and the meeting begins at 10:30. It will be a treat to hear Patrick Parker playing Gloria Dei's Schlicker mechanical action pipe organ. We see this wonderful instrument each meeting and I know you'll enjoy hearing it.



In our meeting on Wednesday, Martha McWilliams will bring us up to date on the plans for this year's Home Tour. It takes many hands to put this together, so come ready to sign up to do your part. Save the dates now: Home Tour - April 1 & 2. Pre-tour Party will be March 31.



Next month we have an evening meeting and program that will feature Houston Symphony's Co-Concertmaster, Eric Halen, and Chris French, HSO Associate Principal Cellist. Mark February 7, 6:30 pm on your calendar now. And you will want to invite your friends to join you for this special concert.

Thank you Carole Murphy and Vicki Buxton for a wonderful Holiday Brunch on December 14. What a fun occasion that was. Did any of you have any idea that Liam Bonner, HSO Development Officer, is a "retired" opera singer? WOW, what a treat his impromptu serenade of Christmas tunes was.

We are so fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful music.

See you next week for another musical treat!

Mary Voigt
President, HSLBA



Ride to the HSO Performance



Favorite Masters - Sunday Matinee

1. Mahler Symphony No. 1 - September 25, 2016
2. Mozart Piano Concertos - November 27, 2016
3. Gershwin and Rachmaninoff - January 29, 2017
4. Eschenbach Conducts Bruchner - March 5, 2017
5. Falla and España - **Thursday April 13, 2017 at 8 PM**
6. Andrés Conducts Brahms - May 21, 2017

Call Houston Symphony: (713) 224-7575 to purchase your concert seats.

* Bus Ride is \$100 for the 6 concert season or \$20/concert, space available

* Bus departs Bay Area Park & Ride at 1 PM; arrives for lunch or pre-concert lecture.

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