

# **American Institute of Organbuilders 2016 Boston Convention**

## **Saturday, August 27**

- 7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens – Blue Hills
- 9:00 AM Exam Review Session I – Abigail Adams
- 12:00 PM Lunch on your own
- 1:00 PM Exam Review Session II – Abigail Adams
- 1:00 PM AIO Professional Exam - Wollaston

## **Pre-Convention Tour**

- 8:00 AM Buses Depart
- 8:45 AM Demonstration: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Wellesley, MA  
Juget-Sinclair Organ, Opus 24, 2005
- 9:45 AM Buses Depart
- 10:30 AM Demonstration: Trinitarian Congregational Church, Concord, MA  
Noack Organ, Opus 159, 2016
- 11:30 AM Lunch in parish hall
- 12:15 PM Buses Depart
- 12:45 PM Demonstration: Groton School Chapel, Groton, MA  
Aeolian-Skinner Organ, Opus 937, 1935
- 1:45 PM Buses Depart
- 2:30 PM Demonstration: Christ Episcopal Church, Andover, MA  
Fisk Organ, Opus 137, 2012
- 3:30 PM Buses Depart
- 4:15 PM C. B. Fisk, Gloucester, MA

Shop Tour

5:15 PM

Buses Depart

6:00 PM

Downtown Boston Drop Off  
(for those who wish to spend the evening in the city)

6:30 PM

Return to Hotel

6:30 PM

Dinner on one's own

7:30 PM

AIO Board of Directors Meeting I - Sylvanus Thayer Board Room

## Sunday, August 28

- 8:00 AM Exhibitor Setup – President’s Ballroom
- 8:00 AM AIO Board of Directors Meeting II - Sylvanus Thayer Board Room
- 10:00 AM Convention Planning Meeting - Wollaston
- 12:00 PM Registration Desk Opens – Blue Hills
- 1:00 PM Lecture: Good as Old  
Matthew Bellocchio will illustrate Andover’s restoration of the Barker machine and complex key and stop action of the 3 manual 1892 Woodberry & Harris organ at St. Mary’s Church in Charlestown, MA.
- 2:00 PM Lecture: AIO Tonal Exam  
Chris Nagorka will talk about the tonal portion of the new AIO Exam, highlighting the fundamentals of flue pipe scaling, halving ratios, cutups, Normalmensur, and voicing.
- 3:30 PM Buses Depart
- 4:00 PM MBTA Mattapan Station  
Drop off for those who wish to ride the “High Speed Line” to Ashmont Station - an 8 minute trip - then walk 2 blocks to All Saints, Ashmont. Trollies run every 12 minutes. Those who don’t wish to ride the trolley should remain on the bus, which will continue to All Saints.
- 4:30 PM Evensong: The Parish of All Saints, Ashmont  
Gallery organ: C. B. Fisk, Opus 103, 1993  
Chancel organ: Skinner Organ, Opus 708, 1929
- 5:30 PM Buses Depart
- 6:30 PM Dinner – President’s Ballroom
- 7:00 PM Exhibitor’s Night – President’s Ballroom
- 11:00 PM Exhibits Close

## Monday, August 29

- 7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens – Blue Hills
- 8:00 AM AIO Membership Meeting I – Lecture Hall
- 8:30 AM Coffee Break and Exhibit Time – President’s Ballroom
- 10:00 AM Lecture: Boston Organ Building in the 19th Century  
Noted organ historian Barbara Owen will chronicle the rise of Boston’s 19th century builders.
- 11:00 AM Lecture: Boston Area Organ Building in the 20th Century  
Noted organ historian Jonathan Ambrosino will continue the story from the early 20th century to the present.
- 12:00 PM Lunch and Exhibit Time – President’s Ballroom
- 12:00 PM APOBA Lunch - Abigail Adams Room
- 1:30 PM Lecture: History and Development of the Pneumatic Windchest  
Tom Wood will discuss windchest designs: from Roosevelt’s ventil chest, through pitman style chests, to present day pneumatic slider chests.
- 2:30 PM Lecture: Servicing Austin Organs  
Michael Fazio, president of Austin Organs, will discuss the maintenance needs of Austin organs and their universal windchests.
- 3:30 PM Coffee Break and Exhibit Time – President’s Ballroom
- 4:00 PM Table Talks - lecture hall and Dorothy Quincy Salons A, B, C.  
Each talk will be presented 4 times, at half hour intervals, and last approximately 25 minutes, with 5-minute intervals between sessions.  
Please divide into 4 groups and rotate between sessions.
1. Tool Sharpening & Cutting Tool Maintenance  
Deneb Puchalski (Lie-Nielson Toolworks), demonstrator
  2. Repacking Wood Pipe Stoppers  
Martin Near (Spencer Organ Company), demonstrator
  3. Philip Wirsching’s Tool Chest (loaned for this presentation by special arrangement with the OHS Library and Archives)  
John Panning (Dobson Pipe Organ Builders), presenter
  4. What’s in Your Toolbox: A Sharing of Tool Tips and Ideas  
Matthew Bellocchio (Andover Organ Company), moderator
- 4:00 PM Table Talks Session 1

4:30 PM	Table Talks Session 2
5:00 PM	Table Talks Session 3
5:30 PM	Table Talks Session 4
6:00 PM	Free Time
6:30 PM	Dinner – President’s Ballroom
6:30 PM	35 and Under Dinner - Abigail Adams Room (attendees must register for this event)
7:00 PM	Exhibitor’s Night – President’s Ballroom
10:00 PM	Exhibits Close

## Tuesday, August 30

- 7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens – Blue Hills
- 8:00 AM Buses Depart
- 9:00 AM Demonstration: St. John’s Seminary, Brighton  
Hook-Hastings, Opus 1833, 1902  
Andover, Opus R-500, 2015
- 10:15 AM Buses Depart
- 10:45 AM Demonstration: United Parish, Brookline  
Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 885, 1932
- 11:45 AM Buffet Lunch – Willett Hall, United Parish
- 12:45 PM Buses Depart
- 1:15 PM Demonstration & Organ Tour: Symphony Hall, Boston
- 2:45 PM Walk to First Church of Christ, Scientist
- 3:00 PM Demonstration Recital: Mother Church Extension,  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston  
Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 1203, 1952  
Rising star organist and New England native, Katelyn Emerson, will play  
a short recital highlighting the organ’s resources.
- 4:00 PM Buses Depart
- 4:45 PM Demonstration: Christ Church, Cambridge  
Schoenstein & Co., Opus 149, 2006
- 5:45 PM First Bus Departure for Hotel  
You may elect to stay in Cambridge for dinner at one of the many  
restaurants around Harvard Square. A bus will shuttle three times between  
Christ Church and the Hotel. You can also take a Red Line Inbound  
“Braintree” train (\$2.75 fare) at Harvard Square and exit at the Quincy  
Adams station near the hotel.
- 5:45 PM Walk one block to First Church, Cambridge
- 5:45 PM Open Studio: Peter Sykes Collection, First Church, Cambridge

This remarkable assembly of 28 antique and modern keyboard instruments, owned by the church's music director, includes an 1875 Viennese piano, an 1891 upright pedal piano and a 1908 Chickering clavichord.

7:30 PM

Second Bus Departure from Christ Church to Hotel

9:00 PM

Final Bus Departure from Christ Church to Hotel

## Wednesday, August 31

- 7:30 AM Registration Desk Opens – Blue Hills
- 8:00 AM Spouse Tour – Plymouth and Quincy Historic Sites  
Spouses will visit Plimouth Plantation, Plymouth Rock, the *Mayflower II*, a winery and the Adams National Historic Park.
- 8:00 AM AIO Membership Meeting II – Lecture Hall
- 9:00 AM Coffee Break and Exhibit Time – President’s Ballroom
- 10:00 AM Lecture: Successful Management of a Privately Owned Company  
Business consultant Brooks Sullivan will discuss good business management practices and how they can be applied in organ companies.
- 11:15 AM Lecture: Selling Major Renovation Projects  
Michael Foley, of Foley-Baker, will discuss effective sales techniques.
- 12:30 PM Lunch and Final Exhibit Time – President’s Ballroom
- 12:30 PM AIO Board of Directors Lunch - Sylvanus Thayer Board Room
- 1:30 PM Exhibit Break Down
- 1:30 PM Lecture: Fire Suppression Systems: A Practical Approach for Organbuilders  
Jon C. Jones, a member of the National Fire Protection Association, will discuss various types of fire suppression systems and what organbuilders should know about them when talking with churches and suppression system designers.
- 2:30 PM Panel: Organ Humidification Systems  
Joseph Dzeda, Michael Foley, Jeff Weiler and Sean O’Donnell, moderator, will discuss the benefits and challenges of organ humidification systems.
- 3:30 PM Coffee Break - Ballroom Foyer
- 4:00 PM Panel: Working with Lead  
Richard Rabin (Mass Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health), Will Finch (C. B. Fisk), Sandra Wyman (Pollution Prevention Consultant) and Joseph Rotella (Spencer Organ Company), moderator, will explain approved practices for handling lead materials inside and outside the workplace.
- 5:00 PM Free Time



6:00 PM

Cash Bar - Outdoor Terrace

7:00 PM

Closing Banquet and Awards – President’s Ballroom

## Thursday, September 1

8:00 AM	Buses Depart
9:00 AM	Demonstration & Organ Tours: Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Methuen, MA E. F. Walcker & Co. Opus 200, 1863 Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 1103, 1947
10:30 AM	Buses Depart
11:45 AM	Box Lunch - Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport, ME
12:45 PM	Tours: Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport, ME
2:45 PM	Buses Depart
3:30 PM	Demonstration & Organ Tours: Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME Kotzschmar Memorial Organ Austin, Opus 323, 1912 & 1927 Foley-Baker, 2014
5:00 PM	Dinner on one's own in Downtown Portland
7:00 PM	Buses Depart
9:15 PM	Return to Hotel

## Friday, September 2

The downtown Boston churches on this tour are within walking distance of one another. A bus will be available for those who do not wish to walk.

8:00 AM	Buses Depart
8:45 AM	Demonstration: Holy Cross Cathedral E. & G. G. Hook & Hastings, Opus 801, 1875
9:45 AM	Buses Depart
10:00 AM	Demonstration: Old South Church Skinner, Opus 308, 1920 Nelson Barden & Associates, 1990
11:00 AM	Walk 0.3 mile to Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury Street.
11:15 AM	Demonstration: Church of the Covenant Welte-Tripp, Opus 287, 1929 Austin, 2001
12:15 PM	Lunch on one's own
1:15 PM	Walk 0.2 mile to First Lutheran Church, 222 Berkeley Street.
1:30 PM	Demonstration: First Lutheran Church Richards, Fowkes & Co., Opus 10, 2000
2:30 PM	Walk 0.4 mile to Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer Street.
2:45 PM	Demonstration: Church of the Advent Aeolian-Skinner, Opus 940, 1936
3:45 PM	Walk 0.6 mile to Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Street.
4:00 PM	Demonstration: Old West Church C. B. Fisk, Opus 55, 1971
5:00 PM	Buses Depart
6:00 PM	Return to Hotel