

Boston Organs & More!



Mt. Auburn Cemetery, consecrated in 1831, is claimed as the nation's earliest landscaped cemetery. It contains some 5,500 native and foreign trees and receives yearly plantings of some 50,000 annuals. Buried here are many famous people and organbuilders including Thomas Appleton, Elias and George Hook, Wm. B. D. Simmons, J. H. Willcox, and George Stevens.

EVERY HISTORY STUDENT has surely read or heard the stories of Boston's role in the struggle for American independence. And surely anyone interested in American organ history knows the names of E. & G. G. Hook, George Hutchings, E.M. Skinner or Aeolian-Skinner. These too have their place in Boston history, so it is fitting that the Organ Historical Society come to Boston for our 45th annual convention.

The Hook brothers and, later their partner Frank Hastings, were certainly the most influential names in organbuilding in the last half of the 19th century. And if their name was writ large in the annals of 19th-century organbuilding, the names of E. M. Skinner and Aeolian-Skinner loom equally large in the first half of the 20th century. With headquarters in and around Boston, these firms and others have had significant influence in their home town. We will hear Hook organs from the 1850s to 1900, and 20th-century organs that span the century, including one just installed this year.

Beginning in mid week (as it did last year), the convention will get underway on Wednesday evening, August 16, with a re-

cital on the landmark 1863 E. & G. G. Hook at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, now known as the Jesuit Urban Center. To give the convention aural symmetry we will return here for our final concert to hear a second time what many consider the finest organ built by the Hooks, a pinnacle in American organbuilding. In between, there will be the usual attractions that make OHS conventions such an aural feast, from modest trackers to the luxuriant sounds of the Aeolian-Skinner at First Church of Christ, Scientist, the Mother Church, recently refurbished by the late Lawrence Phelps (who influenced the original design and installation), and the Foley-Baker Co.

We will also have the chance to hear from the experts in presentations on Boston organ history. And, of course, we will see many aspects of historic Boston, including the impressive skyline from across the water at a real New England clambake. The committee also has allowed unscheduled time for those who wish to shop, explore the museums, or other Boston riches.

Join us as we write a new chapter of history for a new century of OHS.

CONVENTION AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2000

Buses leave 7:00 p.m. for first Recital

Registration 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.; 10 p.m. – 12M

1863 E. & G. G. Hook 3m, Jesuit Urban Center (Immaculate Conception Church, Boston)

Peter Sykes, organist

THURSDAY, August 17— Registration 8-9 a.m.

Lecture: "The Organ and Boston Architecture," Park Plaza Hotel, Matthew Bellocchio, presenter

1856 Wm. B. D. Simmons 2m,

Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, East Boston
Kevin Birch, organist

Lunch on your own

1892 Carlton C. Michell 3m

Church of the Most Precious Blood, Hyde Park
Stephen Roberts, organist

1862 E. & G. G. Hook 2m

Christ Church Unity (Sears Chapel), Brookline
Andrew Scanlon, organist

1932 E. M. Skinner 4m, United Parish (formerly Harvard Congregational Church), Brookline
Peter Krasinski, organist

Boston University Symphonic Organ

Nelson Barden & Associates, automatic player

Dinner on your own

1897 Geo. S. Hutchings 3m, Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Mission Church), Boston
Julian Wachner, organist

FRIDAY, August 18

Lecture, "The Hooks before 1875"

Park Plaza Hotel, Barbara Owen, presenter

1854 E. & G. G. Hook 3m

Unitarian Church, Jamaica Plain

Gregory Crowell, organ; Paul Austin, horn

1859 E. & G. G. Hook 3m

First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain

Lois Regestein, organist

1936 E. M. Skinner 2m,

Central Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain
Mark Dwyer, organist

Dinner on your own

1860 E. & G. G. Hook 3m

First Congregational Church, Woburn

George Bozeman, Jr., organist

SATURDAY, August 19

Lecture: "E. M. Skinner and Aeolian-Skinner"

Park Plaza Hotel, Jonathan Ambrosino, presenter

1870 E. & G. G. Hook 2m

First Parish Church, Arlington

Richard Hill, organist

1868 E. & G. G. Hook 2m

Follen Community Church, Lexington

Eric Suter, organist

1924 Frazee Organ Co. 3m

First Baptist Church, Arlington

Timothy E. Smith, organist, with Hymn Sing

Boat Ride to Thompson Island for

Clam Bake/Picnic (No Saturday evening recital)

SUNDAY, August 20

OHS Annual Meeting, Park Plaza Hotel

Church services on your own & Lunch on your own

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE TIME or OPTIONS:

Mt. Auburn Cemetery (via Convention Bus)

Trinity Church, Copley Square (via subway)

Skinner, Brian Jones, organist, +open console

3 Organs in Cambridge (walking & subway):

1958 Flentrop, Busch Hall

Frances C. Fitch, organist

1972 Frobenius, First Church in Cambridge,

Marian Ruhl Metson, organist

1967 C. B. Fisk, Harvard Memorial Church,

Murray Forbes Somerville, organist

SUNDAY LATE AFTERNOON & EVENING:

1935 Aeolian-Skinner 3m

Church of the Advent, Boston

Evensong: Advent Choir

Edith Ho, director; Mark Dwyer, organist

Dinner on your own

1949 Aeolian-Skinner 4m, The First Church of

Christ, Scientist, The Mother Church

Cherry Rhodes, organist

MONDAY, August 21

"Old Organs in New Houses: About the Organ Clearing House," Park Plaza Hotel

Alan Laufman, presenter

MONDAY MORNING FREE TIME or OPTIONS:

Mt. Auburn Cemetery (via Bus) ➔ or ➔

Bus Tour of Newton Organs

1988 Noack Organ Co., Church of Our Redeemer, Gretchen Longwell-Cooley

1986 Geo. Bozeman, Jr., & Co.,

Eliot Church, Kimberly Hess

1886 Hook & Hastings/1986 Andover

Organ Co., Newton [First] Baptist,

Brian Jones, organist

MONDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING:

1894 Geo. Jardine 2m

St. Catherine of Genoa, Somerville

Rosalind Mohnsen, organist

1886 George S. Hutchings 2m

Korean Church UCC, Cambridge

Nancy Granert, organist

Dinner, Charlestown Navy Yard

1893 Woodberry & Harris 3m

St. Mary's R. C. Church, Charlestown

Dana Robinson, organist

TUESDAY, August 22

Lecture, "The Hooks and Mr. Hastings in Weston," Park Plaza Hotel

Pamela Fox, presenter

1971 C. B. Fisk 3m

Old West Church, Boston

Yuko Hayashi, organist

2000 Richards-Fowkes 2m

First Lutheran Church, Boston

William Porter, organist

Lunch on your own

1884 Hook & Hastings 3m

Unitarian-Universalist Church, Roxbury

Robert Barney, organist

1880 Hook & Hastings/1893 Hutchings 3m

St. Patrick's R. C. Church, Roxbury

Fred Jodry, organist

Dinner on your own

1875 Hook & Hastings 3m

Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston

Leo Abbott and others, organists

WEDNESDAY, August 23

Lecture TBA, Park Plaza Hotel

1980 C. B. Fisk 2m

Wellesley College Chapel, Wellesley

Margaret Irwin-Brandon, organist

1853 W. B. D. Simmons 2m

First Baptist Church, Framingham

Victoria Wagner, organist

Nancy Armstrong, soprano

1900 Hook & Hastings 3m

St. Mary's R. C. Church, Waltham

Libor Dudas, organist

Dinner on your own

1863 E. & G. G. Hook 3m

Jesuit Urban Center (Immaculate Conception)

Thomas Murray, organist

Note: This itinerary may be changed. Lunches not shown "on your own" are provided.



1949 Aeolian-Skinner 4m, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, The Mother Church, Boston

Travel Notes

The **Boston Park Plaza Hotel** is a large centrally located hotel near all public transportation and city amenities. It is near the Public Garden and across the Boston Common from the State House. The hotel also has the amenities of a major convention hotel: several restaurants, cafés, and bakeries, a full-service business center, pharmacy, voice mail, and data ports on phones.

Boston, of course, is a major transportation hub, served by many airlines, Amtrak, buses, and major highways..

Fewer meals are included with registration than is usual at OHS conventions. Boston has an abundance of convenient restaurants from inexpensive to expensive, from quick to leisurely. **Meals on your own**, so designated in "Convention at a Glance," give you a chance to set your meal budget and to dine in the style that you choose. A list of restaurants near the hotel will be provided in your registration packet, and, of course, there are several restaurants available in the hotel.



1860 E. & G. G. Hook 3m
First Congregational Church, Woburn



1870 E. & G. G. Hook 2m
First Parish Church, Arlington

If you are **flying**, van transportation into the city is available to area hotels from Logan Airport outside the baggage claim area during the hours of 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 one way or \$13 round-trip. No reservation is required. The airport is also served by the subway system (called the T). Take the free airport shuttle bus to the Airport T Station. Take a Blue Line train to Government Center. The fare is 85 cents. By taxi, the trip from the airport should take about 20 minutes (depending, of course, on Boston traffic). The fare should be approximately \$15.

Directions for **driving** into central Boston and the Park Plaza Hotel will be included with your convention registration acknowledgment. **Parking** information may be found under Hotel Reservations in this brochure.

Hotel Reservations

Boston Park Plaza Hotel (Convention Headquarters)

64 Arlington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3912

www.bostonparkplaza.com

1-800-225-2008

617-457-2425

24 hours, reserve any or all nights Wednesday - Wednesday

reservations beginning before Wednesday, August 16
or ending after Wednesday, August 23

\$129 double or single occupancy + 12.45% tax Please state that you are attending the Organ Historical Society convention in August. Please make your reservations as soon as possible — rooms may be sold out early. The special convention rate will not be available after July 24. Major credit cards are accepted to confirm reservations. Checks must be presented two weeks in advance of arrival.

Parking: Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$27 per day with in/out privileges. Self-park at the nearby public garage for \$23 per day.

If you wish to share a room at the Park Plaza, call OHS. We'll try to put you in touch with others who also have called. OHS cannot find roommates for the dormitory, below.

Note: Alternative housing is available at the residence halls of Suffolk University on Tremont Street at West Street, a ten-minute walk from convention headquarters. Single rooms \$65; bed in room with another person, \$45. There are no private baths. Air conditioned. Smoking and alcohol are not allowed. Breakfast, linens, and in-room local telephone service are included. No parking is provided but public garages in the area charge \$20 to \$30 per day. Reservations and payment must be made in advance by mail (checks, Visa and MasterCard only) using a special form. Download the "Suffolk Dormitory Registration Form" from www.organsociety/Boston.

REGISTRATION

Organ Historical Society Convention, August 16-23, 2000

Mail to: OHS Convention
 Organ Historical Society
 Post Office Box 26811 www.organsociety.org e-mail <conreg@organsociety.org>
 Richmond, VA 23261 804-353-9226 FAX 804-353-9266

Registration form must accompany your remittance
 by check (payable to OHS) Visa Master Card

Credit Card Number Exp. Date

Please use a separate form for each registration.

Name

Name to Appear on Identification Badge

Address

City State (Prov) Zip/Postal Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Contact in case of Emergency (especially if you are travelling alone) Telephone

The registration fee is for all convention events, Thursday through Wednesday, and includes the pre-convention event Wednesday evening. **It does not include the non-convention Methuen trip early Wednesday, August 16.** If you cannot be with us for the entire convention, please skip this section and go to the **Partial Registration** section.

Registration fee includes motor coach transportation, entrance fees, and all activities August 17 - 23 and the pre-convention recital on the evening of August 16. It does not include lodging (see elsewhere in this brochure), breakfasts, and meals so designated in the "Convention at a Glance" in this brochure. Please inform us in writing which accompanies this form of any special physician-directed dietary requirements. **The Convention cannot accommodate physical limitations which prevent use of public transportation and walking of several city blocks.**

Early Registration on or before July 17. \$459 _____

Registration after July 17 \$499 _____

NOTE: Those aged 14-25 years may take a 20% discount of registration charge above.

Non-Members, add membership dues \$35 _____

Rate for seniors 65 or older is \$29 and for people under 25 is \$19. Memberships outside U. S. must add \$12 mailing supplement. You must be an OHS member to attend the convention (unless you are part of the household of a member who is attending).

Trip to Methuen Memorial Music Hall \$30 _____



Methuen

Wednesday, August 16, bus departure from Park Plaza Hotel at 10:30 a.m. for 1½-hour ride to Methuen. Recital on 1860 E. F. Walcker / 1848 Aeolian-Skinner. Lunch in local restaurant (\$6-\$12) not included in fee. Return to hotel by 3:30 p.m. Not part of convention.

Total. . . _____

Please make selections for Sunday and Monday Options at the right. These selections must be made in advance.

Refunds for cancellations will be made in full until July 17; after that, \$25 will not be refundable. No refunds will be made for canceled registrations after the convention begins.

I will lodge at Suffolk University dormitory rather than the Park Plaza hotel.

Sunday & Monday Options MUST BE SELECTED IN ADVANCE

Sunday afternoon Please select your activity here:

- Unstructured time**; I'll do something else or nothing at all.
- Mt. Auburn Cemetery** (via Convention Bus), lunch on your own
- Trinity Church, Copley Square** (via subway; subway tokens provided), Brian Jones & open console, lunch on your own
- 3 Organs in Cambridge** (walking & subway, subway tokens provided), itinerary in "Convention at a Glance," lunch on your own

Monday morning Please select your activity here:

- Unstructured time**; I'll do something else or nothing at all.
- Mt. Auburn Cemetery** (via Convention Bus, box lunch included)
- Tour of Organs in Newton** (via Convention Bus, box lunch included), organs and players listed in "Convention at a Glance"

Partial Registration SKIP THIS SECTION IF YOU ARE REGISTERED ABOVE

If you cannot register for the entire convention, choose below the days which you wish to attend. Includes transportation, activities, and meals (except as noted in "Convention at a Glance").

Wednesday (bus & evening recital). \$19 _____

Trip to Methuen (described at left). \$30 _____

Thursday \$59 _____

Friday \$55 _____

Saturday (including boat ride & dinner) \$119 _____

Boat ride and Dinner only (Sat. evening). \$69 _____

This is for those who may wish to join us for the boat ride and dinner only, but not for other activities on Saturday. Membership not required.

Sunday (select options above) \$59 _____

Monday (select options above) \$89 _____

Tuesday \$59 _____

Wednesday \$59 _____

Non-members please add \$35 for membership _____
 Please see rates for seniors, people under 25, mail outside U. S., etc., at left.

Total of Partial Registration. . . _____