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"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

James Mellichamp

Chapter Programs

What a great evening we enjoyed on March 17 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church! Many of you were in attendance and were "wowed" by the performance of William Whitehead. Kudos to Scott Atchison and his staff for hosting this superb event and congratulations on the new Gallery Organ addition. It's really the crowning jewel in a fabulous instrument!

Our May 12 program will be the annual Guild Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Arlan Sunnarborg, choir, and clergy will provide an inspiring worship experience for the chapter. As in recent years, please encourage clergy and other musicians from your churches to join in attendance. We also want to be sure that Bobby Mays is pleased with an extra-large crowd at St. Lukes!

Jeff Harbin is working hard on planning chapter programs for next year. If you have suggestions for him to consider, be sure to pass those along to him. Recently, the Executive Committee, in order to provide chapter members with clear information about programs and to prevent misunderstandings about the nature of our programs, adopted a new policy. This will require all program presenters to supply complete information for the program before it is reviewed and approved by the board. We hope this will eliminate the possibility for confusion which resulted this year and which we very much regret. As a result, members will be able to tell at a glance exactly what the monthly program is all about – including a list of repertoire for the concert programs – with all the exciting details published in the monthly newsletter.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy spring and good luck with all of your special music programs for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

No Chapter Meeting in April

Mark your Calendars for our

ANNUAL GUILD SERVICE

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

435 Peachtree Street NE ~ Atlanta, Georgia

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Host: Arlan Sunnarborg

with the Choirs of St. Luke's

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

Punchbowl: 6:00 pm ~ Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 pm ~ Service: 8:00 pm

The cost for meals this season is \$13.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

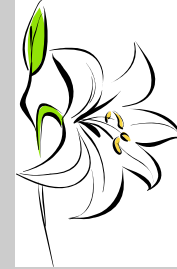
SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

The annual Chapter Scholarship Auditions will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur. These auditions foster talent by awarding money for organ study, the purchase of scores, attendance at workshops, and other possibilities requested by those auditioning. The auditions also provide a professional venue for performing major organ literature while receiving constructive comments and feedback. Our Chapter website has detailed information, including application forms for the various categories. You will find scholarship audition information under the major heading of "Education", listed at the top of our homepage. Keith Nash, Organist and Choirmaster at Holy Trinity, is coordinator. Please contact him at the church: 404-377-2622, or nash@htparish.com. Deadline for receiving applications is Friday, April 17, 2009.

In Memoriam

Marcus Bartlett

August 19, 1910 - February 19, 2009



Mary Betty Ford

November 9, 1925 - March 20, 2009

A Memorial Celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on April 25th at The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany.



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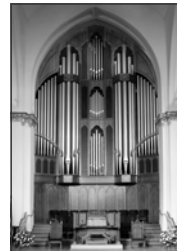
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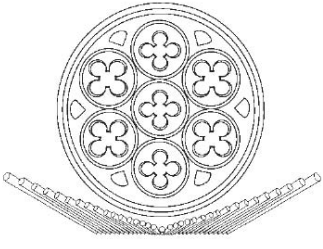
Eastman First United Methodist Church (USA) 5324 Anson Ave. Eastman, GA, 31023. 478-374-4327. Organist for 350+ member Eastman church, 10 hours per week (which includes 4 hours of weekly planning and 6 hours of on-site personal performance time.) Responsibilities include planning and preparation of appropriate organ and choral music accompaniment for one weekly Sunday morning service and one Wednesday rehearsal with Chancel Choir. Additional services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services could be required also. Send resume to Dana Hardin, SPR Committee Chairperson, at the above address, or contact Elizabeth Burch at 478-374-2772.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church 3740 Holtzclaw Road, Cumming, GA has immediate need for an experienced Director of Music. Duties would include 3 Sunday morning masses and one Saturday evening mass (negotiable). Wednesday evening Choir rehearsal for 35 voice choir, cantor rehearsal, and possible Bell Choir. Excellent pay commensurate with experience. Church does not have an organ, but an excellent Yamaha 7' grand piano. Please send resume' and references to: frichardson@goodshepherdcumming.com -or- ornsmith@goodshepherdcumming.com. -or- fax to: 770-887-2241 attention: Father Frank. For more information call Father Frank Richardson 770-561-2538 (cell) or 770-887-9861 (church) or Nancy Smith, Director of Music and Liturgy at 770-887-9861 X 17 (church) or 678-602-1613 (cell).

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (ELCA), 800 Westlake Drive, Athens, Georgia 30606. Ph: 706-548-3329 ~ Web: www.holycrosslutheran.ws Part-time Organist/Director of Music Ministry. Contact Eric Gattiker, Search Committee Chair, at church address or e-mail egattiker@charter.net for additional information and application.

Midway Missionary Baptist Church College Park, GA., a small spirit-filled church, seeks a dedicated, dependable, and anointed musician who can play organ and teach 3 part harmony for 3 choirs: Church Choir, Male Chorus, and Junior Choir (7yrs - H.S. senior). You must be able to lead praise & worship service and support the overall spiritual worship service and celebration of the church through worship worthy hymns & spirituals yet able to combine the contemporary Gospel with the Gospel worship of America. The right candidate can start immediately for \$250-\$300 per Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (based on ability & experience). 20 hours a week (which includes worship and rehearsals). Please contact the church at 404-768-5648 or mail@midwaymbc.org If you have any questions, concerns, or recommendation; please do not hesitate to call Rev. Edward S. Reynolds

Saint Brigid Catholic Church 3400 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, Ga 30022 a vibrant and growing parish of 3,500 families, in Johns Creek, GA, seeks a full-time Director of Music. Candidate should have a thorough understanding and appreciation of Catholic liturgy, a Bachelor's degree in Music, Master's preferred, along with excellent organ, keyboard and choral conducting skills. Candidate



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A Note from Sue Goddard:

The Witherspoon Legacy – a Book Review

This delightful and exciting first novel is from the pen and imagination of fellow organist in north Florida, Glenda K. Sutton. Glenda, who is a full-time lawyer and part-time church organist, is currently working on her third book which, she hints, contains references to Atlanta organs and events. I met her last fall when she visited in the city to get some ideas of locations and organs.

In "Witherspoon Legacy," the heroine, Amanda is an appealing lawyer and church organist-choir director who finds herself in grave danger after inheriting this legacy from her mentor and friends, Marjorie Witherspoon. A list of the music played for the funeral service is even included.

The book, published by Ex Libris, is available from Amazon.com

must also be able to conduct major choral/orchestral works. Responsibilities include: planning and preparation for three week-end liturgies, holy days, weddings, funerals as well as training, directing, and scheduling of choirs and cantors. Parish currently has two traditional choirs, Journey of Praise Choir, Life Teen Band, and Children's Choir Program. An Associate Organist and several paid Music Associates are in place to assist with these groups. The parish has a 2 manual, 37 rank Casavant pipe organ (2004) in the rear choir loft, a Yamaha grand piano, 2 Boston pianos and a single manual Flemish harpsichord. Salary and benefits are commensurate with education and experience. Please email resume to mivingston@saintbrigid.org, subject Music Director Search Committee, as soon as possible.

Scott Boulevard Baptist Church 2532 N Decatur Rd., Decatur, GA is seeking an Organist for our Sunday 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service. The ideal candidate will be creative in leading congregational singing and versatile in playing a range of musical styles on our 3-manual, 18-rank organ and on piano. He or she will accompany the choir in worship and a Wednesday night rehearsal and will work with the music director and pianist as a music leadership team. 8-10 hours weekly expected (which includes 4 hours for worship and choir rehearsal, 4-6 hours for personal preparation.) Salary is \$10,400 annual. Please contact Greg Smith, gregsmith@scottblvd.com.

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4:00 P.M. / EVENSONG

Cathedral Schola

*music by Ayleward, Blow Crotch and Boyce***MAUNDY THURSDAY, 9 APRIL**

7:00 P.M. / HOLY EUCHARIST

Cathedral Choir

*music by Messiaen, Duruflé, Poulenc, Elgar and Hurd***GOOD FRIDAY, 10 APRIL**

12:00 NOON & 7:00 P.M. / LITURGY OF THE DAY

Cathedral Schola

*music by Victoria, di Lasso and Gesualdo***EASTER SUNDAY, 12 APRIL**

6:00 A.M. / THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Cathedral Choir and Junior and Senior Choristers

music by Gearhart, Harris, Bech, Near and Phillips

8:45 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M. / HOLY EUCHARIST

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Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers

with the Peachtree Brass

*music by Elmore, Elgar, Weelkes, Dirksen, Hadley and Stanford***FRIDAY, 17 APRIL**

7:30 P.M. / CONCERT [Tickets \$20]

Canterbury Cathedral Choir, Canterbury, England

David Flood, *conductor**music by Byrd, Tallis, Elgar, Britten, Walton, Glinka, Fauré and Handel*

4:00 P.M. / EVENSONG

Cathedral Schola

*music by Smith, Wood, Kelly, Weelkes and Jackson***SUNDAY, 26 APRIL**

3:15 P.M. / RECITAL

Matthew Brown, *organ*

(Grace Episcopal Church, New York, NY)

music by de Grigny, Franck, Messiaen and Escaich

4:00 P.M. / EVENSONG

Cathedral Schola

*music by Neary, Howells, Near and Bairstow***FRIDAY, 1 MAY**

7:00 P.M. / EMILE T. FISHER SPRING CONCERT

Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers and orchestra

music by Handel

Tickets \$15

**Canterbury Choir
Performs at St. Philip Cathedral**

The Canterbury Cathedral Choir from England will be singing at The Cathedral of St. Philip on *Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:30pm*. The ticket price is \$20-\$30 and tickets will be available at the door. The Cathedral of St. Philip is located at 2744 Peachtree Rd. in the city of Atlanta. There is plenty of parking at the back of the cathedral, and it is handicap accessible.

As early as 1469, there was a small group of boys and monks called "singers of this church." The present day Canterbury Cathedral Choir is under the direction of Master of the Choristers and Organist of the Cathedral, David Flood. Mr. Flood oversees the complete music programme. This will be the first time that they have been in the US in ten years. While in the US, they have nine scheduled performances. Their final performance will be at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

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April 2009 Calendar of Musical Events

| Weekday | Date | Time | Event | Location | \$ |
|-----------|------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----|
| Saturday | 4/4 | 3:00 pm | Richard Morris, <i>organ</i> | Spivey Hall | \$ |
| Sunday | 4/5 | 11:00 pm | Holy Week Cantata "Covenant of Grace" | Church of the New Covenant | |
| | | 5:30 pm | Sarah Martin, <i>organ</i> | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany | |
| | | 6:00 pm | Choral Evensong | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany | |
| Thursday | 4/9 | 7:00 pm | Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with The Cathedral Choir | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Friday | 4/10 | Noon & 7:00 pm | Liturgy for Good Friday with The Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Friday | 4/17 | 7:30 pm | James Mellichamp, <i>faculty organ recital</i> | Piedmont College / Demorest | |
| Sunday | 4/19 | 3:15 pm | Julie Evans, <i>organ</i> | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Choral Evensong with The Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Wednesday | 4/22 | 8:00 pm | Robert MacDonald, <i>organ</i> (former house organist at Radio City Music Hall and former Assistant Organist at Riverside Church). | Cumming First United Methodist Church | |
| Friday | 4/24 | Noon | Robert MacDonald, organ (former house organist for Radio City Music Hall and former Assistant Organist at Riverside Church). | Cumming First United Methodist Church | |
| | | 7:30 pm | Morehouse Glee Club, Dr. David Morrow director. Classical compositions, African music and African-American music featuring works of former Glee Club director, Dr. Wendell Whalum. Tickets available at the door or in advance at www.allsaints.org (go to music, then to concert series) | All Saints Episcopal Church | \$ |
| | | 7:30 pm | Matthew Brown, <i>Organ</i> . This is the second program in the Inaugural Series of Parkey Organ Opus 10. | Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Marietta | |
| Sunday | 4/26 | 2:00 pm | Robert F. Wolfersteig & Philip Newton, <i>duo organ, harpsichord, and piano</i> . | Living Grace Lutheran Church Tucker | |
| | | 3:15 pm | Matthew Brown, <i>organ</i> | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Choral Evensong with The Cathedral Schola | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 7:30 pm | Kiriku Handbell Ensemble. | Church of the New Covenant | \$ |
| | | 8:00 pm | Compline sung by the St. Bartholomew's Schola | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church | |
| Tuesday | 4/28 | 7:00 pm | Clive-Driskoll Smith with the combined choirs of Peachtree Presbyterian and Norcross United Methodist | Peachtree Presbyterian Church | |
| Saturday | 5/2 | 3:00 pm | Vincent Dubois, <i>organ</i> | Spivey Hall | \$ |
| | | 8:00 pm | New Trinity Baroque | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church | \$ |
| Sunday | 5/3 | 3:15 pm | Clarence Cloak, <i>organ</i> | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 4:00 pm | Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St. Bartholomew's | Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| | | 5:30pm | Marena Vittorio, <i>organ</i> | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany | |
| | | 6:00 pm | Choral Evensong | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany | |
| Sunday | 5/10 | 7:00 pm | Mike Tiscione, <i>trumpet</i> , Brad Hughley, <i>organ</i> | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church | |
| | | 8:00 pm | Compline sung by the St. Bartholomew Schola | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church | |

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2008-2009 AGO Atlanta Yearbooks will again be available for the last time this season at the May 12th meeting. There are a number of members who have yet to do so. If you need to have your copy mailed, please contact Charles Redmon, editor.

Every effort has been made to insure accuracy and completeness of the information contained within the 2008-2009 Yearbook. All information was taken directly from your new or renewal application. If there are errors, additions or changes, please notify Tom Wigley, Registrar, at your earliest convenience. Updates will appear in the monthly issues of *The Organizer*.

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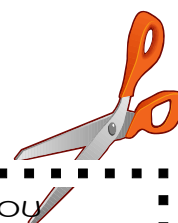


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The cost for dinners this season will be \$13. Reservations for monthly meeting dinners/luncheons are a **MUST** and should be made no later than the Thursday before the next weeks meeting. CHECKS are to be made payable to AGO Atlanta at the meeting check-in desk. If you pay by CASH, please bring exact change. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation in advance on the Thursday prior to the dinner or luncheon date - OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

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To pay for a reservation that you didn't keep, mail a check to Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*. (see Yearbook Page ML-39)

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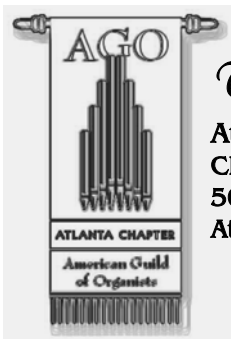
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