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The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is pleased to announce the establishment of The Taylor Organ Competition. The first competition will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (435 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA) from 12noon-5pm. With prize money of \$15,000, a first prize of \$10,000 plus a solo recital in Atlanta, and undergraduate competitors only, this is an event NOT to be missed! Entrance is free. Our finalists are:

Benton Blasingame (Eastman School of Music) Samuel Gaskin (Indiana University) Justin Murphy-Mancini (Oberlin College) Caroline Robinson (Curtis Institute of Music) Benjamin Sheen (Julliard School of Music).

The judges will be Douglas Cleveland, David Higgs and Wilma Jensen. More information can be found at: <u>http://taylororgancompetition.com/about.html</u>

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

Dr. David Oliver, Organist/Artist-in-Residence at Morehouse College performed an outstanding recital at the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta on Tuesday evening, March 13, utilizing both the small mechanical action instrument in the chapel and the 105 rank Zimmer in the sanctuary. Dr. Oliver presented an enjoyable selection of pieces to showcase the variety of color found in these instruments. We were treated to standard organ literature by Bach, Buxtehude, Duruflé, Mendelssohn, Reubke and Vierne, an arrangement of the spiritual "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and an improvisation on the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". The audience was clearly spellbound by Dr. Oliver's virtuosity. We thank Sue Mitchell-Wallace and Will Breytspraak for hosting us.

The day that we've been anticipating for so long is finally upon us: Saturday, <u>April</u> <u>21, 2012</u> - the date of the final round of the inaugural Taylor Organ Competition at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In 2006, Elizabeth Abbot Taylor, a St. Luke's parishioner and long-time member of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, left us with a bequest of \$300,000 in her estate. The Executive Board of the Atlanta Chapter appointed a committee consisting of Sarah Hawbecker, Tim Wissler, Arlan Sunnarborg, Bobby Mays, Charlene Ponder, James Mellichamp, and Sarah Martin, Chair, to determine how we should honor Ms. Taylor and best utilize her substantial gift to our chapter. It was recommended that we establish a national organ competition to be held every three years.

This same committee has been working to ensure that the Taylor Organ Competition will truly be a first-class event. The judges for the final round at St. Luke's will be Douglas Cleveland, David Higgs and Wilma Jensen. The names of the five finalists have been announced:

> Benton Blasingame - student of David Higgs (Eastman) Samuel Gaskin - student of Christopher Young (Indiana) Justin Murphy-Mancini - student of Jack Mitchener (Oberlin) Caroline Robinson - student of Alan Morrison (Curtis) Benjamin Sheen - student of Paul Jacobs (Juilliard)

There is no doubt that we are in for an outstanding afternoon of organ playing! If you are willing to serve as a volunteer at this event, please contact Rachel Ficklin at 678-447-7228. This day is sure to be remembered as a significant milestone in the history of our chapter. I hope that all of you will make plans to attend the competition and the reception that will follow. Special thanks in advance to our hosts at St. Luke's - Arlan Sunnarborg, Charles Higgs and Bobby Mays.

Organ students - our annual Chapter Scholarship Auditions will be held on Friday, April 27 at the First United Methodist Church of Decatur. Thanks to Mitch Weisiger for hosting us this year. The deadline for applications is April 13.

As I mentioned in my article last month, we will end the 2011-2012 season on May 20 with our annual Guild Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A special feature of this year's service is the premier of a new anthem for organ and choir commissioned by the Atlanta Chapter and composed by Arlan Sunnarborg from St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of this project. Please contact Dan Pruitt if you would like to contribute. Copies of the commissioned anthem will be made available to chapter members via the Listserv after the service on May 20.

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New Designs for the New Year



Advent Lutheran Church of Melbourne, Florida

Façade design for new 3-manual, 29-rank pipe organ.

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Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm Preceding Evensong at 4 pm Other events as noted.

Sunday, April 1 / Passion Sunday

4:00 p.m. Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols, Schola arr. Andrew Carter, I wonder as I wander arr. Martin Shaw, The Merchant's Carol arr. Dale Adelmann, Sometimes I feel like a motherless child Nobody knows the trouble I've seen arr. Michael Sitton, Wondrows Love Benjamin Britten, Corpus Christi Carol Antonio Lotti, Crucifixus

Thursday, April 5/ Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m., Foot-Washing & Holy Eucharist Cathedral Choir & Senior Choristers Paul Mealor, *Ubi caritas /* Dan Locklair, *O sacrum convivium* Maurice Duruflé, *Ubi caritas*

Friday, April 6 / Good Friday

12:00 noon, Good Friday Liturgy, Schola 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy, Schola Tomás Luis de Victoria, *The Passion according to St. John* Clemens Non Papa, *Crux fideles* Kenneth Leighton, Drop, drop, slow tears from *Crucifixus pro nobis*

Sunday, April 8 / Easter Day

6:00 a.m. Great Vigil of Easter, Staff Singers & All Choristers
8:45 a.m. Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist
Cathedral Choir & Senior Choristers
11:15 a.m. Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Cathedral Choir

Sunday, April 15

3:15 p.m. Recital, Barbara Salter (Atlanta), organ Johann Sebastian Bach, *Toccata and Fugue in D minor "Dorian"* Marcel Dupré, *Resurrection* Charles Tournemire, *Victimae Pascali* 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, The Westminster Ensemble

C. Hylton Stewart in C R. S. Thatcher, *Come ye faithful, raise the strain* Gabriel Faure, *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Friday, April 20

7:30 p.m. Concert of Festive Music for Brass, Organ & Choir, with Craig Phillips The Emile T. Fisher Concert Cathedral Choir & Schola, Brass & Percussion Craig Phillips & David Fishburn, organ Dale Adelmann, conductor

Sunday, April 22

3:15 p.m. Recital, Joseph Causby, organ Sir Edward Elgar, Imperial March Johann Sebastian Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547 Herbert Howells, Psalm Prelude, Set 2, No. 1 Alexandre Guilmant, Final, from Sonata I in D minor

> 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, Schola Philip Radcliffe, *Preces & Responses* George Dyson in D Craig Phillips, *The Risen Sun / Psalm 103*

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For the complete 2011-2012 concert schedule, visit www.SpiveyHall.org

Alan Morrison Saturday, October 29, 2011 | 3PM

Pre-concert Talk 2:15PM

Spivey Hall favorite, Atlanta native, and "a fully formed virtuoso" (The American Organist), Alan Morrison heads the organ department at Philadelphia's venerable Curtis Institute of Music and enjoys a flourishing concert and recording career.

Richard Morris Saturday, March 3, 2012 | 3PM

Spivey Hal's organist-in-residence and distinguished concert and recording artist, Richard Morris commands a rich repertoire. His brilliant performances, punctualed by the inimitable wit of his commentary, are a high point of every Spivey Hall season.

Steven Wooddell Saturday, April 28, 2012 | 3PM

Pre-concert Talk 2:15PM

Sleven Wooddell received his early musical training at the North Carolina School of the Arts, later studying with Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Larry Palmer at Southern Methodist University. Winner of the 1994 Regional AGO Young Organists Competition in Cincinnati, he has given recitais throughout Indiana and Ohio, and is currently director of music at First Presbylerian Church in Rome, Georgia.

Sir Simon Preston Saturday, May 19, 2012 | 8:15PM

Among the world's most celebrated organists, Sir Simon Preston is "a virtuoso, but more importantly, a fine artist of superior musicianship on every count" who performs "an inordinalely interesting selection of repertory" with a "flawless sense of style" (San Francisco Examiner).

Widely renowned for his superlative performances and acclaimed recordings spanning a britilant career of atmost 50 years, Sir Simon served as artistic director of the prestigious Calgary international Organ Festival & Competitions in 1998 and 2002, whose North-American Selections Rounds were proudly hosted by Sphey Hall. His recital marks the 20th anniversary of the dedication concerts of Spivey Hall's magnificent Albert Schweitzer Memorial Organ, built by Rate III Ruffatti of Padua, Italy.

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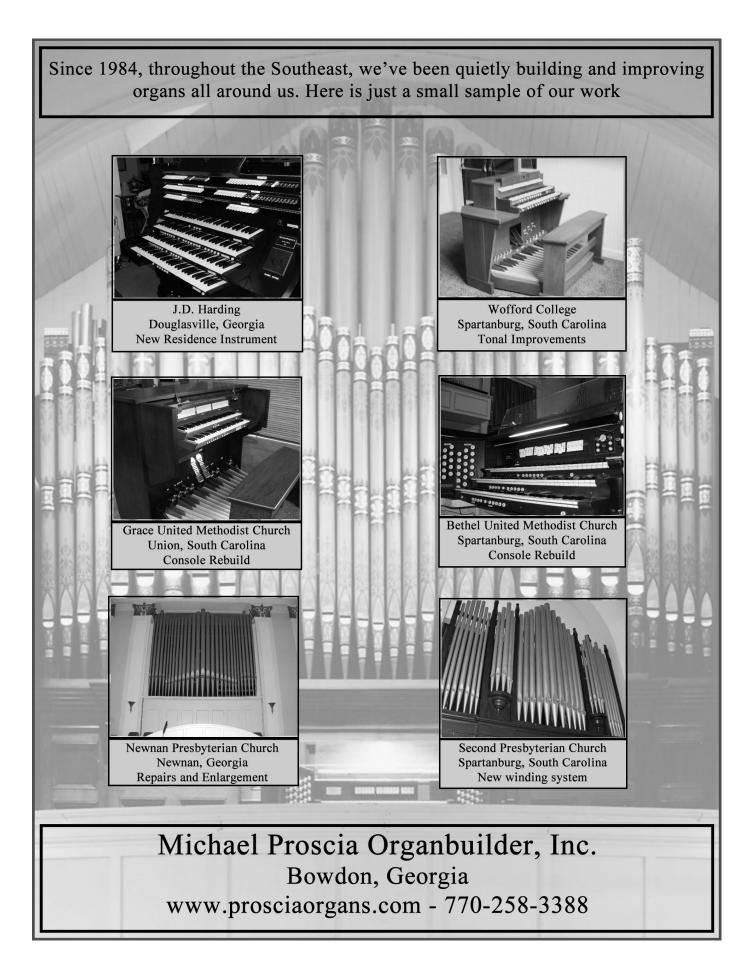
APRIL 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	4/1	4:00 PM	Meditation on the Passion of Christ, with Carols	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Tuesday		12:00 PM 8:00 PM	R. Spano, piano; Vega Quartet Emory Jazz Combos	Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emor Schwartz Center, Emory	ſy
Thursday		7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Choral Eucharist	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
Friday	4/6	7:00 PM 12 Noon	Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist Buckhead Community Good Friday Liturgy	Cathedral of St. Philip Peachtree Boad	
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		12 Noon; 7 PM	Good Friday Liturgy	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Friday	4/6	7:30 PM	Mozart: Requiem (7:10 Pre-concert lecture)	Roswell Presbyterian Church	
	. —	8:00 PM	Dawn Upshaw, soprano	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
Saturday Sunday	4/ <i>1</i> 4/8	8:00 PM 8:15 AM,	Elena Cholakova, piano Easter Worship	Schwartz Center, Emory Peachtree Road	
Gunday	4/0	9:45 AM, 11:15 AM		United Methodist Church	
		8:45 AM; 11:15 AM	Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Tuesday	4/10	7:30 PM	Clayton State Chorale & Griffin Choral Arts	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	
Thursday	4/12		Australian Chamber Orchestra	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
		8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & ASOC; G. Shaham, violin; A.Perez, soprano	Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	4/13	8:00 PM	GSU Men's Chorus "Georgia Night" Concert	Ray Charles PA Center, Morehouse College	
.		8:00 PM	GSU Opera Theatre: Le nozze di Figaro	Rialto Center for the Arts	\$
Saturday	4/14	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	GSU Opera Theatre: Le nozze di Figaro Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & ASOC;	Rialto Center for the Arts Symphony Hall	\$ \$
		8:15 PM	G. Shaham, violin; A.Perez, soprano	Spivey Hall,	φ \$
		0.15 FW	Charles Castronovo, tenor	Clayton State University	φ
Sunday	4/15	2:00 PM	Catherine Roland, organ; Carol Rodland, viola	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
		3:00 PM	MOS Invitational High School Music Festival	Roswell United Methodist Church	
		3:00 PM	Beijing String Quartet	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
		3:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & ASOC; G. Shaham, violin; A.Perez, soprano	Symphony Hall	\$
		3:15 PM	Recital: Barbara Salter, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 PM	Choral Evensong: The Westminster Ensemble	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Thursday			Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Yuja Wang, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	4/20	12:00 PM	C. Rex, cello; E.S. Lee, viola; Vega String Quartet	Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emor	ſУ
		7:30 PM	Festive Music for Brass, Organ & Choir with Craig Phillips	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		8:00 PM	Emory U. Symphony; Chorus	Schwartz Center, Emory	•
		8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Yuja Wang, piano	Symphony Hall	\$

APRIL 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

Saturday 4	4/21	6:00 PM	The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
		8:00 PM 8:00 PM	Emory U. Symphony; Chorus Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Yuja Wang, piano	Schwartz Center, Emory Symphony Hall
		8:15 PM	Bretano String Quartet	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University
Sunday 4	4/22	3:00 PM	Clayton State University Chorale	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University
		3:15 PM	Recital: Joseph Causby, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip
		4:00 PM	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip
		4:00 PM	Haydn: The Creation	St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, Smyrna
		7:30 PM	Recital: Southcity Winds	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
Tuesday 4	4/24	8:00 PM	Emory Big Band	Schwartz Center, Emory
Thursday 4			Emory Concert Choir	Schwartz Center, Emory
,		8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; B. Abduraimov, piano	Symphony Hall
Friday 4	4/27	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; B. Abduraimov, piano	Symphony Hall
Saturday 4	4/28	3:00 PM	Steven Woodell, organ	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University
		7:30 PM	Angela Hewitt, Piano Master Class	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University
		8:00 PM	Atlanta Opera: Don Giovanni	Cobb Energy Center
		8:00 PM	Emory Wind Ensemble	Schwartz Center, Emory
		8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; B. Abduraimov, piano	Symphony Hall
Sunday 4	4/29	1:30 PM	The Remarkable Farkle McBride	Symphony Hall
-		2:00 PM	Will Breytspraak, piano	First Presbyterian Church
		3:00 PM	Angela Hewitt, piano	Spivey Hall,
				Clayton State University
		3:30 PM	The Remarkable Farkle McBride	Symphony Hall
		4:00 PM	Northside Young Singers; Lynn Swanson Festival Singers	Murray Arts Center, Kennesaw





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We will also elect our chapter officers for 2012-2013 at the May meeting. I can't imagine a better slate of candidates than what has been presented. I offer my sincere gratitude to all of the individuals whose names appear on the slate for their willingness to share their time and talents with our chapter. I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of our outstanding Nominating Committee: Alice Walker, Becky Ramsey and Michael Morgan, Chair.

I look forward to seeing you at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on April 21.

Jeff Harbin, Dean

FINAL AGO ATLANTA 2011-2012 Event

Sunday, May 20, 2012 - Annual Guild Service -

Premier of the 2011-12 Chapter Choral Commission Invite your Clergy and Music Staff Evening St. Paul's Episcopal Church 306 Peyton Road SW 5:30 Punchbowl • 6:00 Dinner • 7:30 Service

Scholarship Auditions

The 2012 Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Auditions will be held at Decatur First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Ponce De Leon Av., in downtown Decatur, on *Friday, April 27*th. Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, April 13th.

Please send applications to: Keith Nash 1446 Winston Place Decatur, GA 30033 H: 404-633-2652 e-mail: <u>libgkn@emory.edu</u>

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Calling All High School Students

We are pleased to announce UNC-School of the Arts' Summer Organ Week for High School Organists from June 24-29, 2012 (these dates do **not** conflict with our region's POE). The course is open to all high school organists and advanced pianists interested in the organ. The week will be based on the campuses of UNCSA (C.B. Fisk, Op. 75 organ - http://www.cbfisk.com/instrumentFiles/75/075_Stoplist.pdf) and Salem College (1965 Flentrop organ - http://www.flentrop.nl/orgelbouw/winsto_nort_coll.html), and will utilize the wealth of wonderful instruments present in Winston-Salem, NC, including the famous 1800 Tannenberg organ (www.davidtannenberg.com/Tannenberg_1800_Old_Salem.htm). Included each day will be individual lessons and practice time, master classes on technique, repertoire, service playing skills, improvisation, etc. Students will be housed on the campus of UNCSA. For more detailed information about applying, please visit www.uncsa.edu/summersession/music.htm.

For further information regarding scholarships and the events of the week, please contact UNCSA & Salem College organ professor, Dr. Timothy Olsen at <u>olsent@uncsa.edu</u> or <u>timothy.jon.olsen@gmail.com</u>.

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> Karen Bunn, *Chair* by phone: (h) 770.446.2084 (cell) 404.502.6292

The cost for dinners this season will be **\$14**. 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 <u>payable to AGO Atlanta</u> 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 <u>prior</u> 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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