

# The Organizer

American Guild of Organists

Atlanta Chapter

## Christmas Party December 10

You've been planning, preparing, working at juggling a lot of tasks all month! You deserve to take a couple of hours to relax in the warmth and beauty of Herbert Buffington and Brian Freeman's home, a place as inviting as it is elegant. Have you made your reservation? You can still phone in advance, pay \$15 (for a delightful dinner with wine) at the door on Dec. 10th, and join the fun

anytime between 7 and 10 PM. Our hosts are really looking forward to having the AGO party for the SECOND time! Now... 'Don' your favorite holiday appare! Grab some holiday songs to 'fa-la-la' with friends, to play on the Steinway by the Christmas tree or on the 3-manual Allen near the fireside.

Here are some PARKING suggestions from Herb. The house is a tan Cape Cod with a stacked stone mailbox, 3434 Habersham Rd NW, near the corner of Habersham and Valley Roads. Carpool with AGO members who live near you, if possible. Then folks who can't walk very far can be dropped off at the door.

The shaded areas on the map on page 2 show where you may park. Park on Habersham Road going UPHILL only, on the 3434 side of the street. Parking on the odd-numbered side is hazardous because of cars coming down the hill. If you park on Valley Road, the cross street near the house, you won't

## Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 10  
7:00-10:00 PM**

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Herb Buffington and Brian Freeman,  
Hosts

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## RESERVATION REQUIRED Deadline

Tuesday, December 3  
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<johnsabine@earthlink.net>

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have any streets to cross. Chatham Road is not a congested street, less than a block from the house, but you will have to cross Habersham from there.

There is limited parking for handicapped guests by the house. A maximum of three cars may park in front of the house, and five cars in the rear parking area IF they are parked facing the picket fence by the pool.

## *The Organizer*

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## *Publicize Your Programs*

Twice a year *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* publishes an arts guide. The next *Go Guide* will be published on January 19, 2003. Deadline for this issue is **December 1**. You may use the form available at <www.ajc.com/artsguide> to submit information. For information contact Kris Jensen at (404) 526-5955 or <kjensen@ajc.com>.

## *Christmas Eve Service*

### *The First Noel*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### *Lessons and Carols*

Tuesday, December 24 10:30 PM

Choirs and Orchestra  
Charles Whittaker, conductor

### *First Presbyterian Church*

1328 Peachtree Street, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia

For more information, call (404) 228-7732

## *Contacts Needed*

The Executive Board members believe it is important to maintain a personal contact with chapter members. This is a big, but important task. If you are willing to help make contacts for chapter events, please notify Dean Phil Parkey at <philparkey@parkeyorgans.com> or at (770) 368-9975.

## *Organ "free to a good home"*

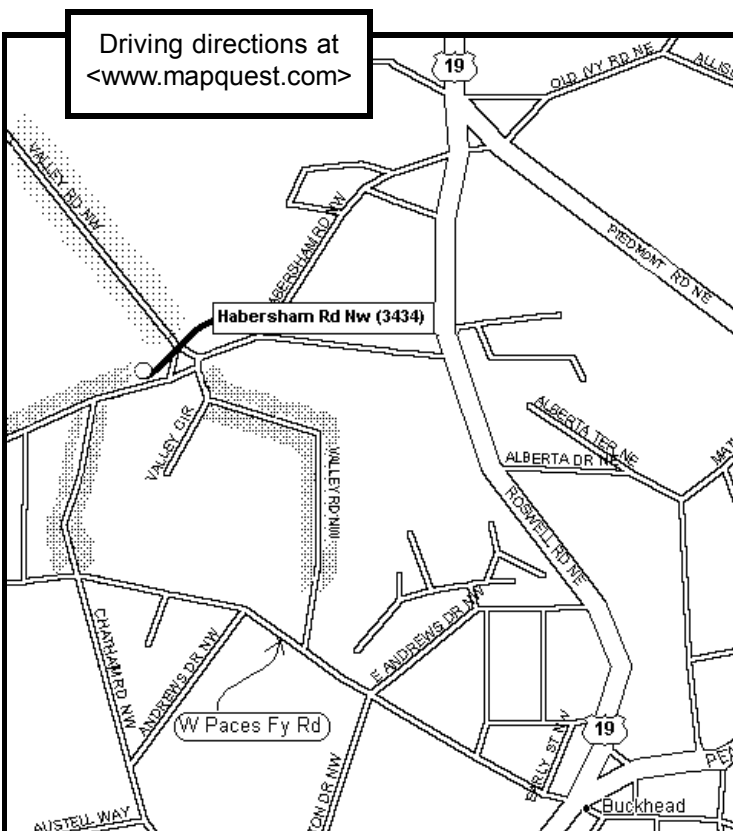
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| Dinner Reservations | (404) 233-7206       |
| Chapter Web site    | <www.agoatlanta.org> |
| National Web site   | <www.AGOHQ.org>      |

No Executive Board Meeting in December



## *From the Dean*



Fall has arrived. It only seems days ago we were at Philadelphia for the AGO National convention. The Christmas Season is just around the corner. This time of the year has all of us in overdrive to get ready for the Christmas programs and worship services. I hope each of you will take time to include the AGO Christmas party in your schedule. Herb Buffington has graciously opened his home again this year to host our event. Take a few moments to catch your breath, socialize with your colleagues and enjoy what the season has to offer. Be sure to make your reservations now. You will find all the information in this newsletter.

Following last month's column, I was pleased to see our attendance was up at the November meeting. I received two very well written responses to the column and appreciate them greatly. The information has been shared with the Board. However, we are still interested in hearing what the other 321 members might have to say. The Board is planning to solicit further feedback from the rest of you in the near future. As a test to see how many of you read last month's column, I will pay for two reservations for the first member (The Executive Board is excluded) who can e-mail me with the names of the two television programs listed in last month's column.

Regarding November's meeting, we thank the Aquinas Center at Emory University for sponsoring our recital artist, Abbot Francis Cline. We shared a wonderful meal at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist before the recital at Christ the King. Hamilton Smith and Timothy Wissler from the Cathedral were our hosts. Arden Starnes with Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church handled arrangements for dinner. For those who missed it, you get an option for a repeat meal performance in May as Second Ponce de Leon will host the entire May program. Thanks to all for your help and cooperation.

Moving on to other business, our Guild has agreed to host our third Pipe Organ Encounter in 2004. Arrangements and planning will begin soon with the formation of our POE Committee. Please contact me if

you have interest in working with this group and committee. It is a wonderful and rewarding experience; I highly recommend participation in the event. Our location has already been arranged with Agnes Scott College, Cal Johnson will be our host.

Another item under progress is the change in distribution of our newsletter. As one of our board members noted, our newsletter printing and mailing cost consume more of our budget than programs. In the coming months, we will be completing a system to provide the newsletter via e-mail rather than post mail. I hope many of you will consider the change and take advantage of it. Details to follow later.

Take the time to take care of yourself this holiday season. I hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

**PHIL PARKEY, Dean**

## *January Plans*

Mark your calendar for January 24 and 25. Hear a series of thrilling performances at the Cathedral of St. Philip, *Beyond the Toccata: The Symphonies of Charles Marie Widor*, played by David J. Messineo, Principal Organist of Princeton University. Our January newsletter will tell you the numbers and the order of the symphonies being played, as well as more about Dr. Messineo.

The Friday Night portion of this event (7-10 PM) will include a read-through in the chancel (during Intermission) of a new work being commissioned by our Chapter. Immediately following the concert there will be a dessert reception for AGO members and their guests at the nearby home of 'AGO-hosts-of-the-year' Herbert Buffington and Brian Freeman. See Christmas Party details for parking and directions.

There will be two sessions on Saturday, January 25. The first session begins at 10:30 AM. Then we will enjoy a hot lunch at noon in the cathedral's Hall of Bishops, followed by our monthly business meeting. After the business meeting the Widor symphonies will continue until 3 PM.

## ***Premiere a New Choral Work on April 6!***

Our AGO Chapter has commissioned Bruce Neswick, FAGO, to compose a work for SATB choir with organ accompaniment. The composition will be first used on the fifth Sunday of Lent 2003 in the churches of our Chapter Members. The piece is intended to be technically accessible to a majority of parish choirs and organists. The text is taken from the Scriptures for April 6th of Lectionary Year B: Psalm 51 and Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV). Please participate in previewing this new addition to the choral repertoire, during the intermission of the Widor Festival on Friday evening, January 24. Computer-engraved copies will be available on January 24 and 25 for each Atlanta Chapter AGO member. They will include permission to make copies for your choir members, in order that your church may be one of the locations taking part in this exciting, worthwhile premiere - as the APRIL EVENT for our Chapter!

## ***December 2002 Yearbook Update***

Please make these changes in your yearbook. Send corrections to Registrar Jim Wingate, and to Editor Betty Williford.

Names marked with an asterisk were in last month's supplement, but were incorrect or incomplete.

On page 16, please change the number for dinner reservations to **(404) 233-7206**.

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### ***From the Editor***

Would your church or business be able to duplicate one issue of *The Organizer*? If so, contact the editor, Betty Williford, <bettylouw@mindspring.com>.

Thanks for your help in making corrections and additions to our yearbook. We will continue to print them as needed.

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# December Performance Calendar



This is a partial list of performances in the area. For a more complete list, please refer to <agoatlanta.org>.

|                              |  |   |
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| Sun., Nov. 24, 7:00 PM       | Community Thanksgiving Service                       | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                   |
| Sun., Dec. 01, 3:00 PM       | Atlanta Community Orchestra                          | Shearith Israel Synagogue, Atlanta            |
| Sun., Dec. 01, 3:00 PM       | Christmas with the Atlanta Wind Symphony             | Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Roswell         |
| Sun., Dec. 01, 4:00 PM       | An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols           | Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta              |
| Sun., Dec. 01, 5:00 PM       | Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Advent       | Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur        |
| Mon., Dec. 02-5, 10 AM-2 PM  | 200 Crèches  | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta     |
| Tues., Dec. 03, 3:00 PM      | Decatur Civic Chorus                                 | First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur      |
| Tues., Dec. 03, 8:00 PM      | KSU Chorale  | Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Marietta   |
| Wed., Dec. 04, 8:00 PM       | Itzhak Perlman, violin                               | Ferst Center for the Arts, Atlanta            |
| Th/S/S, Dec. 05/7/8, 8:00 PM | ASO/Floyd: Gospel Christmas                          | Symphony Hall, Atlanta                        |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 12:00 PM      | Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta               | M. C. Carlos Museum, Emory U., Atlanta        |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 10 AM-2 PM    | 200 Crèches  | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta     |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 7:00-9:00 PM  | 200 Crèches  | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta     |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 7:30 PM       | Boar's Head Ceremony and Holiday Concert             | Conant PA Center, Oglethorpe U., Atlanta      |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 8:00 PM       | Messiah: Michael O'Neal Singers                      | Roswell United Methodist Church, Roswell      |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 8:00 PM       | Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols                    | Glenn Memorial Auditorium, Atlanta            |
| Fri., Dec. 06, 8:00 PM       | Messiah: Michael O'Neal Singers                      | Roswell UMC, Roswell                          |
| Sat., Dec. 07, 10 AM-4 PM    | 200 Crèches  | Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta     |
| Sat., Dec. 07, 5 & 8 PM      | Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols                    | Glenn Memorial Auditorium, Atlanta            |
| Sat., Dec. 07, 3:00 PM       | ASO/Floyd: Gospel Christmas                          | Symphony Hall, Atlanta                        |
| Sat., Dec. 07, 3:00 PM       | Stephen Tharp, organ                                 | Spivey Hall, Morrow                           |
| Sat. Dec. 07, 7:00 PM        | Christmas at Old Church                              | Old Church, Oxford                            |
| Sat., Dec. 07, 8:00 PM       | Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde                 | Druid Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta  |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 1:30 PM       | Gentle Rain  | Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta      |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 3:00 PM       | Messiah: Michael O'Neal Singers                      | Roswell United Methodist Church, Roswell      |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 3:00 PM       | Choral Guild of Atlanta                              | Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church, Atlanta       |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 3:00 PM       | Christmas at Old Church                              | Old Church, Oxford                            |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 4:00 PM       | Handel: Organ Concerto/ Messiah I                    | Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta       |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 6:00 PM       | Great Tree Lighting                                  | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                   |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 7:00 PM       | The Tallis Scholars                                  | Spivey Hall, Morrow                           |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 7:00 PM       | Music of Charpentier, Poulenc, Albinoni              | Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur          |
| Sun., Dec. 08, 7:00 PM       | The Siren Strings Harp Ensemble                      | Christ the King Lutheran Church, Norcross     |
| Mon., Dec. 09, 8:00 PM       | Cherokee Community Chorale                           | Hickory Flat UMC, Canton                      |
| W/T/F/S, Dec. 11/12/13/14    | 8:00 PM ASO/ASOC/Scott: Christmas with the ASO       | Symphony Hall, Atlanta                        |
| Thurs., Dec. 12-14 8:00 PM   | Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus                             | Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta              |
| Fri., Dec. 13, 7:30 PM       | Christmas Festival Concert                           | Roswell UMC, Roswell                          |
| Fri., Dec. 13, 8:00 PM       | Atlanta Celtic Christmas Concert                     | Glenn Memorial Auditorium, Atlanta            |
| Sat., Dec. 14, 11:00 AM      | Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta               | M. C. Carlos Museum, Emory U., Atlanta        |
| Sat., Dec. 14, 7:30 PM       | Atlanta Sacred Chorale                               | Druid Hills UMC, Atlanta                      |
| Sat., Dec. 14, 8:00 PM       | Atlanta Celtic Christmas Concert                     | Glenn Memorial Auditorium, Atlanta            |
| Sat., Dec. 14, 8:00 PM       | DeKalb Choral Guild                                  | Conant Center, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta |
| Sat., Dec. 14, 8:15 PM       | The Atlanta Singers                                  | Spivey Hall, Morrow                           |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 5 & 7:30 PM   | Christmas Festival Concert                           | Roswell UMC, Roswell                          |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 8:15 & 11 AM  | Services of Dedication for Organ                     | Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta      |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 3:00 PM       | ASO/ASOC/Scott: Christmas with the ASO               | Symphony Hall, Atlanta                        |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 3:00 PM       | Mary and the Baby                                    | Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur        |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 4:00 PM       | Orchestra Atlanta, et al.                            | Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell          |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 5:00 PM       | Advent Vespers                                       | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta   |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 5:15 PM       | Capitol City Madrigal Singers                        | Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta              |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 6:00 PM       | Handbell Concert: Handbell choirs from four churches | Greater Travelers Rest Baptist, Decatur       |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 7:00 PM       | Many Moods of Christmas                              | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                   |
| Sun., Dec. 15, 9:00 PM       | Advent Lessons & Carols                              | Christ the King Cathedral, Atlanta            |

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Sun., Dec. 15, 10:30 PM  
Tues., Dec. 17, 8:00 PM  
Tues., Dec. 17,  
Wed., Dec. 18, 8:00 PM  
Thurs., Dec 19, 8:00 PM  
F/S, Dec.20/ 21, 8:00 PM  
Sat., Dec. 21, 3:00 PM  
Sun., Dec. 22, 11:00 AM  
Tues., Dec. 24, 8 & 11 PM  
Tues., Dec. 24, 10:30 PM

An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols  
Gwinnet Philharmonic Orchestra  
David Buice, harpsichord  
ASO Chanukah Celebration  
Messiah: ASO/ASOCC/Mackenzie  
Christmas with the Atlanta Boy Choir  
Messiah Sing Along  
Christmas Cantata  
The Nativity of Our Lord  
Festive Christmas Eve

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur  
Gwinnett Civic & Cultural Center, Dulluth  
Oglethorpe U. Museum of Art, Atlanta  
Symphony Hall, Atlanta  
Symphony Hall, Atlanta  
Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta  
Symphony Hal, Atlanta  
Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta  
Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta  
Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta



## ***Sub-Dean's Corner***

### ***February Members' Recital Preview***

A colorful and creative evening of organ transcriptions awaits you at our annual Members' Recital on February 11, 2003! This year's event will find us hearing and playing the three-manual Austin organ at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Our host will be Jim Wingate, Organist/Choir Master at Mount Vernon.

This idea for programming was suggested at a meeting of our AGO Chapter's Executive Board. We then enlisted the helpful and enthusiastic expertise of chapter member Tom Alderman, Organist at Roswell United Methodist Church. Tom proposes the following three categories as a framework for members' participation in the program:

1. Bach Transcriptions - This would include many of the favorites such as "Air on the G String", "Sheep May Safely Graze," etc., and also would include the wonderful Vivaldi transcriptions by Bach himself.
2. Vocal Repertoire - This would include many of the arias and art songs that have been successfully played as instrumental solos, such as Grieg's "Ich Liebe Dich" and Schubert's "Ave Maria." It would also include many of the choral masterworks that have been played as organ solos.
3. Orchestral Transcriptions - This would include the marvelous Wagner transcriptions by Edwin H. Lemare

as well as other favorites from operatic scores and symphonies.

The recital should last no more than ninety minutes. Members desiring to play should time their selection in minutes before contacting Tom Alderman.

PONDER THE POSSIBILITIES, but don't wait too long to decide! We hope to strike a relatively even balance of pieces and/or length of time among the three categories represented.

We can talk about more ideas at the Christmas Party. I'll be sporting an orthopedic shoe, following foot surgery on November 18. It must replace organ shoes and all other shoes until January.

Meanwhile, here's to an Advent with spaces able to welcome!

**JOANNE BROWN**

### ***Mount Vernon Organ***

The three-manual Austin organ #2490 was built in 1969. It has thirty-eight stops and thirty-four ranks, with electro-pneumatic action. The Swell and Choir are under expression. There are fourteen General Pistons, ten of which are duplicated on toe studs. There are seven pistons for each manual, and five pedal pistons with toe studs. The organ is described in *Catalogue of Pipe Organs in Georgia*, American Guild of Organists, Atlanta Chapter, 1992, pp. 150-151.



## **Employment Referral**

For more complete and recent listings, check the chapter Web site, <www.agoatlanta.org>.

These positions have been on the chapter Web site for several months, and may or may not be open:

Organist, **First Baptist Church**, 1139 Usher St. PO Box 268, Covington, GA 30014 (updated 8/26)

Organist/Choirmaster, **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 28788 N. Main Street, Daphne, AL 36536 (posted 8/28)

Organist & Sanctuary Choir accompanist, **First Baptist Church**, 95 W. Morse St., Forsyth, GA. (posted 10/12)

Organist, Pianist, Music Associate, **First Baptist Church of Decatur**, GA (posted 10/12)

Director of Music/Organist, **East Point First / Mallalieu United Methodist Church**, 2651 Church Street, East Point, GA 30344 (posted 10/12)

Music Specialist, Sr., Music and Media Team, **Robert W. Woodruff Library**, Emory University, 540 Asbury Circle, Atlanta, GA 30322 (posted 9/15)

These positions are new since the last issue of The Organizer:

Organist/Pianist, **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**, Alpharetta, Georgia (posted 11/15)

Alto and Tenor Staff Singers, **St. Matthew Lutheran Church**, Atlanta, GA (posted 10/17)

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## *Musical Events*

at

### *The Cathedral of St. Philip*

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Atlanta, Georgia

### *An Advent Procession*

of

### *Lessons and Carols*

Sunday, 1 December

4:00 PM

The Cathedral Choir

Music by Bernard Naylor, Herbert Howells, Charles Beaudrot and others

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### *Holiday Concert*

Sunday, 15 December

5:15 PM

(following 4:00 PM Evensong)

Capitol City Madrigal Singers

Donna Angel, director

\* \* \*

### *Christmas Lessons & Carols*

Sunday, 22 December

4:00 PM

The Cathedral Schola

Music by John Ireland, John Joubert, Robert Walker, Richard Dirksen and others

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### *Twelfth Night Festivities*

Sunday, 5 January

**Evensong**

4:00 PM

**Organ Recital**

5:15 PM

Edward Moore, Minister of Music

National City Christian Church,

Washington, DC

**Reception and Silent Auction**

6:00 PM

Hall of Bishops

to benefit the Cathedral Choir's England trip

**Lighting of the Fire and Prayers**

7:00 PM

Horseshoe Drive

**Dinner and Vaudeville**

7:30 PM

presented by the Cathedral Choir

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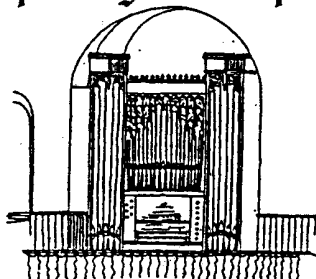
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