

# The Organizer

Monthly Newsletter  
The Atlanta Chapter  
AMERICAN GUILD  
of ORGANISTS  
**DECEMBER — 2005**

## *Annual* **HOLIDAY PARTY**

TUESDAY  
**DECEMBER 27**

at the residence of  
**Mr. Warren Williams**

4124 North Ivy Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
404.237.5791

**Advance Reservations Required**  
no later than **December 17**

**\$20 per person**

*See page 6 for Details and Directions*

Mail Reservation & Checks to  
*David Barber*  
317 Noel Way  
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*Fa la la la la*

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Many of us certainly refer to this newsletter, *The Organizer*, numerous times during the month to confirm dates and times of events, be informed with what's going on in the musical community, positions available in area houses of worship, monthly meeting information, news about the Chapter family, and so on. It seems to me, however, that there needs to be at least one or two brief articles concerning our profession — what we do, the how and why we do it.

With that in mind, would you consider writing and contributing such an article for us? Would you share a new and invigorating piece of music or anthem with your fellow members? Whether you are an organist, choral director, composer, work with adults, children, youth, or instruments and handbells, let us hear from you and your avenue of interest.

News and dates of events are certainly necessary, but let's share together and savor an area passionate to us all — our work!

For the Chapter,  
Charles Redmon, *Editor*

Deadline for upcoming month is always the 15th!

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Robert E. Biggers

*May 21, 1930 — November 7, 2005*

Long-time Member of A.G.O. Atlanta,  
Atomic Research Scientist & Research Flavor Chemist,  
Supporter and Enthusiast of the Arts and the Pipe Organ



### Elizabeth Abbott Taylor

*July 28, 1904 — November 10, 2005*

Life-long Organist & Choir Director,  
Piano Teacher,

Long-time Member of A.G.O. Atlanta,  
Daughters of the King and  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church



### Will W. Rogers

*March 7, 1941 — November 21, 2005*

Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Riverdale,  
Performing Artist/Director, TV/Film/Stage,  
Dedicated Member of A.G.O. Atlanta  
and Chapter Photographer



The  
Atlanta Singers  
thank  
David Brensinger  
for 13  
wonderful  
seasons!

The Atlanta Singers extend their appreciation to David Brensinger for serving as Music Director for the past 13 years, and wish him well as he moves on to pursue other projects.

Please join us for  
David's final concerts:

Friday, December 9  
8 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church  
1015 Old Roswell Road  
Roswell, GA 30076  
\$15 General Admission at the door  
\$5 Seniors and Students

Saturday, December 10

8:15 p.m.

Spivey Hall

Clayton State University  
Morrow, GA  
\$20

Tickets: 770.960.4200



## A Message from The DEAN

A new year will soon be dawning. The Season of Advent is already upon us! A hymn from my childhood sings words by John Greenleaf Whittier:

*"O shine on us with light which glowed, upon the waiting shepherds' way, Which saw the darkness over-flowed, with tides of ever lasting day."*

You who work endlessly, or have done so in years past, to prepare volunteer singers;  
who labor on the organ bench into the wee hours, and arrive long before 'the Vestry-Person-of-the-Day;  
who spend meticulous hours weekly with fledgling keyboard students;  
who allow the Spirit to speak through you with pen in hand;  
who craft and care for these pipes which give wind its voice;  
who share your valuable and unique pastoral talents as well as your music;  
who bear faithful witness to the musical saints of yore, and courageously learn the music of our living composers: YOU ARE GIFTS OF THE SEASON.  
May the angels sing in your hearts, with joy and hope to propel you onward and upward!

Sessions presented by Tamara & Timothy Albrecht on Saturday, November 12th brought creative ideas and specific musical arrangements for us to use. We filled the choir loft to sing from Tamara's new book (Morningstar, publ.); drummed, rang, and moved with scarves and partners around the sunny worship space - guided by a poster-sized TREE which illuminated the Cycle of the Liturgical Year. Diana Opolka selected and brought a grand variety spread across two large tables for the Used Music Sale, where our Members chatted and browsed. Betty Williford bearing Name Tags for all, Irma Collins, and Tim Eastling were on hand to welcome, AND take reservations for the December 27th Christmas Party! Our Host Tamara arranged a very enjoyable lunch in St. Bede's fellowship hall. After lunch we received from Timothy Albrecht, by both explanation and organ playing, the special insight of the Composer on his original organ pieces the *Grace Notes* - which now comprise twelve collections!

I regret all the exciting, carefully prepared musical events I've had to MISS in recent weeks, while struggling to get over a respiratory infection. A typical day feels like hiking at high altitude! What a wealth of choices appear on every weekend of our Music Calendar. I also believe that my prayers are being answered, for increasingly generous scholarships to be offered to current and prospective organ students, both within and outside our Chapter circle.

I certainly hope I will see YOU at Warren Williams' lovely home on *THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 27th*, to relax and converse, bask in the afterglow of much music,

share a scrumptious holiday dinner buffet, and play a favorite piece on Warren's charming pipe organ! THANK YOU, Warren our Host, and our new Party Committee (WHO will be lauded in January!). Plan now to attend our Chapter Event on TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2006: "Celebration of African-American Organ Music". Believe me, you don't want to miss the warm hospitality of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in southwest Atlanta! - or music planned by their Music Director, Trey Clegg. Watch for details in next month's Organizer, and invite a friend to join you for Dinner beforehand.

Have you seen the ad where an electronically produced voice announces from a computer monitor: "You have reached the END of the Internet! You have seen ALL that there is to see." Absurd laughter usually follows. MUSIC is like that. We will never hear it all, or learn it all. How can boredom possibly set in? There is no end to the kaleidoscope of colors and mixtures we hear, both in memory and with human ears. Somewhere, even at this hour (4am), a new organ piece is being written! As AGO Members, you and I are invited to join a comprehensive campaign for membership growth in the coming year! Our National Council is offering 100 WAYS to energize Chapters to Retain, Recruit, and Identify potential AGO Members, and dispel the Myths/Reasons why people say they don't join AGO. Specific methods for OUTREACH will be shared with you soon! Please ACT UPON YOUR VISION, so we may together look out upon the future with HOPE.

Joanne Brown, *Dean*

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## Positions Available



Further details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web site: [www.agoatlanta.org](http://www.agoatlanta.org) — then click on "Employment."

**Mary Our Queen Catholic Church** 6269 The Corners Parkway, Norcross, GA is seeking a part-time Music Director/Organist. Responsibilities include: 2 Masses each weekend and other Masses as required throughout the Liturgical Year. Solid Catholic liturgical practices a must. Visit our website: [www.maryourqueen.com](http://www.maryourqueen.com) Contact Fr. David Dye 770-416-0002 for interview.

**Rehoboth Presbyterian Church** 2729 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033 (Inside I-285), is looking for one or two persons to lead and develop our current music program. If you feel called to serve God in this worship, we welcome a call from you and/or a faxed resume. Day phone: 770-939-3594. Evening phone: 404-292-3585. FAX: 404-292-3585. Start date: as soon as possible.

**Sandy Springs Christian Church** 301 Johnson Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30328-1819, 404-256-2582 Permanent Director of Music Ministries <http://www.sandyspringscc.org>. Send resume to [map@mindspring.com](mailto:map@mindspring.com) or Fax to 770-956-7766.

**First Presbyterian Church** — 206 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA is seeking an organist for traditional worship. Interested musicians may contact Tom Perkins, 770-487-7757 or [tperkins@firstpres.com](mailto:tperkins@firstpres.com).

**St. Clare's Episcopal Church (USA)** 1272 Ledford Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512 706-745-0607 Organist/choirmaster for 130 member church in the mountains of North Georgia. Send resume or contact The Rev. Susan Johnson ([fathersue@alltel.net](mailto:fathersue@alltel.net)).

**Chattahoochee Christian Church** 10800 Bell Rd., Duluth, GA is searching for a Part-time Director of Church Music. For job description and interview contact Dr. Jack L. Snellgrove at [chchch@bellsouth.net](mailto:chchch@bellsouth.net) or call 770-418-1101.

## Music at The Cathedral of St. Philip

**Sunday Afternoon Recital Series** - All recitals begin in the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. as a prelude to the 4 p.m. Evensong, which is sung by the Cathedral Schola or Choir. Evensong on Third Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. is sung by the Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults.

### DECEMBER

4 Anne Conover (*Richmond, VA*)

- Liturgical Highlights -

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock**

**27 NOVEMBER**  
**AN ADVENT PROCESSION**  
The Cathedral Choir

**18 DECEMBER**  
**CHRISTMAS LESSONS**  
**AND CAROLS**  
The Cathedral Schola

**24 DECEMBER — 8:30 & 11:30 PM**

**Prelude Music to the**  
**Festival Eucharist**  
*Dancing Day* — John Rutter  
The Cathedral Schola and Choristers  
Susan Brady, *harp*

## Scotland Organ Tour

(October 1-14, 2006)

**COME SPEND A WEEK** in beautiful Scotland, seeing, hearing and playing many of the outstanding instruments of the country, built by some of the world's finest builders. We will be staying in our own private castle, with amazing countryside and comfortable accommodations. Cost is \$3,595 for AGO members (\$3,845 for non-AGO members) which includes return airfare [JFK-NYC], all castle accommodations, daily breakfast, entrance fees and donations to churches, all ground transportation, tour guide services of a former cathedral organist and historical/specification information for each instrument. There will be opportunities to play many of the instruments visited, and to hear a demonstration of the organ. Places are limited to 14 organists to allow for as much playing time as possible at each site; non-playing guests, partners and enthusiasts are welcome, up to a total of six additional people.

For further information, contact Andrew Holtan at [andrew.holtan@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.holtan@gmail.com)

## AREA EVENTS CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2005

Th/Fr/Sat	1-3	8 PM	College Choir Christmas Concert	Reinhart College, Waleska
Thursday	1	7:30 PM	Requiem for All God's Children	PRUMC, Atlanta
			<i>PRUMC Chamber Choir &amp; Orchestra</i>	
Friday	2	8 PM	Atlanta Schola Cantorum	Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur \$10
		8 PM	Big Bad Voodoo Daddy	Ferst Center, GA Tech \$45/\$35
		8 PM	Chamber Choir Holiday Concert	Brenau Univ., Gainesville
Fri/Sat	2/3	7:30 PM	Concert of Lessons & Carols	Piedmont College, Demorest
			<i>Piedmont Chorale/Habersham Singers</i>	
Sat/Sun	3/4	8 PM	Holiday Gala Family Concert	GSU Rialto Ctr. \$16-\$42
Sunday	4	2:30 PM	Advent Vespers	St. Brigid RC Church, Alpharetta
			<i>Adult &amp; Children's Choirs w/orchestra &amp; organ</i>	
		3 PM	Collegiate Chorale & Soto Voce	Agnes Scott College, Decatur
		3 PM	Christmas Tidings	Roswell UMC \$20/\$15
			<i>Michael O'Neal Singers w/Brass &amp; Organ</i>	
		3:30 PM	Anne Conover, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip
		5 PM	Advent Choral Evensong	Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur
		6:30 PM	The Great Tree Lighting	PRUMC, Atlanta
			<i>with Guest Choirs</i>	
Th/Friday	8/9	8 PM	Oxford Chorale Holiday Concert	Oxford College, Oxford \$5
		8 PM	Christmas with the ASO	Symphony Hall \$19-\$58
Friday	9	7 PM	Spivey Hall Young Artists	Spivey Hall, Morrow \$15
			<i>Spivey Hall Children's Choir</i>	
		7:30 PM	Christmas Festival Concert	Roswell UMC
		8 PM	The Atlanta Singers Holiday	St. David's Episcopal, Roswell \$15
		8 PM	Christmas Jazz Concert	Ferst Center, GA Tech \$40/\$30
		8 PM	Holiday Concert with Orchestra	Cathedral of St. Philip \$TBA
			<i>Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus</i>	
Saturday	10	2 & 8 PM	Christmas with the ASO	Symphony Hall \$19-\$58
		2 & 8 PM	Holiday Concert with Orchestra	Cathedral of St. Philip \$TBA
			<i>Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus</i>	
		11 AM	Dan Zales & Friends	Ferst Center
			<i>Family Concert w/Children's Songs</i>	
		4 & 7:30 PM	Christmas Festival Concert	Roswell UMC
		8:15 PM	The Atlanta Singers Holiday	Spivey Hall, Morrow \$20
Sunday	11	10:30 AM	Advent Lessons & Carols	Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur
		5:30 PM	Many Moods of Christmas	PRUMC, Atlanta
			including Handel's <i>MESSIAH</i>	
Wednesday	14	6:30 PM	Richard Conte, organist	All Saints Episcopal \$10/\$5
			<i>Holiday Pops Sing-a-Long</i>	
		7 PM	Candlelight Carols	Redeemer Lutheran, Atlanta
Thursday	15	8 PM	ASO Chamber Chorus <i>MESSIAH</i>	Symphony Hall
Fri/Sat	16/17	7:30 PM	Christmas w/The Atlanta Boy Choir	PRUMC, Atlanta
Saturday	17	8 PM	Christmas Candlelight Concert	St. Brigid RC, Alpharetta
			<i>George Skaroulis, piano</i>	
		17	8 PM	ASO Chamber Chorus <i>MESSIAH</i>
			7 PM	Atlanta Sacred Chorale
			<i>and Gwinnett Young Singers</i>	
Sunday	18	4 PM	Christmas Lessons & Carols	Cathedral of St. Philip
			<i>Cathedral Schola</i>	
Saturday	24	5 PM	Family Candlelight Pageant	PRUMC, Atlanta
		6 & 11 PM	Nativity of Our Lord	Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur
			<i>with Choirs, Handbells &amp; Brass</i>	
		8 & 11PM	Festival of Lessons & Carols	PRUMC, Atlanta
		8 & 11PM	Prelude to the Festival Eucharist	Cathedral of St. Philip
Tuesday	27	7 PM	A.G.O. Atlanta Chapter	Home of Warren Williams
			<i>HOLIDAY PARTY</i>	
				<i>(see. pg. 6 for details)</i>

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
306 Peyton Road SW—Atlanta

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

Host: *Trey Clegg*

404.696.3620

CELEBRATION of AFRICAN-AMERICAN ORGAN MUSIC

## Holiday Party Menu

New Orleans Style Creole Jambalaya  
with

Chicken Breast, Ham, and Kielbasa Sausage

Spiral Sliced Ham with Fruit Garnish

Mayonnaise, Mustard and Jezebel Sauce

Buttermilk Biscuits

Homemade Yeast Rolls

Upscale Leafy Green Salad

with

Boston & Bibb Lettuces, Belgian Endive, Hearts of Romaine,

Fresh Spinach, Arugula & Radiccio,

Italian Plum Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts, Mushrooms

Oriental Soy/Sesame Seed Dressing

Fruit Wedges

A Wedge of Cantaloupe with fresh Pineapple, Kiwi and Strawberry

Assorted Holiday Finger Sweets

Tea, Coffee, Wine

## About the Organ

The pipe organ at Warren William's home was installed in 1998 by Phil Parkey and Associates with some recent enhancements. It is comprised of Moller and Pilcher pipework and a 3-Manual drawknob Reuter console. There are 23 ranks with 10 additional digital pedal ranks, plus a Zimbelstern.

The large music room has a twenty foot vaulted ceiling with English beams. The Great, Swell and Pedal divisions speak through grillwork from downstairs. The Choir division is located in the music room.

Bring your Holiday Music and enjoy!

## Party Door Prize Donated

*(Many thanks to Doug Johnson & Bill Weaver)*

As Bill and I prune our art collection to fit our Canterbury Court apartment, we find several items that need new homes.

We would like to give the following to the Chapter to use as a door prize for the Christmas Party.

An antique hand-colored etching of Rheim's Cathedral's left transept that, oddly for a French church, contains the organ. The etching itself is in sepia ink; the color is on the clothes of a few people standing at floor level. The print is signed, but not dated, but it clearly predates destruction of the cathedral during World War I. Size is perhaps 15" x 24" framed.

Doug

## DIRECTIONS to the Residence of WARREN WILLIAMS

4124 North Ivy Road ♦ Atlanta ♦ 404.237.5791

IT'S EASY TO FIND — Just 4 blocks behind Phipps Plaza off Peachtree Drive North. GO PAST Lenox Square on the right and at the North Corner of Phipps Plaza, TURN LEFT on WIEUCA ROAD, just in front of (Wieuca Road Baptist Church). Stay in the right lane and go the 4th street to the right which is NORTH IVY ROAD. TURN RIGHT and go to the bottom of the hill to #4124 (on the brick mailbox). It's a large red brick English Tudor home up on a hill with a long driveway. There are about 4 parking spots at the top reserved for handicapped, otherwise, there is plenty of street parking.

If you are coming from Roswell Road in Sandy Springs, turn left on Wieuca Road and continue past the I-400 bridge overpass and take the 2nd street to the left, which is North Ivy Rd. Go to #4124 at the bottom of the hill.

*If you get lost, call 404.237.5791*



**CHAPTER'S YEAR AT A GLANCE***The 2005-2006 season's Calendar of Events*

- December 27** Christmas Party at the home of Warren Williams  
*(complete with pipe organ and exquisite food!)*
- January 10** Celebration of African-American Organ Music  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
*Trey Clegg, host*
- February 17** **Christopher Pardini, Organist**  
North Decatur Presbyterian Church  
*Jamie Shiell, host*
- March 14** **Members' Recital — "Organ Plus One"**  
First Presbyterian Church, Marietta
- April** Commissioned work for Easter  
[No Monthly Meeting] *David Kocsis, composer*
- May 9** **Annual Guild Service**  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta  
*John Coble, host*

*Mark your calendars, and plan to attend  
as often as you are able!*

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**DEADLINE for JANUARY '06 issue: Dec. 15, 2005**

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Per issue — \$60 half page; \$30 quarter page; \$15 business card size

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National Web site [www.AGOHQ.org](http://www.AGOHQ.org)  
Chapter Listserve [AGOAtlanta-L@listserve.uga.edu](mailto:AGOAtlanta-L@listserve.uga.edu)

**Executive Board Meeting**

Saturday — December 10, 2005 — 9:30 AM  
Central Presbyterian Church

*Dinner Notes*

**Dinner Reservations** David Barber, *Chair*  
by email: [d\\_barber@bellsouth.net](mailto:d_barber@bellsouth.net)

Karen Bunn, *Chair*  
by phone: 770.446.2084

Reservations for monthly meeting dinners 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 dinner 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 24 hours in advance of the dinner date - OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

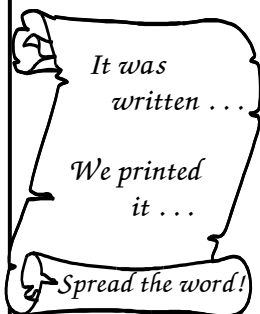
Our wonderfully dedicated volunteers who sign you in and collect fees for dinners and lunches have made a **URGENT REQUEST**.

For security reasons and when at all possible,  
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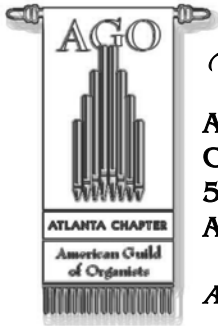
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