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Mission Statement

"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."

An End of Year Consideration . . .

Are you searching for a year end tax-deductible contribution? Here is one idea which will be welcomed and beneficial to all concerned.

Guild members who wish to help those who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina are welcome to communicate their offers and suggestions by writing to <hurricanerelief@agohq.org>. Their postings will be transferred to this website under an appropriate heading. Opportunities to provide financial aid are described immediately below.

HOW TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID TO AGO MEMBERS IN THE GULF STATES

The AGO is still able to accept financial gifts that will be used exclusively to provide assistance to AGO members in the region affected by Hurricane Katrina. All funds received for hurricane relief will be allocated to support the AGO members and chapters affected by the storm, in consultation with the leadership of those chapters. Checks should be made payable to the AGO, indicating in the memo line that the funds are to be used for "Hurricane Relief." Checks should be mailed to AGO National Headquarters, Hurricane Relief, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115. Contributions can also be made at www.agohq.org/contributions using our secure online form.

See www.agohq.org for more details!

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

at

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

2089 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE ♦ Atlanta, GA
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Thursday ♦ December 28 8 PM

David Houston
Host

\$20 RESERVATIONS BY 12/22/06

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A Note from our Chapter Treasurer

Our major source of income is the chapter portion of the dues we pay each summer. These dues support the recitals and other programs we enjoy each month. The \$12.00 you pay for dinner only reimburses the caterer which is why we send out invoices to collect for dinners not paid for. This is really the best deal in town – dinner and a show for \$12.00 per person. Sometimes we are the lucky recipients of additional support from the host churches. Please make sure you thank the host because he or she has really put a lot of effort into pulling off our program.

At October 31, 2006 we had \$308,875.35 in our Wachovia Money Market Account. The bulk of this amount (\$300,000.00) comes from a bequest from Elizabeth Abbott Taylor. These funds will be transferred out and invested with Morgan Stanley to produce an income restricted to use for scholarship awards. The Wachovia General Checking Account had a balance of \$1,537.84 as of October 31, 2006. We use this account for our expenses related to the *Organizer* and other miscellaneous costs. We also have a balance of \$137,465.88 invested with Morgan Stanley in various funds. This amount is subject to fluctuations up and down related to the stock and bond markets. Currently with the Dow Jones index closing at record highs the balance has increased each month. These funds are also restricted to use for scholarships and commissioned works only.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*



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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PHILIP

Sunday Afternoon Recital Series - All recitals begin in the Cathedral at 3:15 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.

SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER

4 PM - AN ADVENT PROCESSION

Cathedral Choir

music by Palestrina, Vaughan Williams, Distler, Davison, Neswick, Britten, Naylor and McKie

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER

3:15 PM / RECITAL

Pebblebrook High School Chamber Choir

Frank Timmerman, *director*

music by Saint-Saëns, Paulus and Thomas

4 PM / EVENSONG

Cathedral Schola

music by Ayleward and Purcell

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

8 PM and 11 PM

PRELUDE MUSIC

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

music by Walton, Willcocks, Head and Pinkham

8:30 PM and 11:30 PM

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

music by Philips, Pinkham and Willcocks

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER

11:15 AM / LESSONS and CAROLS

with HOLY EUCHARIST

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

music by Joubert, Britten, Willcocks, Pinkham and Philips

SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY

4 PM - AN EPIPHANY PROCESSION

The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

Benjamin Britten: *A Ceremony of Carols*

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

7 PM - EVENSONG

for the Eve of the Presentation

A Message from The DEAN

We don't often get Christmas presents before Thanksgiving, but those of us who ventured up to Cumming First United Methodist Church on Saturday certainly received one – a lovely mixture of choral and organ music, blended with good food and warm hospitality, and all tied up neatly with a holiday ribbon!

John Hutchinson, the resident organist and director of music, confided in me several weeks before the event that he was afraid he had overbooked himself for this weekend. Over the course of a month or so, he had obligated himself to accompany the silent movie version of "Phantom of the Opera;" perform the Poulenc "Concerto for Organ, Strings, and Tympani"; and conduct a Mozart Mass – and all of this on top of the usual spiraling schedule of Advent and Christmas rehearsals and extra services! His chamber choir of a dozen singers joined us in the morning for a wonderful reading session of seasonal anthems, and following lunch, brought us into the spirit of Christmas with anthems, selections by a recorder consort, and some dynamic organ playing.

Once all of the flurry of Christmas is behind us and we are looking ahead to a more relaxed Sunday than we have had for a month, David Houston will be hosting our annual Christmas party at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Part of the evening will be a celebration of a new 16' reed stop on the organ, given in honor of Bishop Gene Robinson by Bill Weaver and Doug Johnson. There will be time for members and guests to play the organ, and to sing those carols the "stricter" among us have put off singing until Christmas Day. Good food and fellowship are promised to all who attend! What a delightful way to celebrate an exceptional season of generosity from our members and excellence in musical performance!

One of our former pastors at Central Presbyterian Church always prefixed his sermon with the prayer, "O Lord, uphold me, that I may uplift Thee." I say that prayer every Sunday before I begin my opening voluntary as my own "mission statement" – even (or maybe especially, around Christmas and Easter when it is easy for us to forget why we are sitting on the bench or standing in front of the choir. May we all find time amid the "hurly-burly" of the season to remember the One whose birthday it is we celebrate, singing joyfully with Mary: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior!"

Michael Morgan,
Dean

Region IV Convention

June 17 - 20, 2007



ATLANTA REGIONAL CONVENTION FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thanks to all who have already responded to our fundraising letter. Realizing that some may wish to make their contribution in December or early January, we have established the date of January 15, 2007 as the cut-off for listing donors in the official convention program. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be maintained in a separate fund for convention financial needs.

Ham Smith



Music at St. Dunstan's

A Series of Sacred Music Events
for the 2006-2007 Season

10 December 2006 - 4 PM

An Advent Procession with Carols

Traditional Anglican candlelight service with music by the St. Dunstan Choir. Scriptural Lessons from the Prophets and Gospels alternate with carols and hymns in a moving and dramatic portrayal of the world awaiting the Savior. Carols by *Philip Ledger, John Gardner, John Rutter, Ralph Vaughan Williams, James Stephenson, Morten Lauridsen*, and others.

14 January 2007 - 4 PM

J. R. & Company:

"It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got that Swing!"

Whenever J.R. & Company gathers, jazz breaks out! Herb Ellis, Henry Mancini, Dr. Billy Taylor, Lionel Hampton. . . If you've heard these acts, you've heard the artists of J.R. & Company. From NPR specials to hair spray commercials, this group of studio musicians has forged friendships over countless shows and sessions, gathering often as the *Fotet* of J.R. & Company, and featuring pianist Tyrone Jackson, with William Hatcher on bass, Bob Lewis on horns, and (*St. Dunstan's own!*) drummer James "J.R." Millikan. It's a concert for the not-so-bleak Mid-Winter, to be sure!

4 March 2007 - 4 PM

Sorrow, Peace, Joy:

A Lenten Meditation, with Carols

The Great Forty Days of Lent, with all of their inherent spiritual drama and profound implications, have provided artists for centuries with sources of inspiration. Please join the St. Dunstan Choir for this liturgical sequence of prayers, readings, carols, and anthems arranged to amplify the various themes observed by the Christian world at this time. Featuring music of *John Rutter, Benjamin Britten, Stephen Cleobury, G. P. da Palestrina, Healey Willan*, and *James Stephenson*.

29 April 2007 - 4 PM

The Atlanta Concert Ringers

Dr. Norma Raybon, director

The Atlanta Concert Ringers is a community handbell organization founded to share the musical art of handbell ringing in high-quality professional performances, festivals, and workshops. The ACR has appeared as the special musical guest of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and was a featured performance group at the 2005 Area IV regional handbell festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The group has toured in the Florida Panhandle and, more recently, appeared in concert at Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur and the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama.

All events are free and open to the public.

An offering will be collected. (Suggested donation: \$5)

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Twelfth Annual Religious Arts Festival

Dear Colleagues:

Allow me to alert you to some upcoming programs at the East Carolina University School of Music:

East Carolina Pre-College Organ Competition:

Please find the attached advertisement for our inaugural pre-college organ competition which will take place on the C.B. Fisk, Opus 126 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on March 17, 2007. Thank you for sharing this information with middle and high school organ students in your studio and area. All three finalists will be awarded cash prizes, and the outstanding performance of a Bach work will be recognized by a special award underwritten by the North Carolina Bach Society.

We are honored to have received funding for the first prize from the firm of C.B. Fisk, in memory of Charles Brenton Fisk. The Fisk prize winner will be invited to return to East Carolina University in the 2007-2008 year to perform at the *Twelfth Annual Religious Arts Festival*. Full competition details can be found at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cfac/music/organsacredmusic/youngartistscompetition.cfm>

Jones Distinguished Professor Residencies:

Throughout this academic year you and your students are invited to campus to audit lectures, and attend recitals and masterclasses by our two Jones Distinguished Professors, Dr. Ludger Lohmann and Dame Gillian Weir. Full schedules for each of their residencies can be found at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/music/organsacredmusic/>

All the best for a successful conclusion to your terms,

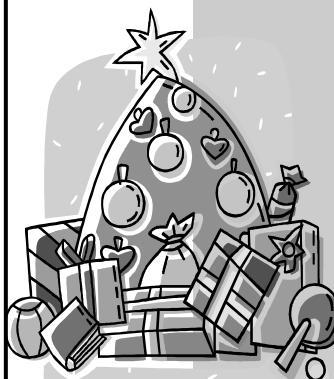
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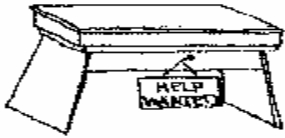
One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

Andy Rooney

December 2006 Calendar of Area Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Friday	1	7:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols	Piedmont College Chapel	
	1	8:00 pm	Atlanta Schola Cantorum, Jeremy Wirths, director	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	\$
Saturday	2	3:00 pm	"Christmas with Atlanta's Oldest Pipe Organ" featuring Lew Williams (reception following)	Trinity United Methodist Church	
	2	7:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols	Piedmont College Chapel	
	2	8:00 pm	"Christmas Atlanta 2006" directed by Dr. William O. Baker with Sue Goddard, organist, featuring The William Baker Festival Singers, The Gwinnett Children's Chorus and brass choir	Grace United Methodist Church	
Sunday	3	11:00 am	Handel's "Messiah" with the sanctuary choir, orchestra and guest soloists, directed by Rev. Jim Bell, featuring Herb Buffington, harpsichord, and Aretha Lockhart, soloist	Peachtree Christian Church	
	3	3:00 pm	"Christmas Atlanta 2006" (see description above)	Grace United Methodist Church	
	3	6:00 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols using the O Antiphons: Canterbury Choir, Brad Hughley, director	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	
Monday	4	12 noon	"Virtuosity under the Stars" featuring Beth Newdome, violin and Brent Runnels, piano - with lunch	Cathedral of St. Philip in the Skylight Court of Gratitude	\$
	4	7:00 pm	"Virtuosity under the Stars" featuring Beth Newdome, violin and Brent Runnels, piano - with wine	Cathedral of St. Philip in the Skylight Court of Gratitude	\$
Wednesday	6	7:30 pm	Advent Service and Harp Recital featuring Paula Fagerberg	Ascension Lutheran Church	
	6	7:30 pm	"Holiday Pops" concert with Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist at the Wanamaker organ	All Saints' Episcopal Church	\$
Friday	8	8:00 pm	Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Saturday	9	2 & 8 pm	Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Sunday	10	3:00 pm	Christmas portion of "Messiah" conducted by Dr. William O. Baker with chamber orchestra and guest soloists	Grace United Methodist Church	
	10	4:00 pm	Advent Procession with Carols: traditional Anglican candlelight service with the St. Dunstan Choir	St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church	
	10	4:00 pm	Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta: Annual Holiday Concert and Sing-Along	Walter C. Carlos Museum Reception Hall	
	10	7:00 pm	Melissa Ann Ussery, violin and Ernst Munneke, piano	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	
Wednesday	13	7:00 pm	Candlelight Carols for Advent	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
Thursday	14	8:00 pm	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorus: Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Handel's "Messiah"	Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	15	7:30 pm	Atlanta Boy Choir and New Trinity Baroque: "Christmas Oratorio"	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
Saturday	16	7:30 pm	Atlanta Boy Choir and New Trinity Baroque: "Christmas Oratorio"	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
	16	8:00 pm	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorus: Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Handel's "Messiah"	Symphony Hall	\$
Sunday	17	10:00 am	Aulos Winds playing selections from "The Nutcracker"	Peachtree Christian Church	
	17	3:15 pm	Pebblebrook HS Chamber Choir (Atlanta)	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Saturday	23	7:00 pm	New Trinity Baroque pre-concert talk on Bach	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	
	23	8:00 pm	New Trinity Baroque: "Bach Candlelight Christmas"	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	
Sunday	24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Peachtree Christian Church	
		8 & 11 pm	featuring communion, choral and instrumental music		

Positions Available



Further details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web-site: www.agoatlanta.org — then click on "employment"

Chamblee First United Methodist Church - 4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. seeks full-time Minister of Music. Visit website: chambleeumc.org or send resume to search committee at above address.

Commerce Presbyterian Church is looking for an organist/pianist; Wednesday rehearsal, one Sunday service which maintains a traditional approach to worship. Contact us at kepphd2be@bellsouth.org or call 706.335.3282.

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church 2729 Lawrenceville Highway, Decatur, GA 30033 (Inside I-285), is looking for a Music Director/Organist 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 or emailed resume. Day phone: 770-939-3594. Evening phone and fax: 404-292-3585. Email: [Rehoboth Presbyterian@juno.com](mailto:Rehoboth_Presbyterian@juno.com). Start date: January 1, 2007.

St. Mark United Methodist Church 781 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA. Church is seeking a part-time organist who can play a variety of music (from sacred to Broadway). Visit our website at www.stmarkumc.org. Interested candidates should FAX (404-873-2639) or email their resume to the Search Committee at cholloway@stmarkumc.org.

Underwood Memorial United Methodist Church 1671 Howell Mill Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318. The organist will play the organ and piano for an one hour service each Sunday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Please send resume to above address or contact Rev. Benjamin Wiles, pastor by phone at 404-273-9594 or be e-mail at benjamin@underwoodchurch.org. Check us out on the internet at www.underwoodchurch.org.

Unitarian Universalist of Metro Atlanta North 11420 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, GA is seeking a part-time pianist/accompanist to accompany the Chalice Choir and play service music (prelude, offertory, hymns, etc) for one service per week. Visit our website at: www.uuman.org. Interested candidates should contact Randy Wilbur at 770-814-8800

So You'll Know...

Our colleague **Timothy Albrecht** has received invitations to perform upcoming 2007 organ recitals at the Kiev Concert Hall, the Rivne Concert Hall in Ukraine, the Domkirche, Berlin, St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, and at Texas A and M International University (Laredo). In December he performs an organ recital at the Central Synagogue in Manhattan and also teaches an organ master class at the Julliard School.

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HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Dinner Paper Trail

Last Name _____

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Executive Board Meeting
January 7, 2007 — 3 PM
Central Presbyterian Church

Dinner Notes

Dinner Reservations David Barber, *Chair*
by email: d_barber@bellsouth.net

Karen Bunn, *Chair*
by phone: (h) 770.446.2084
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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 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.*


For security reasons and when at all possible,
we prefer that you always pay your reservations with
a **PERSONAL CHECK**
-or-
CASH (with exact change)

To pay for a reservation that you didn't keep, mail a check to Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*. (see Yearbook Page ML-35)

About the 2006-07 Yearbook

If you have not received your new yearbook, please contact the registrar, Michael Morris.

Every effort has been made to insure accuracy and completeness of the information contained within the 2006-2007 Yearbook which was taken directly from your new or renewal application. If there are errors, additions or changes, please notify the Registrar at your earliest convenience. Updates will be presented in the monthly issue of *The Organizer*.



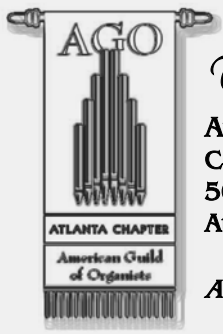
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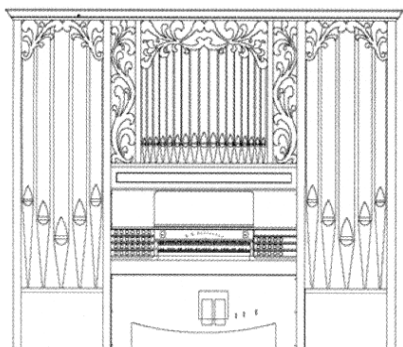
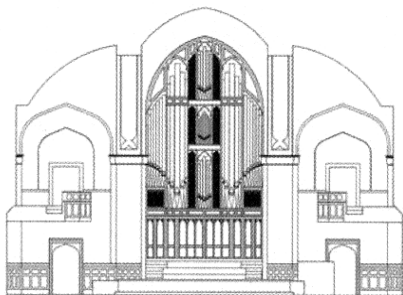
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NOTE: A new meeting day this month!

Thursday, December 28



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