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SATURDAY MORNING

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Recital - 11 o'clock

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A Note from Timothy Albrecht Emory University Organist

It was a thrill to play the January Guild recital for you at Emory's Emerson Concert Hall and also, following the recital, to see that so many took up my invitation to play the Jaekel Op. 45! In February we have two follow-up treats in the same venue: surely many of our AGO chapter members remember Dr. Jonathan Biggers, who grew up in Atlanta and who studied with Wally Zimmermann. Jonathan is playing our next Emory University Organist Recital Series program on Sunday afternoon, February 26th at 4 PM. It is, of course, a free recital with free parking in the adjacent Fishburne lot that Guild members now know well! Please come! Also, all are invited to the Bach Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th at 4 PM. I will be joined by William Ransom, Keiko Ransom, Tamara Albrecht and the Vega String Quartet in performing three JS Bach Concertos for Keyboards and Strings, in different performing figurations – again, free, one-hour in length, with all invited.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

Dear Colleagues,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Timothy Albrecht for his outstanding recital on Tuesday evening, January 10, at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Emory University. The program featured several of Dr. Albrecht's own arrangements and transcriptions, as well as masterworks of the organ repertoire. Not only did Dr. Albrecht perform splendidly on the magnificent Jaeckel pipe organ, he also served as host for the event and even offered to give the blessing for our meal! I thought it was especially nice that the organ builder, Daniel Jaeckel, made the trip from Minnesota to Atlanta to be present for this event. After the recital, Timothy and Dan opened the organ loft so that members of the audience could get a closer look at the featured instrument. I can't imagine better hospitality!

I hope that we will see many of you at our annual Student Recital on Saturday, **February 11** at Covenant Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity for those with Tuesday night commitments to attend one of our events. thanks to Brad Schultz for hosting and organizing this program. Please note that the recital will begin at 11:00 am. Our monthly meeting and luncheon will take place immediately following the concert. The price for lunch will only be \$10. Come support our "up and coming" organists and enjoy some food and fellowship with your colleagues!

I was recently approached by the Atlanta Preservation Center about the possibility of including several organ recitals in their annual *The Phoenix Flies* event, a city-wide celebration in March of each year that provides free access to more than 55 historic sites integral to Atlanta's rich heritage. We are in the process of planning a tour with organ demonstrations at three of the historic churches in downtown Atlanta. Look for more details in next month's newsletter and via the Listserv. I have also invited the Atlanta Preservation Center to join us for our March program at First Presbyterian Church featuring Dr. David Oliver.

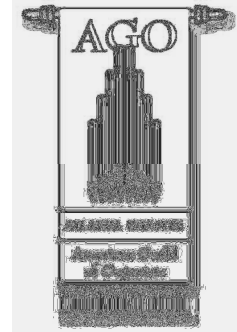
The annual Chapter Scholarship Auditions are also just around the corner. Many of the students that we will hear perform in February were awarded scholarships by our chapter in May of last year. This year's auditions will be held on Friday, April 27. The deadline for applications is April 13.

We will end our season on May 20 with the 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. I have seen the anthem and heard a preview - it's fantastic! Thanks to Arlan and the members of the New Music Commissions Committee for their good work. Donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of this project. Please contact Dan Pruitt if you would like to contribute.

Did you notice that the covers of both the December 2011 and January 2012 issues of *The American Organist* featured new instruments by Atlanta organ builders? You read it right - Atlanta...organ...builders! I think it's also important to note that neither of these instruments were installed here in the state of Georgia. The December 2011 cover featured an organ built by the A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company for St. Mary Catholic Church in Evansville, Indiana. The organ on the January 2012 cover was built by Parkey OrganBuilders for The Cathedral of St. John Berchmans in Shreveport, Louisiana. I think it's fantastic that our local talent is receiving some well-deserved national recognition. Congratulations to both of these firms!

With so many exciting things happening, there's no question in my mind - it's a great time to be a member of the Atlanta AGO!

Jeff Harbin, Dean



In Memoriam

Gerre Edward Hancock
(1934-2012)



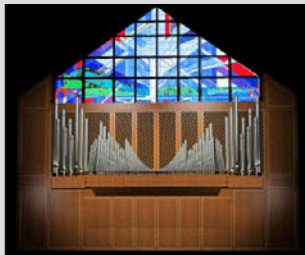
New Designs for the New Year



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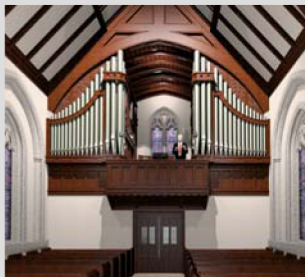
Façade design for new
3-manual, 29-rank pipe
organ.

Installation scheduled
for next Fall.



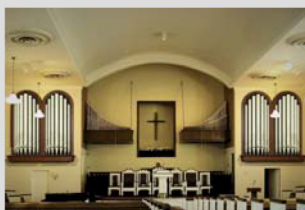
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Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm

Preceding Evensong at 4 pm

Other events as noted.

Sunday, February 5

Recital, Leon W. Couch, III, *organ*

(Converse College, Spartanburg, SC)

Dieterich Buxtehude,

Praeludium in F-sharp minor, BuxWV 146

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Concerto in A minor, BWV 593*

Louis Vierne, movements from *Symphony No. 6 in B,
Op. 59*

Candlemas Procession

& Choral Eucharist

Schola

Johann Walther, *Nunc Dimittis*

Thomas Tallis, *Missa Salve Intemerata Virgo*

G.P. da Palestrina, *Hodie beata virgo Maria*

Sunday, February 19

Recital, Karen Christianson, *organ*

(Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, PA)

Charles-Marie Widor, *Allegro, from Symphony No. 6*

Robert Schumann, *Innig,*

from 6 Etudes in Canonic Form

Marcel Dupré, *Variations sur un Noël*

Choral Evensong, Schola

Richard Shephard, *Preces & Responses*

Roland Martin in D (*St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo*)

Craig Phillips, *The Transfiguration*

Craig Phillips, *Christ, mighty Savior*

Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon Imposition of Ashes

& Holy Eucharist, Staff Singers

Thomas Tallis, *Salvator mundi*

Richard Farrant, *Call to remembrance*

7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

& Holy Eucharist, Schola

Gregorio Allegri, *Miserere, mei Dei*

Herbert Howells, *O Saviour of the world"*

from Requiem

Richard Farrant, *Call to remembrance*

Friday, February 24

7:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Concert

to Benefit 2013 England Pilgrimage

Anton Bruckner, *Locus iste*

Anton Bruckner, *Os justi*

Anton Bruckner, *Christus factus est*

Johannes Brahms, *Schaffe in mir, Gott*

Thomas Tallis, *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*

FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Thursday	2/2	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; G. Montero, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	2/3	7:30 PM	Joby Bell, organ	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
	2/3	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; G. Montero, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
Saturday	2/4	7:00 PM	Atlanta Baroque Orchestra; GA Tech Chamber Choir; soloists	First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta	\$
	2/4	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; G. Montero, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
	2/4	8:00 PM	Elena Cholakova, piano	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
	2/4	8:15 PM	Europa Galante; Fabio Biondi, violin/conductor	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	
Sunday	2/5	2:00 PM	Met Opera Natl. Council Auditions	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
	2/5	3:00 PM	Atlanta Baroque Orchestra; GA Tech Chamber Choir; soloists	Roswell Presbyterian Church	\$
	2/5	3:00 PM	GSU Symphony Orchestra	Rialto Center for the Arts	
	2/5	3:15 PM	Recital: Leon W, Crouch, III, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	2/5	4:00 PM	Candlemas Procession and Choral Eucharist	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	2/5	4:00 PM	Bach Bowl!	Schwartz Center, Emory	
Wednesday	2/8	7:30 PM	Tim Armacost & New York Standards Quartet	Kopleff Recital Hall, GSU	
Thursday	2/9	7:30 PM	GSU Faculty Artist Concert	Kopleff Recital Hall, GSU	
Friday	2/10	7:30 PM	Pajama Concert	Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory	
	2/10	8:00 PM	Emory Annual Jazz Fest: S. Vasandani; G. Motley Trio	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
Thursday	2/10	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Chris Botti & Band	Symphony Hall	\$
Saturday	2/11	6:00 PM	PRUMC's Got Talent	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
	2/11	8:00 PM	Emory Annual Jazz Fest: Big Band Night	Schwartz Center, Emory	
	2/11	8:00 PM	The Music of Johnny Mercer & Friends	Rialto Center for the Arts	\$
	2/11	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Chris Botti & Band	Symphony Hall	\$
	2/11	8:15 PM	Lief Ove Andsnes	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
	2/11		AGO	Covenant Presbyterian	
Sunday	2/12	3:00 PM	Florian Boesch, baritone	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
	2/12	5:00 PM	Evensong: Adult, Youth, & Children's Choirs	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	
Saturday	2/12	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; The Fabled Cinderella	Symphony Hall	\$
Wednesday	2/15	8:00 PM	Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra	Schwartz Center, Emory	
Thursday	2/16	7:00 PM	Asian Music Festival	Performing Arts Studio, Emory	
	2/16	7:30 PM	GSU Men's & Women's Choruses	Kopleff Recital Hall, GSU	
	2/16	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; J. Moser, cello	Symphony Hall	\$

FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - *CONTINUED*

Friday	2/17	8:00 PM	Kronos Quartet with Alim Qasimov Ensemble	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
	2/17	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; J. Moser, cello	Symphony Hall	\$
Saturday	2/18	7:00 PM	Asian Music Festival	Performing Arts Studio, Emory	
	2/18	7:30 PM	Concert: Georgia Boy Choir Festival	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
	2/18	8:15 PM	Freddy Cole Quartet	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
Sunday	2/19	3:00 PM	Asian Music Festival	Performing Arts Studio, Emory	
	2/19	3:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; J. Moser, cello	Symphony Hall	\$
	2/19	3:15 PM	Recital: Karen Christianson, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	2/19	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	2/19	7:00 PM	Asian Music Festival	Performing Arts Studio, Emory	
Monday	2/20	7:30 PM	GSU & UA/Birmingham Choruses	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
Tuesday	2/21	7:00 PM	Nicole Marane, organ; Tom Hooten; Daniel Mendelow	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
	2/21	7:30 PM	neoPhonia New Music Ensemble	Kopleff Recital Hall, GSU	
	2/21	7:30 PM	GSU Singers et al.	Johnson Ferry Baptist Church	
Wednesday	2/22	12 Noon	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	2/22	7:00 PM	The Imposition of Ashes and Litany of Penitence	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
	2/22	7:30 PM	Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Thursday	2/23	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra L. Josefowicz, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	2/24	12:00 PM	Side by Side	Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory	
	2/24	6:30 PM	Lecture: Dr. Marva Carter	Rialto Center Lobby	
	2/24	7:30 PM	Cathedral Choir Concert	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
	2/24	8:00 PM	Emory Wind Ensemble	Schwartz Center, Emory	
Saturday	2/25	8:00 PM	Community Choral Festival	Schwartz Center, Emory	
	2/25	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra L. Josefowicz, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
	2/25	8:15 PM	Jupiter String Quartet	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
Sunday	2/26	3:00 PM	David Tannenbaum, guitar	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
	2/26	3:00 PM	Beethoven: Michael O'Neal Singers; Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra	Roswell United Methodist Church	\$
	2/26	4:00 PM	Jonathan Biggers, organ	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
Wednesday	2/29	11:45 AM	Sarah Hawbecker, organ	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
Thursday	3/1	7:30 PM	Glorias by Vivaldi, Puccini Griffin Choral Arts	Griffin Auditorium, Griffin	\$
Friday	3/2	8:00 PM	Christopher O'Riley, piano	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$

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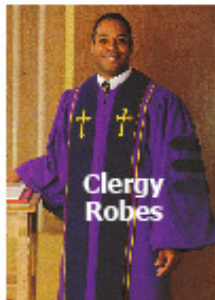


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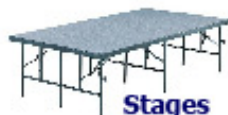
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What a fine opportunity for you and a loved one or musical mentor, to take part in **the new opus**, recently completed **by Dr. Arlan Sunnarborg! Contributions made 'In Memory of' or 'In Honor of'** will be acknowledged in writing with the choral piece premiered at this year's final AGO event.

The anthem is a setting of Psalm 100, "O be joyful..." Commissioned composer Dr. Arlan Sunnarborg shared the following about this work in progress:

"The text was selected for its great programming flexibility and potential use both liturgically and in concert settings. The piece opens with imitative contrapuntal entrances folded into a mini-toccata, using the organ to create pulse-quickenning razzle dazzle. It sounds much more difficult than it actually is because it is calculated to lie well under the fingers and feet. In fact, my goal for the piece, overall, is that it will be fun to prepare and constructed so as to adapt well for organists and for choirs of varying sizes and abilities."

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Heartfelt THANKS to you for being part of this worthwhile, exciting endeavor, for our Chapter and for posterity. Thanks also to Committee Members Dan Pruitt, Gwyn Bacon, Melissa Smith, Executive Committee liaison John Sabine, and to Bill Callaway who channels toward this end, funds from your purchases of Used Music at AGO!

- Joanne Cobb Brown
chair for Commissioning New Music

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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 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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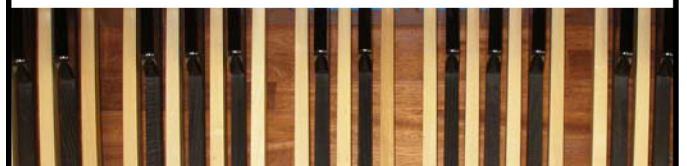
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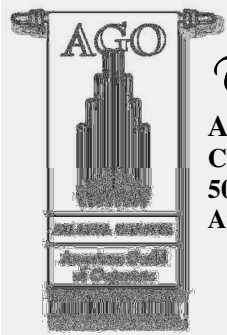
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