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January Atlanta AGO Program

Jason Roberts, organ



**Peachtree Road
United Methodist Church**

3180 Peachtree Rd NE
Atlanta, GA 30305

**Recital
Friday, January 12, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

Reception following

**Improvisation Master Class
Saturday, January 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Jason Roberts serves as Director of Music Ministries at the Catholic Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New York. He previously served as Associate Director of Music at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York, and at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford, CT. Jason keeps an active recital schedule, and has been a recitalist for national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Anglican Musicians. He is a graduate of Rice University, Yale University, and the Manhattan School of Music; and has won awards for improvisation at the St. Albans International Organ Festival and the Harlem International Organ Competition. He is a winner of the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation. Jason is on the faculty at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ.

From the Dean

The new year is on the horizon and provides immediate opportunities for Atlanta Chapter members to meet and participate! Jason Roberts is the featured artist for a two-fold Chapter event graciously hosted by Scott Atchison and the music staff at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church: 7:30 Friday evening, January 12, and Saturday morning, January 13, at 10:00. Details were emailed by our Sub-Deans on December 15 to all on our Googlegroups list, and are also on the front page of this newsletter! Jason Roberts is an award-winning improviser who will no doubt inspire listeners at Friday's concert to return for Saturday's improvisation master class. Make plans now! Mark your calendar and invite a friend to share this experience. Of course, Atlanta Chapter 2023-2024 Yearbooks will be available for those who don't yet have one.

Improvisation indicates fluency in the musical language. Each time you participate in a spoken conversation, you are improvising — because your lines weren't provided by a playwright. Spontaneity contributes to confidence in meeting life's challenges. Although the phrase "planned spontaneity" may bring a smile, intentional preparation to think on your feet is an advantage in most situations, including musical ones! Malcolm Archer's spiral-bound book *After the Last Verse* is a collection of one-page pieces organized by tune name, which the organist may choose to continue into his or her own improvisation.

I wish each one of you a blessed holiday season, and some rejuvenating 'downtime.' Looking forward to seeing you on January 12 & 13, 2024!

Joanne Cobb Brown, CAGO
Dean, Atlanta AGO

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January 2024 Calendar of Events

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Location | Admission |
|----------|------|----------|---|--|-------------|
| Saturday | 1/6 | 3:00 PM | ASO at Spivey Hall: Mozart/Vivaldi | Spivey Hall | \$30-60 |
| Sunday | 1/7 | 3:15 PM | Brennan Szafron, <i>organ</i> | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| | 1/7 | 4:00 PM | Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| Friday | 1/12 | 7:30 PM | AGO Meeting: Jason Roberts, <i>organ</i> | Peachtree Road United Methodist Church | Free |
| Saturday | 1/13 | 10:00 AM | AGO Meeting: Jason Roberts, Improvisation Master Class | Peachtree Road United Methodist Church | Free |
| Sunday | 1/14 | 3:00 PM | Sondra Radvanovsky, <i>soprano</i> ; Anthony Manoli, <i>piano</i> | Spivey Hall | \$25-80 |
| | 1/14 | 3:15 PM | Wesley Parrott, <i>organ</i> | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| | 1/14 | 4:00 PM | Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| Thursday | 1/18 | 8:00 PM | Stutzmann/ASO/ASOC: Bruckner <i>9th Symphony & Te Deum</i> | Symphony Hall | \$26-135 |
| Friday | 1/19 | 7:30 PM | Nicole Keller, <i>organ</i> | Lutheran Church of the Redemer | Free |
| Saturday | 1/20 | 3:00 PM | Alan Morrison, <i>organ</i> | Spivey Hall | \$15-50 |
| | 1/20 | 8:00 PM | Stutzmann/ASO/ASOC: Bruckner <i>9th Symphony & Te Deum</i> | Symphony Hall | \$26-135 |
| | 1/20 | 8:00 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Puccini's <i>La bohème</i> | Cobb Energy Center | \$48-186.50 |
| Sunday | 1/21 | 3:15 PM | Colin Lynch, <i>organ</i> | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| | 1/21 | 4:00 PM | Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| Tuesday | 1/23 | 7:30 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Puccini's <i>La bohème</i> | Cobb Energy Center | \$48-186.50 |
| Thursday | 1/25 | 8:00 PM | Kim/Stutzmann/ASO: Mozart/Bruckner | Symphony Hall | \$26-130 |
| Friday | 1/26 | 8:00 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Puccini's <i>La bohème</i> | Cobb Energy Center | \$48-186.50 |
| | 1/26 | 8:00 PM | Canadian Brass | Schwartz Center, Emory | \$45 |
| Saturday | 1/27 | 3:00 PM | Hélène Grimaud, <i>piano</i> | Spivey Hall | \$25-80 |
| | 1/27 | 8:00 PM | Kim/Stutzmann/ASO: Mozart/Bruckner | Symphony Hall | \$26-130 |
| Sunday | 1/28 | 3:00 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Puccini's <i>La bohème</i> | Cobb Energy Center | \$48-186.50 |
| | 1/28 | 3:00 PM | Anthony McGill, <i>clarinet</i> ; Susanna Phillips, <i>soprano</i> ; Myra Huang, <i>piano</i> | Spivey Hall | \$15-60 |
| | 1/28 | 3:15 PM | Nicole Marane, <i>organ</i> | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |
| | 1/28 | 4:00 PM | Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir | The Cathedral of St. Philip | Free |

2023-2024 AGO Meetings & Programs

| Date | Location | Program/Artist | Dinner, Reception, etc. |
|---|--|---|--|
| Jan. 12 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.-12 noon | Peachtree Road United Methodist Church 3180 Peachtree Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30305 | Jason Roberts | Recital on Friday Reception following Improvisation Workshop on Saturday |
| Feb. 10 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m.-12 noon | St. Bede's Episcopal Church 2601 Henderson Mill Rd Atlanta, GA 30345 | Shelly Moorman-Stahman | Workshop: <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> Lent/Easter Coffee & refreshments provided during the break |
| April 26 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. | The Cathedral of St. Philip 2744 Peachtree Rd. NW Atlanta, GA 30305 | AGO National Gala Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault | Recital at 7:30 p.m. Gala reception following For tickets, see https://www.agohq.org/2024-gala/ |
| May 10 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. | First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta 1328 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309 | Tom Bara | Recital at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, see https://concertsatfirst.org/events/ |

Around the Chapter

Sunday Afternoon Recitals at the Cathedral of St. Philip

The Cathedral of St. Philip will host Sunday afternoon in-person and online organ recitals at 3:15 p.m. every Sunday during the month of January. Recitalists will include the following:

- January 7 — Brennan Szafron (from Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon, NC)
- January 14 — Wesley Parrott (from Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA)
- January 21 — Colin Lynch (from Trinity Episcopal Church, Boston, MA)
- January 28 — Nicole Marane (from First United Methodist Church, Marietta, GA)

A service of Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Schola or the Cathedral Choir, follows each recital at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Hosts Organist Nicole Keller

On Friday, January 19, 2024, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer presents the annual celebration of their 73-rank Létourneau pipe organ. This year's concert will feature guest artist Nicole Keller, assistant professor of organ and university organist at the University of Michigan School of Music. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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Sunday, January 7

3:15 p.m. Brennan Szafron, organ

(Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Tryon NC)

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Alla breve in D Major*, BWV 589
Dietrich Buxtehude, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxWV 223
Erik Santos, *Star Rising* from *The Philadelphia Organ Book*
Théodore Dubois, *Marche des Rois Mages* from *Douze pièces pour orgue*
Olivier Messiaen, "Les mages" from *La nativité du Seigneur*
Denis Bédard, *Petite valse* and *Postlude* from *Deux pièces*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Joel Martinson, *Preces & Responses*
Thomas Attwood Walmisley in D minor
David Hurd, *Father in Heaven*
William Walton, *What cheer?*

Sunday, January 14

3:15 p.m. Wesley Parrott, organ

(Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia PA)

Max Reger, *Introduction und Passacaglia in D minor*
Johann Sebastian Bach, *Toccatto and Fugue in E Major*
Jean Langlais, *Thème et Variations (Hommage à Frescobaldi)*
George Baker, *Berceuse sur le nom de Swann*
John Cook, *PÆAN on 'Divinum Mysterium'*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Joel Martinson, *Preces & Responses*
Bryan Kelly in C
Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan, *This little light of mine*
Spiritual, arr. L.L. Fleming, *Give me Jesus*

Sunday, January 21

3:15 p.m. Colin Lynch, organ

(Trinity Episcopal Church, Boston MA)

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger, "Passacaglia" from *Sonata No. 8*, Op. 132
Herbert Sumsion, *Intermezzo*
Percy Whitlock, *Plymouth Suite*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Richard Shephard, *Preces & Responses*
Alec Roth, *Hatfield Service*
Malcolm Boyle, *Thou, O God, art praised in Zion*
Eleanor Daley, *Let all the world in every corner sing*

Sunday, January 28

3:15 p.m. Nicole Marane, organ

(First United Methodist Church, Marietta GA)

Kristina Arakelyan, *Star Fantasy (Alleluia - vidimus stellam)*
Dieterich Buxtehude, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, BuxWV 223
Graeme Koehne, *To his servant Bach God grants a final glimpse—the morning star*
Heinrich Reimann, *Phantasie für Orgel über den Choral Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, Op. 25

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir

Richard Shephard, *Preces & Responses*
Joel Martinson, *Transfiguration Service*
Craig Phillips, *Hymn to the Trinity*
Charles Wood, *Hail, gladdening Light*

Positions Available

Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the chapter's website: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

Music Director/Keyboardist

Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Music Director/Organist, as well as an Interim Organist. Send resumes to pastor@ascension-lcms.com.

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Assistant Organist. Send resume to Scott Atchison at Scott@prumc.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, seeks a Director of Music and Worship Arts. Send resumes to Krista Firkus at kfirkus42@gmail.com.

St. Julian's Episcopal Church, Douglasville, seeks a part-time organist/pianist and choir director. Send resumes to ghgibson@saintjulians.org.

Epworth United Methodist Church seeks a part-time Worship Leader. Send resumes to byron.ahrens@ngumc.net

St. Francis de Sales Latin Catholic Church, Mableton, seeks a part-time organist. For information, contact Jonathan Arrington at lafamigliaarrington@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church, Madison, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to kathleen@madisonfumc.com.

Central Baptist Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to Dr. Ronnie Oliver, Jr. at roliver@centralbaptistnewnan.org.

Roswell United Methodist Church seeks a Director of Worship Arts. Send resumes to musicsearch@rumc.com.

Sandy Springs United Methodist Church seeks a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Send resumes to kfloyd@ssumc.org.

Senoia United Methodist Church, Senoia, seeks a Director of Music Ministries. Send resume to pastor Julie Schendel at julie@senoiaumc.org, (770) 599-3245.



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