

' American Guild of Organists

Atlanta Chapter

Unusual January Event Saturday, January 15

9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Organ Construction -Maintenance & Semantics!

Parkey OrganBuilders 4519 South Old Peachtree Road
Norcross, Georgia
Office (770) 368-3216
Phil Parkey,
President and Tonal Director, Host

Reservation Deadline
Sunday, January 9

\$9

<d_barber@bellsouth.net>
Telephone Coordinator (770) 4960719

Driving Directions www.mapquest.com

Map on back cover

A Word from Our Host

I invite each of you to join our class on pipe organ construction in our shop in Norcross, GA. Our "new" home as of October, 2003 is a 15,000 square foot facility dedicated *solely* to the art of building *pipe organs*! We will start the morning with a breakfast at 9:00 AM and class at 10:00. In our meeting, we will explore the many design options and construction methods used in building build pipe organs. Come and learn what makes the organ tick...or should I say SING! Got questions on how to communicate with the organ builder or technician? Bring them with you - others may have the same questions but are afraid to ask. We will cover things like why the string players always think the organ is flat! Any ideas on this one? It is really quite simple, as are many other facets of the organ.

No other instrument offers the array of design, sound and options at our fingertips. Come and "see inside" the organ. Expanding your knowledge of the organ will expand your abilities to *play* the organ. I look forward to seeing each of you in January!

PHIL PARKEY

Used Music Sale

Before and after the January 15 event at Parkey OrganBuilders.

Browse, Buy, and Benefit!

Proceeds go toward commissioning new music.

The Organizer

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POE Student Injured

Charles Relyea, age 13, of Savannah, was seriously injured in an accident recently. Although he is in rehabilitation in Atlanta, he suffered severe brain injury. At the POE, he was a student of Dr. Joyce Johnson. Please keep him in your prayers.

Northside Drive Baptist Church 2004 - 2005

Sunday, February 20

4:00 PM

Gregory Colson, pianist

Romantic Miniatures by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Mompou, Debussy, Grieg, Sibelius, Scriabin, Respighi, Roy Harris and The Beatles

Coming Events

Sunday, March 20 4:00 PM Handel: MESSIAH (Easter portion) Sunday, April 24 4:00 PM Concertos for Organ and Orchestra

Watch this space for details!

Do you know musicians moving to Athens?
UGA Students? Youth? Children? Adults?

Contact

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including
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Duruflé: Requiem

Rutter: Mass for the ChidIren

Scholarship Available

Full-tuition scholarships to Carson-Newman College are available in organ. Application must be completed by Jan. 17, 2005. For information contact www.cn.edu/link/music.>.

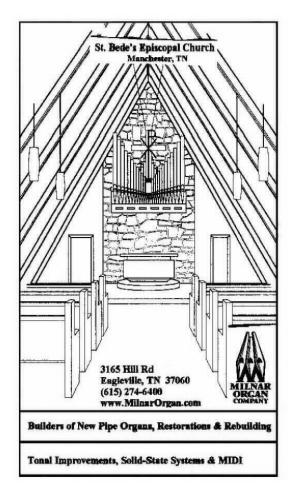
Important Information

Dinner Reservations

E-mail: d_barber@bellsouth.net Telephone (770) 496-0719 Chapter Web site <www.agoatlanta.org> National Web site <www.AGOHQ.org>

> Executive Board Meeting Saturday, January 15 Immediately After Meeting

> > Parkey Organ Shop



2007 Region IV Convention Planning Meeting

Saturday, 8 January

2:00-4:00 PM

The Cathedral of St. Philip 2744 Peachtree Rd., NW

Bruce Neswick and John Brandt CO-Chairs

Volunteer Opportunity

Spivey Hall is seeking volunteers to usher and provide patrons a style and degree of attention that enriches their Spivey Hall experience. For information contact:

Events Coordinator Spivey Hall - CCSU 5900 N. Lee Street Morrow, GA 30260 or Lfpinson@bellsouth.net

The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Rd. NW Atlanta, Georgia 30315-2920

SUNDAY, 2 JANUARY

3:30 PM Robert Knupp, organ 4:00 PM READINGS AND MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults Susan Brady, harp featuring **A Ceremony of Carols** by Benjamin Britten

THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY / Feast of the Epiphany 7:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST / Cathedral Choir

music by Davies, Cornelius and Howells

SUNDAY, 9 JANUARY / The Baptism of Christ

3:30 PM RECITAL / Atlanta Youth Choir 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola music by Howells, Walton, Hallock and Neary

FRIDAY. 14 JANUARY

8:15 PM CONCERT AT SPIVEY HALL / Schola music by Tallis, Morley, Guerrero, Harris, Holst, Joubert, Howells, Leighton, Cleobury, Tavener, Neswick, Weir

SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY

3:30 PM RECITAL / Paul Cunningham (San Francisco), organ 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola music by Tomkins, Morley and Sowerby

TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY

7:30 PM RECITAL / Elizabeth Remy, harp Gould Room Chamber Series Tickets at the door: \$8 / seniors and students \$10 / general admission \$25 / family maximum

THURSDAY, 20 JANUARY

5:45 PM EVENSONG / Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults music by Morley, Howells and Barnard

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY

3:30 PM RECITAL / Michael Messina (Indianapolis), organ 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola music by Howells and Clucas

SUNDAY, 30 JANUARY

2:30 PM RECITAL / Andrew Kotylo (Indiana Univ.), organ 3:00 PM EVENSONG / Girls' Choir Festival with choristers from Trinity Church, Princeton; Christ Church, Greenwich; Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; and the Cathedral of St. Philip

music by Howells and Beaudrot NOTE TIME CHANGES!

SATURDAY. 26 FEBRUARY

7:30 PM Concert / Ein Deutsches Requiem
by Johannes Brahms
(Ticket required)

INFORMATION: 404-365-1050 or 404-365-1052





In 1980 when I had my very first job as a church organist, I

followed Frank Hoermann as he climbed into the pipe chambers for the 2-manual Moller at First Congregational UCC in Rutherford, New Jersey. "Lady, don't you have anything you need to DO?", Frank asked me in an exasperated tone. "Nothing more important than watching you and asking questions" was my reply! On Saturday, January 15th from 10AM til Noon, where should you be but at Parkey Organ Builders? - for the RARE opportunity of an In-Shop class about the construction, mechanics & maintenance semantics of the Instruments we play. THANKS in advance to our Host (and most recent Dean!) **Phil Parkey**, for his hospitality and for providing a light continental breakfast for 9AM early birds. Invite a guest who loves the organ, to see and hear the INSIDE story, and certainly invite your organ students! I'm hoping 8-year-old Marshall and his mom can come with me.

Hearty thanks to John & Winter Whitney for giving such a memorable Christmas Party for our Chapter - attended by 101 members and guests on December 28th. The Peragallo pipe organ was demonstrated with flair by Tim Wissler (with whom John studies organ), before we all had the opportunity to play! John Whitney really went the extra mile in planning (and subsidizing!) everything including the staff that served the scrumptious dinner, concluding with Black Forest Trifle w/brandied cherries & whipped cream. May I suggest that you carry with you in car or tote bag, a recent issue of The American Organist magazine? - to take advantage of (for reading) those moments when you have to wait in line/for someone, etc. Don't miss the detailed write-up (in this December's issue) by our Chapter Secretary, **Will Rogers**, about our Chapter's June 2004 National Pipe Organ Encounter! November's issue of TAO (page 65) contained an interesting account about last year's National Competition in Organ Improvisation, when our own **Sue Mitchell-Wallace**, FAGO, was a judge for the preliminary round. The article by NCOI director Ann Labounsky, FAGO, points out the significant relationship between the skills required for the NCOI competition, and the preparation needed to pass the ascending levels of the AGO certification exams!

NOW is the time to update your Chapter email ETC. list, using the ADDENDUM to our 90th Anniversary Yearbook, which will be available from **Cindy Forbes** our Registrar on January 15th and at subsequent events in 2005.

David Barber, faithful Dinner Reservations Chairman, in recent months has had an overwhelming number of requests to email online members with concert/event reminders. PLEASE plan ahead to make good use of the monthly Concert Calendar compiled by Betty Williford, the Editor of this newsletter, and consider creating your OWN listserv for sending out such reminders.

Please note that our February event, **Bradley Welch** in concert at PRUMC, will be on February 15th RATHER THAN 2nd (Shrove, 'fat', pancake-supper) Tuesday.

The December 1st issue of *The Covington News* published a fascinating description of the 1975 Moller, currently being renovated by **Jay Mitchell**, with a large photo of **Becky Griffin Ramsey**, AAGO, surrounded by 2,000 organ pipes all over the pews at First UMC. Becky has been organist there for 33 years. Plan to carpool to Covington for our APRIL

12th event. Come early for an optional TOUR of historic, antique-filled homes. (Would you believe there is a 'New York Deli' for lunch in Covington?)

There are TWO concerts at two locations, with scholarship winner **Anna Davis** premiering our latest commissioned work by **Timothy Albrecht**, beginning at 5:45 PM. At 6:30 PM we will have dinner at the First UMC. Then at 8:00 PM, we will enjoy the DUO Concert by Becky and her sister **Alice Griffin Walker**, AAGO).

Meanwhile, may we look out in hope upon the vast landscape of 2005 (you may know these words from a choral piece by William Walton): "Lift up your hearts and be ye glad, in Christ his birth the angel bade: Say to each other if any be sad, 'What cheer? Good cheer!

Be merry and glad this good new year!' "

JOANNE RROWN, CAGO, Dean

Winter Opportunities

The winter months offer several opportunities for church musicians to receive some muchneeded inspiration.

Here in Atlanta, the Choristers Guild Mid-Winter Workshop will be January 21-22 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church.

In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, chapter member Faythe Freese is coordinating the University of Alabama's 2005 Church Music Conference on January 29.

The School of Music at Baylor University in Waco, TX is having its Midwinter Organ Conference February 13-15.



2005 Chapter Events

Tues., Feb. 15: Bradley Welch, organ Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta

Tues., Apr. 12: Anna Davis, organ First Presbyterian Church, Covington . Alice Walker & Becky Ramsey, organists. First UMC, Covington

Tues., May 10: Faythe Freese, organ Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

Region IV Convention

Sun.-Tues., June 12-14 Columbus, GA



Employment Referral

For more complete and recent listings, check <www.agoatlanta.org>.

Part-time Organist and Choir Director, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, Atlanta. Contact Susan Elliot at 404-252-0905 or by e-mail saelliot@mindspring.com.

Director of Worship and Music Arts, **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 10250 Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta,
GA 30022. 770-475-4250 / FAX: 770-475-5834 . Email: poplc@mindspring.com.

Keyboardist, Cliftondale-Red Oak United Methodist Church, 4095 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349. 770-964-4912. Contact: Rev. Sally Oakes.

Organist/Accompanist, **St. John Neumann Church** 801 Tom Smith Road, Lilburn, GA 30047-2299. 770.923.6633 ext 123. Please send résumé before December 31, 2004 to Dr. Thomas Van Soelen, Director of Music at the above address, or email to sinmusic@ureach.com.

Organist and Music Director, **Grace Episcopal Church** 422 Brenau Avenue, Gainesville, GA 30501. 770-536-0126. Contact The Rev. Doug Dailey, Rector at the above address by December 31, 2004.

Minister of Music, Fort Gillem Protestant Chapel, Contact Chaplain - Capt. Mitchell Tullos (404)-464-2004 or 5. Fort Gillem Post Chapel, 4998 N. 26th St., Forest Park, GA 30297.

Part-time Organist/Choir Director **Trinity United Methodist Church,** Atlanta, GA. Contact Rev. Kathy Morris. 265 Washington St., SE, Atlanta, GA 30303 Rev. Kathy Morris, office 404-659-6236, fax: 404-659-1923 or tumcatlanta@yahoo.com.

Part-time Organist/Director, **Thomaston First United Church** (132 Cherokee Road, Thomaston, GA, 30276. 706-647-3335). Contact Rev. John Barnes at address given above or fax 705-648-2658 or jfbiv@hotmail.com.

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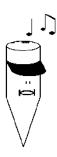
Work History That Includes:

Walt Disney Concert Hall - Los Angeles, Ca Palmer Memorial Episcopal - Houston, Tx Manchester First Methodist - Manchester, Ga Christ Church Episcopal - Valdosta, Ga

"The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." - J. S. Bach

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2005 Commissioned Work



Albrecht has composed a set of five short pieces for our chapter to use during the month of March. They are based on familiar hymns used during Lent and Easter. Copies will be distributed to those who attend the January workshop. If you would like to have a copy, and are unable to attend this event,

please contact the editor. See page 2 for contact information.

Our scholarship winner, **Anna Davis**, a graduate student at Emory, will perform these pieces at our April mini-recital at the First United Methodist Church in Covington.

Performance Calendar

Sun., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM	Britten: A Ceremony of Carols	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Thurs., Jan. 6, 7:00 PM	Feast of the Epiphany	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
T/F/S, Jan. 6/7/8, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano, J. Eaglen, soprano	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Jan. 9, 3:00 PM	Georgian Chamber Players	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Jan. 9, 3:30 PM	Atlanta Youth Choir	The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., Jan. 9, 3:00 PM	Robin Hensley, organ	Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
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		The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
		Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
	•	Schwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta
	· •	Cannon Chapel, Emory U., Atlanta
		Symphony Hall, Atlanta
		Carlos Museum, Emory U., Atlanta
	•	Moody Music Bldg., UA, Tuscaloosa, AL
•		Spivey Hall, Morrow
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Contributions

Thanks to Adele McKee, Don Larson, and Betty Williford for their contributions in memory of our long-time member, John Widener.

Irma Collins

Our telephone coordinator, Irma Collins, is recovering from a heart attack. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Happy New Year!

Thank you for being willing to receive *The Organizer* online. It saves money AND time.

I hope your Chrsitmas services and programs went well. I wish each of you a happy and prosperous new year.

Betty Williford





