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From the Dean

Dear AGO Members, Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that everyone is doing great and all are in great spirits!

Well, it looks like we're wrapping up the program season. Many thanks to ALL of the artists that flooded us with some of the most beautiful music and incredible talents!

I would like to thank Monsignor Albert W. Jowdy; Father Robbie Cotta; Father Jean Ikanga, S.V.D.; Deacon Bob Hauert; Deacon Erik Wilkinson; Deacon James Martin; Deacon Bernardo Buzeta; Jeff Bush; Philip Barreca; and the entire congregation of Immaculate Heart of Mary for graciously hosting Katherine Jolliff's Taylor Competition Recital. For those of you who could not attend, you really missed out on watching and listening to Katherine Jolliff's incredible performance! To be only 20 years old, this artist is definitely headed for the stars! It was a joy meeting her and her mother, Wendy, while they were here in Atlanta. I definitely plan on having her come back to perform at my church in the near future.

Our AGO Season Finale this Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m., will be a **Hymn Festival** co-hosted by **Johns Creek United Methodist Church** and AGO Atlanta. This is going to be a spectacular event featuring a very special artist, Dr. David Cherwien, and Johns Creek United Methodist Church Choir directed by Meg Granum Gurtcheff, Director of Music. Please come hear the newly installed, restored Trinity-Wall Street Aeolian-Skinner Organ. If you haven't been to Johns Creek United Methodist Church, you need to attend this event. The theme for this Hymn Festival is "Shout for Joy." Dr. Cherwien and Meg Granum Gurtcheff have put together an inspiring program, so bring your family and friends, warm up your voices, and enjoy an evening of spiritually uplifting music! There will be a reception following the concert!

Orgelkids USA is "in the air." We will be introducing and sharing our new incredible instrument during the Regional Convention in Augusta in June! We will also be premiering this wonderful instrument this Fall, so stay tuned!

And finally, if you plan on attending the convention, please go on our website and register.

Many blessings to you all!

Cliff Frierson, Dean
AGO Atlanta Chapter

Quimby Competition Report

Dear Atlanta AGO,

The Atlanta Chapter hosted a chapter-level competition for the Regional Competition for Young Organists on Saturday, April 22, at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. We were delighted to welcome Nathan Barcelona, a high school senior and student of Dr. Charles Tompkins, Professor of Organ at Furman University in Greenville, SC. His program of music by J.S. Bach, César Franck, Jean-Louis Florentz, and the hymn "Lo, he comes with clouds descending" was heard by a distinguished panel of Atlanta organists: Sarah Hawbecker, Dr. Joyce Johnson, and Dr. Kirk Michael Rich. Matthew Brown served as competition coordinator, and Mary Ruth Solem and Mark Lamback served as competition hosts.

Nathan will represent the Atlanta Chapter at the regional-level competition at this summer's AGO Southeast Regional Convention in Augusta, GA. He was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize and all expenses to Atlanta and Augusta. He plans to continue his studies as a student of David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY this fall.

Matthew Brown, Competition Coordinator



Pictured (L-R): Matthew Brown (competition coordinator), Kirk Rich (juror), Nathan Barcelona (winner), Sarah Hawbecker (juror), Dr. Joyce Johnson (juror), Mary Ruth Solem (host), Mark Lamback (host)

Summer 2023 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Wednesday	6/7	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023 — Christian Lane	The Cathedral of Christ the King	\$15
Thursday	6/8	8:00 PM	Josefowicz/Manze/ASO: Mussorgsky/Grime/Rachmaninov	Symphony Hall	\$25-129
Friday	6/9	7:30 PM	Cathedral Singers Concert	The Cathedral of St. Philip	\$25
	6/9	7:30 PM	Jens Korndörfer, <i>organ</i> — Farewell Recital	First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta	Free
Saturday	6/10	8:00 PM	Josefowicz/Manze/ASO: Mussorgsky/Grime/Rachmaninov	Symphony Hall	\$25-129
Sunday	6/11	2:00 PM	Carol Williams & Friends, <i>organ</i> — Paws at Peachtree Fundraiser	Peachtree Christian Church	
Wednesday	6/14	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023 — The Chenault Organ Duo	All Saints' Episcopal Church	\$15
Thursday	6/15	8:00 PM	de la Salle/Stutzmann/ASO: Wagner/Beethoven/Ravel	Symphony Hall	\$37-133
Saturday	6/17	8:00 PM	de la Salle/Stutzmann/ASO: Wagner/Beethoven/Ravel	Symphony Hall	\$37-133
	6/17	8:00 PM	Challenge the Stats Orchestra Concert	First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta	Free w/ RSVP
Sunday	6/18	1:00 PM	de la Salle/Stutzmann/ASO: Wagner/Beethoven/Ravel	Symphony Hall	\$37-133
Wednesday	6/21	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023 — Rudy de Vos	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	\$15
Wednesday	6/28	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023 — Damin Spritzer	The Cathedral of St. Philip	\$15
Wednesday	7/26	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023 — Jean-Baptiste Robin	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$15



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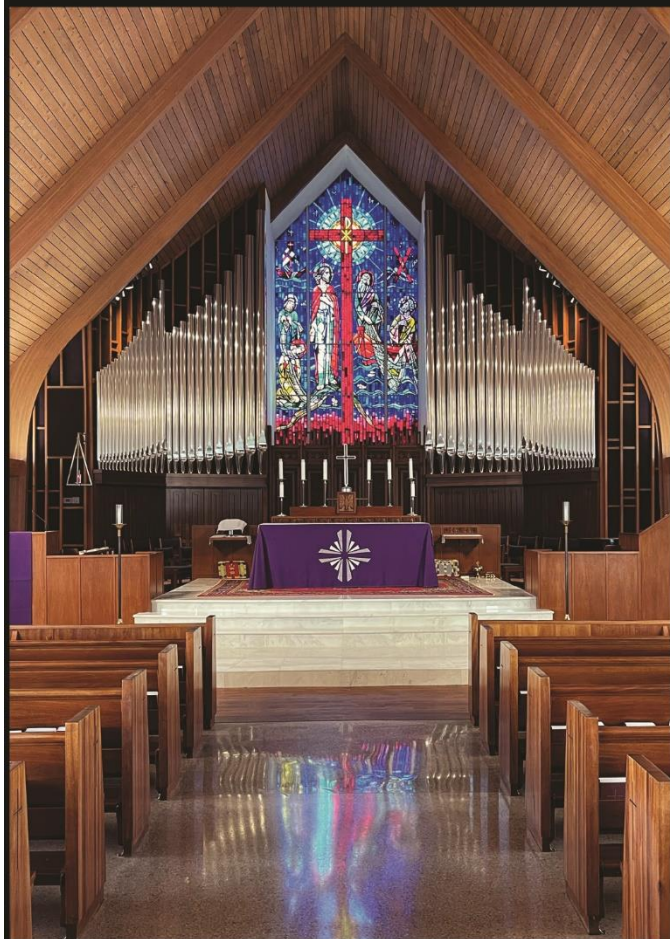
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Christian Lane

(Towson University
& Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD)
works by Bolcom, Bovet, Cook, Cooman,
Ramsay, Whitlock & Widor

Wednesday, June 7
The Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Road NE

The Chenaults

(Organists Emeriti, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta)
works by Briggs, Callahan, Hakim, Laurin & Paulus

Wednesday, June 14
All Saints' Episcopal Church
634 West Peachtree Street NW



Rudy de Vos

(Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland, CA)
works by Franck, Guilment, Hakim, Lanquettit,
Liszt, Pärt, Ravel, Tournemire & Vierne

Wednesday, June 21
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
435 Peachtree St NE

Damin Spritzer

(University of Oklahoma)
works by Bach, Baker, Howe,
Howells, Rowley, Senfter & Still

Wednesday, June 28
The Cathedral of St. Philip
2744 Peachtree Road NW



Jean-Baptiste Robin

(Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles)
works by Bach, Franck, Fauré, de Grigny, Liszt,
Marchand, Rameau, Robin, Schumann, & Vierne

Wednesday, July 26
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
3180 Peachtree Road NE

All recitals begin at 7:30 p.m. † receptions follow † \$15 donation requested at the door

Around the Chapter

Atlanta Summer Organ Festival 2023

This summer the 28th Atlanta Summer Organ Festival will take place in five Atlanta churches. (It would have been the 29th except for the pandemic in 2020.) The organ recitals will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in June and July. There is a suggested \$15 donation at the door for each recital, and there is a reception following each recital. The dates, locations, and performers will include:

June 7, The Cathedral of Christ the King — Christian Lane
June 14, All Saints' Episcopal Church — The Chenault Organ Duo
June 21, St. Luke's Episcopal Church — Rudy de Vos
June 28, The Cathedral of St. Philip — Damin Spritzer
July 26, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church — Jean-Baptiste Robin

Come and hear some of the world's great organists this summer.

Jens Korndörfer — Farewell Recital

In celebration of his 11-year tenure at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Jens Korndörfer will give a final solo recital there on Friday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. His program will include virtuosic masterworks by Widor, Reger, and Ives, and a medley from *The Lord of the Rings*. Admission and parking are free. For more information, go to <https://concertsatfirst.org>.

Paws at Peachtree (Christian Church)

On Sunday, June 11, between noon and 5:00 p.m., Dr. Carol Williams, Artist in Residence at Peachtree Christian Church, will host a fundraiser at the church. This event will include a recital beginning at 2:00, featuring Dr. Williams and friends, and much else. All donations will go to the Atlanta Humane Society. Carol has done much fundraising for animals during her career. More information is available at www.melcot.com.

First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta Presents “Challenge the Stats” Orchestra

To close the concert season at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, the Challenge the Stats orchestra returns for a spectacular celebration of BIPOC musicians and music on Saturday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, go to <https://concertsatfirst.org>.

Summer Choral Groups to Consider

Cobb Summer Singers (Lynn Swanson, Music Director & Conductor) begins rehearsals on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Marietta First United Methodist Church. In their 15th season, they will be performing Bach's *Magnificat* and Saint-Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio* on Sunday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.FestivalSingers.org/Cobb-Summer-Singers>.

Summer Singers of Atlanta (Andrew Schmidt, Music Director & Conductor) rehearsals begin on Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St Mark United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Atlanta's original summer chorus will perform Schubert's *Mass in E Flat* on Sunday, August 6 at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.FestivalSingers.org/Summer-Singers-Atlanta>.

Audition for the 39th Season of New South Festival Singers (Lynn Swanson, Music Director & Conductor). Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church in Sandy Springs. The season begins September 5.

The Cathedral of St. Philip



2744 Peachtree Rd † Atlanta, GA 30305
404-365-1050 for more information

Friday, June 9

7:30 p.m. Cathedral Singers Concert

Enjoy a lovely June evening's respite amid the glow of stained glass, basking in music to sooth the soul and delight the senses!

This concert – presented by the professional core of the Cathedral Choir & Schola and our magnificent organists – is made possible by the beneficence of the late Dr. Emile T. Fisher.

PROGRAM

Madrigals by Henry VIII, Gibbons,
Weelkes, & Morley

J.S. Bach, *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*

Benjamin Britten, *Hymn to St. Cecilia*

C.V. Stanford, *The Blue Bird*

Kim André Arnesen, *Flight Song*

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan, *This little light
of mine*

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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

Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta, seeks a Director of Music. Send resumes to music@central-ucc.org.

Church of Our Savior (Episcopal), Atlanta, seeks a part-time organist/choirmaster. For more information, contact Reverend Melanie Rowell at rector@coosatl.org.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, seeks a half-time Organ Scholar. Send resumes to shawbecker@redeemer.org.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Atlanta, seeks a half-time Director of Music. Send resumes to office@stjohnsatlanta.org.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Director of Music. Send resumes to cassie@stpaulgrantpark.org.

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to Rector Doris Graf Smith at 295 Green Street, Clarkesville, GA 30531.

First United Methodist Church, Dalton, seeks an interim organist. For more information, contact Kelly Stultz at choirkelly@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Decatur, seeks a part-time Organist & Music Director. Send resume to office@holy-cross.org.

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

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

Mount Hermon Presbyterian Church, Ila, seeks a part-time pianist. Contact Kathryn Miller at miller.ugamath@gmail.com for more information.

Loyd Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, seeks a part-time organist and music director. Send resume to Rev. Tyler Brock at tyler@loydpres.org.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Marietta, seeks a part-time Director of Music/Organist. Send resume to snbennett01@gmail.com.

St. Anna's Catholic Church, Monroe, seeks a Director of Sacred Music. Send resume to fatherrandy@st-annas.com.

St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time Music Director. Contact Fr. Joey Fitzgerald at joey@barnabasanglican.com for more information.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time Organist/Choirmaster. For more information, email parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

First United Methodist Church, Norcross, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume or contact Director of Music Ministry Scott Keesey at: Scott@Norcrossfirst.org.

Evergreen Church, Peachtree City, seeks a part-time Director of Traditional Music. For more information, contact Stacy Taylor at stacy@evergreenchurchga.org.

Peachtree City United Methodist Church seeks a part-time organist. For more information, email woody.brown@ptcumc.org.

St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, Sandy Springs, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. To schedule an audition, submit resumes to Bryan Archer at barcher@judeatl.com.

Sandy Springs United Methodist Church seeks a part-time interim organist. Send resumes to kfloyd@ssumc.org.

Second Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, TN, seeks a half-time Organist. Contact Dr. Kevin Ford at office@secondpreschattanooga.org for more information.

Singers

Virginia Highland Church, Atlanta, seeks tenor and bass staff singers. Contact Nicholas Bowden (404-932-0877) to arrange an audition.



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