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From the Dean

Dear Chapter friends:

Thank you for your patience and flexibility throughout the past year. As I write this, more restrictions are lifting and a return to pre-pandemic life seems closer by the day. Our Executive Committee is working to create a wonderful season of in-person programming next fall and will share the full schedule later this summer.

I was glad to see many of you at our annual meeting a few weeks ago and have enjoyed staying in touch virtually as much as possible this year. I want to again thank Dr. Caroline Robinson for her inspiring performance and Dr. John Beyers for his reflection on our work and ministry as musicians in this challenging time.

During the meeting, I announced several updates to our chapter leadership. First, following 15 years as treasurer, Charlene Ponder Wall will step down at the end of June. We thank Charlene for her many years of service and wish her an enjoyable retirement from her chapter responsibilities. Nancy Dickson, who has served as co-treasurer for the past few years, will become our new chapter treasurer on July 1.

Following our April election, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Valerie Pool and Dr. Keith Walker will join the Executive Committee as our newly elected members. We welcome Valerie and Keith, and look forward to our work together in the coming years.

I also want to thank two of our members who recently agreed to assume committee leadership roles. Herb Buffington now serves as the chair of the Endowment Committee, and Matthew Michael Brown has agreed to lead our Young Organists Initiatives this coming season.

Speaking of young organists, our annual Chapter Scholarship Auditions will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., and will take place at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain. Full details and application information may be found on our chapter website: <https://www.agoatlanta.org/continuing-education/scholarships>.

Finally, I want to share important news from our national headquarters. July 1, 2021 will mark the beginning of the "Year of the Young Organist" which will include free membership to ANY current, lapsed, or new members aged 30 or younger. The national office will also offer programs specifically designed to address the needs and concerns of our younger members.

I look forward to exciting new developments, both nationally and locally, as we approach the coming season.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and relaxing summer!

Best regards,

Peter Waggoner, Dean
AGO Atlanta

Summer 2021 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Thursday	6/3	8:00 PM	Frank/Bellido/Zigman/de Falla: Thibaudet/Harth-Bedoya/ASO	Symphony Hall ONLINE	\$
Wednesday	6/9	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Michael Hey	The Cathedral of Christ the King	\$
Thursday	6/10	8:00 PM	Barber/Malher: Rivera/Spino/ASO	Symphony Hall ONLINE	\$
Wednesday	6/23	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Tood Wilson	The Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Saturday	6/26	9:00 AM	Chapter Scholarship Auditions	Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain	
Tuesday	6/29	7:00 PM	National AGO Competition in Organ Improvisation	ONLINE via Zoom	
Wednesday	7/14	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Nathan Laube	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
Wednesday	7/28	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: David Henning	All Saints' Episcopal Church	\$

Around the Chapter

Atlanta Summer Organ Festival Returns

After an enforced hiatus last summer, we are very happy to report that the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival returns this summer, with a series of marvelous organ recitals by some of the leading organists of our time. The performers for the 26th Atlanta Summer Organ Festival will include:

Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 PM The Cathedral of Christ the King — Michael Hey (St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY)

Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 PM, The Cathedral of St. Philip — Todd Wilson (Cleveland Institute of Music)

Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 PM, Peachtree Road UMC — Nathan Laube (Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Stuttgart, Germany)

Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 PM, All Saints' Episcopal Church — David Henning (St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX)

National AGO Competition in Organ Improvisation

This year's National AGO Competition in Organ Improvisation, which was to have been a part of the Atlanta National Convention in 2020, has been held virtually, and will be showcased in the AGO's 2021 OrganFest: Beauty Endures. The free improvisations will be premiered on Tuesday evening, June 29, for the online Organfest (Zoom event). The audience will get to vote in real time for the audience prize, and the three finalists will participate in a conversation with the emcee. The audience prize of \$1,500 will be announced following the interviews. Dr. Albert Ahlstrom, an Atlanta chapter member, is one of the finalists, and a beautiful video created by Daniel Solberg, another Atlanta chapter member, will be presented.

Summer Singing Opportunities

Register now to participate in **Cobb Summer Singers**. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, July 6. Performing Handel's *Judas Maccabeus* with orchestra, at Marietta First United Methodist Church. To learn more: <https://www.festivalsingers.org/cobb-summer-singers>.

Register to participate in **Summer Singers of Atlanta**. Rehearsals begin Monday, June 7. Performing Mozart's *Requiem* with orchestra, at St. John United Methodist Church, Sandy Springs. To learn more: <https://www.festivalsingers.org/summer-singers-atlanta>.

Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Auditions

Our Chapter Scholarship Auditions are scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., and will take place at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain. Full details and application information may be found on our chapter website: <https://www.agoatlanta.org/continuing-education/scholarships/>

ATLANTA SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL 2021



Michael Hey

(St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY)

works by Bach, Bingham, Dove, Dupré,
Elgar, Gigout, Nahre Sol, & Sowerby

Wednesday, June 9

The Cathedral of Christ the King

2699 Peachtree Road NE

Todd Wilson

(Cleveland Institute of Music)

works by Bizet, Buonemani, Conte,
Hancock, Reubke, Widor

Wednesday, June 23

The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Road NW



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Nathan Laube

(Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst
Stuttgart, Germany)

works by Bach & Liszt

Wednesday, July 14

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

3180 Peachtree Road NE

David Henning

(St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX)

works by Bach, Debussy, Duruflé,
Liszt, Clarence Mader

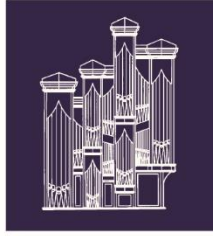
Wednesday, July 28

All Saints' Episcopal Church

634 West Peachtree Street NW



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



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Music Director/Keyboardist

First United Methodist Church, Athens, seeks a full-time Associate Director of Music & Organist. Send resume to Stephen Mitchell at stephen@athensfirstumc.org.

The Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Assistant Cathedral Organist. Send resumes to assistantorganist@ctking.com.

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to gcalvary@windstream.net.

First Baptist Church, Dalton, seeks a 3/4-time organist. Send resume to Adam Cogliano at acogliano@fbc Dalton.org.

St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Dunwoody, seeks a part-time organist/choirmaster. Send resume to Bishop Chandler Jones at bspchj@gmail.com.

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Fort Valley, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to harlowmatthew@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church, Greensboro, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resume to Dr. Martha Braswell at the church address.

Mountain View United Methodist Church, Marietta, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resume to khginc@bellsouth.net.

Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, Marietta, seeks a part-time music director/accompanist. Send resume to pilgrimageuccworship@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church, Peachtree City, seeks a minister of music/organist. Send resume to rector@standrews316.org.

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, Rabun Gap, seeks an organist/choir director. Send resume to pastor.rabungappresbyterian@gmail.com.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Roswell, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to jonathan911sc@hotmail.com.

St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, Sandy Springs, seeks a full-time Director of Music & Liturgy. Send resume to ctyner@judeatl.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Winder, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to ejars7781@windstream.net.

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Lexington, SC, seeks a part-time Organist/Music Associate. For more information, contact Hal McIntosh at hmcintosh@saxegotha.org, 803-359-7770.

Singers

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, seeks an alto staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Jeffrey McIntyre at 404-805-4816 or jdmatl@aol.com.

First United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a tenor staff singer. For an audition, contact Christopher Bryant at Christopher@atlantafirstumc.org.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Roswell, seeks a soloist. For an audition, contact jonathan911sc@hotmail.com.



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