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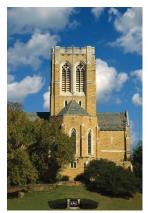
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March Chapter Meeting

Saturday, March 11, 2023



The Cathedral of St. Philip 2744 Peachtree Rd. NW Atlanta, GA 30305

7:30 PM

The Chenaults

Reception following

Hosts Dale Adelmann, Caroline Robinson Jack Mitchener, and Timothy Gunter



Specializing in and exclusively performing works written for four hands and four feet at one pipe organ console, **Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault** have made a monumental and unmatched contribution to the pipe organ repertoire by commissioning, premièring, and recording of over 70 organ duets in a wide array of styles. Tonight's program will include world première performances of organ works by David Briggs and Raymond Chenault himself.

Program:

Rachel Laurin (b. 1961), Fantaisie á Deux (2018)
Richard Shephard (b. 1949), Eclogue (1991)
Philip Moore (b. 1943), Allegro for Organ Duet (1993)
Charles Callahan (b. 1951), The Emerald Isle (based on Londonderry Air) (1994)
Melinda Lee Clark (b. 1945), "Two to Tango" from An American Suite (2012)
Nicholas White (b. 1967), A Spiritual Romp for Two (2019)
David Briggs (b. 1962), Hommage à Pierre Cochereau (World Premiere) (2023)
Raymond Chenault, Fantaisie Mystique (Organ Solo—World Premiere) (2023)

From the Dean

Greetings AGO Members, Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that everyone had a great Valentine's Day and are in great spirits and health.

First, I'd like to thank Druid Hills Presbyterian Church for hosting our pilot Orgelkids USA event February 4. We had the best time building our new miniature organ and playing it afterward. Many thanks to Sue Mitchell-Wallace, David Barber, Joanne Brown, Valerie Pool, John Sabine, and Debra Dickensheets for participating in this crazy fun time! We are now ready to launch the main event this Fall, so between now and then, please let all of your youngsters and their friends know that Orgelkids USA masterpiece is going to be introduced to the public. We will have a date for this exciting event soon, so please stay tuned!

I personally can hardly wait for our next event featuring the **Chenaults** in concert at the Cathedral of St. Philip on Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. This is a *free admission* concert. This exciting program will include two world premiere performances: a duet commissioned from David Briggs, *Homage to Pierre Cochereau*, and a solo work written expressly for the Aeolian-Skinner organ and acoustic of the Cathedral nave by Ray Chenault, *Fantaisie Mystique*. Come and enjoy St. Philip's majestic space and acoustics and get to experience *two* new world premiere pieces! There will be a reception following.

A reminder that the **Quimby Organ Competition** has been set for Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. Inquiries can be made by contacting Competition Coordinator Matthew Brown, or Mary Ruth Solem.

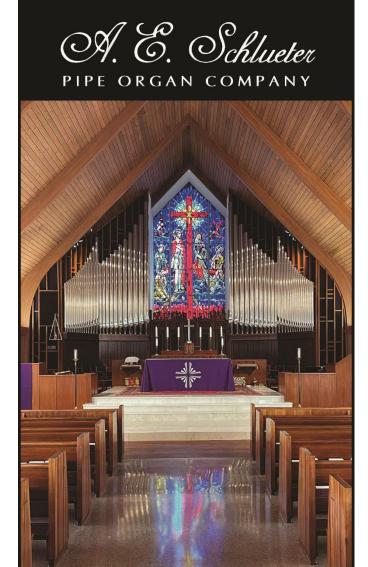
On Friday, April 28, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary and AGO Atlanta will be co-hosting a recital by the 2022 Taylor Competition First Place Winner, **Katherine Joliff!** She is an organ performance major at Eastman School of Music. This will be a great time to greet and congratulate Katherine on her well-deserved award! Come experience the incredible acoustics and exquisite new Sanctuary of Immaculate Heart of Mary and their new A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ. Come support our Taylor Award Winner!

Our AGO Season Finale, on Saturday, May 20, 2023, 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 Cherwin, and Johns Creek United Methodist Church Choir directed by Meg Granum, Director of Music. Come and hear the newly installed and restored Trinity-Wall Street Aeolian-Skinner Organ. Bring all of your friends and family, warm up your voices and experience a *truly spiritual evening*! There will be a reception following the festival.

Dear friends, once again I want to say that supporting these AGO events is the *biggest gift* you could possibly offer, so please show your appreciation to these wonderful artists by attending these upcoming events.

Many thanks to you all.

Cliff Frierson, Dean AGO Atlanta Chapter



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March 2023 Calendar of Events

| Thuraday | | | | | Admission |
|----------|--|--|---|---|---------------------|
| Thursday | 3/2 8:00 PM Pratt/Hou/ASO: Tower/Montgomery/Bartók | | Pratt/Hou/ASO: Tower/Montgomery/Bartók | Symphony Hall | \$25-98 |
| Saturday | 3/4 3/4 | 8:00 PM 8:00 PM | Pratt/Hou/ASO: Tower/Montgomery/Bartók The Atlanta Opera: Bernstein's Candide | Symphony Hall \$25- Cobb Energy Center \$48-1 | |
| Sunday | 3/5 3/5 3/5 | 3:15 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM | Sarah Hawbecker, <i>organ</i> Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola Herbert Buffington, <i>organ</i> | The Cathedral of St. Philip The Cathedral of St. Philip Grace Episcopal Church, Gainesville | |
| Tuesday | 3/7 | 7:30 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Bernstein's Candide | Cobb Energy Center \$ | |
| Friday | 3/10 3/10 | 8:00 PM 8:00 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Bernstein's <i>Candide</i> Atlanta Master Chorale: Magnificat | Cobb Energy Center \$48-160 Schwartz Center, Emory \$38 | |
| Saturday | 3/11 3/11 | 7:30 PM 8:00 PM | AGO Meeting: The Chenault Duo Atlanta Master Chorale: Magnificat | The Cathedral of St. Philip Schwartz Center, Emory \$38 | |
| Sunday | 3/12 3/12 3/12 3/12 3/12 3/12 | 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:15 PM 3:15 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM | The Atlanta Opera: Bernstein's <i>Candide</i> Boris Giltburg, <i>piano</i> Peter DuBois, <i>organ</i> Kevin Kwan, <i>organ</i> Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir Choral Evensong, St. Luke's Choir | Cobb Energy Center Spivey Hall The Cathedral of St. Philip St. Luke's Episcopal Church The Cathedral of St. Philip St. Luke's Episcopal Church | \$48-160 \$24-70 |
| Thursday | 3/16 | 8:00 PM | McAllister/Mulligan/ASO: Weber/Sorey/Sibelius | Symphony Hall | \$25-114 |
| Friday | 3/17 3/17 | 7:30 PM 8:00 PM | Bach Birthday Bash Baroque Splendor: An Evening with Bach | Lutheran Church of the Redeemer First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta | \$20 |
| Saturday | 3/18 3/18 3/18 3/18 | 2:00 PM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM | Atlanta Women's Chorus Elias String Quartet Atlanta Women's Chorus McAllister/Mulligan/ASO: Weber/Sorey/Sibelius | St. Luke's Episcopal Church Spivey Hall \$24-70 St. Luke's Episcopal Church Symphony Hall \$25-114 | |
| Sunday | 3/19 | 3:00 PM | Fleur Barron, mezzo-soprano; Julius Drake, piano | Spivey Hall \$20 | |
| Tuesday | 3/21 | 7:30PM | ensemble vim | St. Luke's Episcopal Church | |
| Thursday | 3/23 | 8:00 PM | Coucheron/Tiscione/Stutzmann/ASO: Handel/Vivaldi/Bach | Symphony Hall \$23-120 | |
| Friday | 3/24 | 7:30 PM | Bach's St. John Passion | Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church | |
| Saturday | 3/25 3/25 3/25 3/25 | 3:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM | Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Coucheron/Tiscione/Stutzmann/ASO: Handel/Vivaldi/Bach Chad Lawson, <i>piano</i> ; Judy Kang, <i>violin</i> ; Seth Parker Woods, <i>cello</i> | St. Luke's Episcopal Church St. Luke's Episcopal Church Symphony Hall \$23-120 Schwartz Center, Emory \$40 | |
| Sunday | 3/26 3/26 | 3:15 PM 4:00 PM | Steven Wooddell, <i>organ</i> Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola | The Cathedral of St. Philip The Cathedral of St. Philip | |
| Thursday | 3/30 | 8:00 PM | Stutzmann/ASO/ASOCC: Bach's St. Matthew Passion | Symphony Hall | \$35-130 |

2022-2023 AGO Meetings & Programs

| Date | Location | Program/Artist | Dinner, Reception, etc. |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| | Dunwoody United Methodist Church | | |
| Apr. 22 | 1548 Mt Vernon Rd | Quimby Organ | |
| (Saturday) | Dunwoody, GA 30338 | Competition | |
| , ,, | Host Mary Ruth Solem | - | |
| Anr. 20 | Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church | | |
| Apr. 28 (Friday) | 2855 Briarcliff Rd NE | Katherine Joliff | 7:30 p.m. Recital |
| 7:30 p.m. | Atlanta, GA 30329 | Katherine John | |
| 7.30 p.m. | Host William Jefferson Bush | | |
| May 20 | Johns Creek United Methodist Church | | |
| May 20 | 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd | Hymn Festival | 7:30 p.m. Festival |
| (Saturday) | Johns Creek, GA 30097 | nyiiiii restivai | Reception following |
| 7:30 p.m. | Host Meg Gurtcheff | | |

Around the Chapter

Grace Episcopal Church, Gainesville, Presents Herbert Buffington

Friends of Music at Grace Episcopal Church in Gainesville presents an organ recital by Herbert Buffington on Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Grace Episcopal Church is located at 431 Washington St. in Gainesville.

March Recitals at the Cathedral of St. Philip

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

March 5, Sarah Hawbecker, organ (from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta)

March 12, Peter DuBois, organ (from Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY)

March 26, Steven Wooddell, organ (from Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta)

Choral Evensong will follow the recital each Sunday at 4:00, sung by the Cathedral Schola or the Cathedral Choir. All Sunday afternoon recitals and services are free admission, and the general public is warmly invited to attend.

March Events at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

St. Luke's Episcopal Church will present a wide array of musical events during the month of March. All events are free admission, and everyone is welcome.

Sunday, March 12 at 3:15 PM — Kevin Kwan, organ

Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 PM — Choral Evensong, Choir of St. Luke's

Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM — Atlanta Women's Chorus Concert

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 PM — ensemble vim

Saturday, March 25 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM — Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Concert

First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta Presents Baroque Splendor: An Evening with Bach

On Friday, March 17 at 8:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta presents "Baroque Splendor: An Evening with Bach," featuring the *Goldberg Variations* (BWV 988) and the *Partita in B minor* (BWV 1002). Bach is well known for his large-scale oratorios such as the *St. Matthew Passion* and the *Mass in B minor*, which were written for soloists, choir(s) and orchestra. But he also excelled in writing stunning masterworks for just one single instrument, pushing its technical boundaries to the very limits. Join us as two virtuosi bring alive the *Goldberg Variations* for piano solo and the *Partita in B minor* for violin solo (from the collection of *Six Sonatas and Partitas*), two stellar examples of how Bach made one instrument sound like a full orchestra! Admission is \$20. For more information, see www.concertsatfirst.org

Bach Birthday Bash at Redeemer Lutheran Church

On Friday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer presents their annual "Bach Birthday Bash." Admission is free and all are welcome.

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church Presents Bach's St. John Passion

On Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m., Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church presents Bach's *St. John Passion*, sung by soloists Erik Gustafson and Wade Thomas and the Glenn Memorial Chancel Choir and orchestra. This gripping setting tells both the story of Christ's trial, condemnation, and death as found in the Gospel of John, as well as comments on these events from a poetic perspective through beautiful solos, choruses, and chorales (hymns). We hope you can join us to hear this historically important and deeply meaningful piece of music! Admission is free, with a free-will offering to support Glenn's music ministry.

Donald Terry Morrison 1937-2023

Donald Terry Morrison, husband of Jeannine Morrison and father of Alan Morrison, passed away on January 29, 2023. Don was born on July 18, 1937, in Pelham, GA, and was a resident of Decatur for 65 years. A talented pianist, he attended Florida State University on scholarship. He then went on to serve his country in the Armed Forces, and in 1963 opened Music Limited, a sheet music store which was located on Church Street in Decatur. He taught piano to dozens of students through the 1980s and later devoted himself to a family business as Vice President of The Puzzle People, Inc., which crafted wooden educational puzzles for school systems nationwide. He was predeceased by his parents, James J. Morrison and Oga NeSmith Morrison; sister Gail Tucker; and brother Neal Morrison. He is survived by his wife, Jeannine Romer Morrison; children George Shepherd (Stephanie), Julie Northington (Brian), and Alan Morrison (Angelo); sister Lynne Toll (Herb); a granddaughter, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Private burial took place in the Decatur Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to Spivey Hall of Clayton State University or to a charity meaningful to you.



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Chapel Music Company is proud to announce that Andrew Atkinson has accepted the position of General Manager of Chapel Music Company. Andrew is a well-established musician, performer and actor, from the Gulf Coast. Andrew started his piano studies at age 5. At the age of 16 he began studying with Dr. Robert Holm at the University of South Alabama. He received his BA in Music from Thomas Edison State College, with a concentration in Piano and History. Andrew has performed all across the region as an organist and pianist. He was the Concert Chairman of the Mobile Piano Ensemble from 2011 to 2013, and served as the last president from 2013 to 2015. He performed as Concerto Soloist in 2009. Andrew served three times as adjudicator for the Alabama Keyboard Festival. He won first place in the 2007 College Level MMTA Competition. Andrew currently serves as organist and Choirmaster of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Marietta Georgia. He is a member of Atlanta Chapter of the AGO, and also a member of the Screen Actors Guild. Andrew has a passion for church music that has lasted a lifetime. Call Andrew at 251-382-3644 for his expert assistance with all of your organ needs.





The Cathedral of St. Philip

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

Sunday, March 5

3:15 p.m. Sarah Hawbecker, organ

(Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta)

Pierre Du Mage, Suite du premier ton

Johannes Brahms, Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms, O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

John Stanley, Voluntary in E minor, Op. 7, No. 7

Mary Beth Bennett, Prelude on "Kingsfold"

Johann Sebastian Bach, Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

William Smith, Preces & Responses William Byrd, Short Service Heinrich Schütz, Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt Thomas Tallis, Sancte Deus

Saturday, March 11

7:30 p.m. The Chenaults

Rachel Laurin, Fantaisie á Deux

Richard Shephard, *Eclogue*Philip Moore, *Allegro for Organ Duet*

Charles Callahan, The Emerald Isle (based on Londonderry Air)

Melinda Lee Clark, "Two to Tango" from An American Suite

Nicholas White, A Spiritual Romp for Two

David Briggs, Hommage à Pierre Cochereau (World Premiere) Raymond Chenault, Fantaisie Mystique (Organ Solo—World

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Sunday, March 12

3:15 p.m. Peter DuBois, organ

(Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY)

Felix Mendelssohn, Prelude & Fugue in C minor, Op. 37, No. 1

Gerre Hancock, Air

César Franck, Prière, Op. 20

Anton Heiller, Ecce Lignum Crucis — A Meditation Jehan Alain, Litanies

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir

Kenneth Leighton, Preces & Responses
Kerensa Briggs, Gloucester Service
Edward Bairstow, Lord, thou hast been our refuge
David Hill, God be in my head

Sunday, March 26

3:15 p.m. Steven Wooddell, organ

(Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Fantasia in F minor, K 608 Jehan Alain. Deuxième Fantaisie

Louis Vierne, "Scherzo: from Symphonie No. 2, Op.20

Julius Reubke, Fugue from Sonata on the 94th Psalm

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Paul Halley, Preces & Responses John Tavener, Collegium Regale Henryk Górecki, Totus tuus arr. Jim Clements, The angel Gabriel

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

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

- St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, seeks a part-time piani/organist. Contact Dr. Joyce Schemanske at jschemanske@saintannes.com or 404-237-5589 ext. 132
- 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.

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, seeks a part-time Organist. Send resumes to Associate Pastor of Music & Worship Tyler Ingram at tyler@fbcc.us.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, seeks a Director of Music. Send resume to jobs@slpres.org.

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

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 tbantly@gmail.com.

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

Madison Presbyterian Church seeks a Director of Music. Send resume to jenny.arthur@trustmineral.com.

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

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- St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time Music Director. Contact Fr. Joey Fitzgerald at joey@barnabasanglican.com for more information.
- **St. George Catholic Church**, Newnan, seeks a part time Director of Sacred Music/Organist. Send resume to mcormier@stgeorgenewnan.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. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church, Peachtree City, seeks a minister of music/organist. Send resume to rector@standrews316.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.

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

Singers

Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, seeks tenor and bass staff singers. To schedule an audition, contact Keith H. Walker at keith@northsidedrive.org.

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

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Kennesaw, seeks a tenor staff singer. To arrange an audition, contact Charissa Saenz at charissas@stcatherinercc.org.

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