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ATLANTA CHAPTER AGO
presents

WILLIAM WHITEHEAD
organist

at

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
3180 Peachtree Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia
404.240.8212

Host: Scott Atchison

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

Punchbowl: 6:00 pm

Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 pm

Recital: 8:00 pm

The cost for meals this season is \$13.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

About our Artist....



The acclaimed young English organist, William Whitehead, is Organ Professor at Trinity College of Music and Music Director at St. Mary's Church, Bourne Street, both in London. Previous positions included seven years teaching at the Royal Academy of Music in London, service on the music staff of Westminster Abbey and later of Rochester Cathedral, and assisting John Eliot Gardiner with the famed Monteverdi Choir.

He won first prize at the Odense International Organ Competition in Denmark in 2004, and holds many other awards and honors. He has performed in South Africa, France, Denmark, Russia, Scotland, as well as extensively in England at major venues and festivals including those in Litchfield, Cheltenham, Hampstead and Highgate.

He is a graduate of University College, Oxford, where he was Organ Scholar, and of the Royal Academy of Music, with a further graduate degree from King's College, London. Organ teachers have included Dame Gillian Weir, Naji Hakim, David Sanger, David Hill, James O'Donnell, and David Titterington.

His seventh compact disc release, "Dances of Life and Death" on the Chandos label, won Five Stars from the magazine BBC Music, the Diapason Découverte award in France, and was his first entirely solo recording. His next solo CD was released by Herald late in 2007 and coincided with a feature article on the organist in the international journal *Choir & Organ*.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Nominating Committee presents the following names of members who have agreed to be nominated for the Executive Committee, Class of 2012:

Madonna Brownlee John Sabine
Warren Williams Carol Dallas

Two of these will be elected at the Chapter's meeting in May, 2009.

Write-in nominations may be made by petition signed by five Chapter members in good standing and delivered to the Secretary by April 1, or within 30 days after publication of the slate of the Nominating Committee, whichever is later.

Thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their work: Sarah Martin, Eugene Martin, and Keith Vansant. And a very special thank you to those four members who agreed to serve, when elected. They each bring special gifts and a commitment to the Atlanta Chapter.

Submitted by Michael Morgan

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. to our student member Bryan Anderson, and his teacher Sarah Martin, for his winning first place in the Oklahoma City AGO/Oklahoma City University national high school pipe organ competition in February! Bryan also won the hymn playing prize. There were fourteen competitors from eleven different states from coast to coast.

Bryan played his entire solo program of three different pieces at the winner's recital. Also congratulations are in order for his recent win in the Georgia Music Educators' Association (GMEA) bi-annual piano concerto competition. Bryan will be the piano soloist playing the first movement of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto with the 11th & 12th grade All-State Orchestra on the main stage of the civic center in Savannah, Georgia on March 7th. Bryan has been a piano student of Jeannine Morrison for almost 10 years

CORRECTION:

SINCERE APOLOGY DUE TO A MIS-SPELLED NAME IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE.

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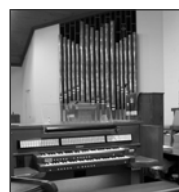
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The Younger Generation

In recent years, the AGO has done some remarkable things to encourage the next generation of organists. Most of you are familiar with the huge success which the POE (Pipe Organ Encounter) has achieved. This summer the Macon chapter is sponsoring a POE and there are others around the country including one for advanced teens and one for students interested in organ building. For more information, go to <http://www.agohq.org/docs/pdf/poe-ad.pdf>.

Our Atlanta chapter has sponsored a POE in recent years and for several years has organized a concert for young organists. It was a pleasure to have many of you in attendance for the February 21 event at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur. We were amazed at the marvelous talent that was demonstrated by the younger generation of organists from our own backyard! Thanks to Joyce Johnson and to Sarah Martin for helping to arrange the program. Many thanks, also, to Keith Nash for his tireless support of the chapter scholarship program and this concert event at his church.

Next month you have another great opportunity to hear one of the most exciting artists among the new generation of concert performers – William Whitehead. Whitehead, who teaches in England at the Trinity College of Music, was a winner of the 2004 Odense International Competition and this event propelled him on a career that has taken him around the world. I hope to see you at the dinner and concert on Tuesday, March 17 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. It's your chance to hear one of the stars from the younger generation and also to experience the recent addition of the Gallery organ in that great space!

*James Mellichamp,
Dean*

Positions Available



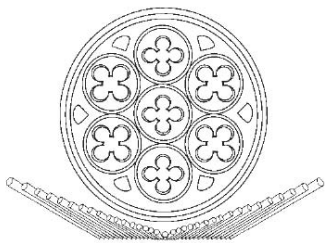
Further details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web-site: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

Eastman First United Methodist Church (USA), 5324 Anson Avenue, Eastman, GA, 31023. 478-374-4327. Organist for 350+ member Eastman church, 10 hours per week. Responsibilities include planning and preparation of appropriate organ and choral music accompaniment for one weekly Sunday morning service and one Wednesday rehearsal with Chancel Choir. Send resume to Dana Hardin, SPR Committee Chairperson, at the above address, or contact Elizabeth Burch at 478-374-2772.

Northside United Methodist Church 2799 Northside Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30305 Church is seeking a Music Ministry Coordinator & Program Assistant. This person will be an energetic musician with piano and/or organ skills that will coordinate and assist in various aspects of a large music program with 300 weekly participants in nine choirs (Adult, Youth, Children, Bells, and Orchestra). Strong interpersonal and organizational skills as well as general computer skills are required. Weekly tasks may include: accompanying various ensembles as needed, coordinating weekly worship logistics, communication with choir members and church staff, managing wedding details and appointments, and other administrative and organizational tasks as needed. Regular opportunities for musical leadership in worship (organ/piano/choir/handbells/orchestra) will be available based on the successful candidate's individual skills and instruments played. Organ is a 3/62 Möller with later tonal revisions by Schoenstein. Position is part-time, 18-25 hrs/wk and compensation will be commensurate with experience. Weekly schedule will include Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons on a weekly basis - the remainder of the weekly schedule will be arranged with the successful candidate based on availability and program needs. Bachelor of Music degree or equivalent preferred. Undergraduate students welcome. Address inquiries and resumes to myself or Mr. Mike Moffitt, Director of Music Ministries, at mr.mike@northsideumc.org or by mail to the church address

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Preceding Evensong at 4 pm

SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2009

3:15 p.m. Recital / James Robinson, *baritone*
 Antonin Dvořák: Biblical Songs, Op. 99

4:00 p.m. Diocesan Confirmations and Rite II Eucharist

SUNDAY, 8 MARCH 2009

3:15 p.m. Recital / Atlanta Flute Ensemble

4:00 p.m. Evensong / Cathedral Schola

John Reading: Preces & Responses

T. Tertius Noble: Service in A Minor

Thomas Morley: Nolo mortem peccatoris

Carlo Gesualdo: O vos omnes

SUNDAY, 15 MARCH 2009

3:15 p.m. Recital / Bill Callaway, *organ*
 (First United Methodist Church, Chamblee, GA)

J.S. Bach: Piece d'Orgue

Paul Manz: Aria

Reginald Porter-Brown: Tuba Tune

Denis Bedard: Reverie (from *Trilogie pour Orgue*)

Edvard Grieg: Triumphal March (from *Sigurd Joselvar*)

Camille Saint-Saens: My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice
 (from *Samson and Delilah*)

J. Christopher Pardini: Toccata on "Amazing Grace"

4:00 p.m. Evensong / Cathedral Schola

Gerre Hancock: Preces & Responses; William Byrd: Short Service

William Byrd: Teach me, O Lord

William Byrd: Ave verum corpus

SUNDAY, 22 MARCH 2009

3:15 p.m. Recital / Robert Gant, *organ* (Charleston, SC)

Max Reger: Introduction in F Minor, Op. 63, No. 5

J.S. Bach: 1st movement from Trio Sonata No. 4 in E Minor,
 BWV 528

J.S. Bach: Fugue in E-Flat Major ("St. Anne")

Robert Schumann: Canon in A-Flat, Op. 56, No. 4

Edward Elgar: Nimrod (from *The Enigma Variations*)

Louis Vierne: Scherzetto, Op. 31, No. 14

Percy Grainger: Irish Tune from County Derry

Eugene Gigout: Toccata in B Minor

4:00 p.m. Lenten Lessons and Carols / Cathedral Schola

Leo Sowerby: Prelude on *Were You There*

Appalachian, arr. Andrew Carter: I Wonder as I Wander

Curt Oliver: Fragrant the Prayer

Jane Hawes: Into the Woods My Master Went

Benjamin Britten: Corpus Christi Carol

John Tavener: The Lamb; Antonio Lotti: Crucifixus

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2009

3:15 p.m. Recital / Sam Polk, *organ*
 (Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Athens, GA)

Louis Vierne: Symphony No. 5 in A Minor

4:00 p.m. Evensong / Cathedral Schola

Thomas Ebdon: Preces & Responses

Harold Friedell: Service in F Major

Alice Parker: I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

A Note About the 2008-2009 Yearbook

2008-2009 AGO Atlanta Yearbooks will again be available at the March 17th meeting. We appreciate those of you who have picked up your books at our meetings to date. As of this printing, **41 members have not picked up their books.** If you need to have your copy mailed, please contact Charles Redmon, editor.

Every effort has been made to insure accuracy and completeness of the information contained within the 2008-2009 Yearbook. All information was taken directly from your new or renewal application. If there are errors, additions or changes, please notify Tom Wigley, Registrar, at your earliest convenience. Updates will appear in the monthly issues of *The Organizer*.

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March 2009 Calendar of Musical Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Sunday	3/1	3:15 pm	James Robinson, <i>baritone</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Pipes Plus with Clair Maxwell, <i>organist</i> . Works for solo organ, duos with trumpet, piano, voice, narrator, and organ duet. Reception following. Childcare provided.	St. Luke's Presbyterian Church	
		5:00 pm	Trey Clegg, organ & Laura English-Robinson, soprano	Sisters Chapel, Spelman College	
		5:30 pm	Clint Miller, organ	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		6:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		7:30 pm	Cecil B. DeMille's "The King of Kings" accompanied by Steven Ball, <i>organ</i>	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
Thursday	3/5	7:30 pm	Griffin Choral Arts: Masterworks Concert. \$10 at the door.	Gordon College, Barnesville	\$
Saturday	3/7	8:00 pm	New Trinity Baroque; Predrag Gosta, <i>conductor</i> .	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	\$
Sunday	3/8	3:15 pm	Atlanta Flute Ensemble	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		5:00 pm	Nicole Marane, <i>organ</i> . A concert of Australian, French, and American organ music.	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
		7:00 pm	Sarah Hawbecker, <i>organ</i>	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
		8:00 pm	Compline sung by the St. Bart's Schola	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
Tuesday	3/10	12:30 pm	Qiao Solomon, <i>violin</i> & Cal Johnson, <i>organ</i> . A noon-time Lenten concert featuring the <i>Suite de Pieces</i> for violin & organ by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and a sonata by Pietro Locatelli.	First Presbyterian Church Marietta	
Sunday	3/15	11:00 pm	Beethoven's <i>Mass in C</i> with Chancel Choir, soloists and instrumental ensemble.	Covenant Presbyterian Church Marietta	
		3:15 pm	Bill Callaway, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Tuesday	3/17	12:30 pm	Uzee Brown Jr., <i>baritone</i> & David Oliver, <i>organ</i>	First Presbyterian Church Marietta	
		8:00 pm	AGO Guest Artist: William Whitehead, <i>organ</i>	Peachtree Road United Methodist	\$
Friday	3/20	8:00 pm	Annual Bach Birthday Bash featuring Canticum Novum, Redeemer's Chamber Choir Dinner at 7:00 pm (tickets required). 404-874-8664	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
Sunday	3/22	2:00 pm	Trey Clegg, organ. \$10 (proceeds go to fund mission work). Free parking	Atlanta First United Methodist Church	\$
		3:00 pm	Atlanta Baroque Orchestra. Tickets \$25/\$15. 770-537-3974	P'tree Rd. United Methodist Chapel	\$



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The cost for dinners this season will be \$13. Reservations for monthly meeting dinners/luncheons are a **MUST** and should be made no later than the Thursday before the next weeks meeting. CHECKS are to be made payable to AGO Atlanta at the meeting check-in desk. If you pay by CASH, please bring exact change. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation in advance on the Thursday prior to the dinner or luncheon date - OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

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To pay for a reservation that you didn't keep, mail a check to Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*. (see Yearbook Page ML-39)

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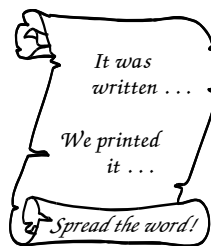
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Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, February 21, 2009 ~ 11:30 a.m.
Holy Trinity Parish - Decatur

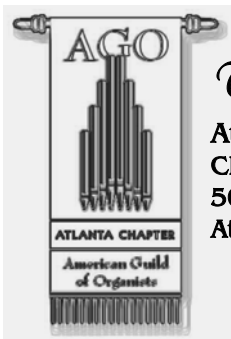


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