Season Finale

Plan to come and celebrate the conclusion of another rich year of music making with the Atlanta Chapter. Prior to the annual Guild Service, we will also elect a new slate of officers for the 2006-2007 season

The Guild Service will include *Evening Prayer* from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. The Covenant Choir will sing, including the Stanford *Magnificat in G* with a guest soprano soloist, 13 year-old Jennifer Soloway (who, among other things, is a recent recipient of a national award from Kawai pianos as a child vocalist). Organ music will be by Gerre Hancock and David Cherwien.

Parking: Those needing handicap access should use the church parking lot by going in the narrow drive beside the chapel. Other parking is available on Terrace Drive, and in the upper deck of Peachtree Battle. (There are signs threatening towing and booting of cars, but we think that has calmed down now. You will receive an e-mail, and we will have available at the church that night, parking permits to place in windows, just in case.)

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 9th!

Driving Directions: please see page 9.

ANNUAL GUILD SERVICE EVENING PRAYER WITH CHOIR

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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> Host: John Coble

Tuesday • **May** 9, 2006

PUNCH BOWL - 6 PM
DINNER - 6:30 PM
\$12 RESERVATIONS BY 5/4/06
SERVICE - 8 PM

Robert Shaw

Remembered

Music from the Shaw-Parker Years with special guest
Alice Parker

Friday JMay 5 at 8 pm

Roswell United Methodist Church

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6,512 Ounces Arrive in the Big Easy!

Dear Members of the Atlanta Chapter AGO:

Please join me in THANKing Keith Vansant, who has just returned from delivering 407 lbs of organ and choral music to Steven Blackmon, Dean of the New Orleans Chapter - from the Atlanta Chapter!

According to Keith: "500 miles and 8 hours of travel time. Mr. Blackmon's church, St. Charles Presbyterian, survived fairly well but still has not replaced the (water-damaged) carpeting. The town is still in bad shape. I want to go back and spend a week there to help. Steven said that just to clean the streets would be a big help. The strip malls still haven't been touched..."

Some of this music was donated recently by you, our members, specifically for church musicians in the New Orleans area; a portion of it came from donated music which has been in storage for our Used Music Sales. I am very pleased to let you know this deed has been accomplished! -

Joanne Brown, Dean

2006 ELECTIONS

SLATE OF OFFICERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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Visit it for exciting updates and venue information!

Dr. Dennis E. Northway, Ch.M.

Promotions Chair

ChicAGO 2006 National Convention

music at the cathedral of st. Philip

Sunday Afternoon Recital Series - All recitals begin in the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. as a prelude to the 4 p.m. Evensong, which is sung by the Cathedral Schola or Choir. Evensong on Third Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. is sung by the Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults.

MAY Organ Recitals at 3:30 o'clock

- 7 Jiri Cipera (Prague, Czech Republic) organ
- 14 Isabelle Demers (Julliard School of Music) organ
- 21 Bruce Neswick, organ

Sunday — 7 May — 4 pm Easter Lessons and Carols

Kenneth Leighton / An Easter Sequence
The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults
with Joe Walthall, trumpet

Tuesday — 9 May — 7:30 pm New Trinity Baroque & St. Philip Cathedral Schola

"Welcome to All Pleasures"

Music by Purcell and Dowland

Tickets: \$29 - \$15 for St. Philip's & St. Bart's parishioners

Sunday — 21 May — 4 pm Rogation Sunday Festival Evensong The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

Thursday — May 25 — 7 pm Choral Eucharist for the

Feast of the Ascension

The Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

Saturday — 3 June — 7:30 pm Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus

> Norman Mackenzie, conductor Tickets: \$20



A Message from The DEAN

Here I am writing my 'swan sang' as your Chapter Dean, after 4 valuable years (the first two as Sub-Dean working with Dean Phillip Parkey) gaining knowledge about what, why, and for whom, is this organization that began in Atlanta nearly 92 years ago? Although I can admit to being a bit weary, these experiences have filled me with gratitude for your capabilities and valid hopes for the future of our Guild. THIS IS A THRILLING TIME TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS! A look at this Spring's roster of Chapter Officers & Members running for ELECTION to the Executive Board, shows the immediate future of our Chapter will be bright! Be sure to cast your vote by snail-mail if you're unable to attend on May 9th!

Region IV's JUNE 2007 Convention here in Atlanta is ON THE HORIZON, ready for you to put your shoulder to the wheel. Please fill out and bring your Volunteer Form to our May 9th End-of-Year Gala Event at Covenant Presbyterian! YOU SHOULD also HAVE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL, thanks to our Registrar, Cynthia Forbes, your 2006-2007 Membership Renewal Form (July 1st DEADline!), the brochure from our Investment Committee re: Endowments & Bequests to our Chapter, AND the Form needed to place an AD in the Chapter Yearbook being published this summer! Take advantage of all these wonderful opportunities to support AGO at the Local, Regional, and National LEVELS!

The April issue of The American Organist finds one of Atlanta's POE 2004 grads smiling out from page 72. Parker Ramsay, age 14, is pictured with Wilma Jensen, with whom he began organ study in September 2003. Page 74 introduces 10-year-old COMPOSER Karen E. Christianson, who studies organ with Alan Morrison in Philadelphia, where she's an AGO Chapter Member! This month's obituaries include that of Lorraine G. Johnson, age 84, a lifelong organist who finally completed her college degree at the age of 61, and who continued to play the organ for more than 4 churches until October 2004. Although I never met or heard of Ms. Johnson before reading her short bio on page 77, her life provides an inspiring example for us of continuing education in music. In Fall 2005, a 64-year-old clergyman with a PhD. took his first piano lesson from me. Being part of musical progress and communication is a joy and a privilege! Soon after this edition of The Organizer is mailed, we will know the results of our April 28th Chapter Scholarship Auditions.

Howard Giles Dunlap, (whose obituary was published in the AJC on 4/1/06), died on March 19th as the result of a head injury. Howard & Mary Katherine, dedicated Members of our Chapter who married 57 years ago, have 5 children and 8 grandchildren! For over 50 years, Howard was Organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Decatur. Dr. Dunlap was a gifted and highly-lauded English teacher at the high school and college levels (Emory and Clark-Atlanta Universities), and became Executive Director of Curriculum Services for the Fulton County School System. Howard's retirement years found him teaching an annual Honors English Class, and coordinating the LEAP program to help students catch up in their academics. A CELEBRATION of Howard Dunlap's life will be held near the time of his September 22nd birthday. This information should appear in the September issue of the Organizer. Meanwhile, Memorial Donations used to promote literacy may be made to: Howard G. Dunlap Reading Grants, c/o Fulton Education Foundation, 786 Cleveland Avenue, Atlanta 30315. Mary Katherine Dunlap's address is 3763 Graham's Port Lane, Snellville, GA 30039.

On Tuesday, March 14th, at First Presbyterian in Marietta. our Chapter proved that a Members' Recital can be surprising. innovative, educational, and very entertaining. I WISH EVERYone could have heard our eleven Organists, seven Guest Musicians, and the 21-voice Women's Choral Ensemble which Dr. Michael Collier brought all the way from Gainesville! Upon entering the original church with its Austin pipe organ, one saw two violinists, and John Edison's string bass in front of the chancel. In the balcony above were a soprano saxophonist, the choir, and one of three trumpet players for the concert. For the first selection played by Kevin Faulkner, Wanda Yang-Temko's clear soprano voice rang out on Geoffrey Burgon's "At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners". Next John Mansaeu and saxist Mike Bastedo played Paul Halley's "Winter's Dream". Albert Ahlstrom, John & Nancy Edison, Tim Shepard, and David Kocsis ("Crucifixion" from Relections on the Passion) played original compositions, and Carol Dallas, Tim Young, John Coble, Michael Collier, and Brad Hughley rounded out the program with works by Steven Quesnel, Alan Hovhaness, Curtis Bryant, Sigfrid Karg-Elert, and William Schuman. WOW! I was glad to have as my guest, Becky (Mrs. Will) Rogers. She and I thoroughly enjoyed the music, as well as the hospitality of Ed Schneider and Dr. Calvert Johnson.

Many THANKS to Keith Vansant who DROVE TO NEW ORLEANS recently to deliver the 407 LBS. of organ and choral music donated by our Chapter Members, to Steven Blackmon, Dean of New Orleans' AGO Chapter Dean, for the use of AGO Members there! WEBMASTER Tim Shepard invites you to VISIT www.agoatlanta.org to enjoy all the recent, User-Friendly modifications to our Chapter Website - which is known as RE-MAPPING!

CONGRATULATIONS to Arden Starnes, Chapter Secretary, UPON HER upcoming RETIREMENT and move! ARDEN will be SO GREATLY MISSED! Let's all turn out for the 4pm Concert by Dr. Robert Parris on Sunday, June 11th, to join the folks at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in celebrating Arden's years of dedicated & pastoral musicianship! Check the CALENDAR right next door, and invite a GUEST to one of your AGO Colleague's events! Maybe I will see you there. I wish each of you a summer season which includes relaxation, and creative ways to *strrrretch* your musical mind so you will be rejuvenated for Fall's activities - in your playing and teaching and in all walks of life.

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."

Ellijay First United Methodist Church 75 McCutcheon St., Ellijay, GA Liturgical Organist needed for 600 member church in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. For more information call the church: Debbie Ray, at 706 635 2555 or email Tamra Acree at tacree@ellijay.com

Johns Creek United Methodist Church 1180 Medlock Bridge Road, Duluth, GA seeks a part time (25 hours/week) Music Associate/Organist with a deeply committed Christian calling to worship through music. Contact Rev. Beth Brown Shugart at 770-497-8215 or by email bshugart@johnscreekumc.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 576 Roscoe Road, Newnan, Georgia, 30263 Church seeks a part-time Organist-Choir Director for 550 member Episcopal Church 25 miles SW of Atlanta. Submit resume or contact The Rev. Russell Kendrick at above address or call 770-253-4264. Send resume to rector@stpaulsnewnan.org

Dahlonega United Methodist Church 107 S. Park St., (P.O. Box 455) Dahlonega, GA 30533; Phone: 706-864-2521; FAX: 706-867-6840. Historic church is seeking a full-time Music Director. Visit <u>church website</u> for more information. Contact Dr. Jeffrey L. Ross (Sr. Pastor) at the church website: pastordumc@dahlonegaumc.org

Cannon United Methodist Church 2424 Webb Gin House Road, Snellville GA 30078 Phone: 770-972-5463 Fax: 770-985-5521. Church seeks a 15 hours per week ministry-minded, skilled organist/pianist to be part of its worship and arts team. Send resumes in confidence to Dawson Nixon via e:mail at dawsonn@cannonchurch.org or surface mail to the above address.

St. Jude's Episcopal Church, 220 Windy Hill Road, SW, Marietta, GA 30060 Exciting opportunity for part-time Music Director/Organist. For more information call Fr. Frank Baltz at 770-435-0936 and/or send a resume to frankbaltz@bellsouth.net.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 4755 North Peachtree Road Atlanta GA 30338 (770) 455-6523 Organist/Pianist/Choir director for 500 member congregation in Dunwoody near I-285. 9 hours a week. Send resume to or Rev. Gray Temple, rector.

Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro 1842 Lake Jodeco Road, Jonesboro GA 30236 Organist/Choir Director. Send resume to fpisecretary@bellsouth.net or fax to 770.478.1991.

Flowery Branch UMC - P. O. Box 490, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 Phone and fax: (770) 967-3441. Part-time musician. Send resume to: Rev. Sally Oakes at the above address.

In Memoriam

HOWARD DUNLAP

September 22, 1927 - March 19, 2006

Beloved Educator , Arts & Music Enthusiast Organist for 50 year at First Church of Christ Scientist, Decatur

A Note from Arden Starnes

Dear AGO Friends,

It is with great anticipation that I announce my retirement as Organist/Music Associate of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. I came to this great church in the spring of 1970 as Associate Organist/Youth and Children's Choirs Accompanist/Music Secretary. I have had the privilege of serving with Ministers of Music Stan Powell, John Condra and Eric Nelson, Organists Marcus Bartlett, Scott Atchison and Tom Alderman, and Children's Choir Coordinators Mabel Boyter and Eileen Straw.

In the fall of that same year my new friend Herb Archer sponsored my membership application into the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In the '90's, I studied with Tim Wissler and gained the confidence to take the Service Playing and Colleague exams. With that, I gained the confidence to request the new position of Registrar with the Chapter in 1995. This was an excellent position to get to know almost all of you! After five years, I rested a while, then accepted the job as Chapter Secretary. It has been a privilege to work with Deans Herb Buffington, Mickie Gonzalez, John Brandt, Phil Parkey and Joanne Brown.

As my retirement gift, Second-Ponce de Leon is sponsoring **Dr. Robert Parris**, Organist at Mercer University in Macon, in concert, <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 11 at 4 PM</u> in our Sanctuary. This will be followed by a farewell reception in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. We are located at 2715 Peachtree Road, NE, *(The Baptist Cathedral!)* between The Roman Catholic Cathedral of Christ the King and The Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip. You are cordially invited to attend.

Your friend, Arden Starnes

CONVENTION 2007

The 2007 AGO/Quimby Regional Competitions
Committee is excited about coordinating the
competition for young organists on one of the
premier instruments in Atlanta, the
Letourneau organ at
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

The competition is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, 2006 at 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of areas.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Gwyn Bacon, Chair, at 678.298.5047



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May 2006 Calendar of Area Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Monday	1	10:00 am	Music Department Recitals	Agnes Scott College-MacLean	
	1	8:00 pm	Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert	Agnes Scott College-MacLean	
Tuesday	2	9:00 pm	ASC Flute Choir Spring Concert	Agnes Scott College-MacLean	
Friday	5	8:00 pm	Robert Shaw Remembered featuring guest, Alice Parker	Roswell United Methodist	
Saturday	6	7:30 pm	New Trinity Baroque & St. Philip Cathedral Schola "Welcome to All the Pleasures"	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	\$
Sunday	7	1:30 pm	Janette Fishell, organist	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	
	7	3:30 pm	Jiri Cipera (Prague), organ recital	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	7	4:00 pm	Easter Lessons & Carols	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Tuesday	9	6:00 pm	AGO Punch bowl and Dinner	Covenant Presbyterian Church	
	9	7:30 pm	New Trinity Baroque & St. Philip Cathedral Schola "Welcome to All the Pleasures"	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
	9	8:00 pm	AGO Program—Annual Guild Service "Evening Prayer with Choir"	Covenant Presbyterian Church	
Sunday	14	3:30 pm	Isabelle Demers (Julliard), organ recital	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Sunday	21	3:30 pm	Bruce Neswick, organ recital	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	21	4:00 pm	Jeannine Morrison, pianist and Alan Morrison, organist	Holy Trinity Parish	
Saturday	June 3	8:00 pm	Atlanta Symphony Chamber Chorus	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
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Our wonderfully dedicated volunteers who sign you in and collect fees for dinners and lunches have made an <u>URGENT REQUEST</u>.

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