

Monthly Newsletter

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ATLANTA CHAPTER AGO ANNUAL GUILD SERVICE **Choral Evensong and Installation of Officers**

at

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 1790 LaVista Road, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329 404.634.3336

Host: Brad Hughley The Rev. Dr. John Beyers, homilist The Very Rev. Wm McCord Thigpen, officiant The Evensong Choir of St. Bartholomew's music of Bruce Neswick, Herbert Howells, Paul Halley, Craig Phillips, Louis Vierne, and J.S. Bach

Board members and those holding AGO certificates are invited to participate in the procession. Please robe in either academic or choir robes and gather in the narthex at 7:15 PM to receive instructions.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Punchbowl & Wine Reception - 5:30 PM Dinner & Meeting - 6:00 PM Guild Service - 7:30 PM

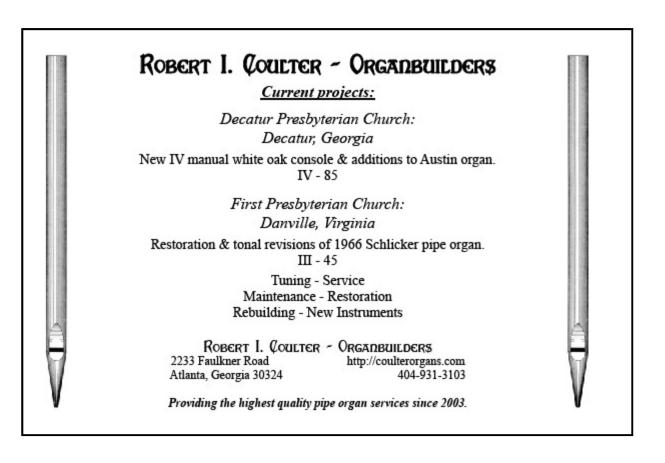
Dinner Reservations at \$14 per person being accepted now: AGOAtlanta_reservations@charter.net Deadline is Monday, May9th at 10pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

Dear Colleagues,

It was great to see so many of you at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church on April 5. Douglas Cleveland treated us to a magnificent program. It was wonderful to hear some new compositions alongside familiar repertoire. Doug's playing was superb as always. His carefully chosen registrations really showcased the variety of colors possible from the church's chancel and gallery organs. I would like to once again express my gratitude to Doug and the folks at Karen McFarlane Artists for being so gracious with rescheduling this program due to the January snow and ice storm. Thanks also to Scott Atchison and Nicole Marane for working us into the church's busy April calendar. This program was definitely worth the wait!

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It's hard for me to believe that this season is rapidly drawing to a close. It seems like only last week that we were anticipating our first program at the Cathedral of St. Philip. In my opinion, 2010-2011 has been an exceptional season for the Atlanta Chapter. We've enjoyed three stellar performances by distinguished concert organists Wilma Jensen, Cherry Rhodes and Douglas Cleveland. We've had opportunities to learn from several of our gifted colleagues in the areas of organ improvisation, music history and handbells. Several folks are now preparing for Guild exams; one of our members, Jill Hudson, was recently granted Service Playing certification. In December, many of us enjoyed a time of fellowship and holiday cheer at the Christmas Party. We've done quite a bit to encourage our "up-and-coming" organists this year with a *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* event in January, the Student Recital in February and the Quimby/Regional Competition for Young Organists in March. The annual chapter Scholarship Auditions are just around the corner.

Our year is sure to end on a high note with the annual Guild Service at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Sunday evening, May 15. We will be inspired by beautiful music from the church's outstanding choir led by Organist and Choirmaster Brad Hughley. We will once again be strengthened and encouraged by a homily from our chapter Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. John Beyers. We will also elect two new "members-at-large" to the Executive Committee for a three-year term. I can't imagine a better slate of candidates than what has been presented by our Nominating Committee. If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting, an absentee ballot appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

May will also feature the long-awaited return of the Used Music Sale. Bill Callaway has graciously agreed to head up this project for our chapter. Proceeds will be used to help fund the commissioning of new works for organ and choir. Joanne Brown and her committee are busy working on a commission to be premiered at our Guild Service in May, 2012.

Speaking of next season, Sub-Dean Tim Young has an excellent line-up planned for 2011-2012. We will have programs at some of our favorite venues, return to some that we haven't visited in several years and visit others for the first time. I don't want to give away too much - stay tuned for details!

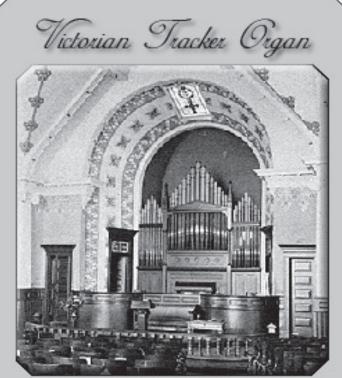
A highlight of next season will be the first Taylor Organ Competition which will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This competition was made possible due to the generosity of Elizabeth Abbot Taylor, a long-time member of the Atlanta Chapter. If you haven't done so already, visit <u>taylororgancompetition.com</u> and learn more about what promises to be a milestone in the history of our chapter. My thanks goes out to the competition committee for the many hours of hard work they've already put in to make this event a success.

I hope that many of you will attend the Region IV Convention which will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina on June 26-29. Best wishes to all for a restful and rejuvenating summer!

Sincerely, Jeff Harbin, Dean

Used Music Sales

The sale of used music will be resumed at the May meeting, managed by Bill Callaway. You may bring your music to the April meeting. Proceeds from the sale of used music will be applied toward the cost of commissioning new music.



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A Note from Muriel J. Phillips, sub-dean AGO Chattanooga, and associate member AGO Atlanta

The Chattanooga Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will hold their GUILD SERVICE, Sunday, May 22, 2011, 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 305 W. 7th St. Chattanooga. Atlanta AGO Chaplain Dr. John A. Beyers will deliver the address, Dr. Laura Ellis and current Dean Dr. Adrienne Olson will lead the installation of new officers, and Dr. James Shiell will conduct The Festival Singers of Atlanta. "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" hymn by David Hurd is the theme of this service. All AGO members are invited to process in academic regalia or liturgical vestments, please meet at the narthex entrance at 6:45.

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<u>Weekday</u> Sunday	<u>Date</u> 5/1	<u>Time</u> 3:00 PM	Event Chancel Choir & Canticum Novum, with Brent Davis, baritone, singing Byrd, Wesley, Britten, Vaughan Williams	<u>Location</u> First Presbyterian, 800 Enota Dr., Gainesville	<u>\$</u>
		3:15 PM	Organ Recital: Jeremy David Tarrant (St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, MI)	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 PM	Evensong: Cathedral Schola	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Monday	5/2	7:00 PM	Atlanta Urban Harp Ensemble	Leete Auditorium, Carver HS, University Ave, Atlanta	
Tuesday	5/3	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Singers	Peachtree Road UMC/Moore Chapel	
Thursday	5/5	7:30 PM	Griffin Choral Arts "The Guitar & the Poets" (Lorca/Tedesco)	Griffin First UMC	\$
Sunday	5/8	3:15 PM	Organ Recital: Clarence Cloak (Seabreeze United Church, Daytona Beach, FL)	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 PM	Evensong: Cathedral Schola	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Saturday	5/14	8:00 PM	Archdiocesan Festival Choir of Atlanta: Festival Music of EnglandMusic by Byrd, Rutter, Tallis, and Britten featuring <i>Rejoice in the Lamb</i> .	Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2855 Briarcliff Rd, Atlanta	\$
Sunday	5/15	3:15 PM	Organ Recital: Benjamin Kolodziej (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX)	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 PM	Evensong: Cathedral Schola	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		5:00 PM	Festival Singers of Atlanta	Peachtree Road UMC, Moore Chapel	\$
		7:30 PM	Guild Service	St. Bartholomew Episcopal	
Sunday	5/22	3:15 PM	Organ Recital: Robert Parris (Christ Church & Mercer University, Macon, GA)	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 PM	Choral Eucharist: Cathedral Choir & All Choristers	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Thursday	6/2	7:00 PM	Vespers for Ascension Day, music of FJ Haydn, Chamber orchestra & PRUMC choirs.	Peachtree Road UMC	

The ARTS PROGRAM at

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Any questions, please contact Valerie Stipcak, Music Administrator, at valeries@prumc.org or (404) 240-8212.

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Bill Coscarelli We thank you for your service.

Here are Executive Committee Nominees for your consideration. Voting will be at the May 15, 2011 meeting.

BILL CALLAWAY, a native of Covington, began his organ studies at an early age with Dr. Raymond Martin at Agnes Scott College. He later attended the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, as a student of Russell Saunders, before graduating from the University of Georgia with a BFA Degree. A church musician for over forty years, he is currently the organist for the Chamblee United Methodist Church, and has served as the accompanist for the West Atlanta/Douglas Choral Society since its' founding in 1987. Bill is active as an accompanist and recitalist in the Atlanta area, and has appeared frequently at the Cathedral of St. Philip.



JOSH DUNCAN is a native of Georgia and has served Episcopal Parishes in the Diocese of Georgia and the Diocese of Atlanta as Choirmaster-Organist since 2000. Josh holds a certificate of Church Music from

Andrew College--Cuthbert, GA - and a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, GA. His principle teachers have included Dr. Egbert J. Bacon, Dr. Susan Tusing, Dr. Fletcher Anderson, & Dr. Timothy Wissler. Josh is also active in the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and most recently appointed by Atlanta's Bishop, the Rt. Rev J. Neal Alexander to the Diocesan Commission on Music, a three-year term. Josh also is employed by Parkey OrganBuilders in Duluth where he works as Office Manager/ Administrative Assistant as well as Choirmaster-Organist at the Episcopal Church of St. Mary and St. Martha of Bethany, in Buford, GA.



TIMOTHY GUNTER has served as the Coordinator for Music and the Choral Librarian at the Cathedral of St. Philip since 2003. He has served as one of the staff singers at the Cathedral since 1993. He

also fills in as necessary as organist or pianist at various Sunday services. He is a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Chorus, and the Atlanta Singers. He is a graduate of Brevard College in North Carolina and the University of Montevallo in Alabama, with degrees in piano and organ performance. He was a member of the Kansas City chapter of the AGO from 1986 to 1993, serving as the editor of the chapter newsletter. He has been a member of the Atlanta chapter for two years.



CAROL DALLAS is the organist Shallowford at Presbyterian Church. She has served churches as organist and choir director in Thomaston, Morrow and

Decatur over the years and along with the position at Shallowford, directs the music and movement program at a local preschool. She also is a therapist in the field of brain-body development at her husband's counseling clinic, The Dallas Center, in Sandy Springs.

CUT OUT & BRING WITH YOU to the meeting in May **Ballot**

At-Large Members of the chapter Executive Committee, Class of 2013. Members will select two from the following slate:

Bill Calloway

Josh Duncan

Timothy Gunter

🗌 Carol Dallas

BECKY RAMSEY HONORED

On April 4th, the Organist at First Methodist Church of Covington was been honored for forty years of service. The following week she even had a resolution passed in the State House of Representatives congratulating her for her record of service.

Congratulations, Becky

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta:

Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 3:00 pm The Lovett School Ellington Jazz Band will present a Mother's Day Concert. The group has won numerous competitions and been invited to Lincoln Center to compete as one of the top jazz bands in the U. S.

Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm, the Choir of the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Alabama will present a Pentecost concert directed by Stephen G. Shaeffer.

All are cordially invited to attend these events!



Dinner Menu for May 2011

Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast in a Marsala wine sauce Sauteed mushrooms • Rice pilaf Broccoli stuffed Baked potatoes Green beans • Romaine salad with dressing Dinner rolls with butter Cake • Fresh fruit Coffee, iced tea, lemonade

A Note from Keith Nash

The annual **Chapter Scholarship Auditions** will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 at Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur. Complete rules and regulations are found on our chapter website. Please contact Keith Nash at Holy Trinity with questions: phone (404) 377-2622 or nash@htparish.com

Mellichamp Celebrates Forty Years at the Organ

Dr. James Mellichamp, Provost of Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, recently presented his fortieth concert career anniversary recital on Sunday afternoon in Piedmont's acoustically perfect chapel playing on their magnificent Casavant organ.

Dr. Mellichamp, an internationally acclaimed concert artist chose for his program a varied and challenging repertoire. The wide spectrum of compositions included works by Bruhns, Bach, Schumann, Messiaen, and Durufle'.

Mellichamp's brilliant technique served him well in these most demanding organ works. His sensitive registrations and stylistic approach were evident to a most appreciative group of listeners.

The packed house was at times mesmerized by his beautiful playing. This was obvious by the complete silence which they kept during the performance but at the end of the pieces were wildly enthusiastic with their applause.

Several times during the recital Dr. Mellichamp addressed the audience describing some interesting elements of the works. He also paid some heartfelt tributes to some of the teachers and mentors who had helped him along the way. One of the most lauded was his legendary teacher Wilma Jensen.

This recital was an event which will long be remembered by all the organ aficionados who came. It included most of the area's professional musicians as well as several nationally recognized artists.

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Sunday, May 15

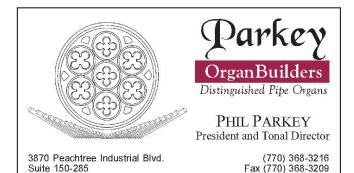
Recital / Benjamin Kolodziej, organ (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX) Charles-Marie Widor, "Marche Pontifical" from Symphony No. 1, Op. 13, No. 1 J.S. Bach, "Contrapunctus VI, in Stylo francese" from The Art of Fugue, BWV 1080 Andrew Carter, Aria Aaron Copland, "Simple Gifts" from Appalachian Spring (arr. Elizabeth Fitts) Charles Hubert H. Parry, Chorale Fantasy on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Evensong / Cathedral Schola Canticles, *Herbert Howells, Collegium Regale* Benjamin Britten, *Rejoice in the Lamb* Philip Radcliffe, *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Kenneth Leighton, *Preces & Responses*

Sunday, May 22

Recital / Robert Parris, organ (Christ Church, Macon, GA) Robert Parris, Sonata II (2010) J.S. Bach, Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, S. 678 Max Reger, Melodia in B-flat, Op. 59, No. 11 Marcel Dupré, Two Sketches, Op. 41

Choral Eucharist Cathedral Choir & All Choristers Zoltán Kodály, *Missa Brevis* Craig Phillips, *Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled*



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play piano for the choir anthem during the 11:00 worship service on

Sunday, in addition to the organ responsibilities. This position starts the second Sunday of May, and ends the second Sunday in July. Please contact Marvin Beach, Minister of Music at 706-403-4598. **Carrollton Presbyterian Church**,Carrollton Presbyterian Church,

120 Maple St. Carrollton, GA, 30117, is seeking an organist/pianist. He / she must have a bachelor's degree in music, or equivalent expertise. Three years experience as a church organist is preferred. Must have a strong Christian faith and be able to work cooperatively with others. Contact Blake Collins: Administration Chair, 770-834-5618 (H) 770-836-2588 (W); blake collins65gmail.com.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ATLANTA – 1328 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30324. <u>www.firstpresatl.org</u> Director of Youth Choirs and Assistant Conductor for 2,800 member Midtown Atlanta church. 12 hours per week (which includes 2 hours per week of planning/administration). Primary responsibilities include directing Archangel Choir (grades 1-5), Excelsis Choir (grades 6-12), and Excelsis Bell choir (grades 6-12). Secondary responsibilities include singing in the Chancel Choir and serving as Assistant Conductor of the Chancel Choir. Additional roles could include conducting the St. Cecilia Consort, and/or accompanying for special rehearsals and services (harpsichord and organ). Additional employment may be available at our School of Performing Arts as a private instructor if interested. Please send resume and cover letter to Will Breytspraak, Director of Music, at <u>wbreytspraak@firstpresatl.org</u>.

JOHNS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), 10950 Bell Road, Johns Creek, GA, 770-813-9009, ext. 229.Part-time Organist/Pianist/ Accompanist (8-10 hours per week). Responsibilities also include providing service music for weddings and funerals (with additional compensation afforded). Salary commensurate with education, skills, and experience. Two weeks paid vacation afforded. Please send resume to Alicia Ward at <u>aliciaw@jcpcusa.org</u>.

LITHIA SPRINGS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH seeking interim organist for 9-10am Sunday morning service (first service). Blended service ranging from traditional to contemporary. Two manual electronic pipe. Please contact Kerry Jenkins, Minister of Music, at: <u>i.kerry.jenkins@gmail.com</u> or 404-941-0043/770-948-2126. mainor30281@yahoo.com

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Positions Available

CALHOUN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, in Calhoun, GA. needs a

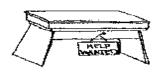
part-time organist to fill in for two months for our regular organist that

will be on a two month sabbatical. The position has two opportunities.

One is to play only two traditional worship services each Sunday

morning (hymns, offertory solo, responses). The second opportunity

is to also accompany the choir rehearsal on Wednesday night and



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

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Executive Board Meeting: May 14th at 1:30pm Northside Drive Baptist Church



Dinner Notes

Dinner Reservations David Barber, Chair by email:AGOAtlanta_reservations@chater.net

> Karen Bunn, *Chair* by phone: (h) 770.446.2084 (cell) 404.502.6292

The cost for dinners this season will be **\$14**. 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 <u>payable to AGO Atlanta</u> 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 <u>prior</u> 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.*

For security reasons and when at all possible, we prefer that you <u>always</u> pay your reservations with

> a PERSONAL CHECK -or-CASH (with <u>exact change</u>)

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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4635 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, GA is seeking an organist to join our staff. Responsibilities include: Wednesday rehearsals: 6:15 – 7:00 pm Children's Choir, average size 25; 7:00 – 8:15 pm Adult Choir, 45 members. Time for preparation: as needed. Playing for one Sunday morning service and special services, including Lessons & Carols; Children's Christmas and Spring Programs; Maundy Thursday; 3 annual conferences; annual choir workshop; Music Camp every other year (one week in June). Instruments: 3-manual, 55-rank Schlueter; 9' Steinway Grand. Salary: begins at \$23,500 per year. For additional information, please contact:Judith R. DoddMusic Director Midway Presbyterian Church 770-422-4974, ext. 1106 Judy.dod@midwaypca.org

ROCK SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) – Atlanta, GA is seeking a Minister of Music to join with us in praising God with our musical skills using a variety of instruments. The successful candidate with a BS degree, would possess excellent organ and piano skills, have the ability to lead choirs of all ages, and become a part of the family. Job requirements are 20 hours per week The organ is a Moller pipe organ, with 2 manuals, 18 ranks with 1,182 pipes. More information about Rock Spring may be found at RSPC.org. Please send resume to <u>musicsearch@RSPC.org</u> Jennifer Del Bagno.

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UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – Stockbridge has an immediate need for a part-time director of music. This position will be salaried with an expectation of approximately 8-10 hours per week to fulfill the general duties of the position. Please send a cover letter with pertinent personal information and a resume outlining qualifications addressed to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee: 4600 Highway 138 SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281; fax (770) 483-7805;or email to mainor30281@yahoo.com





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