

#### Faythe Freese

Dr. Faythe Freese, Associate Professor of Music at the University of Alabama School of Music, holds degrees in organ performance and church music from Indiana University. Her organ teachers have included Marilyn Keiser, Robert Rayfield, William Eifrig and Phillip Gehring. As a Fulbright scholar and an Indiana University/Kiel Ausstausch Programme participant, she studied the works of Jean Langlais with the composer in France, and the works of Max Reger with his former student Heinz Wunderlich in Germany.

With performances described as "powerful ...masterful ...impressive ...brilliant", Dr.

Freese is in demand as a recitalist throughout the United States. In addition to continuing her concert career, Ms. Freese recruits and teaches undergraduate and graduate organ students majoring in Organ Performance at the UA School of Music.

Dr. Freese has held faculty positions at Indiana University, Concordia University in Austin, University of North Dakota-Williston, and Andrew College. Ms. Freese has also held church music and symphony orchestra positions in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota, Texas and Ohio.

"Sowerby at Trinity", a compact disc recorded by Dr. Freese, is released on the Albany label. Her publications entitled, *Sunday Morning Organist: A Survivor's Guide for the Pianist* and *Sonus Novus: Intonations and Harmonizations* are available from Concordia Publishing House.

## End of the Season Gala Faythe Freese

Tuesday, May 10

Central Presbyterian Church 201 Washington Street, SW Atlanta (across from State Capitol)

**Reservation Deadline**Thursday, May 5

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<d\_barber@bellsouth.net> Telephone Coordinator (770) 496-0719

6:00 PM POE Student Recital 6:30 PM Dinner, Meeting, Election 8:00 PM Dr. Faythe Freese, organ

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Parking will be available in the State Parking Garage, located directly behind the church, with access on Central Avenue, adjacent to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Central Avenue is a one-way street between the Fulton County Courthouse and the garage, which will be on your right as you drive down Central Avenue. Watch for church greeters who will have signs and will direct you. Street parking, if available, is also an option, as are the parking lots adjacent to Underground Atlanta. MARTA access is very easy as well, from either the Georgia State or the Five Points stations.

Dr. Freese is a member of the Atlanta AGO chapter, and was on the faculty of the chapter's 2004 Pipe Organ Encounter. She performed at the Cathedral of Christ the King in July 2004 as part of the Atlanta Summer Organ Festival.

May 2005

## The Organizer

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Thanks to Keith Huffstetter and the office staff at St. John's Episcopal Church in College Park for helping with duplicating and mailing the April issue of *The Organizer*.

Members for whom we have e-mail addresses may now use the chapter's Listserv. Refer to the March issue for details.

## Northside Drive Baptist Church

3100 Northside Drive, NW Atlanta

## Colson Farewell Concert

May 15 4 PM

Operetic Duets for organ with **Sue Goddard** 

Arias and songs by international singers Helen Bickers and Stuart Neill

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#### Time to Renew!

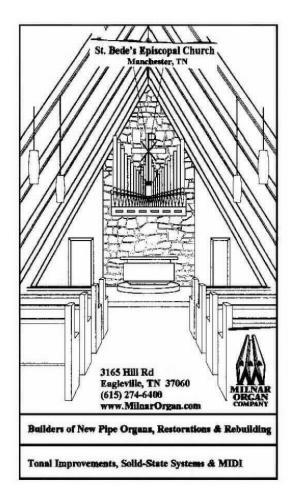
The deadline for renewing your membership is **June 30**. An updated membership form will be on the chapter web site soon. <u>Please write legibly!</u> Be especially careful with your e-mail address.

## Important Information

**Dinner Reservations** 

E-mail: d\_barber@bellsouth.net Telephone (770) 496-0719

Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, May 21
9:00 AM
Hapevillel Presbyterian Church
3368 N. Whitney Avenue, Hapeville



## Capturing the Opportunities - Your Investment/Endowment Fund

In speaking about our fund, Dean Joanne has said: "How fortunate we are to have the means to implement wider scholarship opportunities, midwife new compositions for the 21st Century, and articulate greater ways to fulfill our purpose." As you think about your support of our chapter, realize the significant impact you can have on expanding the horizons articulated by our Dean by making a gift to the Chapter specifically designated for the INVESTMENT/ENDOWMENT FUND. Even small gifts from many members over the coming months and years will enhance our financial ability to "think big and act big."

Your contributions can be sent to Treasurer James Mellichamp. Joanne, James, or any member of the Investment/Endowment Committee are always happy to answer any questions you may have about the Fund and gift opportunities.

Ham Smith, Chairman The Investment/Endowment Fund May 2005

## The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Rd. NW Atlanta, Georgia 30315-2920

#### SATURDAY, 30 APRIL

7:30 PM SPRING CONCERT / Cathedral Choir, Schola, Girls' and Boys' Choirs with orchestra

Leonard Bernstein / Chichester Psalms Gabriel Fauré / Requiem

Tickets:

General Admission / \$10 Students and Seniors / \$8 Families / \$25

## SUNDAY, 1 MAY / Eve of the Feast of St. Philip and St. James

3:30 PM RECITAL / Clarence Cloak. organ 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola music by Neswick

#### THURSDAY, 5 MAY / Ascension Day

7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist / Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

music by Gibbons, Walton and Hancock

SUNDAY, 8 MAY / Sunday after Ascension Day 3:30 PM RECITAL / Richard Pilliner, organ 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola music by Gibbons, Darke and Walton

**SUNDAY**, **15 MAY** / **Pentecost Sunday** 4:00 PM CHORAL EUCHARIST / Schola and Bruce Neswick. *organ* 

music by Palestrina and featuring the organ suite Messe de la Pentecôte by Olivier Messiaen

#### THURSDAY, 19 MAY

5:45 PM EVENSONG / Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

music by Mathias, Near, Hancock and Proulx

Bruce Neswick,
Canon for Music
David Fishburn,
Associate Organist-Choirmaster
Dr. Brent Runnels,
Concert Manager
Timothy Gunter,
Music Department Coordinator

for information: 404-365-1050



#### From the Dean

Our Sub-Dean, Michael Morgan, was at his best in planning, preparing and

narrating "A Festival of Hymns and Hymn Preludes," played by eight chapter members on April 12th. We were welcomed to First Baptist Decatur by Organist/host Cindy Forbes and her husband Ryan. We sang heartily to hymns creatively introduced and accompanied by Tim Young, Alice Walker, AAGO, Nancy Edison, Tim Shepard, CAGO, Dan Pruitt, Michael Collier, CAGO, Bruce Neswick, FAGO, and Anna Davis, 2004 graduate chapter scholarship winner. Anna also premiered our annual commissioned works by Dr. Timothy Albrecht during the hymn festival and at her 6 PM Recital, which included selections by Langlais, Couperin, and J.S. Bach.

The celebration of our 90th Anniversary Year continues through September 2005! Elizabeth Carter and Sue Goddard will share more reminiscences from our Chapter's history during voting time at our May 10th Dinner Meeting. We thank Bill Wells for his entertaining and thought-provoking memories on April 12th.

Our Region IV Councillor, Sarah Hawbecker, spoke to us about the importance of MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT at the local level. Sarah's words rang in my ears as I drove to Athens for Wayne Leupold's demonstration of new teaching materials for the very young organ student, sponsored by the North GA AGO Chapter and hosted by Bill Coscarelli. Opportunities abound to reach out to prospective members, but we must be alert and prepared in advance! We have new Membership Invitation Brochures (created by Will Rogers) to give to someone along with your personal invitation to our May 10th event. I suggest you keep brochures/dues forms handy! If you need help subsidizing dinner costs for prospective members you want to invite, notify our Treasurer, James Mellichamp, before you make the extra dinner reservations.

Please watch for NEW categories when you sign your DUES Form, before June 30:

- 1): My church will provide organ practice time for AGO Members who need it.
- 2) I am willing to teach organ to high school/middle school/elementary age students. These new lists of Teachers and Practice Locations will appear in the Yearbook and on our Website.

Are you willing to help our Chapter offer a POE+ for Adults sometime in 2006? If YES, e-mail me at organist227@bellsouth.net before our May 21 board meeting at Hapeville Presbyterian Church. Just think of the new members joining us in time for the 2007 Regional Convention here in Atlanta!

Why not take advantage of the following resources?

1) Visit, peruse through, and borrow items from our Chapter LIBRARY (now located in Michael Morgan's office at Columbia Seminary, where he has catalogued these books, tapes, and music). You may also look through the list and request that an item be brought to the next monthly event. Mary Katherine and Howard Dunlap maintained this useful collection for many years. 2) On our chapter Website, click on New Music Exchange, and scroll down to a fascinating list of Organ Music by Black Composers. Cal Johnson prepared this bibliography including information about each composer, descriptions of the music, publishers, and available recordings. 3) Are you making use of our Chapter Listsery? Directions were in the February ORGANIZER, still available at www.agoatlanta.org.

At chapter dinners and parties, our hosts and others have often extended generosity well beyond what we pay for in dollars for the evening's food and drink. Such a donation would be necessary in order for our May 10th dinner to include WINE.

I know you join me in thanking outgoing Newsletter Editor, Betty Williford, for her seven years of service. Thanks also to Keith Nash for hosting our Chapter Scholarship Auditions. I was delighted to listen to all six young organists. Hats off to our retiring Executive Board Members (Class of 2005),

Sarah Martin and Dan Pruitt. Congratulations in advance to our two (Class of 2008) Board Members to be elected on May 10th, who will join in the June 5th 4pm Board Meeting at the home of our Sub-Dean in Fairburn. Webmaster Tim Shepard will be there to answer questions and bring us up to date on the Website re-mapping currently in progress. If you have concerns or ideas regarding our Chapter Website, you may contact Tim at music@tim-shepard.com.

I hope to see you in Columbus June 13-15, for our Region IV Convention.

On May 10th at 6pm, several POE grads who continue to study organ have been invited to play in a short Recital -- a warm-up act for Dr. Faythe Freese, who met most of them at our POE last summer! Please come to hear and greet these Organists of the Future, enjoy a wonderful dinner at Central Presbyterian, vote, and hear Faythe's fabulous concert sponsored by Parkey Organbuilders in honor of their 10th Anniversary!

JOANNE RROWN, CAGO, Dean

### Parkey OrganBuilders Turns Ten

In January of 1995, Parkey OrganBuilders set out to become a viable part of organbuilding in America. Setting out with a dream, experience and many loyal customers, we embarked in the field of service, restoration and new organ construction. In the spring of 1995, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia demonstrated their confidence in us by signing a contract for the renovation and expansion of their 1966 Schantz organ. The organ project was carefully dovetailed into a major renovation of the sanctuary at Central to restore the second oldest church edifice in the city of Atlanta. As Parkey OrganBuilders proceeded with the Central Presbyterian project, additional contracts soon followed from St. Mark United Methodist Church of Atlanta.

Emory University, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church of Atlanta.

In our 10 short years, we have completed nearly 40 major renovations and rebuilding projects. Many of the projects have involved extensive tonal work and additions, and many projects have involved noted and historic instruments. In addition to renovations and additions, new organ sales continue to gain ground. Our firm will complete Opus 6 by summer of this year.

To handle our growth, our firm moved in 2003 into a 15,000 square foot facility dedicated exclusively to the art of pipe organbuilding. We are currently one of the largest pipe organ firms in the southeastern United States. It has been a wonderful journey since our beginning with one part-time staff and a home shop. We at Parkey OrganBuilders are truly appreciative of the level of confidence and volume of work that our clients have bestowed to us over the last 10 years.

Central Presbyterian Church has been one of the cornerstone clients with our firm. The trust that they extended to us for their project was not to be taken lightly. As the church moved ahead with their renovation, we were fortunate to be involved in many of the decisions that centered around the music program. Completed in May of 1996, the Parkey/Schantz pipe organ will be featured as part of the May 2005 program of the AGO. Parkey OrganBuilders will sponsor Dr. Faythe Freese of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa as our quest recitalist. We offer this concert as a token of our appreciation for the friends and business relationships with many of you in the Atlanta AGO Chapter. We look forward to the next 10 years and continued involvement with AGO. We look forward to having you join us as part of our 10th Anniversary Celebration. See you in May!

PHIL PARKEY

## Performance Calendar Many more events are listed at <www.agoatlanta,org>



Sun., May 1, 3:00 PM	Meditations on Transitions of Life	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta
Sun., May 1, 3:00 PM	Hymn Festival	First UMC, Cumming
Sun., May 1, 3:00 PM	Elena Bashkirova, piano	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., May 1, 3:30 PM	Clarence Cloak, organ	The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., May 1, 5:00 PM	Choral Guild of Atlanta	Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
Sun., May 1, 6:00 PM	Emory Early Music Ensemble	Schwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta
Tues., May 3, 8:00 PM	Jazz Ensemble Concert	Maclean Aud., Agnes Scott College, Decatur
T/F/S, May 5/6/7, 8:00 PM	ASO/Runnicles	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Fri., May 6, 8:00 PM	Michael O'Neal Singers	Roswell UMC, Roswell
F/S, May 6/7, 8:00 PM	Atlanta Ballet	Ferst Center, GA Tech, Atlanta
Sat., May 7, 7:00 PM	DeKalb Symphony Orchestra	Columbia Seminary, Decatur
Sat., May 7, 7:30 PM	Atlanta Sacred Chorale	The Terraces at Big Canoe
Sat., May 7, 7:30 PM	Atlanta Singers	Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Atlanta
Sun., May 8, 3:00 PM	Alan Morrison, organ	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., May 8, 3:00 PM	Atlanta Baroque Orchestra	Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
Sun., May 8, 3:00 PM	Atlanta Wind Symphony	Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Roswell
Sun., May 8, 3:00 PM	Atlanta Baroque Orchestra	Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
Sun., May 8, 3:30 PM	Richard Pilliner, organ	The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., May 8, 4:00 PM	Emory Chamber Music Society; D. Runnicles, piano	Schwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta
Mon., May 9, 8:00 PM	Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony	Scwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta
Tues., May 10, 8:00 PM	Faythe Freese, organ	Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
T/F/S, May 12/13/14, 8:00 PM	ASO/ASOC/Spano; soloists	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Fri., May 13, 4:00 PM	Spivey Hall Children's Choir	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Fri., May 13, 7:00 PM	Spivey Hall Young Artists	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Fri., May 13, 8:00 PM	Alumni Concert Encore!	Schwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta
Sat., May 14, 5:00 PM	Spivey Hall Children's Choir	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sat., May 14, 7:30 PM	A. Makowicz and P. Folkert, pianists	St. James UMC, Atlanta
Sat., May 14, 8:00 PM	Marietta Master Chorale & Atlanta Korean Master C	Chorale Marietta First Baptist Church, Marietta
Sun., May 15, 3:00 PM	Spivey Hall Children's Choir	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., May 15, 3:00 PM	Atlanta Recorder Society	Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Atlanta
Sun., May 15, 3:00 PM	Decatur Civic Chorus	First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur
Sun., May 15, 4:00 PM	Metropolittan Youth Symphony Orchestra	Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, Atlanta
Sun., May 15, 4:00 PM	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., May 15, 6:00 PM	T. Albrecht, organ; E. Remy, harp	Glenn Mem. Aud., Emory U., Atlanta
T/F/S, May 19/20/21, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; G. Ohlsson, piano	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Fri., May 20, 8:00 PM	Michael O'Neal Singers	Roswell UMC, Roswell
Sun., May 22, 3:00 PM	Messiaen: Chas. Tompkins, organ; M. Barone	Furman Univ. Chapel, Greenville, SC
Sun., May 22, 3:30 PM	Bruce Neswick, organ	The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., May 22, 6:00 PM	Atlanta Sacred Chorale	Lookout Mountain Pres. Church, Lookout Mountain, TN
Sat., May 22, 8:00 PM	ASYO/Flint	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Tues., May 24, 7:30 PM	Ralph Vaughan Williams Concert	All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta
F/S, May 27/28, 8:00 PM	ASO/Flint; Peking Acrobats	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., May 29, 1:30 & 3:30 PM	ASO/Flint; Magic Circle Mime Co.	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sat., June 4, 4:00 PM	Chopin Competition Winner	TBA
Sat., June 4, 8:00 PM	Atlanta Sacred Chorale	Glenn Mem. Aud., Emory U., Atlanta
Fri/Sun, June 24/26, 7:30 PM	Roswell Patriotic Celebration	Roswell UMC, Roswell
Wed., July 6, 7:30 PM	Gerre Hancock, organ	Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
Wed., July 6, 7:30 PM	Gene Hancock, organ	reachine road owo, ritaria
Wed., July 0, 7.30 FIVI	Georgia Regional Girls Choir	St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell

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## Commissioned Work Performances

Gwyn Bacon Northside United Methodist Church Allen Baston Kingswood United Methodist Church Joanne Brown Nativity Episcopal Church Anna Davis Official Premiere, AGO Chapter meeting Tim Eastling First Alliance Church Nancy Edison Marietta Seventh Day Adventist Church Cynthia Forbes First Baptist Church, Decatur Vangie Hammer Rivercliff Lutheran Church Nick Johns GSU Recital; AGO Scholarship Audition Sarah Hawbecker Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Will Rogers First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro Melissa C. Smith Buford Presbyterian Church **Betty Williford** Hapeville Presbyterian Church Tim Young Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

#### 2005-2006 Yearbook Deadline

June 30, 2005



### Plans for 2005-2006 Season

Please save these dates for AGO!

Tuesday, September 13, 2005 Charles Callahan, organist, in recital Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Atlanta

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Musician and Clergy Dinner

Austin C. Lovelace, guest speaker

Evening Prayer service

Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Decatur

November -- information later

**December** -- Guild Christmas Party (to be determined)

Tuesday, January 10, 2006
African-American Organ Music
Trey Clegg, Cal Johnson, Joyce Johnson, David Stills
(site to be announced later)

Friday, February 17, 2006 Christopher Pardini, organist, in recital North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 Members' Recital, "Organ Plus" (organ and other instruments) First Presbyterian Church, Marietta

April - Easter Commissioned Work by David Kocsis

May 9, 2006 Guild Service Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

## POE Student Recital May 10

Since last summer's Pipe Organ Encounter, Bryan Anderson, Melissa Kate Crawford, and Nick Johns have been studying with Sarah Martin. They will be playing at the 6 PM Recital at Central Presbyterian Church. Other POE students may also be playing.

## Employment Referral



For more complete and recent listings, check <www.agoatlanta.org>.

Part-time organist, McDonough First UMC 151 Macon Street, McDonough, GA. Send a resume to Scott Keesey, director of music at: sdkeesey@yahoo.com

Organist/Choir Director. Rock Spring Presbyterian Church. 1824 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, Ga 30324, 404-875-7483. Contact Bruce Antman at <a href="mailto:bhantman@bellsouth.net">bhantman@bellsouth.net</a> or 404-276-4224.

Organist/choirmaster. **St. Clare's Episcopal Church (USA).** 1272 Ledford Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512. 706-745-0607. Send resume or contact The Rev. Susan Johnson at the above address.

Part Time Organist/Director. Thomaston First United Methodist Church 132 Cherokee Road, Thomaston, Georgia 30286. 706-647-3335. Emails can be sent to Rev. Barnes at jfbiv@hotmail.com.

Part-time Director of Church Music. Chattahoochee Christian Church 10800 Bell Rd., Duluth, GA 30097. Contact Dr. Jack L. Snellgrove at chchch@bellsouth.net or call 770-418-1101. Visit the Church's web page at www.ChattahoocheeCC.org

Part-Time Organist and Director of Church Music. St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 3245 Peachtree Parkway, #D-321, Suwanee, GA 30024 (770) 888-4464. Position open January 1, 2005. Send resume and letter of interest to Fr. Tripp Norris at the parish address or via email to\_frtripp@saintcolumba.net

Part-time Organist and Choir Director. **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, Atlanta. Contact Susan Elliot at 404-252-0905 or by e-mail <a href="mailto:saelliot@mindspring.com">saelliot@mindspring.com</a>.

Director of Worship and Music Arts. **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 10250 Haynes Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022. 770-475-4250 / FAX: 770-475-5834 . Email: <a href="mailto:poplc@mindspring.com">poplc@mindspring.com</a>.

Keyboardist. Cliftondale-Red Oak United Methodist Church, 4095 Stonewall Tell Road, College Park, GA 30349. 770-964-4912. Contact: Rev. Sally Oakes.

#### Reuter Pipe Organ for Sale!

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### Region IV Convention

Sun.-Tues., June 13-15, 2005 Columbus, GA

#### 2005 ATLANTA SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL

#### June 29

The Cathedral of St. Philip Jonathan Biggers

#### July 6

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church Gerre Hancock

#### July 13

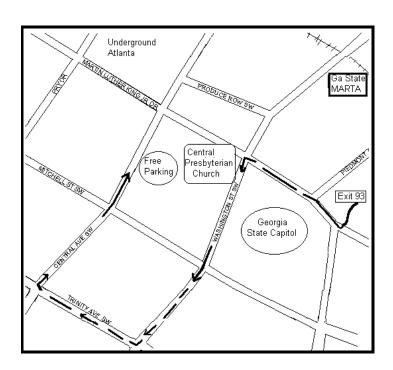
The Cathedral of Christ the King
Timothy Wissler and Connie Melgaard

#### July 19

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Norman Mackenzie and the Trinity Brass

All concerts begin at 7:30 PM and are followed by a desert reception.

All are cordially invited.



Check for driving directions at <a href="https://www.mapquest.com">www.mapquest.com</a>

### 2005 Scholarships

The scholarship audition was held at Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur, on Friday, April 22. Judges were Adele McKee, Joyce Johnson, and Sarah Hawbecker. The event was organized by Keith Nash, chairman.

Scholarships were awarded to:

**Bryan Anderson**, a 12 year-old student of Jeannine Morrison on piano, and Sarah Martin on organ.

**Melissa Kate Crawford**, a high school freshman at the Greater Atlanta Christian School, and organ student of Sarah Martin.

**Nick Johns**, a freshman student at Georgia State, and a student of Sarah Martin.

**Jon Easter**, a freshman student at Shorter College, and student of Peter De Witt.

**Kevin Keele**, a graduate student at Emory University, and student of Tim Albrecht.

Each player was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

These recipients will be honored at our May 10 meeting at Central Presbyterian Church.

2004 Pipe Organ Encounter participants Bryan Anderson, Nick Johns, and Melissa Kate Crawford are performing at the 6:00 PM recital on May 10. Bryan and Nick attended the POE held in Atlanta, and Melissa Kate attended the POE in Pittsburgh.

On another front, Bryan Anderson was the second-place winner in the recent statewide spelling bee.

#### Renew Now!

Yearbook Deadline: June 30

#### Nominations

The election will be held at the May 10 meeting. If you cannot attend, you may use the Absentee Ballot on page 11. Please follow the instructions on page 11.

Dean: Joanne Brown Sub-Dean: Michael Morgan Secretary: Arden Starnes Treasurer: James Mellichamp Registrar: Cindy Forbes Newsletter Editor: Charles Redmon Auditor: Warren Williams Kenneth Boone Chaplain:

## Executive Committee Class of 2008 (Vote for two.

The two with the most votes will be elected.)

Sue Goddard Tommy McCook Charlene Ponder Timothy Wissler

#### **Nominating Committee Members**

David Barber Dan Pruitt Sarah Martin Arden Starnes

Adele McKee, chair

## **Candidates**

#### **Dean: Joanne Brown**

Joanne Brown, CAGO, was a member of the Metrop. New Jersey AGO Chapter (where she passed the S.P.Exam) before moving to Georgia in 1984. While Sub-Dean she planned 3 years of Chapter Events - initiating our Annual Commission of a new composition, beginning in 2002. Joanne has taught Kindermusik, served as Co-Chair or Housemom for Atlanta's 3 POE's, studied comp./arr. at Berklee College of Music, worked as a music copyist/librarian & studio/club musician. She earned a B.Mus. in Organ Performance from CCSU, and an M.Div. from Emory

University where she accompanied Candler Choraliers. Joanne has been Minister of Music at Nativity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville since 2002, and gives weekly private lessons to 25 music students. Joanne continues to benefit from AGO's multifaceted mission statement, and looks forward to expanded opportunities to 'act it out' in creative ways - with YOUR help, as we round out our 90th Anniversary Year!

#### Sub-Dean: Michael Morgan

Michael Morgan has served as Organist at Central Presbyterian Church for 28 years, and in addition is currently Seminary Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary. He has also served churches in Florida, California, and Arkansas. He holds a degree in Organ Performance from Florida State University, and did postgraduate study with Richard Purvis at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. He has been an active member of AGO (currently serving as Sub-Dean), the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (currently serving as National Treasurer), and the Hymn Society of North America and Canada. His *Psalter for Christian Worship* was published by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1999.

#### Secretary: Arden Starnes

Arden Starnes, formerly Registrar and Secretary of our chapter, has served on the music staff at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church for 35 years. She holds a degree in Organ Performance from Carson-Newman College and a degree in Choral Conducting from Georgia State University. She is also an active member of the Choristers Guild.

#### Treasurer: James Mellichamp

James Mellichamp is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Music at Piedmont College where he has been a member of the faculty since 1982. He recently was involved in the acquisition of a three manual Casavant organ for the college. During that time he has served as Associate Organist at Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church in Clarkesville and Organist at First Baptist Church in Toccoa. He has been a member of the AGO since 1970 and was previously sub-dean and dean of the Bloomington, Indiana chapter.

#### Registrar: Cynthia Forbes

Cynthia Forbes is the Music Associate at First Baptist Church in Decatur. She is a graduate of Meredith College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Some of the areas in the Atlanta Chapter that she has served on include the Worship Committee for the AGO National Convention, enlisting faculty for the POE, Secretary, and Registrar.

#### Newsletter Editor: Charles Redmon

Charles Redmon currently serves as Director of Music and Organist at The Lutheran Church of The Messiah in Decatur. Prior to accepting this position in May 2002, he held the same post at Lutheran Church of The Apostles (Sandy Springs) for nearly 18 years. During this period Charles oversaw an extensive sanctuary renovation, design and installation of the Opus 74 Martin Ott pipe organ in 1995. A native of Cincinnati, he studied organ with Wayne Fisher, M. Searle Wright and David Mulbury at the College-Conservatory of Music on the first double degree (B.Mus/B Mus.Educ) program offered in the United States. Since 1973, Charles has been a member of the ASO Chorus and Chamber Chorus, The Robert Shaw Chamber Singers and The Atlanta Singers. He has served on the Atlanta Chapter AGO Executive Committee; currently serving as chair of Professional Concerns. He is also Atlanta liaison for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) where he was co-chair for its Region II Conference in Atlanta during June 2000. In addition to his musical activities, Charles is Director of Operations for BT Productions, LLC, a medical and dental supplier to third world countries, and a full service printing, graphic design and bindery company.

#### Auditor: Warren Williams

Warren Williams studied at UGA and is a graduate of GSU, and was Organist/Choirmaster at the Shrine of Immaculate Conception from 1978 - 1985. He is in the choir at St Mark UMC, and has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and Staff Parish and is Chairman of the Organ committee. He is Treasurer of S. P. Richards Co., a subsidiary of Genuine Parts Co. and has served one term as auditor of the chapter.

## Executive Committee Class of 2008

#### Sue Goddard

Sue Goddard has been organist-music associate of Grace United Methodist Church since 1956, and a

member of Atlanta AGO since 1955. She is a past dean, as well as secretary, sub-dean and regional program co-chairman. She earned the Associateship certificate and is at present the chapter's coordinator for certification.

#### Tommy McCook

Thomas Lee McCook, Jr., was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. Began organ study at age 14 with Frances Schaffer Edwards. Became a member of the Atlanta Chapter, American Guild of Organists in 1960. Attended the University of Georgia. After leaving the Atlanta Music Co. in 1967, he joined Widener and Company, Inc., where he is now President. Has installed over 100 new organs in the southeast USA and is responsible for the maintenance of more than 85 prestigious instruments. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Organ Historical Society, the International Society of Organbuilders and the American Institute of Organbuilders.

#### Charlene Ponder

In 2002, Charlene Ponder graduated from Georgia State University with a Masters in Music, Sacred Music Concentration, where she studied with Sarah Martin. Currently she is organist and chair of the organ committee at Atlanta North Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is in the process of raising funds to refurbish the existing pipe organ. She also graduated with a BBA in Accounting from Southern Adventist University in 1986 and is currently employed as Associate Comptroller at Robertson/Loia/Roof, Architects and Engineers. She attends Atlanta Chapter AGO meetings regularly, and has helped Jeff Harbin (her carpool partner) with the used music sales.

#### **Timothy Wissler**

Timothy Wissler is the Organist and Director of the Cathedral Boy and Cathedral Girl Choirs at the Cathedral of Christ the King, a position he has held since 1987. He has served as past dean of the Atlanta Chapter and is currently a member of the Investment Committee and Program Chair for the 2007 Atlanta Regional Convention. In addition he serves on the national committee for the Regional Competitions for Young Organists.

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It has been an interesting seven years! I have learned a lot in producing this newsletter. It's time to move one. I'll still be actively involved in the chapter, however. As I look at the plans for next season, and the nominees for the officers, I realize that we are in good hands, and I forward to an exciting, year.

### The End!

Betty Williford, Editor, The Organizer





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