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In case you have not already heard, the winners of the first *Taylor Organ Competition* were: 1st place - Benton Blasingame, a student of David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music 2nd place - Samuel Gaskin, a student of David Heller at Trinity University in San Antonio More information about their performances may be found on the Taylor website - http://taylororgancompetition.com/ All five competitors performed superbly. If you were not able to attend any of the competition, you really missed out!

The Taylor Organ Competition was established by the Chapter to honor the legacy of Elizabeth Abbott Taylor (1904-2005), a longtime member who provided a substantial bequest to be used as scholarships for young organists. The Competition will be held every three years, beginning in 2012.

Since I had already written and submitted my Dean's article for the May issue of the Organizer, I won't have an opportunity to express my appreciation to all those who contributed to making this event such a huge success. Several of the competitors commented that the Taylor was run as well or better than the many longstanding competitions in which they have participated. The judges were also very complimentary of their treatment during the competition. Southern hospitality at its finest! If I took the time to write handwritten thank you notes to everyone who contributed to the competition, I would probably still be writing when the next competition takes place three years from now. I do want those who took part in making this day a success to know that their efforts were genuinely appreciated. Thanks to you, the first Taylor Competition was truly a milestone in the history of our chapter!

With thanks, Jeff Harbin, Dean

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN ~

Dear Friends.

As I write this, we are still about a week away from the final round of the inaugural Taylor Organ Competition. There is no question that this will be a first-class event and a signify cant milestone in the history of our chapter. Thanks in advance to Sarah Martin and the Taylor Competition Committee, our hosts at St. Luke's Episcopal Church - Arlan Sunnarborg, Charles Higgs and Bobby Mays, and all who have volunteered to make this a memorable occasion.

We are also looking forward to the annual chapter Scholarship Auditions which will be held on April 27 at the First United Methodist Church of Decatur. I understand that nine performers have already registered to play. Thanks to coordinator Keith Nash and host Mitch Weisiger for their contributions to this important annual chapter event.

In some ways, it's hard for me to believe that I'm now writing my final article as Dean. It has truly been an honor for me to serve you over the past four years (two as Sub-Dean under James Mellichamp and two as Dean.) I won't try to take credit for all that has been accomplished. I have been blessed with a wonderful team of officers, board members and committee chairs who have worked tirelessly "behind the scenes" to carry out the mission of the Guild. Our many dedicated volunteers are what make our organization great. I won't begin to list names, for I would surely leave someone out. I would simply like to offer my gratitude to each and every individual who said "yes!" when asked to serve our chapter in some capacity.

I would however like to single out Charles Redmon, who has decided that the time has come for him to step down after many years of serving as Newsletter Editor. I don't think any of us can fathom how many hours Charles has given to this position over the years. Thank you, Charles, for sharing your gifts of time and talent.

I have no doubt that Tim Young will do an outstanding job as our next Dean. I truly could not have asked for a better Sub-Dean. Tim works harder than just about anyone I know and has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that our programs would be of the highest quality. Tim is passionate about our chapter and wants to see it continue to thrive and grow.

Tim will also be blessed with an outstanding Executive Board. Many of these folks have graciously agreed to continue serving in positions that they have held for years. We will also elect several new chapter officers at the May meeting. I can't imagine a better slate of candidates than what has been presented. I would like to offer my thanks once again to the members of our Nominating Committee - Alice Walker, Becky Ramsey and Michael Morgan, Chair.

We will end our 2011-2012 season on Sunday evening, May 20 with our annual Guild Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Trey Clegg has built an outstanding, nationally acclaimed music program at St. Paul's. I also think it's significant to note that our Guild Service is being held in a historic African-American church, perhaps for the first time. I really would like for us to have a great turn-out for this event. I would also like to encourage you to invite your clergy and fellow music staff members to join us for this service.

A special feature of this year's Guild Service is the premier of "O Be Joyful", a new anthem for organ and choir commissioned by the Atlanta Chapter and composed by Arlan Sunnarborg, Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The text is taken from Psalm 100:1-3. Copies of the commissioned anthem will be made available to chapter members via the Listserv after the service on May 20.

I look forward to seeing you at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 20. Best wishes for a relaxing and rejuvenating summer!

Jeff Harbin, Dean

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Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm Preceding Evensong at 4 pm Other events as noted.

Sunday, May 6

3:15 p.m. Recital, Jonathan Dimmock, organ

C.P.E. Bach, Sonata I in A Major

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Sonata IV, Op. 65 No. 4

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, Schola

Philip Radcliffe, Preces & Responses
Herbert Howells, York Minster Service
Charles Beaudrot, Come down, O Love divine
Peter Mathews, O Love divine, how sweet thou art

Sunday, May 13

3:15 p.m. Recital, Filippa Duke (Nashville, TN), organ

Charles-Marie Widor,

Moderator and Choral, from Symphonie No. 10 "Romane"

Jehan Alain, Second Fantasie, JA 117

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Ethel Smyth, Prelude and Fugue on "O Traurigkeit, O Herzelied" Marcel Dupré, Prelude and Fugue in B Major

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, Choir of St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta,

Brad Hughley, Organist & Director of Music

Sunday, May 20

3:15 p.m. Recital, Randy Elkins (Johns Creek United Methodist Church, Johns Creek, GA), organ

Aaron Copland, Fanfare for the Common Man Harold Darke, A Meditation on Brother James's Air Harold Darke, Chorale-Fantasia on Darwall's 148th, Op. 20, No. 2 Joel Martinson, Aria on a Chaconne

Jean Langlais, Hymne d'Actions de graces, "Te Deum" from *Trois Paraphrases Gregoriennes*

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir & All Choristers

Charles Wood, Hail, gladdening Light Bernard Rose, Preces & Responses Hugh Blair in B Minor Patrick Gowers, Viri Galilaei Gerald Finzi, God is gone up

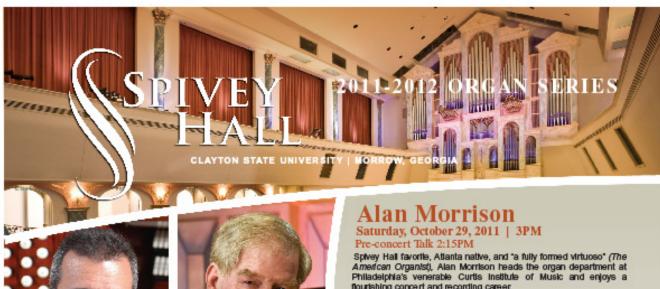
Sunday, July 8 7:00 p.m. Concert, The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge

Stephen Layton, *conductor* The Moore-Wilkerson Concert

Works by Tallis, Parsons, Schütz, Bach, Purcell, Mendelssohn, Elgar, Tavener, Sandström, Praulins, Esenvalds and Stucky

> Wednesday, July 18 7:30 p.m. Atlanta Summer Organ Festival Scott Dettra

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Steven Wooddell

Saturday, April 28, 2012 | 3PM Pre-concert Talk 2:15PM

Steven Wooddell received his early musical training at the North Carolina School of the Arts, later studying with Todd Wilson at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Larry Palmer at Southern Methodist University. Winner of the 1994 Regional AGO Young Organists Competition in Cincinnati, he has given recitals throughout Indiana and Ohio, and is currently director of music at First Presbylerian Church in Rome, Georgia.

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Sir Simon Preston

Saturday, May 19, 2012 | 8:15PM

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MAY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 3 4	Tuesday Thursday Friday	5/1 5/3 5/4	7:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	Atlanta Opera: Don Giovanni Griffin Choral Arts: "Earth Songs" Atlanta Opera: Don Giovanni	Cobb Energy Center Griffin First UMC Cobb Energy Center	\$ \$ \$
5	Saturday	5/5	8:00 PM 7:30 PM	Music of Motown Covington/Conyers Choral Guild	Symphony Hall Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$ \$
6	Sunday	5/6	8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:45 & 11 AM	Vega String Quartet Music of Motown Music & Arts Sunday	Schwartz Center, Emory Symphony Hall Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$ \$
			3:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:15 PM	Atlanta Opera: Don Giovanni Let My People Go: Michael O'Neal Singers Phillip Allen, organ Recital: Joseph Dimmock, organ	Cobb Energy Center Roswell United Methodist Church First Baptist Church, Marietta Cathedral of St. Philip	\$ \$
8 9	Tuesday Wednesday	5/8	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Choral Evensong Urban Youth Harp Ensemble Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra	Cathedral of St. Philip Leete Hall, Carver High Schoo Schwartz Center, Emory	l
10 11	Thursday Friday	5/10 5/11	8:00 PM 12:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Ransom Notes	Symphony Hall Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory	\$
12 13	Saturday Sunday	5/12 5/13	8:00 PM 8:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:15 PM 4:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra Recital: Filippa Duke, organ Choral Evensong Choir of St. Bartholomew's	Symphony Hall Symphony Hall Symphony Hall Cathedral of St. Philip Cathedral of St. Philip	\$ \$ \$
14	Monday	5/14	4:00 PM 1:30 PM	Commencement Organ Recital Cherry Emerson Memorial	Schwartz Center, Emory Miller-Ward Alumni House,	
15 17	Tuesday Thursday	5/15 5/17	7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Alumni Concert Elizabeth and Ray Chenault, organ Festival Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day	Emory All Saints' Episcopal Church Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
			8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; K. Gerstein, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
18	Friday	5/18	7:00 PM	Spivey Hall Young Artists	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
19	Saturday	5/19	7:30 PM 3:00 PM	Raleigh Ringers Spivey Hall Children's Choir Tour Choir	Central Presbyterian Church Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
			8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; K. Gerstein, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
			8:15 PM	Simon Preston, organ	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$

MAY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - CONTINUED

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20	Sunday	5/20	3:00 PM	Spivey Hall Children's Choir Tour Choir	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
			3:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; K. Gerstein, piano	Symphony Hall	\$
			3:15 PM	Recital: Randy Elkins, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip	
			4:00 PM	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
			7:30 PM	AGO: Guild Service	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	
21	Monday	5/21	8:00 PM	Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony	Schwartz Center, Emory	
22	Tuesday	5/22	7:30 PM	Chamber Music at the Tavern: Atlanta Chamber Players	New American Shakespeare Tavern	
24	Thursday	5/24	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; S. Jackiw, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
25	Friday	5/25	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; S. Jackiw, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
26	Saturday	5/26	5:00 PM	Second Presbyterian Church	Charleston, SC	\$
	·		8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; S. Jackiw, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
27	Sunday	5/27	8:45;	The Feast of Pentecost	Peachtree Road	
			11:15 AM		United Methodist Church	
			1:15 PM	Lynn Swanson Festival Singers	Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston	\$
31	Thursday	5/31	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra;	Symphony Hall	\$
				D. Coucheron, violin		
<u>Jun</u>						
1	Friday	6/1	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; D. Coucheron, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
2	Saturday	6/2	8:00 PM	Atlanta Sacred Chorale	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$
			8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; D. Coucheron, violin	Symphony Hall	\$
3	Sunday	6/3	3:00 PM	Tom Alderman, organ	First Baptist Church, Marietta	
4-8	MonFri.	6/4-6/8		Atlanta Summer Conducting Institute	Georgia State University	\$
5	Tuesday	6/5	7:00 PM	Doxology Youth Choir	Peachtree Road	
				Homecoming Concert	United Methodist Church	
7	Thursday	6/7	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & ASOC; Adams: A Flowering Tree	Symphony Hall	\$
9	Saturday	6/9	8:00 PM	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra & ASOC; Adams: A Flowering Tree	Symphony Hall	\$
12	Tuesday	6/12	7:30 PM	Josiane Merlino, piano	Peachtree Road	
					United Methodist Church	
13	•		7:30 PM	Tim Wissler, organ, with Brass	Cathedral of St. Philip	_
20		6/20	7:30 PM	Lynn Davis, organ	All Saints' Episcopal Church	\$
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<u>1</u> 1-6	Sunday SunThurs.	6/3	3:00 PM	Jason Payne, organ AGO National Convention	First Baptist Church, Marietta Nashville, TN	æ
8	SunThurs. Sunday	7/1-7/6 7/8	7:00 PM	Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$ \$
11	•				Peachtree Road	Ψ \$
	Wednesday		7:30 PM	Jonathan Biggers. organ	United Methodist Church	
18	•	7/18	7:30 PM	Scott Dettra, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
<u>Augu</u> 2-6		8/2_8/6		Sigma Alpha lota National Convention	Hyatt Regency Atlanta	\$
5	Sunday		3:00 PM	Bill Callaway, organ	First Baptist Church, Marietta	φ

For Your Consideration

The nominating committee, Michael Morgan, Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey, submitted the following names for the coming year:

Dean: Tim Young

Sub-Dean: Sue Mitchell-Wallace, FAGO

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Class of 2013: Randy Elkins, John Gentry Class of 2014: Bill Callaway, Carol Dallas

Nominees for Class of 2015:

(The two receiving the most votes will serve.)

Tom Alderman Gwyn Bacon Cindy Forbes Sue Goddard

TIMOTHY GUNTER has served at the Cathedral of St. Philip as the Coordinator for Music since 2003 and the Choral Librarian since 2001. He has also filled one of the 12 staff singing positions there since 1993. Tim obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music from the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama (south of Birmingham). He studied piano under the duo-piano team of Joan Yarbrough and Dr. Robert Cowan, and organ with Dr. Betty Louise Lumby. Before moving to Atlanta in 1993, he spent nine years in Kansas City, Missouri, and served during that time as an officer of the Kansas City chapter of the AGO.

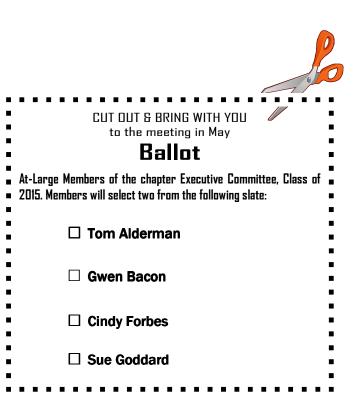
Lamar Savage has been a practicing Certified Public Accountant since October, 1964 and organist at Peachtree Baptist Church since May, 1962. Currently, he and his partner reside in Covington, Georgia

Gwyn F. Bacon is the Assoc. Dir. of Music and Worship Arts/Organist at Northside United Methodist Church. She holds both the Service Playing and CAGO certificates from the AGO and has a Bachelor of Performance in Organ from Georgia State University graduating summa cum laude in 2003. She studied with Sarah Martin, Jesse Eschbach of University of North Texas in Denton, and Dan Hardin. She served on the Atlanta POE Steering committee in 2004 and chaired the Regional Quimby Organ Competition in Atlanta in 2007.

Sue Mitchell-Wallace holds AAGO and FAGO certification; she was Sub-dean and Dean of the Fort Lauderdale AGO Chapter, served four years as member of Professional Certification Committee, two years as District Convener and six years as national Councillor for Education for AGO. She is on the national board for Leadership Program for Musicians.

Tom Alderman currently serves as organist/music associate at Roswell United Methodist Church.

Cynthia Forbes serves as music associate and organist at First Baptist Church of Decatur.



A Note from Betty Williford

Sigma Alpha Iota, International Music Fraternity, will hold its triennial National Convention in Atlanta August 2-6, 2012. For many years, through 2003, it was customary to have an organ concert as a part of the convention. That tradition is being reinstated this year with a concert by one of our own, Dr. Joyce Johnson, SAI Member Laureate. She will play the five-manual instrument at the Atlanta First United Methodist Church.

Since Atlanta first hosted the SAI National Convention in 1971, the local organ scene has changed dramatically. I would like to prepare a brochure about local organs and churches of interest, to distribute in a welcome packet for convention guests. If you would like for your church and/or instrument to be included in this brochure, please contact me at bettylw@clear.net. If there is enough interest, we might be able to offer a pre- or postconvention tour. I look forward to hearing from you.

Editor's Finale

This is just a short note to express my gratitude in what has been an honor and privilege to have served the Atlanta Chapter as Newsletter Editor since 2004. Thanks to all whose encouragement and good will made the tasks a more worthy endeavor. I look forward to serving as Yearbook Editor this coming season and wish each of you a wealth of blessings for a peace-filled summer.

Charles Redmon

CHENAULT FRENCH ORGAN CONCERT MAY 15, 2011 – 7:30 PM

Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, organists and choirmasters of All Saints' Episcopal Church, will present a unique concert on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 pm. at All Saints'.

Une Soirée à Paris is inspired by their summer 2011 trip to Paris, France, and will include slides on a giant screen and colorful commentary by francophile Paul Hamaty.

The Chenaults had the opportunity to play many historic organs in French churches, chapels, and cathedrals, and concert attendees will be able to see many glorious settings while listening to organ solos and duets. The concert will feature works by French composers including, Litaize, Marchand, Langlais, Vierne, Mulet, Dubois, Dupré, and Messiaen, all of whom were organists in the pictured French churches and cathedrals. finale will be the premiere of the Chenaults' new organ duet arrangement of a medley from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera", in honor of the magnificent Paris Opera House.

Tickets are \$15. for general admission, \$10. for students/seniors, and may be purchased at the door or charged in advance online allsaintsatlanta.org/music/concert-series. reception in Ellis Hall will follow the concert.





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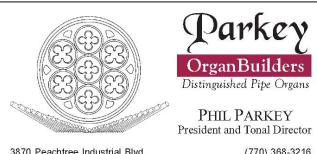
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A Note from Timothy Albrecht

Timothy Albrecht, Emory's University Organist, shares a new You Tube video clip link of him performing on the Jaeckel Op. 45 organ that includes also snippet from the Atlanta AGO Chapter recital he performed this January. The video was produced by Felipe Barral (whom many will know from CNN International), here producing this for the G Channel/ArtsATLcom: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC sAOIwRYw

Dr. Albrecht has also just received a grant to record *Grace Notes: Fore!*, the fourth and final CD in his multi-decade publishing project of his 12 volumes of hymn introductions.

This summer includes his teaching a month of teaching in Vienna, with European recitals there and in Innsbruck, plus later at the Highlands/Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in North Carolina.

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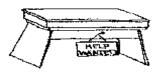
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