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Monthly Newsletter  
The Atlanta Chapter  
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**MAY 2009**

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## Mission Statement

*"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."*

## ANNUAL GUILD SERVICE

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
435 Peachtree Street NE ~ Atlanta, Georgia  
404.873.7620

Host: Arlan Sunnarborg  
*with the Choirs of St. Luke's*

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009**

Punchbowl: 6:00 pm ~ Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 pm ~ Service: 8:00 pm

The cost for dinner reservation is \$13.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

### Service Highlights:

The Reverend Daniel P. Matthews, Jr., *Preacher*  
Rector ~ St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Choirs of St. Luke's

*Anima Christi* - K. Scott Warren

*Thou, O God, Art Praised in Zion* - Malcolm C. Boyle

*Keep watch, dear Lord* - Craig Phillips

*Psalms 145* - Arlan Sunnarborg

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### The Menu:

#### SALAD

Spring Salad Greens, Arugula, Shaved Parmesan & Asparagus  
with a lemon-thyme vinaigrette

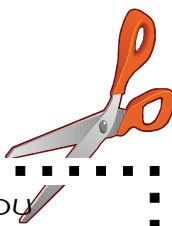
#### MAIN COURSE

Local Springer Mountain Chicken Saltimbocca; Salsa verde  
Braised Painted Hills Beef Short Ribs

Anson Mills Faro Salad; Sauteed Mushrooms and Celery  
Assorted Artesian breads and butter; Olive Oil

#### DESSERTS & COFFEE

Chocolate Truffles and Assorted Sweets  
Served in the Garden following the Guild Service



CUT OUT & BRING WITH YOU  
to the meeting in May

## Ballot

At-Large Members of the chapter Executive Committee, Class of 2012. Members will select two from the following slate:

- Madonna Brownlee
- John Sabine
- Warren Williams
- Carol Dallas

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN *James Mellichamp*

# Energy!

Don't forget our May 12 program will be the annual Guild Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Arlan Sunnarborg, Charles Higgs, choir, and clergy will provide an inspiring worship experience for the chapter. As in recent years, please encourage your clergy and other musicians from your churches to join in attendance. (We want to be sure that Bobby Mays is pleased with an extra-large crowd at his home parish!)

Summer offers a great opportunity for folks to recharge their musical batteries. Take the time to attend summer workshops and conventions; check out the regional convention website at <http://www.agohq.org/organize/indexregcon.html>. It's probably not too late to be included on some of the wonderful study trips which are found in the TAO magazine, as well. Depending upon your circumstances, you may find that these are tax deductible expenses – check with your tax advisor for exact information.

If you know young organists who may be interested in attending a POE event, encourage them to do so! Information concerning POEs can be found at the following web address: <http://www.agohq.org/docs/pdf/poe-ad.pdf>.

Summer is also a great time to finally learn that new piece of music that you've left out on top of your files for months. Start at the end of the piece and work backwards for a change of scenery. You'll be surprised how quickly you find yourself at the beginning!

Take the time to tell all of the folks in our Atlanta Chapter how important they are to you and to the Guild. And remember to take care of yourself so that you will have both the energy and enthusiasm you need to motivate those with whom you work. Our musical professions will benefit and so will we!

## Last Chance to pick up your 2008-2009 Yearbook

**2008-2009** AGO Atlanta Yearbooks will again be available for the last time this season at the May 12th meeting. There are a number of members who have yet to do so. 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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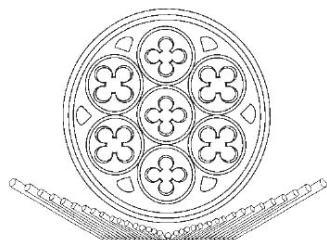
from the pen of  
Thomas Dekker

O, The month of May,  
the merry month of May,  
So frolic, so gay, and so green,  
so green, so green!  
O, and then did I unto my true love say,  
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be  
my Summer's Queen.

Now the nightingale, the pretty nightingale,  
The sweetest singer in all the forest quire,  
Entreats thee, sweet Peggy,  
to hear thy true love's tale:  
Lo, yonder she sitteth,  
her breast against a brier.

But O, I spy the cuckoo, the cuckoo, the cuckoo;  
See where she sitteth;  
come away, my joy:  
Come away, I prithee,  
I do not like the cuckoo  
Should sing where my Peggy  
and I kiss and toy.

O, the month of May, the merry month of May,  
So frolic, so gay, and so green,  
so green, so green;  
And then did I unto my true love say,  
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be  
my Summer's Queen.



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**Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm**

**Preceding Evensong at 4 pm**

**Other events as noted.**

#### FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2009

7 p.m. Emile T. Fisher Spring Concert  
Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers and orchestra  
*music of F.J. Haydn and G.F. Handel*

#### SUNDAY, 3 MAY 2009

Recital / Clarence Cloak, *organ*  
(Seabreeze United Church, Daytona Beach, FL),  
J.S. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532  
J.S. Bach: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654  
("Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness")  
J.S. Bach: Trio Sonata No. 1 in E-flat Major, BWV 525  
J.S. Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

Evensong / Choir of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
(Atlanta), Brad Hughley, *Organist-Choirmaster*

#### SUNDAY, 10 MAY 2009

Recital / John Bostron, *organ*  
(East Carolina University)  
Dietrich Buxtehude: Praeludium in D Major, BuxWV 161  
César Franck: Fantaisie  
Percy Whitlock: Canzona (from Sonata No.2 in C Minor)  
J.S. Bach: Toccata in C Major, BWV 564

#### Evensong / Cathedral Schola

Bernard Rose: Preces & Responses  
Herbert Brewer: Service in D Major  
Lee Hoiby: The Call - David Briggs: Christ's Peace

#### SUNDAY, 17 MAY 2009

Recital / Melanie Burt, *soprano*  
(New Orleans, LA)  
J.S. Bach/Charles Gounod: Ave Maria  
G.F. Handel: Come Onto Him  
Andrew Lloyd Weber: I Don't Know How to Love Him  
Harold Arlen: Over the Rainbow  
My Immortal Evanescence  
Giacomo Puccini: O mio babbino caro

#### Final Evensong of the Season

Cathedral Choir and Junior and Senior Choristers  
William Fred Scott: Preces & Responses  
Charles Wood: Hail, Gladdening Light  
John Ireland: Service in F Major  
John Ireland: Ex ore innocentium  
John Ireland: Greater Love Hath No Man Than This

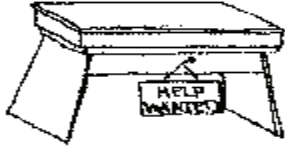
#### ASCENSION THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2009

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist / Cathedral Choir  
Alec Rowley and John Joubert: Preludes on *Picardy*  
Harold Darke: Communion Service in A Minor  
Gerald Finzi: God Is Gone Up - C.V. Stanford: Coelos ascendit  
Olivier Messiaen: Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ  
qui est la sienne ("Outbursts of Joy  
from a Soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own Glory")  
[from *L'Ascension*]

## End of Season 2009 Calendar of Musical Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Friday	5/1	7:30 pm	Emile T. Fischer Spring Concert; The Cathedral Choir sings works of Handel & Haydn.	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Saturday	5/2	3:00 pm	Vincent Dubois, <i>organ</i> .	Spivey Hall	\$
		8:00 pm	New Trinity Baroque	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	\$
		8:00 pm	ASO Chamber Chorus in concert with Norman Mackenzie conducting - " <i>This Singing Art</i> " mostly a <i>cappella</i> works of Brahms, Golijov, Higdon, Mendelssohn, Theofanidis & Whitacre,	Bailey Performance Center Kennesaw State University	\$
Sunday	5/3	2:00 pm	Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta, Spring Concert.	Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church	
		3:15 pm	Clarence Cloak, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Choral Evensong sung by the choir of St. Bartholomew's	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		5:30 pm	Marena Vittorio, <i>organ</i>	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		6:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
Tuesday	5/5	7:30 pm	The Atlanta Singers	Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church	
Thursday	5/7	7:30 pm	Griffin Choral Arts Society with the Vega String Quartet: "Sweet Lovers Love the Spring" featuring Beethoven's <i>Elegischer Gesang</i> ; Whitacre's <i>Five Hebrew Songs of Love</i> ; and a variety of madrigals. <a href="http://www.griffinchoralarts.org">www.griffinchoralarts.org</a>	Griffin First United Methodist	
Friday	5/8	8:00 pm	Mozart's <i>Vesperae solemnes de confessore</i> and <i>Exsultate Jubilate</i> with Wanda Yang Temko, <i>soprano</i> .	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
Sunday	5/10	3:15 pm	John Bostron, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Choral Evensong	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		7:00 pm	Mike Tiscione, <i>trumpet</i> & Brad Hughley, <i>organ</i>	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
		8:00 pm	Compline sung by the St. Bart's Schola	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Guild Service</b>	<b>St. Luke's Episcopal Church</b>	
Th/Fri/Sat	5/14 -16	8:00 pm	ASO & Chorus, Robert Spano conducting Stravinsky's <i>Symphony of Psalms</i> & the Mozart <i>Requiem</i>	Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall	\$
Friday	5/15	7:30 pm	Festival Singers of Atlanta presents a program they will sing at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC later this month.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
Sunday	5/17	3:15 pm	Melanie Burt, <i>soprano</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	Final Evensong of the season.	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		4:00 pm	The William Baker Festival Singers; Spoleto Preview Concert	Grace United Methodist Church	
Thursday	5/21	7:00 pm	Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day with The Cathedral Choir	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Sunday	5/31	3:00 pm	Chancel Choir of Dunwoody FUMC sings at Piccolo Spoleto Festival.	St. Matthew Lutheran Church Charleston, SC	
Sunday	5/31	3:00 PM	The Bel Canto Singers from the Bahamas.	St. Mark's United Methodist Church	
Wednesday	6/17	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Robert McCormick, <i>organ</i> ,	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Wednesday	6/24	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Ken Cowan, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of Christ the King	\$
Wednesday	7/29	7:30 pm	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Jonathan Dimmock, <i>organ</i>	Peachtree Road United Methodist	\$

## Positions Available



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

**Good Shepherd Catholic Church** 3740 Holtzclaw Road, Cumming, GA has immediate need for an experienced Director of Music. Duties would include 3 Sunday morning masses and one Saturday evening mass (negotiable). Wednesday evening Choir rehearsal for 35 voice choir, cantor rehearsal, and possible Bell Choir. Excellent pay commensurate with experience. Church does not have an organ, but an excellent Yamaha 7' grand piano. Please send resume' and references to: [frichardson@goodshepherdcumming.com](mailto:frichardson@goodshepherdcumming.com) -or- [ornsmith@goodshepherdcumming.com](mailto:ornsmith@goodshepherdcumming.com). -or- fax to: 770-887-2241 attention: Father Frank. For more information call Father Frank Richardson 770-561-2538 (cell) or 770-887-9861 (church) or Nancy Smith, Director of Music and Liturgy at 770-887-9861 X 17 (church) or 678-602-1613 (cell).

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 800 Westlake Drive, Athens, Georgia 30606. Ph: 706-548-3329 ~ Web: [www.holycrosslutheran.ws](http://www.holycrosslutheran.ws) Part-time Organist/Director of Music Ministry. Contact Eric Gattiker, SearchCommittee Chair, at church address or e-mail [egattiker@charter.net](mailto:egattiker@charter.net) for additional information and application.

**Saint Brigid Catholic Church** 3400 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, Ga 30022 a vibrant and growing parish of 3,500 families, in Johns Creek, GA, seeks a full-time Director of Music. Candidate should have a thorough understanding and appreciation of Catholic liturgy, a Bachelor's degree in Music, Master's preferred, along with excellent organ, keyboard and choral conducting skills. Must also be able to conduct major choral/orchestral works. Responsibilities include: planning and preparation for three weekend liturgies, holy days, weddings, funerals as well as training, directing, and scheduling of choirs and cantors. Parish currently has two traditional choirs, Journey of Praise Choir, Life Teen Band, and Children's Choir Program. An Associate Organist and several paid Music Associates are in place to assist with these groups. The parish has a 2 manual, 37 rank Casavant pipe organ (2004) in the rear choir loft, a Yamaha grand piano, 2 Boston pianos and a single manual Flemish harpsichord. Salary and benefits are commensurate with education and experience. Please email resume to [mlivingston@saintbrigid.org](mailto:mlivingston@saintbrigid.org), subject Music Director Search Committee, as soon as possible.

**Scott Boulevard Baptist Church** 2532 N Decatur Rd., Decatur, GA is seeking an Organist for our Sunday 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service. The ideal candidate will be creative in leading congregational singing and versatile in playing a range of musical styles on our 3-manual, 18-rank organ and on piano. He or she will accompany the choir in worship and a Wednesday night rehearsal and will work with the music director and pianist as a music leadership team. 8-10 hours weekly expected (which includes 4 hours for worship and choir rehearsal, 4-6 hours for personal preparation.) Salary is \$10,400 annual. Please contact Greg Smith, [gregsmith@scottblvd.com](mailto:gregsmith@scottblvd.com).

**Starrsville United Methodist Church** 2786 Dixie Road, Covington, GA 30014, 678-414-7381. Pianist/organist for a small, 100 member church, in a rural, unincorporated area of eastern Newton County. 5-10 hours per week. Duties include playing service music and accompanying hymns, choir, soloists, and ensembles in a single Sunday morning service along with one mid-week choir rehearsal. Standard seasonal events are included as well as a periodic revival. The instruments include a rather new 2-manual Allen electronic organ and a Klavinova piano. The church is an historic country church, formed in 1830. The building was built in 1903. The church seeks to retain its traditional flavor with some innovation. We believe in doing a wide-range of worshipful music well. The salary will be around \$5,000 per year with potential development. Candidates should contact Ward Gailey, Choir Director at 678-414-7381, or email a resume and cover letter to [wardgailey@yahoo.com](mailto:wardgailey@yahoo.com)

**Vinings United Methodist Church** 3101 Paces Mill Rd., Atlanta, GA 30339 Seeks Organist & Music Director for 80 member Atlanta church. 8-12 hrs per week (which includes 4 hours of weekly planning/administration and 4-8 hours of on-site personal practice time for personal musical development and weekly preparation of rehearsal, worship service; musical excellence encouraged The main task is to oversee and grow a powerful worship ministry that encourages people to offer their best, God given abilities to worship God through worship arts. See detailed job description at [agoatlanta.org](http://agoatlanta.org). Qualified applicants send inquiries and resumes to facsimile (770-436-5578) or email us at [jennifercoffey@comcast.net](mailto:jennifercoffey@comcast.net)

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

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.*

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

a **PERSONAL CHECK**  
-or-  
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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)

### The Organizer & Other Information You Need

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