

Che Organizer American Guild of Organists Atlanta Chapter

Alan Morrison

Decatur native Alan Morrison has become one of the most sought-after organists of his generation, having concertized in venues such as Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Meyerson Symphony Center, Spivey Hall, The Crystal Cathedral, Balboa Park, and colleges, cathedrals and churches throughout the United States, Canada, Germany, Brazil, and Italy. He has been a featured artist for three national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and has won top prizes in numerous competitions, among them the Silver Medal at the Calgary International Organ

Festival and First Prizes in both the Mader and Poister national organ competitions. Alan has numerous recordings (including compositions by chapter member Billy Krape) to his credit, which, along with live performances, are heard regularly on radio stations worldwide, including *Pipedreams*, National Public Radio's *Performance Today*, and the CBC. His television appearances include two episodes of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. His organ teachers include John Weaver, Cherry Rhodes, and our own Sarah Martin. A graduate of both The Curtis Institute of Music (Philadelphia) and the Juilliard School (NYC), he is currently based in Philadelphia where he is Head of the Organ Department at The Curtis Institute of Music, College Organist at Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA) and he commutes to Florida where he is Artist-in-Residence at Rollins College (Winter Park). He has been inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

Alan has agreed to be on the faculty of the Pipe Organ Encounter which this chapter is sponsoring June 20-25, at

Alan Morrison Master Class

First Presbyterian Church
1328 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta
(404) 892-8461
Charles and Dianne Whittaker, hosts

\$10.00

Reservation Deadline

Wednesday, November 12 (404) 233-7206 <d_barber@bellsouth.net> Telephone coordinator (770) 496-6719

Saturday, November 15

9:30 AM Breakfast/Meeting 11:00 AM Alan Morrison Master Class

Map is on page 7
Directions available
<www.mapquest.com>

Agnes Scott College in Decatur.

Plan to attend the chapter meeting and master class on Saturday morning, and the concert which is part of the Musica Sacra Concert Series on Sunday afternoon. Both events are at First Presbyterian Church.

Menu

Eggs Benedict * Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links * Bacon Broiled Tomatoes * Home Fried Potatoes Cheese Grits * Sauteed Mushrooms Cheese Biscuits * Scones Danish Pastry * Assorted Jams & Jellies Orange Juice * Coffee & Hot Teas

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The Organizer

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Marie Smith

Marie Patten Smith, 99, a long time member of The American Guild of Organists and Dean of the Atlanta Chapter from 1952-54. died of a stroke at Budd Terrace on October 16, 2003. She was born in Adel, GA, raised in Tifton, GA, and lived the rest of her life in Atlanta. Marie studied piano and organ at Wesleyan College. The Eastman School of Music and The New England Conservatory School of Music. She served as pianist and choir director of Haygood United Methodist Church followed by a 21 year career as Minister of Music at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church and Organist for Emory University. In 1955, she organized and directed the first Emory Women's chorale. She retired in 1965. She remained active the next 15 years volunteering her services to churches as organist and choir director. She taught piano and organ for many years. A memorial service was held in the Glenn Memorial Chapel on October 21.

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- 3) You can volunteer. There will be opportunities for you to help as the time draws near.

Contact Melissa Casper, chairman of POE 2004, if you can help.

Important Information

AGO Voice Mail (404) 233-7206 Chapter Web site <www.agoatlanta.org> National Web site <www.AGOHQ.org>

Executive Board Meeting

November 15 After Masterclass

First Presbyterian Church

1328 Peachtree Road, NE

November 2003



From the Dean

Taking the challenge

The leaves are now changing and the choirs begin their preparation for the season of Advent and Christmas. It seems only yesterday we had our final

season meeting and program in May.

October has been the culmination of several projects and events for our office. We completed the national convention for the American Institute of Organbuilders and our joint AGO/AIO program with Paul Oakley. (In addition, our own pipe organ shop is moving to a new and expanded location; who says the pipe organ is dead?) The convention was a planning process of over two years. Our AGO chapter was very well represented at the AIO convention by two of our members, Mr. Jeff Harbin and Mr. Ralph Daniel, who were instrumental on the AIO convention steering committee. I think the entire process was an excellent commentary on the cooperation of the AGO and AIO. The planning process for this convention included many challenges such as selecting a hotel, arranging educational lectures and insightful organ crawls and demonstrations, and even trying to complete organ installations. In all, many of our AGO chapter put forth great effort in assisting our steering committee with these projects. Thanks to all those who made that possible. The ultimate collaboration was the joint meeting and program with Paul Oakley. Over 50 organbuilders joined us for the program. We had over 110 reservations just for dinner! Mr. Oakley did an excellent job leading us through one of the most exciting hymn festivals we have hosted in years.

Challenges are the spice of life, although in the midst of the process they can seem like overwhelming tasks. Challenges force us to concentrate on our direction, our focus and our purpose. Paul Oakley gave us many things to think about in our function as musicians for our congregations and parishes. Though many volumes of dialog and articles have been generated about the wave of new music prevalent in our field, Mr. Oakley gave us food for thought and consideration from the history of music over the centuries. Remember that he talked of building soundscapes to paint the color of music and text. What an excellent description on the process of music! When you consider that boredom is a major factor facilitating change in interaction with the public, is your music a source of boredom or a fresh break from the monotony of the service? Mr. Oakley suggested we look at the alternatives for presentation

of our music and examine the meaning of the text. For example, do we use the same general pistons for our hymns each week? Ultimately, there is a response to boredom in the service. The question is how we choose to fight the boredom. It's not an easy task, but remember that well-selected challenges are usually worth the time.

Challenges exist in other area of our Guild. In the past two newsletters, we have discussed the changeover from hardcopy newsletters to e-mail. Betty Williford has been working to fine tune the newsletter system. We are sending one more hardcopy this month to be sure that we have all of the bugs out of the e-mail system. The first month's issue was plagued with a large file size. Last month that issue was greatly improved. This month we would like to focus on address delivery. If you have any problems with delivery, please let Betty Williford know as soon as possible. December is our changeover month and we are working to be sure no one is left out.

Now, are you interested in other ways to work with challenges? November is our Master Class meeting with our own Alan Morrison. Please note the difference in time! This will be a Saturday morning meeting with breakfast before the Master Class. Due to the fantastic numbers at our October meeting, it appears that a periodic change in meeting dates doesn't always create the issues we expect. Alan is an excellent musician and I expect will impart good information during the Master Class. Be sure to get your reservations in on time.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November. Remember to take time to speak to our new members. We have had several new and prospective members recently. New members present new possibilities for all. Take time to get to know them. See you in November!

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Sub-Dean's Corner

As this November newsletter goes to press, I'm fervently hoping that several more

people will come forward to play for our monthly event, an Organ Master Class with Alan Morrison on Saturday, November 15, 11 AM to 1 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta - a GRAND opportunity!

Please look ahead to a fabulous Christmas Party at Lamar Savage's home in Conyers, on Tuesday, December 9, from 7 to 10 PM. Join and/or invite friends for a festive dinner, beautiful Yuletide surroundings, and performances by our very own "AAGO Twins" - Alice & Becky - on a 1600-pipe organ which resounds to the 26-foot ceiling. The cost is \$15 per person. We must receive your payment by Friday, December 5.

We will kick off 2004 on January 10th, with an elegant SATURDAY EVENING in one of my favorite places - St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church - as Diane Meredith Belcher concertizes on their new Rosales organ.

I wish you a bountiful Thanksgiving,

JOANNE BROWN



From the Editor

For years the Executive Board has wanted send an email version of *The Organizer*. Many chapters are already doing this. This fall you should have received a copy from USPS, and if we have your correct email address, the

email version as well. If you did not receive the email version, please check your email address in the yearbook **and** in the yearbook update pages in the October and November issues of *The Organizer*. Notify me if you have not been receiving it, or if there are corrections. We don't want to leave you out. We are still working to make the file smaller so it can be downloaded more quickly. Patience!!

Betty Williford

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Yearbook Update (November)

Please make these IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS on page 15!

➤ Saturday, ← March 20, 2004 Choral Workshop: Dr. Eric Nelson

→ Tuesday, May 11, 2004 Organ Recital: Paul Jacobs

National Pipe Organ Encounter June 20-25, 2004

Atlanta AGO Chapter (Agnes Scott College, Decatur)

Please Note!

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Smith, Marie (Mrs. Bayne)

Deceased

A Tribute

The Atlanta Chapter and the Atlanta community have just lost a great and gracious lady. Marie Smith was so supportive from the first meeting where I met her and Edith Clark, that it was an influence on the entire half century we have been in Atlanta. How fine that the tribute in the newspaper was so well written and inclusive of all her musical doings. We will miss her and her generation in the music of Atlanta.

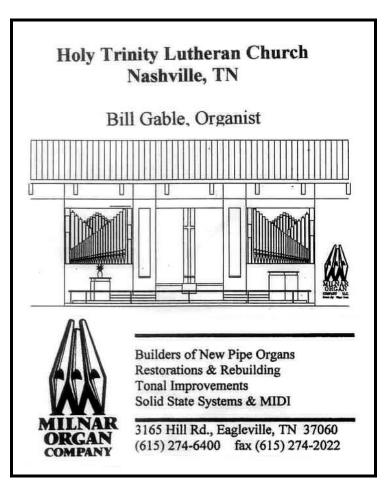
Bill Weaver / Emeritus Everything

A TRIBUTE TO MARIE SMITH

The Atlanta Chapter lost a long time important person in our Chapter's history on October 16th, 2003. It seems significant somehow that we note her name for present Chapter members who are unaware of the long support role she played in our past. She was the last of the group of Frances Felder, Edith Clark, Mabel Cunningham, Mabel Boyter, Frances Spain, Ruby Chalmers, Emilie Spivey, Isabel Bryan, Ethel Beyer, Joe Ragan, and C. W. Dieckmann who were the heart and soul of this Chapter during the middle years of the 19th century to the present. They sponsored the Regional Convention of 1955; they kept meetings going regularly and enjoyed one another's fellowship setting a tone for the very real friendships which have characterized this Chapter for most of its history. Competition for jobs was never part of this scene, only warm support for fellow workers in church music. This is a legacy which we claim today for our Chapter.

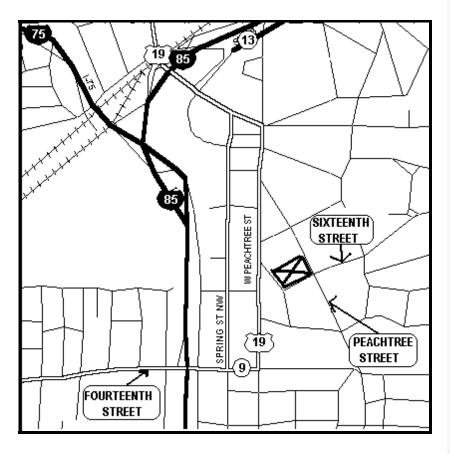
Marie served Glenn Memorial Methodist Church and Emory University for a number of years. She was organist for both as well as choral director for all women's groups at the University. Her training at Eastman and New England Conservatory gave her fine background. Her selfless service at small churches in the area and her gift of salary to a needy Korean family whose father was a student at Emory are noteworthy. Marie was always sought after to do hospitality for our conventions and Chapter functions because she was so outwardly friendly and gracious. She was much loved by all of us in the Atlanta Chapter. We have lost a great spirit from our midst.

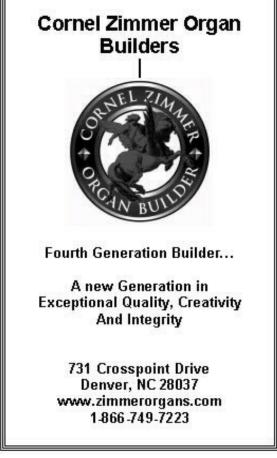
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Part-time organist: **Covington First Baptist Church**, PO Box 268, Covington, GA 30015. Part-time organist: **First United Methodist Church**, P. O. Box 606, Cumming, GA 30028.

Director of Music: **Marietta First United Methodist Church**, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA 30064. musdir@mariettafumc.org. Fax: 770-420-0929 Attn. Music Search Committee.

Music Associate/Organist: **Heritage Baptist Church**, 1070 Douthit Ferry Road, Cartersville, GA 30120. (770) 382-6072.

Organist/Director: Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection, 3676 Highway 20 NW, Conyers, GA 30071.

Organist/Director: **The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**, 2407 Cascade Road, SW. Atlanta, GA 30311. (404) 875-7591.

November Performance Calendar

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	PM ASO/McGegan; Carl Nitchie, bassoon	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sat., Nov. 1, 8:15 PM	Antigoni Goni, guitar	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Nov. 2, 2:15 PM	The Redeemer Piano Ensemble	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 2, 3:00 PM	Lucerne Festival Strings; Andreas Klein, pia	
Sun., Nov. 2, 3:00 PM	SAI American Musicale	Agnes Scott College, Decatur
Sun., Nov. 2, 4:00 PM	Pamela Decker organ	Glenn Memorial Aud., Emory Univ., Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 2, 4:00 PM	Music for All Saints	Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 2, 4:30 PM	Nick Bowden, organ	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 2, 5:00 PM	Choral Evensong	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Decatur
Sun., Nov. 2, 5:15 PM	Trey Clegg, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlamta
Tues., Nov. 4, 7:30 PM	Peter Fletcher, guitar	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlamta
T/F/S, Nov. 6/7/8, 8:00 PM	ASO/ASOC/Spano F. Lopardo, tenor: Berli	oz: Requiem Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sat., Nov. 8, 8:15 PM	I Fagiolini, early music	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Nov. 9, 2:00 PM	Sue Goddard, organ	Grace UMC, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 9, 5:15 PM	Jason Abel, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Tues., Nov. 11, 7:30 PM	David Buice, harpsichord	Oglethorpe University, Atlanta
Th/F, Nov. 13/14, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; Joshua Bell, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sat., Nov. 15, 7:30 PM	Diane Bish, organ	Piedmont College, Demorest
Sun., Nov. 16, 2:00 PM	Alan Morrison, organ	First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 16, 5:15 PM	Andrew Scanlon, organ	Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 16, 7:30 PM	Sarah Martin, organ	Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 16, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano; Joshua Bell, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Wed., Nov. 19, 7:30 PM	Vincent Dubois, organ	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta
T/F/S, Nov. 20/21/22, 8:00 I	PM ASO/Graf; Sarah Chang, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sat., Nov. 22, 8:00 PM	Messiah: Atlanta Choral Artists, Atlanta Ba	aroque Orchestra Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta
Sat., Nov. 22, 8:15 PM	Luciana Souza, jazz vocalist	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Nov. 23, 3:00 PM	Stephen Hough, piano	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Nov. 23, 3:00 PM	ASYO/Flint	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 23, 5:15 PM	Bill Graves, saxophone, and Bruce Neswick	k, organ Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
Wed., Nov. 26, 7:30 PM	Community Thanksgiving Service	Northside Drive Baptisti Church
T/F/S, Nov. 28/29, 8:00 PM	ASO/Krajewski; John McDermott, tenor	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Nov. 30, 4:00 PM	Diane Bish, organ	Sandy Springs UMC, Atlanta
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The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Road, NW Atlanta, Georgia

Sunday, 2 November

4:00 PM Evensong 5:15 PM Organ Recital with Trey Clegg

Tuesday, 4 November

7:30 PM Gould Room Chamber Series with Peter Fletcher, guitar

Sunday, 9 November

4:00 PM Evensong 5:15 PM Organ Recital with Jason Abel

Sunday, 16 November

4:00 PM Evensong5:15 PM Organ Recital with Andrew Scanlon

Thursday, 20 November

5:45 PM Evensong

Sunday, 23 November

4:00 PM Evensong: Let All the World. . .!
Choristers from Diocese of Atlanta
5:15 PM Concert with
Bill Graves, saxophone,
and Bruce Neswick, organ

Sunday, 30 November

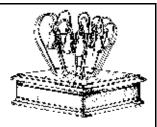
4:00 PM An Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 PM Gould Room Chamber Series with Angela Jui Lee, gu-sheng

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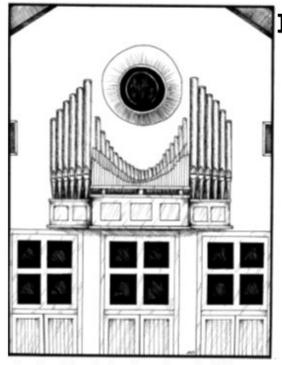
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