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Dear AGO Members, Friends and Colleagues,

Over the past two months, I have greatly enjoyed speaking with current, new, and renewing Chapter Members! **In person** is even better: I hope to see you in Dunwoody for an inspiring concert by Amanda Mole on Friday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Mary Ruth Laverty-Solem, organist at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mt. Vernon Road, 30338. I'm grateful our Sub-Deans were able to plan two events during Fall 2023. Thanks to Dr. Sean Vogt for planning September 30th's Part One of workshops on Bach's *Orgelbuchlein*, and thanks to Dr. Caroline Robinson for planning Ms. Amanda Mole's upcoming performance. In 2021 I heard Dr. Isabel Demer's concert on the church's Quimby organ (many folks still wore masks, including the performer), an AGO Chapter Event! That marvelous concert is still viewable on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=889805461945346. Quimby Pipe Organs was able to include in its 100 ranks pipework (previously purchased by the church) originating from two historic builders, E.M. Skinner, and Casavant Freres.

Hooray for our new Chapter Yearbook! We can prioritize AGO events on our 2024 calendars. Please join me in thanking Timothy Gunter, our patient Yearbook Editor, and Ralph Daniel who lines up ads which support its publication. You can see additional opportunities are open to serve the Atlanta Chapter AGO. Tell us your ideas, what you hope to gain from AGO membership, and your areas of enthusiasm! Each category of Committees has an Executive Board liaison, since frequent communication among us is essential for the future health of this organization, which has endured 109 years. Your current Chapter Board met on August 12, September 9, and will again October 21. Bear with us as we endeavor to update our Chapter website, while making wider use of the Atlanta Chapter's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/34607220637>).

Here's a link to hear the 10-minute interview of Michael Barone which NPR broadcast recently, in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of PIPEDREAMS. (<https://www.npr.org/2023/10/14/1205951261/a-public-radio-program-dedicated-to-the-pipe-organ-turns-40>)

Orgelkids Ambassadors are being trained for fluency in the unpacking/packing and building process for the 2-rank pipe organ kit owned by the Atlanta Chapter — so students in a variety of locations can have a successful experience of discovery! Time spent is a wise investment, as well as *fun* together.

Also, on Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m., I plan to attend Hector Olivera's dedicatory concert at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. I can bring copies of the *2023-2024 Yearbook* for members who haven't yet received it.

May the scripture lessons we study to help select hymns & organ repertoire, and texts our choirs rehearse further inspire us — as a source of hope, wisdom, and strength to each singer and hearer. Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday with friends & family!

Joanne Cobb Brown, CAGO
Co-Dean, Atlanta AGO

October 27 Amanda Mole Organ Recital

You are cordially invited to attend the AGO Atlanta Chapter's first major concert of the 2023-24 program year!

WHEN: Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Dunwoody United Methodist Church (1548 Mt Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338)

WHO: World-class organist and Karen McFarlane Artist Amanda Mole

Amanda will play a varied program (see below) on the wonderful Quimby organ in the church sanctuary. A festive reception will follow the recital. See the October edition of *The Organizer* for Amanda's bio, and read all about her many accolades! Take advantage of the benefits of your dues: **attend this amazing recital!** Mark your calendars now!

PROGRAM:

Felix Mendelssohn, tr. William Thomas Best, *St. Paul Overture*

Robert Schumann, from *6 Stücke in kanonischer Form*, Op. 56

2. Mit innigem Ausdruck

5. Nichts zu schnell

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Fantasia in F minor*, K 608

Jehan Alain, *Deuxième Fantaisie*

Calvin Hampton, from *Five Dances for Organ*

2. At the ballet

Josef Rheinberger, *Introduction and Passacaglia*, Sonata No. 8



Quimby Organ, Dunwoody UMC

The pipework for Dunwoody UMC's Quimby organ originates from two instruments the church purchased a few years ago with the intention to build a grand organ. It combines prior work of two of the world's master builders, E.M. Skinner and Casavant Frères. In those pipes are some of the most beautiful colors—Skinner's hallmark—and very impressive English-style principal pipes ever built by the French-Canadian builder Casavant.

Almost all of the pipes are under expression, so that many sounds can be played in a dynamic range from delicately soft to powerfully grand. This organ specializes in warmth and variety, with sounds that envelop, and encourage singing. It will do so for generations to come.

November 2023 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Thursday	11/2	8:00 PM	Stutzmann/ASO/ASOC: Brahms/Rachmaninov/Dvořák	Symphony Hall	\$36-121
Saturday	11/4	8:00 PM	Stutzmann/ASO/ASOC: Brahms/Rachmaninov/Dvořák	Symphony Hall	\$36-121
	11/4	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Verdi's <i>Rigoletto</i>	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center	\$48-180
Sunday	11/5	3:00 PM	Simone Dinnerstein, <i>piano</i>	Spivey Hall	\$25-65
	11/5	4:00 PM	Choral Requiem Eucharist, Cathedral Choir with orchestra	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	11/5	4:00 PM	Consecration for the Glatter-Götz organ	First United Methodist Church, Marietta	Free
	11/5	4:30 PM	Sarah Hawbecker, <i>organ</i>	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	Free
	11/5	5:00 PM	Choral Evensong	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	Free
Monday	11/6	12 noon	Demonstration of the Jaeckel organ at Emory University	Schwartz Center, Emory	Free
Tuesday	11/7	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Verdi's <i>Rigoletto</i>	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center	\$48-180
Thursday	11/9	8:00 PM	Špaček/Stutzmann/ASO: Dvořák	Symphony Hall	\$26-129
Friday	11/10	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Verdi's <i>Rigoletto</i>	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center	\$48-180
Saturday	11/11	8:00 PM	Špaček/Stutzmann/ASO: Dvořák	Symphony Hall	\$26-129
Sunday	11/12	3:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Verdi's <i>Rigoletto</i>	Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center	\$48-180
	11/12	3:00 PM	Rededication of the Rebuilt Plunkett-Sewell Memorial Organ at Mercer	Newton Chapel, Mercer	Free
	11/12	3:00 PM	Hector Olivera, <i>organ</i>	Druid Hills Presbyterian Church	Free
	11/12	3:15 PM	Adam Pajan, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	11/12	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	11/12	4:00 PM	Choral Festival Evensong, Chorister Festival	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Free
Thursday	11/16	8:00 PM	Cann/Danzmayr/ASO: Perry/Rachmaninov/Prokofiev	Symphony Hall	\$26-123
	11/16	8:00 PM	Midori and Festival Strings Lucerne	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$70
Friday	11/17	7:30 PM	Dan Mitchell, <i>Concerto in C minor for organ and orchestra</i>	Peachtree Road Lutheran Church	Free
	11/17	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Baroque Orchestra: "Royall Consorts"	The Cathedral of St. Philip	\$10-150
Saturday	11/18	8:00 PM	Cann/Danzmayr/ASO: Perry/Rachmaninov/Prokofiev	Symphony Hall	\$26-123
Sunday	11/19	3:00 PM	Cann/Danzmayr/ASO: Perry/Rachmaninov/Prokofiev	Symphony Hall	\$26-123
	11/19	3:15 PM	Bryan Anderson, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	11/19	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
Sunday	11/26	3:15 PM	JoEllen West, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	11/26	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free

2023-2024 AGO Meetings & Programs

Date	Location	Program/Artist	Dinner, Reception, etc.
Jan. 12 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.-12 noon	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church 3180 Peachtree Rd NE Atlanta, GA 30305	Jason Roberts	Recital on Friday Reception following Improvisation Workshop on Saturday
Feb. 10 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m.-12 noon	St. Bede's Episcopal Church 2601 Henderson Mill Rd Atlanta, GA 30345	Shelly Moorman-Stahlman	Workshop: <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> Lent/Easter Coffee & refreshments provided during the break
April 26 (Friday) 7:30 p.m.	The Cathedral of St. Philip 2744 Peachtree Rd. NW Atlanta, GA 30305	AGO National Gala Elizabeth & Raymond Chenault	Recital at 7:30 p.m. Gala reception following For tickets, see https://www.agohq.org/2024-gala/
May 10 (Friday) 7:30 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta 1328 Peachtree St. NE Atlanta, GA 30309	Tom Bara	Recital at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, see https://concertsatfirst.org/events/



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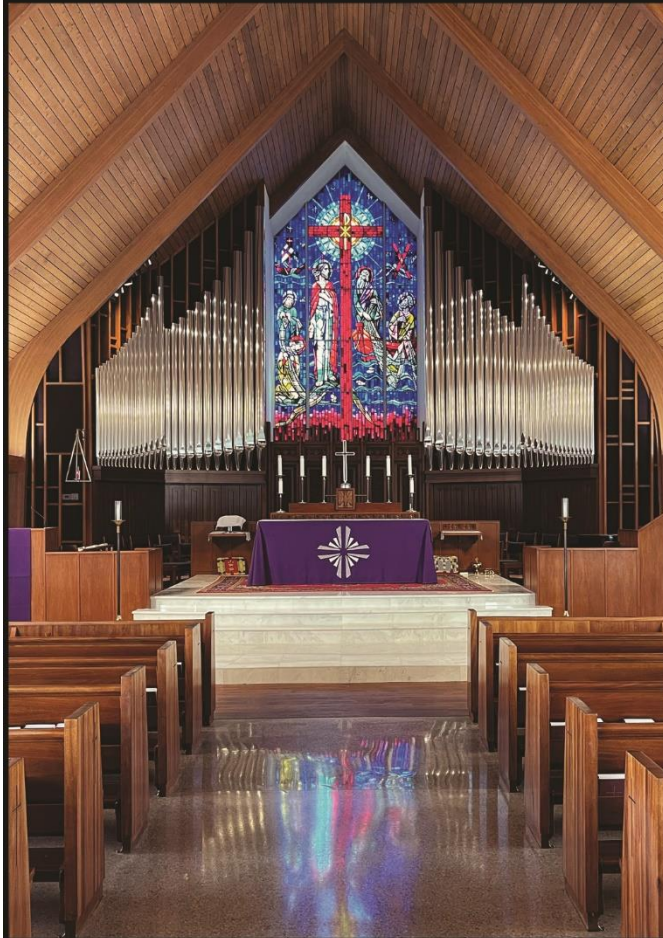


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Around the Chapter

Choral Requiem Eucharist at the Cathedral of St. Philip

On All Saints' Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m., the Cathedral of St. Philip will offer their annual Choral Requiem Eucharist for All Faithful Departed, reading by name all members and friends or family of members who have died during the past year. The music for the service this year will include Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, sung by the Cathedral Choir with chamber orchestra. As with all services at the Cathedral, admission is free and all are invited.

Organ Consecration at First United Methodist Church, Marietta

On Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Marietta will host an organ recital by Nicole Maraine and Brian Parks for the consecration of the church's new Glatter-Götz organ. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Organ Recital & Choral Evensong at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

On Sunday, November 5 at 4:30 p.m., Sarah Hawbecker will give an organ recital at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, followed at 5:00 by a service of Choral Evensong, directed by Scott Atchison and played by Oliver Brett. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

Organ Demonstration at Emory University

On Monday, November 6 at 12 noon, organist Jack Mitchener will give a demonstration of the Jaeckel organ in Emerson Concert Hall at the Schwartz Center for Performing Arts on the campus of Emory University. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

November Recitals at the Cathedral of St. Philip

The Cathedral of St. Philip will host Sunday afternoon in-person and online organ recitals at 3:15 p.m. most Sundays during the month of November. Recitalists will include the following:

November 12 — Adam Pajan (from St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Norman OK)

November 19 — Bryan Anderson (from St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School, Houston TX)

November 26 — JoEllen West (from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland OH)

Choral Evensong will follow the recital each Sunday at 4:00, sung by the Cathedral Schola. All Sunday afternoon recitals and services are free admission, and the general public is warmly invited to attend.

Organ Rededication at Mercer University

On Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. in Newton Chapel on the campus of Mercer University, Macon, organist Jack Mitchener will perform a rededication recital on the rebuilt Plunkett-Sewell Memorial Organ. Admission is free.

Atlanta Baroque Orchestra at the Cathedral of St. Philip

On Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Philip, the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra will offer a concert of beautiful and rarely heard Renaissance-era Royal Consort music. Tickets are available at atlantabaroque.org.

St. Luke's Chorister Festival

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown Atlanta will host their second annual St. Luke's Chorister Festival on Nov. 11 & 12. Choristers from across the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and North Carolina will sing for Holy Eucharist on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 11:15 a.m., and a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m. The festival is under the direction of Bryan Zaros, Associate Director of Music at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Choral Evensong will feature the premiere of *Phos hilaron* by Dorothy Papadakos, a new work commissioned in celebration of the 60th anniversary of St. Luke's Alston Memorial Organ.

Hector Olivera at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m., Druid Hills Presbyterian Church will host an organ recital featuring Hector Olivera. It will be the debut recital on the church's restored and enhanced Aeolian-Skinner, G. Donald Harrison Signature organ. Admission is free, so the more the merrier! **Note:** Do not park in the lot to the right of the church or you will be towed. Parking is available in the front lot and rear lot.

Concerto in C minor for Organ and Orchestra, World Premiere

On Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m., Peachtree Road Lutheran Church will host the world premiere of Dan Mitchell's *Concerto in C minor for Organ and Orchestra*. Organist Jinhee Kim (from Shallowford Presbyterian Church) will perform the solo part of a work Mitchell composed for a composition competition in Helsinki. Other music will include chorale preludes by Bach and Pachelbel, arranged for orchestra, along with a flute solo performed by Eunice Oh. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Rd † Atlanta, GA 30305
404-365-1050 for more information

Sunday, November 5

4 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist
Cathedral Choir with orchestra
Maurice Duruflé, *Requiem*

Sunday, November 12

3:15 p.m. Adam Pajan, organ
(St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Norman OK)
Ola Gjeilo, *Sinfonietta*
Edward Shippen Barnes, *Chanson, Esquise, & Caprice*, from
Seven Sketches
Percy Whitlock, "Grave – Animato" from *Organ Sonata in C-*
minor

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola
Stephen Caracciolo, *Preces & Responses*
Herbert Howells, *Collegium Regale*
James Whitbourn, *Give us the wings of faith*
William Byrd, *Laetentur coeli*

Friday, November 17

7:30 p.m. The Atlanta Baroque Orchestra: "Royal Consorts"
Beautiful and rarely-heard music of the Renaissance-era
Consort ensembles. Tickets at atlantabaroque.org

Sunday, November 19

3:15 p.m. Bryan Anderson, organ
(St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School, Houston TX)
Giuseppe Verdi, Overture to *La forza del destino*
Herbert Howells, *Psalm prelude, Set 2, No 1 "De profundis"*
John Ireland, "Villanella" from *Miniature Suite*
William Bolcom, *Jesus Loves Me*, from *12 Gospel Preludes*
Marcel Dupré, *Deux Esquisses*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola
Margaret Burk, *Preces & Responses*
Jessica French, *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis*
Craig Phillips, *The house of faith has many rooms*
Dan Locklair, *O Trinity of blessed Light*

Sunday, November 26

3:15 p.m. JoEllen West, organ
(Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland OH)
J.S. Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*, BWV 541
Thomas Kerr, *Arietta*
Ad Wammes, *Miroir*
Charles-Marie Widor, "Adagio" & "Allegro" from *Organ*
Symphonie No. 6, Op. 42, No. 2

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola
Gerre Hancock, *Preces & Responses*
Charles Wood in E flat (No. 2)
Kenneth Leighton, *Let all the world in every corner sing*
Carson Cooman, *King of glory*

Positions Available

Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the chapter's website: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

Music Director/Keyboardist

Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Music Director/Organist, as well as an Interim Organist. Send resumes to pastor@ascension-lcms.com.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, seeks a half-time Organ Scholar. Send resumes to shawbecker@redeemer.org.

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a part-time Assistant Organist. Send resume to Scott Atchison at Scott@prumc.org.

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to Tyler Ingram at tyler@fbcc.us.

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, seeks a Director of Music and Worship Arts. Send resumes to Krista Firkus at kfirkus42@gmail.com.

St. Julian's Episcopal Church, Douglasville, seeks a part-time organist or pianist. Send resumes to ghgibson@saintjulians.org.

Epworth United Methodist Church seeks a part-time Worship Leader. Send resumes to byron.ahrens@ngumc.net

St. Francis de Sales Latin Catholic Church, Mableton, seeks a part-time organist. For information, contact Jonathan Arrington at lafamigliaarrington@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church, Madison, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to kathleen@madisonfumc.com.

Central Baptist Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to Dr. Ronnie Oliver, Jr. at roliver@centralbaptistnewnan.org.

Sandy Springs United Methodist Church seeks a part-time Director of Music Ministries. Send resumes to kfloyd@ssumc.org.

Senoia United Methodist Church, Senoia, seeks a Director of Music Ministries. Send resume to pastor Julie Schendel at julie@senoiaumc.org, (770) 599-3245.



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