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Tuesday, November 13, 2012

AGO Dinner Meeting and Program
Host: Dr. Timothy Albrecht

Punch Bowl: 6 p.m. / Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 p.m. / Recital: 8 p.m.

Menu:

Parmesan Chicken; Pork Loin; Artichoke Rice; Roasted Vegetables; Green Salad: Yeast Rolls; Oreo Bar

Dinner cost: \$14

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, November 8 by 10 p.m.

Reservations made via email to agoatlanta_reservations@charter.net.

Any reservations made after the deadline will be placed on a waiting list only if the member requests it.

Program

César Franck, Choral in A minor
Gabriel Fauré, Three pieces from Dolly
Charles Tournemire, Victimae Paschali Laudes
Louis Vierne, Méditation
Louis Vierne, Allegro from the 2nd Symphony
Jean Langlais, Nativité
Jean Langlais, Te Deum
Pierre Cochereau, Scherzo

Parking instructions: Three adjacent buildings on North Decatur Road are "our" buildings for the evening. Fishburne Parking Deck (1672 N. Decatur Road) is next to the Schwartz Center, with free parking after 6:00 p.m. Just down the hill, the next building is the Glenn Church School Building (1660 N. Decatur Road), where the punch bowl, dinner and meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall, located on the bottom level. One building further is Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, where the recital will take place.

For Maurice Clerc's bio, see page 2.

Maurice Clerc

MAURICE CLERC has given about 900 organ recitals in more than twenty countries, including nineteen tours of North America. In his performances on four continents in twenty-five years, he has played at Notre-Dame in Paris, St-Patrick's Cathedral in New York, the Dom in Lübeck, Basilica of San Marco in Venice, St Joseph Oratory in Montreal, St-Paul's Catheral in Melbourne, the N.H.K. auditorium in Tokyo, and the Cultural Centre in Hong Kong, among many others.

Born in Lyon, France, in 1946, Clerc studied the organ with Suzanne Chaisemartin at the Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris. He then studied at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Paris where, in 1975, he obtained a First Prize for organ in the class of Rolande Falcinelli. In 1977, he obtained the Prize for Improvisation at the Lyon International Competition. In 1972, he was appointed Titular Organist at St-Bénigne's Cathedral in Dijon, France. He also teaches at the Conservatoire National de Region in Dijon and for twenty years has been Assistant Lecturer at Dijon University.

Clerc has made numerous recordings of Bach and other German baroque composers, and has also long been regarded as a specialist on French organ music of the 19th and 20th centuries.

AGO Certification

Congratulations to the Atlanta Chapter's most recent successful candidates for certification:

Associate

Dr. Wooyoung Ellie Choi Organist, Johns Creek Presbyterian Church Student of Sarah Martin

Colleague

Joseph O'Berry Choirmaster-Organist, Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur

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From the Dean

Fall has arrived with trumpet blasts and serene strings. Leaves fall like arpeggios and frost covers the morning grass in staccato gestures. Can you tell I like the fall season? I always have. It's an innate sense of gathering, preparing and anticipation of the holidays — Halloween, Thanksgiving, and of course Christmas — that draws me to this particular part of the yearly cycle.

As we look toward (and hopefully already have planned music for) these celebrations, I can't help but wonder what you'll be playing and singing in your setting. Are you trying new ideas and scores? Are you retelling stories through your congregation's favorite chestnuts? At Holy Trinity we do a bit of both, thus offering something for everyone. I am grateful to serve in a place that honors both tradition and innovation. I hope you can say the same.

Your dean and sub-dean also try to offer variety as we plan our chapter programming. A member's recital and a decidedly lighter (though not easy) concert have been offered so far this season. Next, we turn to a more discerning program of French masterworks offered by an internationally renowned French artist. I hope you will be in attendance!

Beth and Ray Chenult and Pam Ingram again provided a most gracious and beautiful setting for our October program. Thank you. As I write this, I'm looking forward to our second annual collaboration with the Atlanta Chapter ATOS. I hope your attendance at this event will prove that we should continue these events in the future.

AGO provides a unique opportunity to share our love of the pipe organ with like-minded folk. It really doesn't matter what is played, whether hymns, literature or movie scores. The binding factor is an appreciation for the sound of the organ! For that we all should give thanks.

I wish for you and yours a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving celebration later this month. And as always, I look forward to seeing YOU at our next meeting.

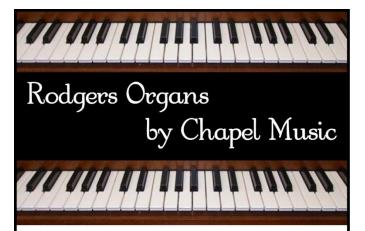
Take care,

Tim Young, Dean

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November 2012 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location Admiss	ion
Thursday	11/1	8:00 PM	ASO/A.Fisch: Stewart Goodyear, piano	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Friday	11/2 11/2	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	ASO/A.Fisch: Stewart Goodyear, <i>piano</i> Warsaw Philharmonic/A. Wit Yulianna Avdeeva, <i>piano</i>	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Schwartz Center, Emory University	\$ \$
Saturday	11/3 11/3 11/3	8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:15 PM	ASO/A.Fisch: Stewart Goodyear, <i>piano</i> GSU Combined Choruses Christian McBride Trio	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Kopleff Recital, GSU Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$
Sunday	11/4 11/4 11/4 11/4 11/4 11/4 11/4	9:00 & 11:00 AM 9:00 & 11:15 AM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Duo Orfeo, <i>classical guitars</i> Bruckner <i>Requiem</i> Piedmont College Singers Choral Requiem Eucharist: Fauré <i>Requiem</i> Vincent Dubois, <i>organ</i> Sarah Hawbecker, <i>organ</i> Choral Evensong	First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville All Saints' Episcopal Church Spivey Hall, Clayton State University The Cathedral of St. Philip Independent Presbyterian Church, Birminghar Peachtree Road United Methodist Church Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$ m
Tuesday	11/6	7:00 PM	Graduate Recital: Brian Glikes, organ	Schwartz Center, Emory University	
Thursday	11/8	8:00 PM	ASO/M.Pinscher: Karen Gornyo, violin	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Friday	11/9 11/9	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	ASO/M.Pinscher: Karen Gornyo, <i>violin</i> Vega String Quartet	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Schwartz Center, Emory University	\$
Saturday	11/10 11/10 11/10 11/10 11/10 11/10 11/10	3:30 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:15 PM	CSU Middle School Honor Band ASO/M.Pinscher: Karen Gornyo, <i>violin</i> Sérgio and Odair Assad, <i>guitars</i> Bizet <i>Carmen</i> ; The Atlanta Opera The Whirling Dervished of Turkey Collegium Vocale: Karl Jenkins' <i>Stabat Mater</i> Jupiter String Quartet	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Schwartz Center, Emory University Cobb Energy Center Rialto Center for the Arts Porter Sanford III Perf. Arts Center, Decatur Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$ \$ \$ \$
Sunday	11/11 11/11 11/11 11/11 11/11 11/11 11/11	9:00 & 11:15 AM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:15 PM 4:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	The Georgia Boy Choir ASYO/Flint Kurt-Alexander Zeller, tenor; Michiko Otaki, <i>piano</i> GSU Sym. Orch., Brumby Concerto Competition Winners Brennan Szafron, <i>organ</i> Choral Evensong Ella Lewis, <i>organ</i> Graduate Recital: Jonathan Easter, <i>organ</i>	All Saints' Episcopal Church Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Spivey Hall, Clayton State University Rialto Center for the Arts The Cathedral of St. Philip The Cathedral of St. Philip Sandy Springs Christian Church Schwartz Center, Emory University	\$
Tuesday	11/13 11/13 11/13	7:30 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM	The Georgia Boy Choir Bizet <i>Carmen</i> ; The Atlanta Opera Maurice Clerc, <i>organ</i>	All Saints' Episcopal Church Cobb Energy Center Glenn Auditorium, Emory University	\$
Wednesday	11/14 11/14	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	CSU Jazz Combo Nathaniel Gumbs, <i>organ</i>	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University Sisters Chapel, Spelman College	
Thursday	11/15	8:00 PM	ASO/Spano: Jessica Rivera, soprano	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Friday	11/16 11/16 11/16 11/16	12:00 PM 7:30 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM	William Ransom, <i>piano</i> Spivey Hall Honor Chamber Orchestra ASO/Spano: Jessica Rivera, <i>soprano</i> Bizet <i>Carmen</i> ; The Atlanta Opera	Carlos Museum, Emory University Spivey Hall, Clayton State University Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Cobb Energy Center	\$ \$ \$
Saturday	11/17 11/17 11/17	8:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:15 PM	Music of Italian Baroque; New Trinity Baroque ASO/Spano: Lang Lang, <i>piano</i> Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, <i>piano</i>	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	\$ \$

November 2012 Calendar of Events (cont.)

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location Adm	ission
Sunday	11/18	3:00 PM	ASO/Spano: Jessica Rivera, soprano	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
	11/18	3:00 PM	CSU Chorale	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	•
	11/18	3:00 PM	Bizet: Carmen; The Atlanta Opera	Cobb Energy Center	\$
	11/18	3:00 PM	Caroline Thomas, soprano	Peachtree Christian Church	
	11/18	3:15 PM 4:00 PM	Ritornello Baroque	The Cathedral of St. Philip	
	11/18 11/18	4.00 PM 5:00 PM	Choral Evensong (Buckhead Community T'giving Service) The Atlanta Singers	The Cathedral of St. Philip Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	
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Tuesday	11/20	7:00 PM	Organ Recital & Choral Evensong	Church of the Advent, Madison	
Friday	11/23	8:00 PM	ASO/R. Kaufman	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Saturday	11/24	8:00 PM	ASO/R. Kaufman	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Sunday	11/25	3:15 PM	Capitol City Opera Madrigal Singers	The Cathedral of St. Philip	
	11/25	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral of St. Philip	
Monday	11/26	7:30 PM	Clayton Community Big Band	Spivey Hall, Clayton State University	
Thursday	11/29	8:00 PM	ASO/Spano: Emanuel Ax, piano	Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$
Friday	11/30 11/30	4:00 PM 8:00 PM	Messiah: GA Tech Chamber Chorus, Atl. Baroque Orch. ASO/Spano: Emanuel Ax, piano	Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center	\$ \$

Nathaniel Gumbs, organ



On Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., organist Nathaniel Gumbs will give a recital at Spelman College, in Sisters Chapel. Admission is free.

Gumbs, a native of the Bronx, NY, graduated from Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, where he received the Bachelor of Music Degree in Organ Performance, studying under Dr. Steven Cooksey. He received the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from Yale University, Institute of Sacred Music in New Haven, CT, studying under Martin Jean. He has also received the Service Playing and Colleague Certifications from the American Guild of Organists.

Nat presently serves as the Organist and Interim Director of Music and Arts at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC.

Caroline Thomas, soprano



The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta presents soprano Caroline Thomas, professor of voice at the Hochschule für Musik in Detmold, Germany, in recital at Peachtree Christian Church on Sunday, November 18 at 3:00 p.m. The recital, featuring a little known song cycle by Richard Wagner and operatic arias by Wagner, Gluck, Mozart, Puccini, and Verdi, will be accompanied in transcription on the monumental Peachtree Christian Church organ featuring the orchestral stops of the chancel organ by Henry Pilcher's Sons. A meet-the-artist reception will follow in the church's Stew Wood Hall.

Caroline Thomas, a native of Smyrna, Georgia, studied voice at Wesleyan College in Macon and the University of Tennessee as well as the Juilliard School and the Curtis Institute before becoming Prima Donna of the Munster Opera Company in Germany for a decade. Now a college professor, Thomas continues an active schedule of recital and concert appearances with orchestras in Europe and the United States.

Professor Thomas will also give a public voice master class at The Lovett School (chorus room) on Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Thomas will be accompanied in these appearances by Randy Elkins.

Executive Board Minutes

There was no meeting in October of the board. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10 at 10:30 AM, Chamblee First United Methodist Church.

Membership Committee Report

Following the success of the 2011-2012 campaign, the national office is repeating "Grow the Guild" for the 2012-2013 season. This is a grass-roots campaign to strengthen American Guild of Organists' membership nationwide as chapters focus on recruitment and retention.

At the heart of "Grow the Guild" is the challenge for a chapter to increase its membership by 5%. The campaign is already underway and will continue through May 31, 2013. Each chapter that has a 5% net growth in membership is eligible for a prize drawing of \$500.

As of October 1 the Atlanta chapter has approximately 285 qualifying members with 20 of these being new members. A goal of 310 qualifying members has been set...which means that 25 additional members are needed by May 31, 2013.

Please contact me at sampolk722@yahoo.com with names of prospects if you feel the membership committee can be of assistance.

Sam Polk Membership Committee Chair

Collegium Vocale

Collegium Vocale Community Chorus presents Karl Jenkins' *Stabat Mater* on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. at Porter Sanford III Performing Arts Center in Decatur. The performance is a collaboration with the University of West Georgia Choirs and Carroll Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Hibbard. For ticket information, go to cychorus.org.

Chapter Meeting Minutes

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met at All Saints' Episcopal Church on October 9, 2012. Dean Tim Young called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM. He recognized hosts Elizabeth and Ray Chenault and Pam Ingram, and the caterer, Deborah van Trece. He also recognized Keith Vansant and Keith Huffstetter for providing the wine, and Don Land and Carolyn Swain for acting as cashiers.

Directories maybe be picked up from Tom Wigley, Registrar. Rachel Ficklin encouraged members to participate in a new mentoring program. John Hutchinson will assist her in this proiect.

Jeff McIntyre announced that the first Certification class of the 2012-2013 season would be held on Saturday, October 20. Sarah Hawbecker will teach a class in hymn playing at 10 AM at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and Brad Hughley will teach a class in figured bass at 1 PM at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

He announced that Dr. Wooyoun Ellie Choi, organist at Johns Creek Presbyterian Church, recently passed the Associate's exam. He recognized Joseph O'Berry, Organist/Choirmaster at Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur, for passing the Colleague exam.

Upcoming chapter events include the October 13 joint concert with the Atlanta Chapter of the ATOS at the Strand Theatre in Marietta, and the November 13 Concert by Maurice Clerc at Glenn Memorial Auditorium.

Several chapter members made announcements of upcoming events. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM, and was followed by a concert in the sanctuary by Dr. Carol Williams, Civic Organist of San Diego, California.

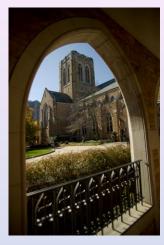
Respectfully submitted, Betty Williford, Secretary

Georgia Boy Choir at All Saints' Episcopal

On Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m., at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta, the Georgia Boy Choir, directed by David R. White, will perform a varied program of sacred classical works, American hymns, and folk songs from around the world. Tickets will be available at the door or online at www.allsaintsatlanta.org/music/concertseries.

The Cathedral of St. Philip

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



Sunday, November 4 4 p.m. Choral Requiem Eucharist, Cathedral Choir Gabriel Fauré, *Requiem* William Harris, *Holy is the true Light*

Sunday, November 11 3:15 p.m. Recital, Clayton State Chorale Dr. Shaun Amos, *conductor*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Bernard Rose, Preces & Responses
Herbert Howells, York Minster
Herbert Howells, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
John Joubert, O Lorde, the maker of al thing

Sunday, November 18 3:15 p.m. Recital, Ritornello Baroque

(from Atlanta)

Giuseppe Sammartini, Trio Sonata No. 7 in F Major for Two Flutes with a Thorough Bass

Louis-Antoine Dornel, *Sonate en Trio in D minor, Op. 3, No. 3* Andrea Falconieri, Selections from *II primo libro di canzoni*

4 p.m. Choral Evensong,

Buckhead Community Thanksgiving Service

Harold Friedell in F John Rutter, Canticle of Thanksgiving John Rutter, For the beauty of the earth

Sunday, November 25

3:15 p.m. Recital,

Capitol City Opera Madrigal Singers

(from Capitol City Opera, Atlanta, GA)

4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Philip Radcliffe, *Preces & Responses* John Tavener, *Collegium Regale*

Gerald Near, The King shall come when morning dawns

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, O Rex gloriae

Positions Available

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

Transfiguration Episcopal Church in Rome is seeking an Organist/Choirmaster: Questions please call 706) 234-0197.

First Presbyterian Church in Athens is seeking an organist and music director. Call 706-543-4338 with questions.

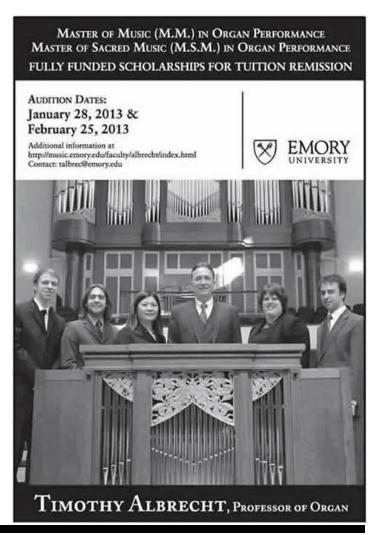
The **Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus** is seeking a qualified director for the women's chorus. Applicants should send a letter of introduction and resume via high-priority email to information@agmchorus.org,

St. John United Methodist Church in Sandy Springs is seeking a Director of Music Ministries and an Assistant Director of Music Ministries. Call 404-255-1384 with questions.

Brookhaven United Methodist Church in Atlanta seeks a part-time accompanist. Candidates need to send their resumes with cover letters to Wimberly Thomas at wimberly.thomas@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Church of St. Mary & St. Martha of Bethany in Buford seeks four staff singers/section leaders. For more information, contact Josh Duncan via email only at music.marymartha@gmail.com.

Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Decatur seeks a qualified director of music. Applicants should email lmessiah@bellsouth.net.





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Class of '14 Bill Callaway Carol Dallas

Class of '15 Tom Alderman Sue Goddard

Young Organist Competition 2013

Now in its third year, the Young Organist Competition, sponsored by the Columbia AGO, will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Shandon United Methodist Church, Columbia SC. The competition is open to students in Grades 8-12. Rules and application forms may be found online at www.columbiaago.org Please note that this is NOT part of the preliminaries for the Quimby Competition.

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