

The Organizer

Monthly Newsletter
The Atlanta Chapter
AMERICAN GUILD
of ORGANISTS
OCTOBER — 2005

AUSTIN LOVELACE

Guest Speaker on
“Hymns & Congregational
Song”

MUSICIAN/CLERGY NIGHT
concluding with a
Service of Vespers

OCTOBER 11

at

**Columbia Theological
Seminary**

Decatur

A Gracious Evening for All

Dr. Austin C. Lovelace is a legend in the field of church music, as an organist, a composer, and a theologian. If you have never heard his wonderfully entertaining presentation on hymns and congregational song, you are in for a real treat! He brings many years of experience (and anecdotes) which, coupled with his delightful sense of humor, are sure to bring smiles and a new perspective on worship. Since this is our annual Musician/Clergy dinner, we encourage you to bring your pastor(s) along with you. This is a program that will appeal not only to organists, but to anyone associated with Sunday morning worship, either as a leader or a participant. Following Dr. Lovelace's presentation, we will walk across the quad to Campbell Hall for a short Vesper Service in the chapel, which has a small yet versatile Schantz organ in a nice acoustic setting.

Michael Morgan,
Sub Dean

PLEASE NOTE: The Punch Bowl at 6 PM and Dinner at 6:30 PM will be held in Richards Center on the south side of the quad (off Kirk Road).

Vespers will be held in Campbell Hall Chapel following Dr. Lovelace's presentation.

Happiness is Being Certified!

There will be a session for those considering the Basic Organ Certificate (NPM), Service Playing or Colleague examinations at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM**. Participants will learn the requirements for each level, the process for application, the many reasons to pursue certification, and pointers for preparation. This is an information session, and there is no cost to the participants. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the church.

For additional information or directions, please contact Jeffrey McIntyre, CAGO, at 404-521-1866.

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COUNTDOWN TO CHICAGO!

We hope you can join us in magnificent Chicago! In addition to world-class ensembles, performers, dining and shopping, you will have the chance to experience one of the most wonderful fireworks displays anywhere! It is also a chance to celebrate the centenary of the Chicago Chapter of the AGO. We invite you to visit our Web site; you can access it from the AGO National Headquarters home page, www.agohq.org. Visit it early and often for exciting updates and venue information! See you in the Windy City!

Just So You'll Know....

The Atlanta Chapter of Lutherans Concerned North America is hosting the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Core Team Training right here in Atlanta, Georgia. The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, **Thursday, October 27 thru Sunday, October 30, 2005.**

The RIC Core Team Training specifically equips people to assist congregations work through the process of developing a welcoming statement and what it means to welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The deadline for Registration is October 10. The maximum capacity for this training session is 30 people. More information may be found at <http://www.lcna.org/>. When you go to the website click on RIC training to find out more detailed information. Many have found the training not only helpful in dealing with matters surrounding sexuality, but also with many other sensitive issues in ministry. Originally, this training was Lutheran specific, but it has grown into a wonderful and powerful ecumenical movement.

Join us for the Atlanta team training. One may register online or through mailing in the downloadable PDF form found at the LCNA website.

Submitted by
John Sabine
SE Regional Coordinator, LCNA

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Music at The Cathedral of St. Philip

Sunday Afternoon Recital Series - All recitals begin in the Cathedral at 3:30 p.m. as a prelude to the 4 p.m. Evensong, which is sung by the Cathedral Schola or Choir. Evensong on Third Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. is sung by the Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults.

OCTOBER

- 2 Daniel Stripe
- 9 Brandon Beacham, (Atlanta)
- 16 David Houston (Atlanta)
- 23 Mario Duella (Tivero, Italy)
- 30 Patrick Pope (Charlotte, NC)

NOVEMBER

- 6 Zach Hemenway (Rochester, NY)
- 13 Gregory Hooker (Arlington, VA)
- 20 Timothy Denton (Noblesville IN)
- 27 An Advent Procession

Concert Series

SUNDAY - 16 OCTOBER - 7:30 PM

at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Requiem

William Fred Scott, Conductor
Peachtree Road United Methodist Chancel Choir
and the St. Philip Cathedral Choir

The Swedish Radio Choir.....

..... will be traveling to the United States next summer for two concerts in Chicago. A more formal announcement is forthcoming about these concerts. Its artistic manager, Hanns Rodell, has asked AGO Chapters to announce that they are interested in securing additional venues for concerts while in this country. Although exact dates for this tour are not yet secured, it is expected that it will include the last two weeks of June and the first week of July 2006. If there is a greater interest, the tour may be extended.

If you have any interest in presenting this renowned choir, please contact Mr. C. Carroll Cole, Director of Concert Management at The American Boychoir. His contact information is as follows:

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ccole@americanboychoir.org

Worship Comes to Life

October 9-11, 2005

Candler School of Theology — Emory



A Message from The DEAN

Join me in sending Best Wishes and Thanks to Board Member **Michael Shake**, as he leaves Atlanta very soon for a new job in Dallas, Texas (see pg. 4 for more details). At our next meeting on October 8th, the Executive Board will welcome newly appointed **Charlene Ponder**, to fill Michael's place in the 'Class of 2007.'

Congratulations to **Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault**, whose 30th Anniversary at All Saints Episcopal Church will be celebrated on Sunday, October 16th, with a reception following worship which some of you may be able to attend.

Watch upcoming issues of TAO for announcements contributed by **Arden Starnes**, Secretary, reporting on Atlanta's 90th Anniversary Chapter Events!

Those arriving for the September 13th 'kick-off' of our 91st year, received yearbooks and had the opportunity to peruse a generous display of original music and CD's by **Charles Callahan**, before enjoying a lovely dinner and the delightful organ concert by Dr. Callahan at 8pm. **Sue Goddard**, AAGO, presented red carnations of "congratulations" to our members who recently passed Certification Exams: **Tim Shepard** passed the Service Playing Test, and our gracious host for the evening, **Jeffrey McIntyre**, passed the Colleague Exam. What an appropriate way to begin this year of outstanding programs by Michael Morgan, our Sub-Dean with whom I'm truly blessed to work! According to **Cynthia Forbes**, our devoted Registrar, we have more than 320 confirmed members since several joined last week. Heartfelt THANKS to **Charles Redmon**, for his hard work on formatting, printing, delivering, and distributing our Yearbooks! Were you unable to attend in September? Some terrific photos taken by **Will Rogers**, Chapter Photographer, may Already be posted on our website!

ENCLOSED with this newsletter, please find, read, and act as you are inspired - upon the informative new BROCHURE, presented to you from our Endowment and Investment Committee.

A word about page 11 of our 91st Anniversary Yearbook: Atlanta Chapter Committees have GROWN to the extent that names only are listed, and re-grouped under appropriate headings. If YOUR NAME is not listed on this page, please

take the initiative to contact the Chair of the Committee whose work is of interest to you! I'm happy to have **Jeff Harbin** as our new Membership Chair, and look forward to the ways Ideas for Chapters (provided at the most recent Region IV Convention) can be implemented here in Atlanta. The current National AGO Membership Campaign, "Each One, Reach One", will succeed expansively IF YOU WILL INVITE a prospective Member to each Chapter Event you attend this year - and keep a Membership brochure with you for unexpected opportunities. You are an essential, valued Member of this Chapter. Your talents and creative ideas are needed and welcomed.

Still clear in my memory from last April, are the performances by the young Winners of our 2005 Annual Chapter Scholarship Auditions. If you agree that it is vitally IMPORTANT for recent levels of GIVING to be maintained through the next two years of Regional Convention Planning and Preparation, PLEASE CONTRIBUTE NOW by sending/giving a check to James Mellichamp, our Treasurer and earmark it 'Fund for 2006 Scholarships!' On behalf of ALL the serious young organ students in our area, I THANK YOU!!

Do your best to keep **Saturday, November 12th**, available on your calendar to hear **Tamara & Timothy Albrecht** at St. Bede's Episcopal Church (near Northlake Mall), and invite others to join you that morning especially those leading children's music at your church. I sincerely hope it will be Possible for the clergy with whom you work, to join us as your Guests at Columbia Presbyterian Seminary on **Tuesday, October 11th!**

Joanne Brown,
Dean

Dinner Notes

Dinner Reservations

David Barber, *Chair*
by email: d_barber@bellsouth.net

Karen Bunn, *Chair*
by phone: 770.446.2084

Reservations for monthly meeting dinners 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 dinner check-in desk. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation 24 hours in advance of the dinner date - OR- you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance.

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Mozart – *Requiem*

The Music and Arts Program of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church is thrilled to present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Requiem. The PRUMC Chancel Choir and the Choir of the Cathedral of St. Philip will be presenting this masterwork *Sunday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.* Orchestra and soloists will join the choirs, with William Fred Scott conducting. Tickets are \$15 and \$10. Peachtree Road United Methodist Church is located at 3180 Peachtree Road, N.E., in Atlanta. For more information about the event, please call 404-240-8212.

Dinner Menu for 10/11

**Grilled Salmon — Wild Rice Medley — Sugar Peas
Mixed Green Salad — Dinner Rolls
Dessert: Chocolate Layer Cake**

In Memoriam



Ellen Hudson

October 3, 1915 – September 15, 2005

Devoted music educator, organist for more than 43

Did You Know ?

Our friend and colleague *Michael Shake*, currently associate organist at Atlanta's Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, has accepted the position as organist at Highland Park Presbyterian Church [PC (USA)], Dallas, Texas, beginning October 23rd. His final Sunday at PRUMC will be October 9th.

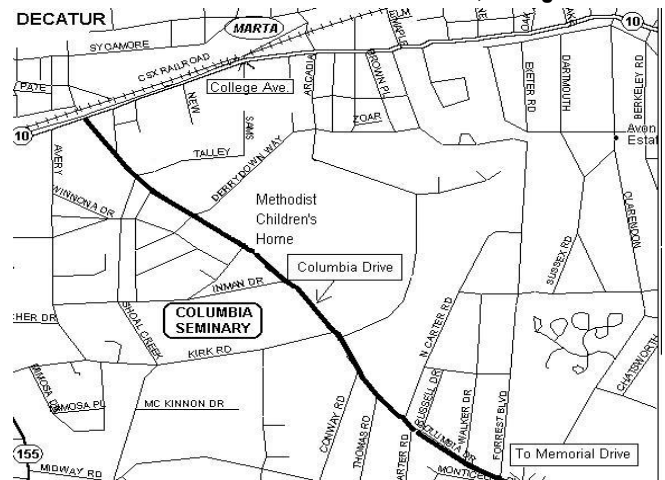
Here's some further exciting details on his new appointment:

- Church Membership: 4000+
- Sanctuary Organ – Casavant Opus 3555 (1983), IV/95
(Chancel console and two-manual Gallery console)
- Wynne Chapel Organ – Schoenstein (1992), III/37

Michael will be principal organist and play for three worship services each Sunday, accompany the Chancel Choir, the Highland Park Chorale, the Genesis Youth Choir, direct the Highlander Ringers handbell ensemble, play for weddings and memorials, perform an annual recital as part of the Highlander Concert Series and be actively involved with all aspects of the music program.

Best wishes, Michael, for wealth of blessings in your new environment and position.

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701 South Columbia Drive—Decatur, Georgia**



Events Calendar for October 2005

Saturday	1	8 PM	New Trinity Baroque	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
Sunday	2	3:30 PM	Daniel Stripe, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip
Friday	7	8 PM	The 5 Browns, Five Pianos	Ferst Center—Ga. Tech.
Sunday	9	3:30 PM	Brandon Beacham, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip
	9	7 PM	Hymn Festival—Sailers	Cannon Chapel — Emory
	9	7 PM	American Music for Organ	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal
Monday	10	7:30 AM	"Worship Comes to Life"	Candler School of Theology
Tuesday	11	7:30 AM	Conference	Candler School of Theology
	11	8 PM	Organ Premieries at Emory	Schwartz Performing Arts Ctr.
Friday	14	8:15 PM	Zurich Chamber Orchestra	Spivey Hall—CSU
Sunday	16	1:30 PM	Charles Boyd Tompkins, <i>organ</i>	Lutheran Ch. of The Redeemer
	16	2 PM	Colin Andrews, <i>organ</i>	Peachtree Christian Church
	16	3:30 PM	David Houston, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip
	16	4 PM	Samuel Metzger, <i>organ</i>	First Presbyterian/Covington
	16	7:30 PM	PRUMC & St. Philip Choirs	Peachtree Road UMC
			Mozart <i>REQUIEM</i>	
Wednesday	19	7 PM	Amandla Arts Trio, <i>Vocal/Piano</i>	Peachtree Road UMC
	19	8 PM	Kessler Reformation Concert	Schwartz Performing Arts Ctr.
Friday	21	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Singers	Peachtree Road UMC
	21	8 PM	Glory of Organ & Brass- <i>Wissler</i>	St. Brigid Catholic Church
Saturday	22	5 PM	Treble Honor Choir	Spivey Hall—CSU
Sunday	23	3 PM	Atlanta Baroque Orch. <i>All Bach</i>	Peachtree Road UMC
	23	3:30 PM	Mario Duella, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip
Friday	28	7:30 PM	Olivier Latry, <i>organ</i>	Piedmont College Chapel
	28	7:30 PM	Major: REQUIEM MASS	All Saints Episcopal
			IN C MINOR	<i>World Premier</i>
Saturday	29	5 PM	High School Honor Choir	Spivey Hall—CSU
Sunday	30	3 PM	Tenor, Oboe & Harpsichord	Spivey Hall—CSU
	30	3:30 PM	Patrick Pope, <i>organ</i>	Cathedral of St. Philip
	30	4 PM	Anemone Consort and	Holy Trinity Episcopal
			Musica Festiva	<i>Decatur</i>

Did you know? The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chamber Chorus will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City on October 27. Maestro Donald Runnicles conducts the multi-Grammy winning chorus and The Orchestra of St. Luke's in a single performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *REQUIEM*.



ORGAN PREMIERES AT EMORY



Tuesday, October 11, 8 PM

John A. Lennon – *Misericordia* - World Premiere

Steve Everett – *Vanitas* - World Premiere

For organ with live electronic manipulation

Karlheinz Stockhausen – *Klang: Erste Stunde* - U.S. Premiere

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Steve Everett, *Electronics*

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Emory Artist of the Month: University Organist Timothy Albrecht Launches the "Year of the Jaeckel"

Timothy Albrecht, Emory's University Organist, has kicked off Emory's season-long celebration of Emory's new 14-ton Jaeckel Opus 45, 3-manual, 54-stop mechanical action pipe organ with a free concert. The inaugural concert took place complete with standing room only in Schwartz Center, Emerson Concert Hall on Sunday, September 18 at 4 PM, and began what Albrecht is calling the "Year of the Jaeckel," after the organ's builder, Daniel Jaeckel, one of North America's top builders of hand-crafted organs. The program included exquisite performances of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor BWV 565, Toccata op. 81 by Joseph Jongen, Widor's Toccata from Symphony V, plus compositions by Dave Brubeck and Stephen Paulus.

Albrecht has organized thirteen other free organ events to celebrate the "Year of the Jaeckel," many of which take place during the Emory Organ Celebration Weekend, **Friday-Sunday, November 4-6, 2005**. For more information about Year of the Jaeckel events, call 404-727-5050 or go to www.arts.emory.edu.



Further details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web site: www.goatlanta.org — then click on "Employment."

Sandy Springs Christian Church 301 Johnson Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30328-1819, 404-256-2582 Interim Director of Music Ministries (8/31/05 thru 12/31/05) <http://www.sandyspringscc.org>. Send resume to map@mindspring.com or Fax to 770-956-7766.

Kingswood United Methodist Church 5015 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody GA, 30338 (770-457-1317) www.kingswoodumc.org Full-time Director of Music Ministry. Send resume to "Music Director Search" c/o Dr. Dave Benson, Senior Pastor at the above address, or fax to 770-454-7330, or e-mail to: musicsearch@kingswoodumc.org

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation 1200 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068-2552. 770.971.2738. Organist for a growing suburban Atlanta church. Send resume or contact Jerid Morisco at 404.643.8586, or email him at musicdirector@lclutheran.org.

First Presbyterian Church — 206 Willowbend Road, Peachtree City, GA is seeking an organist for traditional worship. Interested musicians may contact Tom Perkins, 770-487-7757 or tperkins@firstpres.com.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church (USA) 1272 Ledford Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512 706-745-0607 Organist/choirmaster for 130 member church in the mountains of North Georgia. Send resume or contact The Rev. Susan Johnson (fathersue@alltel.net).

Chattahoochee Christian Church 10800 Bell Rd., Duluth, GA 30097 is searching for a Part-time Director of Church Music. For job description and interview contact Dr. Jack L. Snellgrove at chchch@bellsouth.net or call 770-418-1101.



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CHAPTER'S YEAR AT A GLANCE

The 2005-2006 season's Calendar of Events

- November 12** Workshops: **Tamara & Timothy Albrecht**
St. Bede's Episcopal Church
(Saturday, 10:00-2:00, with lunch)
- December 27** Christmas Party at the home of Warren Williams
(complete with pipe organ and exquisite food!)
- January 10** Celebration of African-American Organ Music
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Trey Clegg, host
- February 17** **Christopher Pardini, Organist**
North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Jamie Shiell, host
- March 14** **Members' Recital — "Organ Plus One"**
First Presbyterian Church, Marietta
- April** Commissioned work for Easter
[No Monthly Meeting] *David Kocsis, composer*
- May 9** **Annual Guild Service**
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
John Coble, host

Mark your calendars, and plan to attend as often as you are able!

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Executive Board Meeting

Saturday — October 8, 2005 — 9:30 AM
Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington St., SW

The Saddle Saga . . . continued from pg. 6

This delightful tidbit was discovered in a recent church bulletin many of you may have already seen:

Some of you have asked about the ARAB QUOTE in Pastor's homily last week: There is a Arab saying: "If someone calls you a donkey or ass, ignore them and keep on going on your own way. If five or six people call you one, it is time for you to buy a saddle."

A Note from Alice Walker.....

There will be a very special concert *Sunday, October 16th* at Covington First Presbyterian Church beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. **Samuel Metzger**, Principal Organist at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (Fort Lauderdale) will perform. Becky Ramsey and I will assist Samuel on a transcription of the Toccata (Moto Perpetua) from the Symphonie Concertante, Op. 81, by Joseph Jongen.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this extraordinary concert in the beautiful city of Covington.

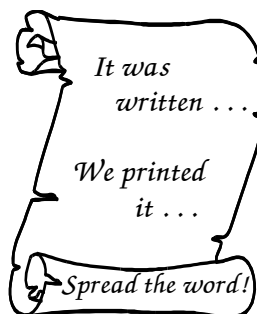
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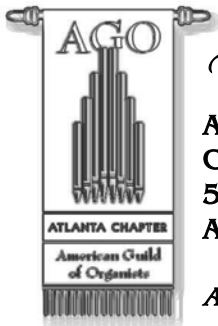


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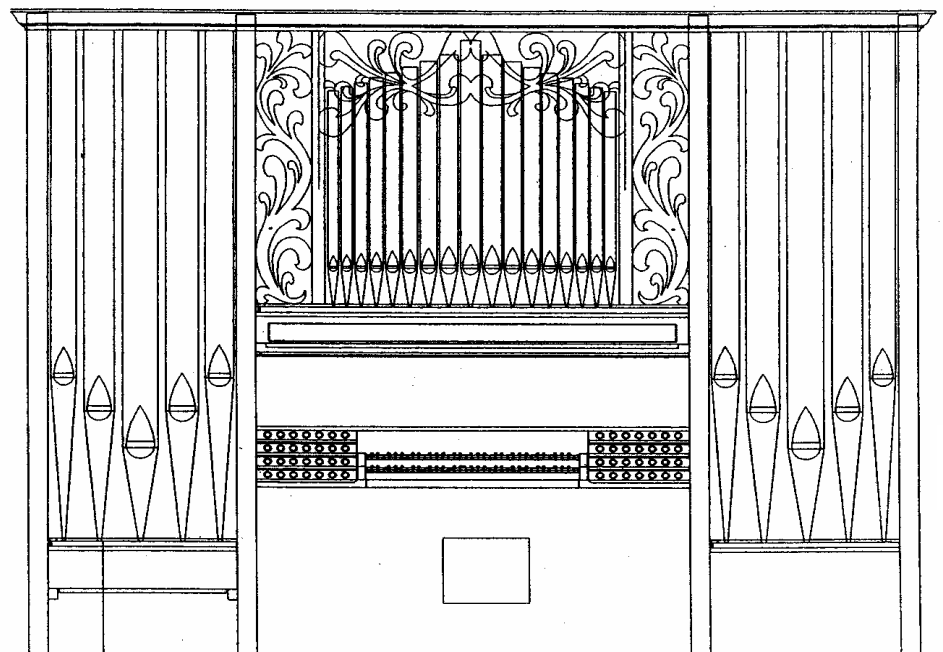
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