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A Wreath of Carols: Organ Music for Advent & Christmas

Matthew Michael Brown, presenter

Join us virtually as St. Luke Episcopal Church's new Director of Music, Matthew Michael Brown, presents a program of useful organ repertoire for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. The workshop will feature new ideas for service music demonstrated on St. Luke's 90-rank Austin/Zimmer organ.

This event will be pre-recorded and available as a video on the Atlanta Chapter website on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Matthew Michael Brown was appointed Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in downtown Atlanta in February of this year. Mr. Brown frequently concertizes throughout the USA and abroad, and several performances have been heard in radio broadcasts of American Public Media's **Pipedreams** and the nationally syndicated program, **With** Heart and Voice. He has performed as a guest artist in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, London; Barcelona Cathedral, Spain; Washington National Cathedral; Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York; Princeton University Chapel; Assembly Hall of the Mormon Tabernacle; Boston's Trinity Church on Copley Square; and the Episcopal cathedrals of Atlanta, Charleston, and Nashville. Mr. Brown holds degrees from the North Carolina School of the Arts and The Eastman School of Music, respectively. As a grant recipient from the Robert Carwithen Foundation, he pursued two years of post-graduate organ studies with Dame Gillian Weir. His other major teachers included David Higgs, Jack Mitchener, and Wayne Leupold. He is a former dean of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and currently manages the Royal School of Church Music in America's annual Carolina Course at Duke University.

From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe it is October already, especially since we are not able to meet as we normally would this time of year. However, we have an exciting season of virtual programs scheduled in the coming months and I hope you will join us for each event. This month, Matthew Michael Brown will present a program featuring new ideas for service music for the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. Next month, Herb Buffington will host a workshop on improvisation. To make the most of this event, Herb has asked for feedback on which aspects of improvisation would be of particular interest to everyone. If you have suggestions, please send me an email at <u>peter.waggoner@stjamesmarietta.com</u>, and I will relay your responses to Herb. In December, our Sub-Dean, Cliff Frierson, will host a virtual "progressive" Christmas Recital, featuring organists from around our chapter and a few from around the country.

As we become accustomed to a more virtual experience, at least for now, I encourage you to take advantage of the upcoming performances in our area listed on the chapter calendar. I also highly recommend visiting the AGO national website, which is being updated regularly with new presentations ranging from organ technique to helpful tutorials on live-streaming and virtual choir technology.

Last month we announced a new program offering Pandemic Assistance Grants to our members who have been directly affected by the coronavirus. To date, we have disbursed several grants which have been very gratefully received. There is still funding available, so if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. The application is included in this issue.

I hope you are all well.

Best regards,

Peter H. Waggoner Dean, AGO Atlanta

AGO Atlanta 2020-2021 Remaining Chapter Events

Saturday, November 14, 2020, 10:00 AM — Improvisation with Herb Buffington

Saturday, December 12, 2020, 10:00 AM — Atlanta Chapter Virtual Christmas Recital

Saturday, January 23, 2021, 7:00 PM — Chapter-wide Zoom Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2021, Time TBD — Organ Music for Lent and Easter with Vicki Fey

April, date and time TBD — Young Members' Recital at Dunwoody United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 11:00 AM — Chapter Meeting & Guild Service at St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell

October 2020 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location Adn	nission
Thursday	10/1	8:00 PM	Shaham/Spano/ASO: Mozart/Beethoven	Symphony Hall, ONLINE	\$
Saturday	10/3	8:00 PM	Vega String Quartet: Beethoven String Quartet Cycle V	Schwartz Center, Emory, ONLINE	
Sunday	10/4	3:15 PM	Oliver, Brett, organ	The Cathedral of St. Philip, ONLINE	
Tuesday	10/6	7:00 PM	Taizé Service	Central Presbyterian Church, ONLINE	
Sunday	10/11	3:15 PM	The Chenault Organ Duo	The Cathedral of St. Philip, ONLINE	
Thursday	10/15	8:00 PM	Barnatan/Spano/ASO: Barber/Mozart/Tchaikovsky	Symphony Hall, ONLINE	\$
Sunday	10/18	3:15 PM	Theodore Davis, organ	The Cathedral of St. Philip, ONLINE	
Thursday	10/22 10/22	7:30 PM 8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Leoncavallo's <i>Pagliacci</i> Eudeikis/Runnicles/ASO: Haydn/Mozart	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University Symphony Hall, ONLINE	
Friday	10/23 10/23	7:30 PM 8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Ullman's <i>The Kaiser of Atlantis</i> Atlanta Chamber Players	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University First Presbyterian, Atlanta	
Saturday	10/24 10/24	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Leoncavallo's <i>Pagliacci</i> The Chenault Organ Duo	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University \$ Grace Episcopal Church, Gainesville, ONLINE	
Sunday	10/25 10/25	3:15 PM 7:30 PM	Bruce Xu, <i>organ</i> The Atlanta Opera: Ullman's <i>The Kaiser of Atlantis</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip, ONLINE Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University \$	
Wednesday	10/28	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Leoncavallo's Pagliacci	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University	
Thursday	10/29	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Ullman's The Kaiser of Atlantis	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University	\$
Friday	10/30 10/30	12:00 noon 7:30 PM	Bach's Lunch The Atlanta Opera: Leoncavallo's <i>Pagliacci</i>	First Presbyterian, Atlanta, ONLINE Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University \$	
Saturday	10/31	7:30 PM	The Atlanta Opera: Ullman's The Kaiser of Atlantis	Hermance Stadium at Oglethorpe University	\$

New Members

Diana Blosser Peachtree City, GA

Dr. Dawn H. Mccord, DMA, NCTM Carrollton, GA

Dr. Alan Raines Dallas, TX

Atlanta Chapter Pandemic Assistance Grants

On August 1, 2020, the Executive Committee of AGO Atlanta approved a program of "Pandemic Assistance Grants" to be made available to chapter members who have been significantly financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Amount: One-time grants of \$750.00 are now being offered to individual members of the Atlanta Chapter.

Eligibility: Current chapter members who have been furloughed or laid off from any of the following: a salaried organist position, a regular per diem organist position, or freelance organist work, the sum of which is an important component of personal income.

Applications: Please email Peter Waggoner, Dean, at <u>peter.waggoner@stjamesmarietta</u>, and include your answers to the questions below. All applications and inquiries are confidential. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all available funds are disbursed.

Name of applicant:

Name and address of furloughing or terminating institution(s):

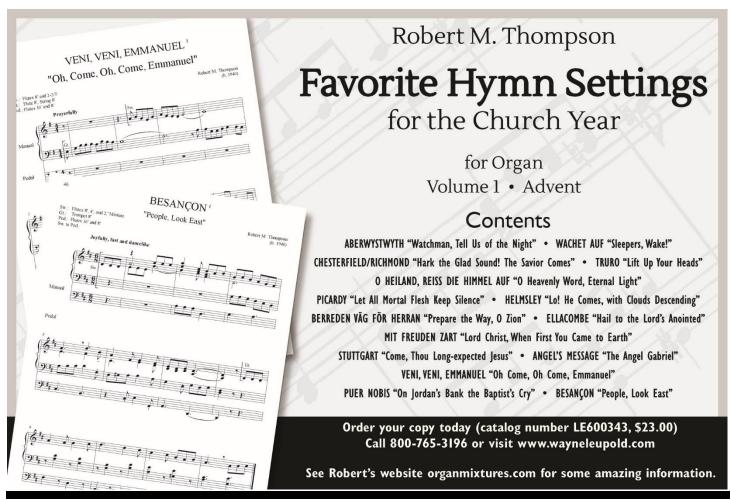
Position at institution(s):

Date(s) laid off/furloughed:

Date expected to return to work (if known and applicable):

Is this lost income considered significant income for you?

Additional information or comments you would like to share:



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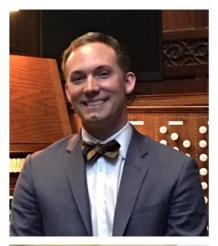
Budget vs. Actual July 2019 to June 2020

	В	udget	Actual
Revenues			
Dues	\$	11,000.00	\$ 10,275.00
Advertising	Φ	5,000.00	4,140.00
Transfer from Schwab for scholarships		5,000.00	3,000.00
Transfer from Schwab for website		3,000.00	4,000.00
Used music		3,000.00	4,000.00
Reimbursement from AGO for exams			- 29.53
Scholarship donation			29.00
Transfer from Schwab for 2020 Conv.			5,000.00
Donations to 2020 Convention			4,829.73
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Total Revenues	\$	24.000.00	\$ 31,274.26
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Expenses			
Bank fees	\$		\$-
Artist and host church expenses		9,000.00	9,080.04
Dinner Expense in excess of receipts		1,000.00	816.04
Newsletter		750.00	404.00
Newsletter Postage		200.00	62.00
Yearbook mailing		650.00	210.74
Office Supplies & Expenses		150.00	(50.00)
Postage - other		50.00	-
Yearbook		2,750.00	1,562.38
Website - hosting and upkeep		2,100.00	2,495.79
Donation to AGO Annual Fund		1,000.00	-
Regional convention sponsorship		250.00	-
Membership retention efforts		200.00	-
Certification expenses		750.00	- (7 07)
AGO exam expenses			(7.97)
RCYO expense Scholarships		5,000.00	4,200.00
Expenses for scholarship auditions		5,000.00 75.00	4,200.00
Loans to 2020 Convention		75.00	14,500.00
Transfer donations to convention acct.			5,027.23
Tax preparation fee for 2018-2019			2,900.00
			2,000.00
Total Expenses	\$	23,960.00	\$ 41,200.25
Revenues in excess of expenses	\$	40.00	\$ (9,925.99)



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October 18, 2020 | 4:15 p.m. Organ Recital by Charles Higgs St. Luke's Music Associate (2007-2016) Music by Wagner, Krebs, Foote, Tikker, Jongen, and Widor

October 18, 2020 | 5 p.m. Virtual Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Luke Adult Choir and Choristers of St. Luke's Music by Phillips, Cowgill, Wood, and Vaughan Williams



November 1, 2020 | 5 p.m. Litanies: French Music of Remembrance Matthew Michael Brown, *organist* Music by Alain, Dupré, Duruflé, and Ravel

In keeping with guidelines set forth by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will livestream all performances. Concerts will be available via www.stlukesatlanta.org/live, the St. Luke's Facebook page, and the St. Luke's YouTube channel.

> The Reverend Ed Bacon, Interim Rector Matthew Michael Brown, Director of Music • Colleen Kingston, Director of Children & Youth Music

Around the Chapter

In this most unusual time of pandemic, many churches and arts organizations are offering online virtual recitals, concerts, and services. A few of these require a paid ticket for access, but many of them are free of charge and available to anyone online. See the Calendar of Events on page 3 for a more complete listing. Below are some of the opportunities available:

Online Taizé Service at Central Presbyterian Church

Central Presbyterian Church, downtown Atlanta, will host a virtual Taizé` service on **Tuesday**, **October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** The service will be posted on the church website, Facebook page, and YouTube, as well as via Zoom. If you can't make it at the designated time, the service will be available on the church's webpage indefinitely following the event. Questions? Contact Vicki Fey at <u>vfey@cpcatlanta.org</u>.

Online Sunday Afternoon Recitals at the Cathedral of St. Philip

While the normal schedule of in-person Sunday services at **the Cathedral of St. Philip** has been put on hold for the foreseeable future, many opportunities are available online. In addition to online Eucharistic services at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. on Sundays, the Cathedral also offers our **online Sunday afternoon recitals** at **3:15 p.m.** either on the Cathedral's website (<u>www.cathedralATL.org/concerts</u>) or on one of the Cathedral's two Facebook pages, "The Cathedral of St. Philip" and "Music at the Cathedral of St. Philip." All of these recitals are also available to access in the days and weeks following the recitals. Our list of recitalists for September and October includes the following (all organists unless stated otherwise):

September 13, 3:15 p.m. — Caroline Robinson, Associate Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Philip September 20, 3:15 p.m. — Sarah Hawbecker, Organist & Director of Children's Music, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer September 27, 3:15 p.m. — Oak Martin, student at The Curtis Institute of Music October 4, 3:15 p.m. — Oliver Brett, Music Associate & Choirmaster, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church October 11, 3:15 p.m. — The Chenault Organ Duo, Organists Emeriti, All Saints' Episcopal Church October 18, 3:15 p.m. — Theodore Davis, Organist & Choirmaster, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD October 25, 3:15 p.m. — Bruce Xu, student at Rice University

Livestreamed Concerts at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

On Friday, October 23, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., the Atlanta Chamber Players will offer their 45th season opener, featuring the world premiere of David Garner's Crow and Melt. Go to <u>https://www.firstpresatl.org/concerts-at-first</u> for access.

On **Friday**, **October 30**, **2020**, **at 12:00 noon**, the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta and Concerts @ First co-present a program of Bach entitled "**Bach's Lunch**," featuring Bach's second Violin Sonata and second Cello Sonata, performed by Christopher Rex, *cello*; Amy Schwartz Moretti, *violin*; and William Ransom, *piano*. Go to <u>https://www.firstpresatl.org/concerts-at-first</u> for access.

The Chenault Duo in Recital Online at Grace Episcopal Church, Gainesville

On Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m., organists Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault will perform a livestreamed recital at Grace Episcopal Church in Gainesville. The program will include a range of duets by Gaston Litaize, Richard Shephard, Gerre Hancock, David will Briggs, and others. The livestream be accessible free of charge via the church's website (www.gracechurchgainesville.org/worship/music/friends-of-music/) and Facebook page.

Online Organ Recitals and Virtual Evensongs at Christ Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT

Christ Church Parish, New Haven, CT, presents a series of eight organ recitals before Evensong and Benediction during the 2020-2021 season. Artists include Jason Roberts, Nathaniel Gumbs, Benjamin Straley, Janet Yieh, Carolyn Craig, Vaughn Mauren, Christopher Houlihan, and Thomas Williford. Recitals begin at **4:30 p.m. every fourth Sunday of the month** followed by Evensong and Benediction at 5 pm. Visit christchurchnh.org/e-b to join by live stream. (The church building is not open to the public at this time.)

These performances are generously supported by the Marjorie Jolidon Fund at the Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The Cathedral of St. Philip

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

Sunday, September 20

3:15 p.m. Sarah Hawbecker, organ

(Organist, Redeemer Lutheran Church) Felix Mendelssohn, Sonata in B-flat Major, Op. 65, No. 4 Leo Sowerby, Meditation on Picardy Louis Vierne, "Pastorale" from Symphony I in D minor, Op. 14 Rachel Laurin, Finale pour orgue, Op. 78

Sunday, September 27

3:15 p.m. Oak Martin, organ

(student at Curtis Institute of Music) Johann Sebastian Bach, *Trio Sonata in C Major*, BWV 529 Margaret Vardell Sandresky, *Sonata No. 1 for Organ* William Grant Still, *Elegy*

Sunday, October 4

3:15 p.m. Oliver Brett, organ

(Associate Organist, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church) Herbert Howells, *Rhapsody No. 3 in C sharp minor* John Ireland, Elegiac *Romance* Edward Elgar, "Andante espressivo" from *Organ Sonata in G* William Walton, *Coronation March "Orb and Sceptre"*

Sunday, October 11

3:15 p.m. The Chenault Organ Duo

(Organists Emeriti, All Saints' Episcopal Church) Gaston Litaize, "Choral" (from *Sonate à Deux*) Rachel Laurin, *Cantabile à Deux* (world premiere) Philip Moore, *Triptych*

Sunday, October 18

3:15 p.m. Theodore Davis, organ (Organist, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD) Florentine Price, *Suite No. 1 for Organ*

Henri Mulet, Esquisses Byzantines

Sunday, October 25

3:15 p.m. Bruce Xu, organ

(student at Rice University) Johann Sebastian Bach, *Prelude & Fugue in B minor*, BWV 544 Max Reger, *Benedictus*, Op.59

Olivier Messiaen, "Alleluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel" from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen, "Dieu parmi nous" from La Nativité du Seigneur

Positions Available

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

Music Director/Keyboardist

Central Congregational United Church of Christ, Atlanta, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resumes to <u>keyboardposition@central-ucc.org</u>.

Cross of Life Lutheran Church, Atlanta, seeks an interim organist. Contact <u>pastorterri@crossoflifelutheran.org</u> for information.

Peachtree Road Lutheran Church, Atlanta, seeks a Director of Music Ministries. Send resume to: <u>peachtreerd@earthlink.net</u>.

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to <u>gcalvary@windstream.net</u>.

First United Methodist Church, Dalton, seeks an organist/pianist. Send resume to <u>daltonfumcmusic@gmail.com</u>.

First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, seeks a Director of Music. Send resume to Rev. Will Scott at <u>wscott@firstpresdalton.org</u>.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Marietta, seeks an organist/pianist. Send resume to <u>jamie.dick@epres.org</u>.

Mountain View United Methodist Church, Marietta, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resume to khginc@bellsouth.net.

Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, Marietta, seeks a pianist. Send resume to <u>pilgrimageuccworship@gmail.com</u>.

Newnan Presbyterian Church seeks a Director of Music. Email <u>lallagentry@gmail.com</u> for information.

St. George Catholic Church, Newnan, seeks a Director of Music/Organist. Send resume to mcormier@stgeorgenewnan.org.

Christ Church Episcopal, Norcross, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to <u>office@ccnorcross.org</u>.

Roswell Presbyterian Church seeks a part-time organist. Email resume to <u>organistsearch@roswellpres.org</u>.

Rivercliff Lutheran Church, Sandy Springs, seeks a parttime choir director. Mail resume to 8750 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30350.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, AL, seeks a full-time Assistant Director of Music & Organist. Send resumes to talexander@trinitypca.org.

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Lexington, SC, seeks a part-time Organist/Music Associate. For more information, contact Hal McIntosh at <u>hmcintosh@saxegotha.org</u>, 803-359-7770.

Singers

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, seeks an alto staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Jeffrey McIntyre at 404-805-4816 or jdmatl@aol.com.

First United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a tenor staff singer. For an audition, contact Christopher Bryant at Christopher@atlantafirstumc.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, seeks a bass or baritone staff singer. To arrange an audition, contact pam@cartersvillepres.org.



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