



# The Organizer

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

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## September Atlanta AGO Programs

### Robert McCormick Hymn Improvisation

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

805 Mount Vernon Hwy  
Atlanta, GA 30327



Saturday, September 7, 2024  
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

### Annual Chapter Meeting Website Rollout

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

3098 St Anne's Ln NW  
Atlanta, GA 30327



Saturday, September 21, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will be announcing our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, as well as launching the new chapter website. The company in charge of the new website's design and functionality have booked their flights to be here with us. We are excited about the impressive amount of functionality for members, board members, and accessibility for the American Theatre Organ Society and national AGO members. Importantly, we want your input for final tweaks while the company is there with us. There will be a catered lunch at noon, and an email regarding reservations will be forthcoming. If you don't have the capacity to RSVP electronically via email or website, please call Timothy Gunter at 404-365-1050 and RSVP.

## September 2024

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# From the Dean

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Happy New Program Year. This year we celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Atlanta AGO. On October 6, 1914, the Georgia Chapter (chartered as the Atlanta Chapter in 1955) of the AGO was formed. The board was very active last year and did a significant amount of work to make this year possible. I am honored to continue that work as your new dean.

Our first event is on Saturday, September 7, and it's a double header: in the morning, we will be joined by Robert McCormick from Philadelphia for a hymn improvisation masterclass and in the evening, we support our friend and colleague Dr. Nicole Marane with her solo concert at Marietta FUMC. An email with more details will be sent later this week.

Please join us on Saturday, September 21 (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. We will be announcing our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, as well as launching the new chapter website. The company in charge of the new website's design and functionality have booked their flights to be here with us. We are excited about the impressive amount of functionality for members, board members, and accessibility for the American Theatre Organ Society and national AGO members. Importantly, we want your input for final tweaks while the company is there with us.

Also at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will honor Adele Dieckmann McKee, in whose name the Board has created a newly formed fund. Want to be a contributing founder to the fund? Please, consider donating \$110 (in honor of our 110<sup>th</sup>). Last year's and this year's board have both committed to \$110/each and we hope you will too. You can find us on PayPal at "Atlanta AGO" or you can send a check to our treasurer, Nancy Dickson or you can simply give a check to Nancy in person on September 21. If mailing a check, do not list Nancy as treasurer on the envelope as that could invite envelopes to be mysteriously not delivered. Checks should be made out to the "Atlanta AGO" with "ADM Fund" in the memo to:

AGO Atlanta  
c/o Nancy Dickson  
PO Box 76338  
Atlanta, GA 30358-1338

We will be catering a lunch on the 21<sup>st</sup> as well. An RSVP will be forthcoming so we can properly plan the correct amount of food. (If you don't have the capacity to RSVP electronically via email or website, please call Timothy Gunter at 404-365-1050 and RSVP.) With hopes that all of this whets your appetite for the coming year...

See you on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>,

Dr. Sean Vogt  
Dean, Atlanta AGO

# September 2024 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Saturday	9/7	9:00 AM	<b>AGO Meeting:</b> Robert McCormick, Hymn Improvisation Masterclass	Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church	Free
	9/7	7:00 PM	Nicole Marane, <i>organ</i>	First United Methodist Church, Marietta	Free
Sunday	9/8	3:15 PM	Chase Loomer, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	9/8	3:15 PM	Mosaic String Quartet	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Free
	9/8	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	9/8	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Choir of St. Luke's	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Free
Monday	9/9	12:00 noon	Jack Mitchener, Organ Demonstration	Schwartz Center, Emory	Free
	9/9	7:00 PM	Vega String Trio; Will Ransom, <i>piano</i>	Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Jasper	Free
Sunday	9/15	3:15 PM	Mason Copeland, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	9/15	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
Wednesday	9/18	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
Thursday	9/19	8:00 PM	Schumann/Mahler, Moreau/Stutzmann/ASO	Symphony Hall	\$44-210
Friday	9/20	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
	9/20	8:00 PM	Sarah Chang, <i>violin</i> ; Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome, <i>piano</i>	Schwartz Center, Emory	\$55
Saturday	9/21	9:00 AM	<b>AGO Meeting: Website Rollout</b>	St. Anne's Episcopal Church	Free
	9/21	8:00 PM	Schumann/Mahler, Moreau/Stutzmann/ASO	Symphony Hall	\$44-210
Sunday	9/22	2:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
	9/22	3:15 PM	John Sherer, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	9/22	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
Wednesday	9/25	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
Thursday	9/26	8:00 PM	Mahler/Shostakovich, Barron/Hasselhorn/Stutzmann/ASO	Symphony Hall	\$29-145
Friday	9/27	8:00 PM	Mahler/Shostakovich, Barron/Hasselhorn/Stutzmann/ASO	Symphony Hall	\$29-145
	9/27	8:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
	9/27	8:00 PM	Jack Mitchener, <i>organ</i>	Schwartz Center, Emory	Free
Sunday	9/29	2:00 PM	The Atlanta Opera, Puccini's <i>La Bohème</i>	Pullman Yards	\$30-175
	9/29	3:15 PM	Michael Ging, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free
	9/29	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir	The Cathedral of St. Philip	Free

## 2024-2025 AGO Meetings & Programs

Date	Location	Program/Artist	Dinner, Reception, etc.
<b>Sep. 7</b> (Saturday) 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church</b> 805 Mount Vernon Hwy\ Atlanta, GA 30327	<b>Robert McCormick</b> Hymn Improvisation Masterclass	
<b>Sep. 7</b> (Saturday) 7:00 p.m.	<b>First United Methodist Church of Marietta</b> 56 Whitlock Ave NW Marietta, GA 30064	<b>Nicole Marane</b>	
<b>Sep. 21</b> (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>St. Anne's Episcopal Church</b> 3098 St Anne's Ln NW Atlanta, GA 30327	<b>Atlanta Chapter Annual Meeting</b> New Website Rollout	Lunch
<b>Nov. 9</b> (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Robert McCormick</b> Hymn Improvisation Masterclass	
<b>Jan 10</b> (Friday) 7:00 p.m.	<b>The Cathedral of St. Philip</b> 2744 Peachtree Road, NW Atlanta, GA 30305	<b>Michael Barone</b> 110 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert: Then & Now	
<b>Jan 11</b> (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Robert McCormick</b> Hymn Improvisation Masterclass	
<b>Feb. 8</b> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Druid Hills Presbyterian Church</b> 1026 Ponce De Leon Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30306	<b>Michael Burkhardt</b> Hymn Improvisation Workshop (10:00) Hymn Festival (7:00) (Choir participation open to all)	
<b>May 10</b> (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church</b> 805 Mount Vernon Hwy Atlanta, GA 30327	<b>Robert McCormick</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m. (rehearsal) 1:00 p.m. Evensong	11:30 a.m. lunch (everyone)



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# Gala Organ Concert

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY  
*Dr. Nicole Marane, Organist*  
*John Lawless, Percussionist*

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# Around the Chapter

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## **Gala Organ Concert with Dr. Nicole Marane at Marietta First United Methodist Church**

On Saturday, September 7, First United Methodist Church of Marietta will offer an organ concert by Dr. Nicole Marane, showing the capabilities of their new Glatter-Götz organ. The performance will feature percussionists — including the renowned John Lawless — in transcriptions of three well known pieces of music, *Star Wars (Main Title)*, movements from *Interstellar*, and *Fanfare for the Common Man*. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## **St. Luke's Episcopal Church Presents the Mosaic String Quartet**

On Sunday, September 8, the Mosaic String Quartet — Jessica Stinson & Tramaine Jones; *violin*; Shadwa Mussad; *viola*; and Alana Bennett-Garcia, *cello* — will perform a pre-Evensong concert at 3:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Choral Evensong will follow at 4:00, sung by the Adult Choir of St. Luke's. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## **Sunday Afternoon 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. for the Sundays listed below during the month of September. Recitalists will include the following:

September 8 — Chase Loomer (The Cathedral of St. Philip)

September 15 — Mason Copeland (Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA)

September 22 — John Sherer (St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rochester, NY)

September 29 — Michael Ging (Managing Partner, Seven Eight Artists)

A service of Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Schola or the Cathedral Choir, follows each recital at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## **Emory Organ Demonstration with Jack Mitchener**

On Monday, September 9 at 12 noon, Jack Mitchener will give a demonstration of the organ in Emerson Concert Hall at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Emory University. Admission is free and all are welcome.

## **Vega String Trio at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Jasper**

On Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m., the Vega String Trio with guest pianist Will Ransom will offer a concert of piano quartets and string trios at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 189 Bent Tree Dr., Jasper GA 30143. The concert is free admission and open to the public.

## **Organ Recital by Jack Mitchener at Emory University**

On Friday, September 27 at 8:00 p.m., Jack Mitchener will offer an organ recital for the annual conference of the American Bach Society. The theme of the conference is "Global Bach," and the recital will feature works by J.S. Bach, W.F. Bach, Buxtehude, Hailstork, Homilius, Mendelssohn, Sandresky, Smyth, and Whitehead. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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## Sunday, September 8

### 3:15 p.m. Chase Loomer, organ

(The Cathedral of St. Philip)

Florence Price, "Fantasy" from *Suite No. 1 for Organ*

Brenda Portman, *Scherzo*

Louis Vierne, "Adagio" from *Symphony No. 3 in F-sharp minor*

Maurice Ravel, "Forlane" from *Le Tombeau de Couperin*

Chase Loomer, Improvisation on *Engelberg*

### 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Richard Shephard, *Preces & Responses*

Herbert Howells, *St. Paul's Cathedral*

Richard Shephard, *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Edward Bairstow, *Save us, O Lord, waking*

## Sunday, September 15

### 3:15 p.m. Mason Copeland, organ

(Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA)

J.S. Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in G Major*, BWV 541

J.S. Bach, *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*, BWV 662

Felix Mendelssohn, *Andante in D Major*

Robert Schumann, *Canon in C Major*, Op. 56, No. 1

Robert Schumann, *Fugue on BACH*, Op. 60, No. 2

### 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Paul Halley, *Preces & Responses*

Jessica French, *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis*

Craig Phillips, *Hymn to the Trinity*

Frank Ferko, *Laus Trinitati*

## Sunday, September 22

### 3:15 p.m. John Sherer, organ

(St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rochester, NY)

Charles-Marie Widor, *Symphony No. 6 in G minor*, Op. 42

### 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Schola

Thomas Tomkins, *Preces & Responses*

John Hilton the Younger in Gamut

John Hilton the Younger, *Teach me, O Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn, *How lovely are the messengers*

## Sunday, September 29

### 3:15 p.m. Michael Ging, organ

(Managing Partner, Seven Eight Artists)

J.S. Bach, *Fantasia in G Major* ("Pièce d'Orgue"), BWV 572

Pierre Attaignant, *Dances and Chansons from the French*

*Renaissance*

Florence Price, *Adoration*

Nicolaus Bruhns, *Praeludium in E Minor* ("The Great")

### 4 p.m. Choral Evensong, Cathedral Choir

Richard Shephard, *Preces & Responses*

Charles Villiers Stanford in G

Charles Villiers Stanford, *And I saw another angel*

Bob Chilcott, *Angel voices ever singing*

# Positions Available

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

## Music Director/Keyboardist

**St. Mark United Methodist Church**, Atlanta, seeks a full-time Organist & Director of Fine Arts. Send resume to [office@stmarkumc.org](mailto:office@stmarkumc.org).

**Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church**, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist/pianist-choirmaster. Send resumes to [Office@grace-calvary.org](mailto:Office@grace-calvary.org).

**Mountain Park United Methodist Church**, Lilburn, seeks a part-time organist. Contact David Walters at [david.walters@mountainparkumc.org](mailto:david.walters@mountainparkumc.org) for more information.

**First Global Methodist Church**, Norcross, seeks a part-time organist/accompanist. They also seek a part-time Worship Leader. Send resumes to Director of Music Ministry Scott Keesey at [Scott@Norcrossfirst.org](mailto:Scott@Norcrossfirst.org).

**St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church**, Sandy Springs, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resumes to Bryan Archer at [barcher@judeatl.com](mailto:barcher@judeatl.com).



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