

The Organizer

American Guild of Organists

Atlanta Chapter

John Schwandt Plays September 10 Guild Service at Peachtree Christian

"John Schwandt won the AGO National Competition in Organ Improvisation this summer by a first ever unanimous decision of the judges..."

Grace Notes,
October 1998

Join the Atlanta AGO Chapter members on Tuesday, September 10th, as its 2002-2003 season begins with the annual Guild Service. Thanks to host Herb Buffington, organist, and to Jim Bell, Minister of Music at Peachtree Christian Church. In the rear gallery is a 57 rank Fratelli Ruffatti instrument (1974). The 35 rank Pilcher in the front has been restored to its original 1928 stoplist. A new 4-manual now controls both instruments, totaling 103 ranks.

Our guest artist, John Daniel Schwandt, graduated *cum laude* from St. Olaf College, where he was a student of Dr. John Ferguson. Dr. Schwandt now teaches Music Theory and Church Music at Indiana University School of Music, where he received the Master's Degree, Performer's Certificate in organ, and the Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature, studying with Larry Smith. Dr. Schwandt teaches private students in organ interpretation and improvisation, has been featured on NPR's *Pipedreams*, and is represented by En Chamade Artists. At the North American Selection Round of the Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival & Competition at Spivey Hall in May, John Schwandt ended his performance with an impressive improvisation on the hymntune *Yigdal*, combined with an original theme by Simon Preston.

Dr. Schwandt will include some improvisations, which are in line with the questions on AGO Certification Exams. Would you like to try your hand (and foot!) this week at any of these hymn tunes? *Lauda anima*, *St. Elisabeth*, *Hyfrydol*, *Westminster Abbey*, and *Jesu, Jesu* (from Ghana). Let us worship together in song, hear inspiring readings, and share in the wonder of creative hymn improvisation!

Season Opener

Peachtree Christian Church
1580 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta
(404) 876-5535
Herb Buffington, host

\$10.00

Reservation Deadline

Thursday, September 5
(404) 233-7206
<johnsabine@earthlink.net>

Tuesday, September 10

6 PM Punch Bowl
6:30 PM Dinner/Meeting
8:00 PM Annual Guild Service
John Schwandt, organ

Map is on page 7
Directions available
<www.mapquest.com>

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2002-2003 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 10, 8:00 PM

Guild Service; John Schwandt, organ
Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta

Tuesday, October 8, 8:00 PM

Mike Morgan: *Psalter for Christian Worship*
Clergy Appreciation Night
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 AM

Three Workshops
Holy Trinity Church, Decatur

Tuesday, November 12, 8:00 PM

Dinner: Second Ponce de Leon Baptist
Abbot Francis Klein, organ
Program: Cathedral of Christ the King

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00-10:00 PM

Christmas Party
Herb Buffington, host

Friday, January 24, 7:00-10:00 PM

Saturday, January 25, 10:30 AM-3:00 PM

Widor Festival: David Messineo, organ
Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta

Tuesday, February 11, 8:00 PM

Members' Recital
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 PM

Johannes Unger, organ
Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

Tuesday, May 13, 8:00 PM

Bruce Neswick, Timothy Wissler, Eric Nelson
Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

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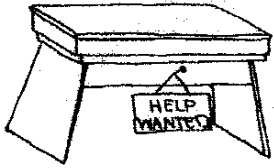
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National Web site <www.AGOHQ.org>

Executive Board Meeting
September 21 10:00 AM
Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church
2715 Peachtree Road, NE



Employment Referral

For more complete and recent listings, check the chapter Web site.

These positions have been on the chapter Web site for several months, and may or may not be open:

Organist, **First Baptist Church**, 1139 Usher St., PO Box 268, Covington, GA 30015 [posted 4th/April/02]
Part-time artist affiliate, **Agnes Scott College**, 141 E. College Ave., Decatur GA 30030-3797. Application deadline: May 3, 2002 [posted 13/April/02]
Music associate, **Mary Our Queen Catholic Church**. 6260 The Corners Parkway, Norcross, GA. 30092. 770.416.0002 [Posted 22/April/02]

These positions are new since the last issue of *The Organizer*:

Organist and Choir Director, **Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church**, 15415 Red Robin Road, San Antonio, TX 78255
Music Director/Organist, **Holy Family Episcopal Church**, Jasper, Georgia, 30143
Accompanist/Orchestra Director, **First United Methodist Church**, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, GA 30064
Pianist, **First Baptist Church of Doraville**, 5935 New Peachtree Rd, Doraville, GA, 30340
Associate Director of Music/Organist, **Clairmont Presbyterian Church**, 1994 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033
Organist, **Hickory Flat United Methodist Church**, 4056 East Cherokee Dr., Canton GA 30115

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September Performance Calendar



Sat., Aug. 31, 8:15 PM	Virgil Fox Tribute: Richard Morris, organ	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Sept., 1, 3:00 PM	"Fox at the Fox"; 4 guest organists	Fox Theatre, Atlanta
Sat., Sept. 7, 8:15 PM	Stefon Harris Quartet	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Sept. 8, 7:00 PM	The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge	St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta
Fri., Sept., 13, 8:00 PM	Misha Dichter, piano	UGA Performing Arts Center, Athens
Sat., Sept., 14, 8:15 PM	Dawn Upshaw, soprano	Glenn Memorial Auditorium, Atlanta
Sat., Sept., 14, 8:15 PM	Rodney Gilfrey, baritone	Spivey Hall, Morrow
Sun., Sept., 15, 3:00 PM	Billy Krape, organ	Druid Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta
Sun., Sept., 15, 3:00 PM	Ton Koopman & Tini Mathot, harpsichord duo	Spivey Hall, Morrow
T/F/S Sept., 19/20/21, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano: Midori, violin	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Sept., 22, 3:00 PM	Ira Pittman, organ	Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Marietta
Wed., Sept., 25, 12 Noon	Wally Zimmerman, organ	First Church of Christ Scientist, Atlanta
T/F/S Sept., 26/27/28, 8:00 PM	ASO/Spano: V. Mamilonian, piano	Symphony Hall, Atlanta
Sun., Sept., 29, 3:00 PM	Jeannine & Alan Morrison, piano & organ	Spivey Hall, Morrow

Congratulations!



Happy 92nd Birthday to Marcus Bartlett!

Alan Morrison has been appointed to the faculty of Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, replacing John Weaver, who is retiring.

In Memoriam

Frances Felder died July 31 at the age of 102. She was Dean of this chapter when it was known as the Georgia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She had served as organist in several Atlanta churches. She was staff organist at Patterson's Spring Hill for sixty years, and played for the dedication there in 1928. She was a longtime member of the Atlanta Music Club, and served on its Executive Board. She also served on the Board of the Atlanta Boy Choir. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Frances Felder Music Fund at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, 1824 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Warren Hutton died July 1 while attending the AGO National Convention in Philadelphia. Hutton had retired as organ professor at the University of Alabama, and had been active in AGO nationally. He was on the staff of our chapter's 2000 Pipe Organ Encounter.

Shorter Scholarship

A scholarship has been established at Shorter College, Rome, GA in memory of Dr. James D. Holloway, university organist at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Holloway was murdered on campus in 2001. Contributions are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Holloway's mother, Joan C. Peary at <jpeary@bellsouth.net>

NEW YORK CITY'S FIRST PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER

The New York City chapter will host its first Pipe Organ Encounter during the week of July 6, 2003. We are planning an outstanding week of activities including private lessons with many of New York City's stellar cast of organists, visits to our renowned organs and churches, practical seminars on careers in music, workshops with notable scholars, excursions to organ builders' workshops, and attendance at some of the many concerts New York City has to offer. Total immersion for those with a curiosity, interest, or passion for the organ!

Tuition for the week is \$325, including accommodation, all meals, local transportation, and entry to concerts and special events.

For further information and applications, please contact the NYC POE director, Gregory D'Agostino.
E-mail: gregdag@aol.com
PO Box 230402, Ansonia Station
New York, NY 10023

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MSA Concert Series

***Sunday, October 20 2:30 PM
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Musica Sacra Orchestra & Oratorio Choir***

***Sunday, November 17 2:30 PM
Paul Wirth, piano***

***Sunday, January 19 2:30 PM
GA Sinfonia***

***Sunday, February 23 2:30 PM
Music of Mozart & Beethoven
Musica Sacra Orchestra & Oratorio Choir***

***Sunday, March 23 2:30 PM
Christa Rakich, organ***

***First Presbyterian Church
1328 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia***

Competition Winners

Two important competitions were held at the recent AGO National Convention in Philadelphia.

National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance

1st Prize	Timothy Olsen*
2nd Prize	Kola Owolabi*
3rd Prize	Christian Schmitt*
Audience Choice	Kola Owolabi*

National Competition in Organ Improvisation

1st Prize	Peter Edwin Krasinski
2nd Prize	Neil Weston
3rd Prize	David S. McFarlane, AAGO

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Royal Bank Calgary International Organ Festival & Competition

Gold Medals

Recital	Vincent Dubois*
Improvisation	László Fassang
Concerto	Clive Driskill-Smith

Encore	Jonathan Oldengarm*
RCCO	Jonathan Oldengarm*
Bach	Iveta Aplanka
Durufle	Clive Driskill-Smith

* Participants in the North American Selection Round at Spivey Hall in May 2002.

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From the Dean

Greetings!

I hope that each of you has enjoyed a summer vacation and well deserved rest as you return to your fall schedule. As a builder, our summers are always busy with work to be completed before the fall season starts. I hope each of you will take the opportunity to make the upcoming AGO programs part of your schedule

The Board has worked through the summer on some items of immediate attention. Joanne Brown, our new Sub-Dean, has been working diligently on programs, and the results look wonderful.

We will begin our season with a Guild Service at Peachtree Christian Church, hosted by Herb Buffington. John Schwandt will be working with him to bring a memorable Service. Each of these musicians possesses a fine command of the art of improvisation. It is important to be able to appreciate and enjoy the programs and services, as well as to acquire fresh insights on worship information, music or performance style that you can take with you to your own services. I think you will agree the September program should provide just that.

Another item of importance is the yearbook. We have devoted much time and effort to the book this year. The yearbook should be available by the September meeting. Many thanks to our Board members and others, such as Adele McKee, Ben Lewis, Doug Johnson, and Bill Weaver, who met in early August to review many pages of information in an effort to eliminate mistakes. All information received by the deadline date of August 1, 2002 was included in this review.

After you have received the yearbook, take time to study through the programs. I think there is something for everyone this year. In addition to the programs, don't overlook the value of interacting with your colleagues at the punch bowl and dinner hour. Included this year are two alternate options from the traditional Tuesday evening meetings. One will be offered in October, and one in January. These should offer options to those members with other Tuesday night commitments.

I look forward to seeing each of you this year.

Best Wishes!

Phil Parkey

Dinner Reservation Policy Review

For several years the chapter lost money on meals at monthly chapter meetings. The new procedure inaugurated in 2001 has helped greatly. Please review the procedure below.

We encourage you to make a standing reservation. If you have a standing reservation and do not plan to attend the meeting, you must cancel by the deadline or pay for your meal.

If you do not have a standing reservation, you will be called by a member of the calling committee who will take your reservation only if they speak directly to you. If your caller has to leave a message, you must make your own reservation by the deadline to (404) 659-2462.

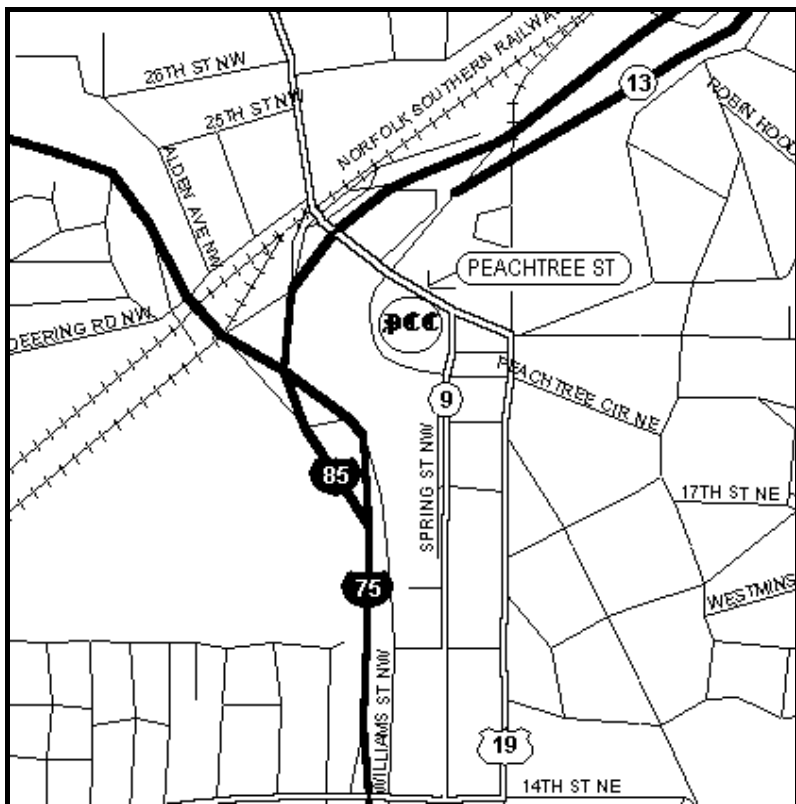
If you cancel your reservation after the deadline, you are expected to pay for your meal. If you make a reservation and do not show up, you are expected to pay for your meal. NO extra reservations will be made! If you arrive at a meal without a reservation, you will be on standby until 6:25 PM.



Sub-Dean's Corner

I LOVE ORGANISTS because they do the impossible every day! My friends and colleagues the organists have continually enlarged my horizon of possibility - not only by their octopus-like gyrations at the console, but by the juggling act which their part-time or full-time work demands. YOU the members of AGO Atlanta have already dazzled me with your creativity, impressed me with your organizational skills, and comforted me with your pastoral care. Who that has seen the wide eyes of a teenager at a Pipe Organ Encounter can doubt that the future may be bright? Do we CARE enough, however? Are you and I alert to opportunity? WHO is missing from our RANKS? (Bad pun) Invite a prospective MEMBER to our next AGO event!

Joanne Brown



Bach Competition

North DeKalb Music Teachers Association invites all members of AGO to enter students grades 9-12 in Bach Competition to be held at Roswell United Methodist Church, 814 Mimosa Blvd. in Roswell on October 26, 2002. Repertoire: Any Bach Prelude and Fugue including any from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues* sometimes attributed to J.S. Bach or any chorale prelude from the *Orgelbüchlein*. Postmarked deadline entrance September 26, 2002. For registration form and further information call LaNelle Nash 770-992-0449 or Ann Steele 770-889-9969.

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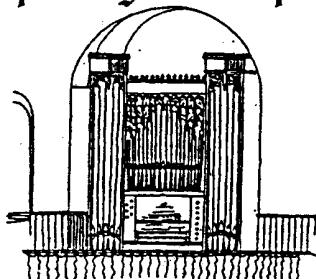
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