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"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

- A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN -

Another Year Draws to a Close!

One of my colleagues and I were talking recently about how quickly another year seems to have passed by. During the same conversation we both realized that we've almost concluded the first decade of the new century – although it seems like only yesterday that everyone was anxious about the approaching new millennium and concomitant Y2K concerns.

And so I was reminded of the organ chorale from the *Orgelbuechlein* of Bach – "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist" ("The old year now hath passed away"). The setting is rather bittersweet – rather a "lament for the transitory nature of the worldly" in the words of Hermann Keller. It's an interesting, if not striking, comment about how differently we, in the 21st century, regard the end of another year.

Most of you are now busier than ever with preparations for special musical events in celebration of Hanukah, Christmas, and possibly the New Year. Good luck with all of this and try to keep your wits about you as others are losing theirs!

My travels to the far side of the earth prevented my attendance at the November meeting. Many thanks to Herb Buffington for arranging the Gerre Hancock event at Peachtree Christian last month. And to Sub Dean Jeff Harbin for taking care of the program at Northside Drive Baptist. Our local Quimby Competition winner, Justin Maxey, presented a fine recital. From what I am told, it was a banner weekend in terms of organ music in the city!

Our next local A.G.O. event will take place on Saturday, January 9, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Young organists from our area will be presented. Make sure you get this date on your calendars and come out in support of the future generation of organists.

Remember also that it is still not too late to register now for our regional convention in sunny Sarasota, Florida, January 17-20. Go to <http://psalmandpalms.org> to register and for more information. Maybe you could use an opportunity to recharge your batteries after December has come – and gone.

Best wishes to all of you!
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YOUNG ARTISTS RECITAL

The January meeting, on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, is our annual Young Artists Recital. Actually, this recital is open to anyone, no matter what age or what learning level, who is studying with an Atlanta Chapter member. Teachers, please encourage your students to be a part of the program that day.

Please send the names of your students who will perform, and their pieces, to Jeff Harbin or Sarah Hawbecker.

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JASON PAYNE
NIKOLAI PEEK
VALERIE STIPCAK
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Retirement Announcement:

Madonna Brownlee is retiring from the First Church of Christ, Scientist as of January 1, 2010 after sixteen years as organist there. Her organ playing began 56 years ago at the First Brethren Church of Flora, Indiana, and there have been very few gaps in all of that time. The church will honor her with a brunch at the Ansley Park Country Club on December 13.



A Tip on Wellness

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

"Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife." Proverbs 17:1

For many, the Christmas season can be a stress-filled period. The current financial environment has many asking, "How can we make it this year." Remember, Christ came into the world that we might have life more abundantly. This year, reduce expectations for yourself, and your children, and focus on the reason for the season.

Holiday To Do List

Listen to your heart.
Worship God.
Exercise.
Pray.
Rest.
Give thanks.
Love one another.
Be gentle with yourself!



The Chenaults in Concert

Ray and Beth Chenault will present a organ duet recital at Roswell Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM. The Chenaults will play some of their most audience friendly duets, including Charles Callahan's "For All the Saints", "Evensong", and "Ragtime". The concert is in memory of the Rev. Willard "Bill" Soper, long time member of that church and friend of All Saints' Episcopal Church. Bill sang in the All Saints' Choir for special occasions and his wife, Nancy, sang in the Evensong Choir. The concert will be one hour in length followed by a reception.

For more information contact Roswell Presbyterian Church at 770.649.4532



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Dear Friends,

The *Seventh Annual 2010 University of Alabama Church Music Conference* will be held January 29-30, 2010. Stephen Tharp, international concert organist and recording artist, is our featured concert artist. The new 2010 UA Organ Scholarship Competition will also be held and the first-place winner will be showcased on the Friday evening concert. UA music faculty and University Singers will be featured in the opening concert as well.

Saturday workshops taught by guest clinicians and UA music faculty include: A choral reading session, new organ repertoire, voice and organ master-classes, handbells with Phyllis Kirk, musicianship and church orchestras, Demessieux lecture, Schübler Choräle lecture/demonstration, children's camp activities, the science of singing and word, drama and liturgy.

For more information please visit:

2010 University of Alabama Church Music Conference Brochure link:

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Sunday Organ Recitals are at 3:15 pm
Preceding Evensong at 4 pm
Other events as noted.

SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

4:00 p.m. ADVENT PROCESSION / CATHEDRAL CHOIR
*Music by Palestrina, Ord, Byrd, Howells,
Beaudrot, Adelman, Shelat, Poston*

SUNDAY, 6 DECEMBER

Recital / Clayton State Chorale
Dr. Shaun Amos, *conductor*

Evensong / Cathedral Schola
Craig Phillips: *Preces & Responses*
(for St David's, Roswell)
Charles Villiers Stanford: *Service in G*
Orlando Gibbons: *This Is the Record of John*
Orlando Gibbons: *O Thou the Central Orb*

SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER

4:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS
CATHEDRAL SCHOLA
Frank Boles: *Adam Lay Ybounden*
Craig Phillips: *Rorate caeli*
David Willcocks: *Whence Is That Godly Fragrance Flowing*
David Willcocks: *Gabriel's Message*
Craig Phillips: *The Holly and the Ivy*
David Willcocks, *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*
Herbert Howells, *Here Is the Little Door*
Charles Beaudrot: *The Word Became Flesh*
Tomas Luis de Victoria: *O magnum mysterium*

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, 24 DECEMBER

8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Prelude Music
Cathedral Choir

8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Festival Eucharists
Cathedral Choir

John Rutter: *Il est né le divin enfant*
Michael Praetorius: *In dulci jubilo*
Reginald Jacques: *Away in a Manger*
Francis Poulenc: *O magnum mysterium*
Harold Darke: *In the bleak midwinter*

December 2009 Calendar of Events

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Sunday	11/29	11:00 am	Hanging of the Greens Festival Service	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church	
	11/29	4:00 pm	Advent Procession sung by The Cathedral Choir.	Cathedral of St. Philip	
Wednesday	12/2	8:00 pm	Joyful Noise Concert	Gaines Chapel/Agnes Scott College	
Thursday	12/3	5:00 pm	<i>Sotto Voce</i> "Drop-by Concert"	JTS Chapel or McLean Auditorium Agnes Scott College	
	12/3	7:30 pm	Griffin Choral Arts Holiday Concert featuring Conrad Sousa's Carols & Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest. www.griffinchoralarts.org	First Baptist Church Griffin, GA	
	12/3	8:00 pm	World Percussion Ensemble Concert	Luchsinger Lounge	
	12/3	8:00 pm	ASO & Chamber Chorus: Bach <i>Christmas Oratorio</i> (Part 3) and Handel <i>Messiah</i> (Part 1)	Symphony Hall	
Friday	12/4	7:00 pm	Organ Master Class with Joyce Jones.	Spivey Hall	
Saturday	12/5	3:00 pm	William Baker Festival Singers Christmas Concert with The Midtown Brass & Sue Goddard, organist. \$10	Grace United Methodist Church	\$
	12/5	3:00 pm	Joyce Jones, organ. For tickets call 678-466-4200	Spivey Hall	\$
	12/5	7:30 pm	Christian Antony Schoen, <i>organist</i> plays organ works of German Baroque composers. \$10 for AGO members. www.rspc.org/music or 404-545-9764.	Rock Spring Presbyterian Church	\$
	12/5	8:00 pm	ASO & Chamber Chorus: Bach <i>Christmas Oratorio</i> (Part 3) and Handel <i>Messiah</i> (Part 1)	Symphony Hall	
Sunday	12/6	3:00 pm	William Baker Festival Singers Christmas Concert with The Midtown Brass & Sue Goddard, <i>organist</i> . \$10	Grace United Methodist Church	\$
	12/6	3:15 pm	The Clayton State Chorale w/Dr. Shaun Amos, <i>conductor</i> .	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	12/6	4:00 pm	Choral Evensong sung by The Cathedral Schola.	Cathedral of St. Philip	
	12/6	5:00 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols with the St. James Adult Choir; St. James Choir of Girls, Boys, & Adults; and the St. James Preparatory Choir; and the St. James Handbell Choir. www.stjamesmarietta.com or 770-428-5841.	St. James Episcopal Church Marietta, GA	
	12/6	5:00 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols. Pre-service music begins at 4:40 pm.	St. Paul's Episcopal / Newnan, GA	
	12/6	5:00 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	
	12/6	5:00 pm	Toys for Tots Holiday Concert. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy. www.slpres.org or 770-393-1424.	St. Luke's Presbyterian Church	
	12/6	6:00 pm	Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols featuring the Epiphany Choristers, Handbell Choir, and Epiphany Choir.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
	12/6	6:30 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols	Covenant Presbyterian Church	
Sunday	12/13	8:45 am & 11:00 am	Handel's Messiah (Part 1). The Chancel Choir of St. Marks with soloists & chamber orchestra.	St. Mark United Methodist Church	
Sunday	12/13	2:00 pm & 6:00 pm	6th Annual Christmas Concert featuring the St. Paul's Choir & members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra w/Trey Clegg, conductor.	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	

December 2009 Calendar of Events cont.

Weekday	Date	Time	Event	Location	\$
Sunday	12/13	4:00 pm	Atlanta Boy Choir Holiday Concert with Richard Clement, <i>tenor</i> and James Mellichamp, <i>organ</i> .	Piedmont College / Demorest, GA	
Sunday	12/13	5:00 pm	Pergolesi <i>Magnificat</i> & Vivaldi <i>Gloria</i> w/orchestra.	Decatur Presbyterian Church	
Sunday	12/13	5:00 pm	Messiah Sing-A-Long	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	
Sunday	12/13	5:30 pm	The Many Moods of Christmas Concert with The Chancel Choir & Orchestra, Scott Atchison, <i>conductor</i> . Featuring Handel's Messiah plus a medley of familiar carols.	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
Monday	12/14	7:30 pm	Handel's Messiah (Part 1). The Chancel Choir of St. Marks with soloists & chamber orchestra.	St. Mark United Methodist Church	
Tuesday	12/15	7:30 pm	Atlanta Sacred Chorale Christmas Concert Dr. Eric Nelson, <i>conductor</i> . \$10 adult/\$5 senior.	All Saints Episcopal Church	\$
Friday & Saturday	12/18 & 12/19	7:00 pm	Georgia Boy Choir Christmas Concert David White, <i>conductor</i>	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
Sunday	12/20	4:00 pm	Christmas Lessons & Carols with The Cathedral Schola.	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		5:00 pm	Christmas Lessons & Carols. www.slpres.org or 770-393-1424.	St. Luke's Presbyterian Church	
		6:00 pm	The Feast of St. Thomas. Evening Prayer / music of Taize.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		8:00 pm	A Handel Candlelight Christmas with New Trinity Baroque & St. Bartholomew's Choir; Brad Hugley, <i>organ</i> & Predrag Gosta, <i>conductor</i> . www.newtrinitybaroque.org.	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal	
Thursday	12/24	3:30 pm	Prelude to Christmas w/Jamie Shiell, organ & The Atlanta Brassworks playing Daquin, Gabrieli, Pinkham & Bach.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		4:00 pm	Festival Eucharist with the Epiphany Choristers, Hildegard Ensemble & Handbell Choir in music of Adams, Barnard, Britten & Chilcott.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
Thursday	12/24	6:30 pm	Carol Prelude with Patricia Anderson, <i>harp</i> .	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		7:00 pm	Holy Eucharist featuring Susan Landskroener, soprano & Bill Graves, tenor.	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		8:00 pm	Festival of Lessons & Carols featuring the PRUMC combined Choirs with Brass.	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
		8:00 pm	Prelude Music with The Cathedral Choir. Festival Eucharist begins at 8:30 pm.	Cathedral of St. Philip	
		10:30 pm	Festival Choral Eucharist featuring the PRUMC combined Choirs with Brass.	Peachtree Road United Methodist	
		10:30 pm	Festival Eucharist featuring the Emmanuel Choir and music of Willcocks, Helvey, Willan, Purvis, Rutter, & Chilcott.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church Athens, GA	
		10:30 pm	Prelude to Christmas featuring The Epiphany Choir, Lanier Brass & Organ in Daniel Pinkham's <i>Christmas Cantata</i> .	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		11:00 pm	Festival Eucharist with music of Lauridsen, Gabrieli & Seargent	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
Sunday	12/27	8:45 am	Christmas Lessons & Carols 11:00 am	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	
		11:00 am			
Sunday	1/3	10:30 am	Congregational Lessons & Carols with choral music of Rutter & Chilcott.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church Athens, GA	

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Dinner Notes

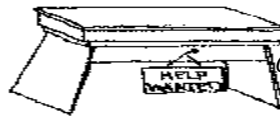
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The cost for dinners this season will be **\$13 when you pay by check, \$15 with cash** (exact change only, please). Reservations for monthly meeting dinners/luncheons are a **MUST** and should be made no later than the Thursday before the next weeks meeting. CHECKS are to be made payable to AGO Atlanta at the meeting check-in desk. If you make a reservation and are unable to keep it, you are responsible for canceling the reservation in advance on the Thursday prior to the dinner or luncheon date - OR - you will be expected to pay for it regardless of your attendance. (Please see page 16 of the Yearbook.) *Thank you in advance for honoring these requests.*

For security reasons and when at all possible, we prefer that you always pay your reservations with a **PERSONAL CHECK (\$13.00)**
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To pay for a reservation that you were unable to keep, please mail a check to Charlene Ponder, *Treasurer*.

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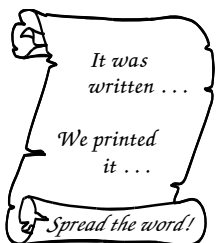
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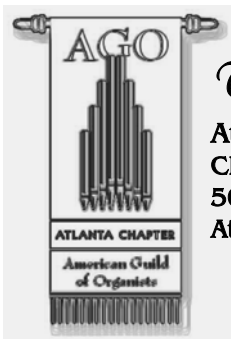
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