

The Greater

Columbia Organist



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There will be no meeting in December.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Way to Go!

The November meeting of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter featuring high school organists was a great success. On Saturday morning, November 16, three high school students performed in a master class conducted by Jared Johnson. Laura Agner from Salisbury, NC, performed Prelude and Fugue in G Minor by Bruhns; Mary Grace Hogan, a student of Brennan Szafron in Spartanburg, performed Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565a by J.S. Bach; and Raymond Hawkins, a student of Timothy Olsen at the UNC School of the Arts, performed a piece by Robert Schumann from Studien für Pedalflügel and the Fugue in G major, BWV 541b by J.S. Bach. An audience of 21 enjoyed the performances and the masterful teaching of Dr. Johnson.

At 2:00 p.m., Justin DuRant, winner of the 2013 Young Organist Competition, presented a recital featuring the works of J.S. Bach, George Shearing, Dan Locklair, Frank Bridge and Louis Vierne. Justin is a 2013 graduate of Wilson Hall in Sumter SC and is now a freshman at USC studying with Jared Johnson. The unusually large audience enjoyed the recital and the program notes prepared by Justin.

Both events took place at Shandon United Methodist Church on the 68-rank Möller organ. Eddie Huss, Minister of Music and the Arts at Shandon, has been most welcoming and supportive of AGO events. Columbia AGO expresses gratitude to the church and, most especially, to Eddie and Shandon's new organist William Douglas for hosting this delightful day for young organists.

If you were unable to attend the November meeting, mark your calendars for March 8, 2014, for the Young Organist Competition where you will be able to hear these and other exciting young organists.



January Meeting

Washington Street United Methodist Church
1401 Washington Street
Columbia SC 29201

Recital by Dr. Patrick A. Scott
Friday, January 10, 2014
7:30 p.m.

“Improvising in the Church Service”
Saturday, January 11, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Patrick A. Scott is Music Associate and Organist of Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. A native of Picayune, Mississippi, he holds the Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Birmingham-Southern College where he studied with James Cook. As a student of world-renowned organists, Gerre and Judith Hancock, Patrick earned the Master of Music in Organ Performances and Sacred Music and the Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance, both from The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Scott recently was awarded the audience prize as well as the second prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation held at the AGO National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. An active recitalist and accompanist, Dr. Scott has appeared in concert throughout the United States, as well as in France, Prague, Austria, Scotland, England and Ireland. Next spring's engagements include The Clarence Dickinson Festival in Jackson, MS; Arizona Musicfest in Scottsdale, AZ; and St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York. Dr. Scott will also be teaching improvisation for the 2015 American Guild of Organists' Region IV Convention.

Please save these dates for two marvelous programs in January!



Young Organist Competition

Young Organist Competition 2014

Sponsored by the
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 8, 2014
Columbia SC

Open to grades 8 - 12

First Prize \$ 1000
Second Prize \$ 500
Third Prize \$ 300
Hymn Playing Award \$ 250

For application, rules, and
contact information see
Young Organist Competition 2014 at
www.columbiaago.org



One of the educational outreach efforts of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter is the Young Organist Competition. Now in its fourth year, the competition will once again offer monetary prizes to students in grades 8-12. Supported in the past solely by donations from AGO members and friends of AGO, this competition has seen winners go on to outstanding achievements in organ performance. The 2011 winner, Jacob Reed is now a freshman at Yale University studying with Thomas Murray; Carolyn Craig, the 2012 winner, recently won the Quimby Competition and will perform at the National AGO Convention in July 2014; Justin DuRant, winner in 2013, is now a freshman at USC studying with Dr. Jared Johnson.

Young Organist Competition 2014
Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29205

First Prize \$ 1000
Second Prize \$ 500
Third Prize \$ 300
Hymn Playing Award \$ 250

Once again, I ask all AGO members and friends of AGO to consider giving to this most worthy cause. Please help support the next generation of organists by giving generously to this venture. Donations can be directed to the following address:

Frances M. Webb
92 Currant Lane
Columbia SC 29210-3521



Sunday, December 8, 2013

Christmas Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Choir
Spring Valley High School Choirs

Carols and Vivaldi Gloria
South Carolina Philharmonic
4:00 p.m.

3600 Devine Street, Columbia, SC, 29205



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

✦ **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS** - December 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral

✦ **ADVENT CONCERTS** - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral (preceding Compline)

December 5 David Lowry, *organ*

December 12 Eddie Huss, *organ*

December 19 Waldo Baroque: Mary & Andrew Waldo, *recorders* James Waldo, *cello*

✦ **COMPLINE** - Thursdays during Advent at 8:00 p.m. in the Cathedral; December 5, 12, and 19

Compline, the final office of the monastic day, is a 30-minute service of *a cappella* music sung by candlelight.

✦ **MESSIAH** by George Frideric Handel - Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral

performed by the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys and Choir of Men & Girls

Tickets for this Friends of Music concert from \$12 to \$45 (\$8 for students and military) are available through the Cathedral music office (771-7300) and website (www.trinitysc.org/music).

✦ **COMMUNITY CAROL SING** - Wednesday, December 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Cathedral

Lunch will be available for \$7 before and after the Carol Sing in Satterlee Hall.

✦ **EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS** - Sunday, January 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, concluding with the burning of Christmas greens and followed by an Oyster Roast in the Cathedral Courtyard

CHORAL EVENSONG - Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, from September through May

Choral Evensong is sung every week at Trinity Cathedral, and followed by an informal reception for all those attending, except when preempted by other offerings of sacred music (*see above*).

Furman University Church Music Conference

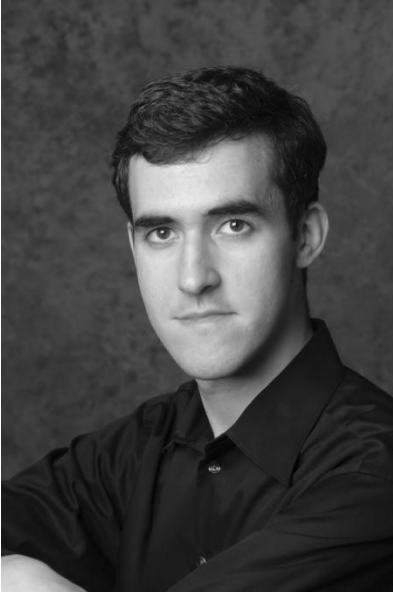
January 23-24, 2014

Contact (864) 294-2086 or furmanmusic@furman.edu

<http://wwwtest.furman.edu/academics/music/precollegeandadultprograms/Pages/ChurchMusicConference.aspx>

Patrons/Friends of the Arts at Ebenezer Announces Artist in Residence

MATTHEW GANONG



Pianist Matthew Ganong grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, and began studying the piano at the age of seven. His first teacher was John Ervin, and then he studied with Professor John Williams of the University of South Carolina from middle school through the end of high school. Mr. Ganong then attended the Peabody Conservatory where he received a Bachelor's degree in piano performance. There he studied piano with Boris Slutsky and Ellen Mack, and harpsichord with Webb Wiggins. He has worked since college as a professional musician in the cities of Baltimore, Chicago, and Columbia, and along the way has performed and collaborated with many fine artists and ensembles from around the world, and traveled to most of the states in the U.S., as well as to Canada, Mexico, Spain, Germany, Austria, and Japan. He has been a member of the Classical Band with violinist Daniel Heifetz, and in Chicago was a member of the chamber music society Anaphora, the pianist for Intimate Opera Chicago, Da Corneto Opera, and was the harpsichordist and pianist for the Advent Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Ganong has been an avid composer for most of his life, and greatly enjoys composing, improvising, and playing in various styles from the Renaissance to the present day.

4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 19, 2014

Chamber Music with Matthew Ganong, Piano, and Friends

4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 26, 2014

Recital by Matthew Ganong, Harpsichord

7:00 p.m., Friday March 21

The Complete Well Tempered Clavier, Books I and II, Matthew Ganong, Piano

This marathon on JS Bach's birthday will be in a festival setting with coffee house and beer garden. Audience members may come and go as Mr. Ganong performs the 4 hour cycle.

You are invited to an **Organ Crawl in Savannah Georgia**

Six organs in the historic district and surrounding area

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Schedule to depend on number of participants

**A firm schedule will appear in early January.
Check the January newsletter for more details.
We are looking forward to making new friends
and meeting old ones in Savannah.**

**Jim Adams
Savannah AGO**



FEBRUARY MEETING

Shandon United Methodist Church will be hosting a Winter Church Music Workshop sponsored by the South Carolina Chapter of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts on February 7 and 8, 2014. Members of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter are invited to attend free of charge. There will be a charge for meals for AGO members. Look for more information in the January newsletter. More information about this conference can be found at www.scfellowship.com

Winter Church Music Conference The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, SC Chapter

Friday, February 7, 2014

- 2:30 p.m. Creative Hymn Playing – Dr. Jack Mitchener, Mercer University
- 4:00 p.m. The Works of J. Guy Ropartz – Dr. Jack Mitchener
(Ropartz was a student of Cesar Franck)
- 7:00 p.m. Concert by Colla Voce, Columbia’s premier vocal ensemble,
including works by Herbert Howells and Benjamin Britten

Saturday, February 8, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Master Class with USC organ students – Dr. Jack Mitchener
- Reading Session – Dr. Dan Forrest
Choral works by Dr. Forrest including his newly composed *Requiem*
- Lunch All participants paying the registration fee are invited to enjoy a catered lunch at the church free of charge. More information will be in the January newsletter about how to sign up for lunch if you are an AGO member. There will be a cost for lunch if you do not pay the registration fee.
- 1:00 p.m. Concert by Raleigh Ringers, David Harris, conductor

**Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29205**



Dr. Jack Mitchener



Dr. Dan Forrest



Raleigh Ringers



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Powhatan, Virginia



Providence Presbyterian Church was organized in 1825 as "Powhatan Church", as a result of the work of ministers from Cumberland County. In 1890 the church moved into its present sanctuary with the name "Providence Church", which is located at 1950 Ridge Road, Powhatan, VA. The Rodgers 558 replaced the church's aging one manual tracker pipe organ.



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Upcoming Programs

The remaining 2013-2014 program year features five outstanding programs. Dates and venues will be announced in the newsletter prior to each event.

January 10-11, 2014 "Recital and Master Class"

Dr. Patrick Scott (Myers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC) will perform a recital on Friday evening. He will hold a class on Saturday morning entitled "Improvisation in the Worship Service." Dr. Scott holds the DMA degree from the University of Texas (Austin) where he studied with Dr. Gerre Hancock. See separate article.

February 7-8, 2014 "Organ Classes with Dr. Jack Mitchener"

The South Carolina Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts will hold a two-day conference at Shandon United Methodist Church. See separate article.

March 8, 2014 "Young Organist Competition"

The Young Organist Competition, now in its fourth year, will feature high school organists who will compete for monetary prizes.

March 18, 2014 "Music and Astronomy"

An organist, composer, and astronomer, Dr. Matthew Whitehouse will present a program featuring his compositions and the relationship between music and astronomy. Matthew is a graduate of USC who recently completed his doctorate at the University of Arizona where he studied with Pamela Decker. Presently he heads the astronomy program at the State Museum.

May 2-3, 2014 "The Incomparable Wilma Jensen"

Now 85 years old, Wilma Jensen is a legend in the organ world. She will perform a recital on Friday evening, May 2, and offer a class on Saturday, May 3, entitled "Organizing Notes in Space: Developing Organ Technique and Musicality." She will discuss the development of various kinds of touches as well as how the technical controls contribute to musicality and style.

Be sure to read your monthly newsletters carefully for dates and venues of programs.

Congratulations

Joy Ackerman was recently honored by McGregor Presbyterian Church for completing thirty years of service as their Organist and Choir Director.

Susan Sturkie was also honored for completing twenty-five years of service as a musician at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Please send information for January's newsletter to tonyroof@windstream.net by December 20.

December Birthdays



12/8 - Earl Bryan
12/11 - Laura Sturgeon
12/21 - Eddie Huss
12/26 - Huger Caughman
12/26 - Patricia Blackwell
12/27 - Robert Jones
12/28 - Ruth Lackstrom
12/30 - Ginny Holt
12/31 - Whetsell McDaniel

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

** NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES

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Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

CAYCE

State Street Baptist Church is seeking a part time Music Director/Worship Leader who will be responsible for leading the church's graded choir program including directing the adult choir and leading the worship service (blended). Please send resume to the Personnel Committee Attention Jay Zeigler, State Street Baptist Church; 1420 State Street; Cayce, SC 29033 or email to jay.zeigler@amcor.com

CHARLESTON

**Trinity United Methodist Church, Charleston. Part-Time Director of Music/Organist Trinity United Methodist Church, a historic downtown Charleston, SC congregation, seeks a trained musician to become Director of Music/Organist. This part-time position will open in mid-October 2013. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated excellence in playing the organ as well as building, nurturing, and leading adult, children's, and handbell choirs. Key responsibilities: Direct the adult choir during Sunday worship, weekly choir rehearsals, and special worship services. Grow and direct the children's music ministry and handbell choir. Play the Hartman-Beaty pipe organ for the Sunday 11:15 a.m. traditional service and for special worship services during Lent, Holy Week, Easter morning, Christmas Eve, and as needed. Be available for funerals and weddings/rehearsals. Continue to nurture college student interest in our adult choir. Reach out to choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists around the Southeast to sing/play at Trinity on occasion. Make disciples of Jesus Christ. Salary is commensurate with experience. Honorariums are typical for weddings and funerals. E-mail a resume, cover letter, and references to downtowncharlestonchurch@gmail.com or mail them to Trinity United Methodist Church, Attn: S/PPRC, 273 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

COLUMBIA

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1000 Greenlawn Ave., Columbia SC 29209 is seeking a part time Choir Director/Pianist or Organist. The Director will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental and choral music for regularly scheduled worship services to include Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Vacation Bible School (as needed), and any other special Service planned by Worship Committee and approved by Session. (2) Recruiting, assisting and supervising the current Adult choir and Children's choir (as an accompaniment to seasonal Services). This would include weekly rehearsals. (3) Participate in weekly meetings with the Pastor; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an ex officio member (or send a choir rep.). Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (4) Provide music for all weddings and funerals in the church, when requested. Substitute may be used with the approval of the regular Music Director.

Please contact Pastor Robyn Garrison at the church office, (803) 776-2067, or via e-mail tpcongreenlawn@bellsouth.net, or Mr. Wayne Cribb, (803) 776-8047 or suzwayne@aol.com.

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 400 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212. Adult Choir Director. Rehearse adult choir once per week for Sunday worship services. Plan anthems for the choir and special services during Advent, Christmas Eve Services, Lent and Easter. Bachelor's degree in Music preferred. Knowledge of Lutheran liturgy desired. Experience in directing adult choir desired. Send resume to: Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 400 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212 or via e-mail to: cvlc@Bellsouth.net .

FLORENCE

St. Johns Church (Anglican) in Florence is seeking a full-time Minister of Music/Organist. The position will be available August 1, 2014. St. Johns is a 260-family parish that embraces traditional Anglican worship. The Music Ministry includes an annual concert series, annual regional choir workshop, summer choir camp, 28-voice adult choir, and newly established children's and handbell choirs. The parish is seeking a music minister with excellent organ and choral directing skills, a background in traditional Anglican and classical repertoire, and a minimum of a bachelor degree in music plus five years of experience in a liturgical church setting. Dedication to one's ministry, excellent organizational skills, ability to work collaboratively, and experience in developing children's choirs are essential to the continuing development of this rapidly growing, vibrant music ministry. Responsibilities include directing the senior and children's choirs, collaborating with the handbell and junior choir directors, planning choral and congregational music, playing for all services, coordinating the annual concert series and choir workshop, and preparing worship bulletins. 2-manual, 12-rank 1939 Moller pipe organ. Salary TBD. Health benefits, pension plans. Additional stipend for weddings. Send résumé and inquiries to Tammy Williams, Minister of Music, at twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org or (843) 662-5585, ext. 23. Website: www.stjohnsflorence.org.

LEXINGTON

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, PO Box 882, Lexington, SC 29071-0882. Organist/Director of Music. St. Alban's Episcopal Church is a 300 member congregation with a choir composed of twelve (12) voices. The organ is an Allen Q-200. This is a two manual, 28 stop organ with 112 voices and a full pedalboard. An average work week for our Organist/Choir Director is expected to be fifteen (15) hours. Rehearsal time with the choir: Wednesday evenings for approximately one and one-half hours, and one hour prior to the 10:30 AM Sunday liturgy. The choir is present for Sunday services consistent with the public school calendar year. It is necessary that the Organist/Choir Director have a Bachelors Degree in Sacred Music or Organ, be currently enrolled at a college or university as an organ major, or experience as both Organist and Choir Director.

Please submit your resume/curriculum vitae to: The Rev. Howard Maltby at the address above or torector@stalbanschurch.net . (Request full job description from sloopystur@aol.com.)

ROCK HILL

Epiphany Lutheran Church, Rock Hill, SC is seek a part-time (20 hours) Director of Music Ministries. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregational weekly worship and music ministries, playing at two worship services each Sunday, directing the choirs, and planning other musical activities for the congregation according to the unique style of Epiphany. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send cover letter and resume to epiphany@comporium.net or to Epiphany Lutheran Church, PO Box 4763, Rock Hill, SC 29732.