



Wilmington Chapter

American Guild of Organists

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Message from the Dean

Greetings from the Wilmington (North Carolina) Chapter!

Founded in 1989, the Wilmington Chapter currently has a growing membership. While the majority of its members live in the greater Wilmington area, the chapter spans a large geographic area that includes southeastern North Carolina and portions of eastern North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina.

The Chapter meets monthly September through June. Each meeting includes a program which often is a concert performed by chapter members for the community, a lecture on a topic of interest or a guest artist recital. Many meetings feature a catered meal.

The Wilmington chapter prides itself on presenting many concerts and events for the greater community. Many years, chapter members present a Hymn Festival for the Church Year, and a members' organ recital. Chapter members also form the AGO Chamber Choir which performs a concert of the works of a major composer many years with chamber orchestra. The 2010 choral concert featured works of Benjamin Britten.

Historic Wilmington, North Carolina, is located on the Southeastern coast of North Carolina and is home to many fine pipe organs. Builders represented include Austin, Bozeman, Casavant, Estey, Goulding & Wood, Noack, Pilcher, Schantz, E. M. Skinner, Taylor and Boody, and Visser-Rowland.

For more information on the Wilmington Chapter, please contact John Miller, Dean, at jandsmiller@charter.com or Justin Smith, webmaster, at cjs@alumni.wfu.edu.

Local Events

Saturday, December 1, 2012, Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 7:30 PM: Chamber Music Wilmington presents a special concert entitled Celtic Christmas, featuring world-renowned Celtic musician Jennifer Licko and her band, "Fire in the Kitchen." They will perform Nollaig na mBan (Women's Christmas).

Saturday, December 1, 2012, Kenan Auditorium (UNCW), 8:00 PM: The Wilmington Symphony presents its annual holiday concert featuring the UNCW Choirs, conducted by Joe Hickman. Music performed will include portions of Handel's Messiah, A Musical Sleigh Ride by Leopold Mozart, and John Rutter sing-along carol arrangements for choir, orchestra and audience.

Sunday, December 2, 2012, Kenan Auditorium, 4:00 PM: The Wilmington Symphony 12/1/12 concert is repeated at a family friendly matinee time.

Sunday, December 2, 2012, Frank H. Kenan Chapel at Landfall, 5:00 PM: Landfall presents the Wilmington Celebration Choir in concert. Free tickets must be picked up from the Northeast Branch Library.*

Sunday, December 2, 2012, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6:30 PM: The Historic Society of the Lower Cape Fear and Chamber Music Wilmington present a concert entitled Viva Vivaldi. This concert features the Vivaldi Project ensemble of Washington, DC playing period instruments and world-famous harpsichordist Elaine Funaro.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, First Presbyterian Church, 12:10 PM: Music at First presents the first concert in the annual Organ Recitals for the Season of Advent series, featuring Gen Bolena, organist and choirmaster at Christ Church in New Bern. Gen studied at Seton Hall and East Carolina and has been at Christ Church since 2007. Lunch follows the concert and is available, by reservation only, for \$7. Call 762-6688 by Monday, December 3 to make a reservation.*

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Winter Park Baptist Church, 7:30 PM: The Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble, under the direction of Stephen Field, presents their annual Christmas concert, entitled Christmas Classics. Tickets available from 962-3500.

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, Beckwith Recital Hall (UNCW), 7:30 PM: The UNCW Department of Music presents a celebration of musical excellence with their annual fall semester Honors Recital, featuring various music students from the university.*

Thursday, December 6, 2012, Cameron Art Museum, 7:30 PM: Cameron

Art Museum and the UNCW Department of Music present a new concert series entitled Pro Musica, featuring the works of living composers and other new music from the 20th and 21st centuries. The program includes the Sonata for Violin and Piano by Steven Errante and works of David Leisner and Joaquin Turina. Performers include Danijela Zezelj-Gauldi, Paolo Gauldi, and Rob Nathanson. Tickets available from the art museum.

Friday-Sunday, December 7-9, 2012, First Baptist Church, 7:30 PM: The music ministry of First Baptist Church presents the 19th annual Christmas at First Baptist, featuring their large chancel choir, members of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra, and organ. This Wilmington tradition is performed three nights, Friday through Sunday, and each performance is always full. Come early for a seat to hear this musical presentation featuring traditional music of the Christmas season.*

Friday, December 7, 2012, Kenan Auditorium, 7:30 PM: The UNCW Department of Music presents the UNCW Wind Symphony in their final concert of the fall semester.

Sunday, December 9, 2012, First Presbyterian Church, 5:00 PM: Music at First presents the Hoggard High School choral department in concert, performing their annual Christmas concert. The concert will be conducted by Benjamin Horrell and accompanied by John Tabler.*

Monday, December 10, 2012, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7:30 PM: Music at St. Paul's presents the Southeastern Oratorio Society under the direction of Larry Cook in its annual Christmas concert. Choral music of Purcell and Holst will be featured, along with traditional carols.*

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, First Presbyterian Church, 12:10 PM: Music at First presents the second concert in the annual Organ Recitals for the Season of Advent series. Candy Williams, Director of Music and Organist at Windermere Presbyterian Church will perform. Lunch follows the concert and is available, by reservation only, for \$7. Call 762-6688 by Monday, December 10 to make a reservation.*

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, Kenan Auditorium, 8:00 PM: The North Carolina Symphony presents a concert entitled Holiday Pops. This program features music of yuletide classics and a carol sing-along. Conducted by William Henry Curry.

Sunday, December 16, 2012, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church (USA), 10:30 AM: The Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church's music department presents a choral work by Lee Dengler entitled A Night for Rejoicing. This multi-movement work features the Little Chapel Chancel Choir, Little Chapel Ringers, Little Chapel Children's Choir, and a chamber orchestra. The service will be conducted by Director of Music and Organist by C. Justin Smith.*

Sunday, December 16, 2012, Scottish Rite Temple, 4:00 PM: The Wilmington Choral Society, conducted by Paula Brinkman and accompanied by Byron Marshall, presents a concert entitled Sounds of the Season from Stage and Screen.

Monday, December 17, 2012, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7:30 PM: The Tallis Chamber Orchestra and soprano Sara Westermarck will present a benefit concert entitled A Baroque Christmas. The proceeds from this concert will benefit the Good Shepherd Center of Wilmington. Music includes Esterhazy's Harmonia Caelestis, Corelli's and Manfredini's Christmas Concerti, Torelli's Trumpet Concerto, Werner's Pastorale, and traditional carols.*

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, First Presbyterian Church, 12:10 PM: Music at First presents the final concert in the annual Organ Recitals for the Season of Advent series. Organist Cristiano Rizzotto is a native of Brazil and is currently studying as a masters degree student in organ performance with Andrew Scanlon at East Carolina. Lunch follows the concert and is available, by reservation only, for \$7. Call 762-6688 by Monday, December 17 to make a reservation.*

Newsletter

From the Dean
John Miller, Dean, Wilmington AGO

Greetings Fellow Musicians!

Let me start with heartfelt thanks to Larry Cook for allowing our Chapter to share in the excellent organ concert at St. Paul's Episcopal as our November program. The many of us who were there can attest to the magnificence of Stephen Tharp's programming and playing. And all of this after arriving late due to weather, significantly limiting his practice time at St. Paul's! It truly was a great evening. Our January program will be January 25-26 and is our Choral Festival with Michael Burkhardt. If you have not registered your choirs and can participate, please let me know as soon as possible. Also, if your choirs cannot participate, there are still opportunities for your participation, either in the organ workshops or as an individual singer. Please see information later in this newsletter for further details. Elsewhere in the newsletter there also is information on our annual Holiday Social. Sharon and I look forward to welcoming all of you to our home for this tradition.

Speaking of traditions, can there be any time of year where more traditions abound? And whether you believe in that special village in the North Pole or not, it is still important to believe ... in anticipation, in togetherness, in surprises, in delight, and yes, even in miracles. Within our own group we

have been blessed recently with at least two miracles ... a completely clean PET/CT scan for Larry Cook and David Heinzman being discharged from the hospital. And so as we each hear again in our houses of worship the story of the miracle of all miracles throughout the next month, surely we can do so with renewed belief that miracles do indeed happen.

And to each and every one of you, I wish a very, very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you all on December 11!

John Miller

Holiday Social

Sharon and I are truly excited to welcome our Chapter to our home for our traditional Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM. Our home is located at 318 N. 4th Avenue at Kure Beach. Each member is asked to bring a heavy appetizer or finger food along with your favorite beverage.

Directions are as follows: Take the Snow's Cut Bridge to Carolina Beach. Once on the island take a right turn at the second stop light onto Dow Road (turn just before the CVS/pharmacy). Follow Dow Road a little more than 3 ½ miles. At the bend in the road, the road changes names to K Avenue. Follow K Avenue and take a left turn onto North 4th Avenue. Our house will be on the right in the third block. There are vacant lots on either side of the house. Feel free to pull in perpendicular to the street for parking. The festivities will be on the third floor. For those who prefer, there is an elevator. Enter on the ground floor, walk past the Santa with the surf board, and the elevator will be the second door on the left.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! —John Miller

Last Chance to Register!

Our Chapter will be sponsoring a Choral Festival for Adults and Children on January 25 and 26, 2013 with guest clinician, conductor, and organist Michael Burkhardt. The Festival will culminate in a service titled Singing the Seasons of Christ. Please if you have not already registered your choir, please contact John Miller by December 5 so that we can finalize plans. Also, if you are unable to bring your choir but would like to register as an individual singer, again please contact John by December 5. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this exciting event!

Tallis Chamber Orchestra

The Tallis Chamber Orchestra and soprano Sara Westermarck will present a benefit concert entitled A Baroque Christmas at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM. The proceeds from this concert will benefit the Good Shepherd Center of Wilmington. Music includes Esterhazy's Harmonia Caelestis, Corelli's and Manfredini's Christmas Concerti, Torelli's Trumpet Concerto, Werner's Pastorale, and traditional carols. All are welcome.

Winston-Salem AGO Organ Festival and Competition

Second Annual High School Organ Festival & Competition - Winston-

Salem, NC

With prizes guaranteed to be at least \$3500 and potentially over \$10,000, UNC School of the Arts, Salem College and the Winston-Salem Chapter of the AGO are pleased to announce the Second Annual High School Organ Festival & Competition the weekend of January 25-27, 2013. The festival and competition is open to any High School Senior or younger. The competition will be held at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem (<http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/FirstBaptist.html>), and the Festival portion will be held on the campuses of UNCSA (<http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/Crawford.html>) & Salem College (<http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/ShirleyHall.html>).

This year's competition application requires a CD submitted with letters of reference by December 14, 2012).

Included during the weekend in addition to the competition is a masterclass with world-renowned Injury-Preventive Keyboard Technique pedagogue, Barbara Lister-Sink; an introduction to Alexander Technique; and a masterclass and individual lessons with UNCSA & Salem College organ professor, Dr. Timothy Olsen, all of which is included in the application fee.

Eight finalists will be chosen from the application pool, and will be notified by December 21, 2012.

For more information and application form, please visit <http://www.timothyolsenorganist.com/OrganCompetition.html>, or contact Professor Timothy Olsen: olsent@uncsa.edu.

ECU Competition

East Carolina University announces the requirements for the 2013 Young Artists Competition for Pre-College Organists Teachers are kindly asked to encourage their pre-college organ students to apply.

Schedule:

Thursday and/or Friday, April 11-12, 2013

- Organ finalists practice at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A schedule will be announced when finalists are determined.

Friday, April 12, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

- Organ Recital by guest artist & adjudicator, Gail Archer (at St. Paul's Episcopal Church). Reception to follow in St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Saturday, April 13, 2013

- 9 am-2 pm: Finalists practice at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- 2:30-4:00 p.m.: Organ competition followed by awarding of prizes

- 5:00 pm: Reception

Sunday, April 14, 2013

- All are welcome to attend the 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Monday, April 15, 2013

- Competitors are welcome to remain on campus to attend organ lessons and/or sacred music courses and the 5:00 p.m. studio performance class.

Official Rules: Young Artist Competition for Pre-College Organists

Eligibility: The competition is open to pre-college students between the ages of 13-18 who are residents of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia or Florida. Current students of the judges and previous first place winners are ineligible to compete.

Competitors must submit three copies of a recording (high quality cassette or compact disc) postmarked no later than March 13, 2013, of the following repertoire for solo organ. The recordings must contain no speaking, and each piece must be continuous and unedited; recordings must not be marked with the name of the competitor.

2012-2013 Programs

Tuesday, December 11, 2012, Home of John and Sharon Miller, 6:30 PM: Annual covered dish holiday social.

Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2013, First Baptist Church. The Wilmington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor a weekend choral festival for children and adult choirs titled "Singing the Seasons of Christ". Guest organist, director and clinician Michael Burkhardt will lead both choral and organ workshops.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6:30 PM: Dinner meeting and "Organ Plus" demonstration of incorporating various instruments with piano and organ in worship.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Dinner at 6:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church and program at 7:30 at St. Mary Catholic Church. In celebration of Bach's birthday and in keeping with the Lenten season, chapter members will play some of Bach's Lenten chorale settings in the wonderful space of St. Mary Catholic Church. All of us will sing the chorales.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Grace United Methodist Church, 6:30 PM: Dinner meeting and discussion led by Jerry Cribbs, Sandy Errante, Sharon Miller, and Cindy Litzinger on maintaining and building children's and youth choirs in today's busy world.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at St. Andrews-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church, 6:30 PM: Dinner meeting and program led by Bettsy Curtis on Global Music, and in particular West African music. Bettsy was one of six musicians traveling on behalf of the United Methodist Church to the Ivory Coast, Africa in 2008, and she will share her knowledge with us.

Sunday, June 2, 2013, at home of Zollene Reissner: Social Time at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:15 PM: Annual covered dish summer social.

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Invites your adult and children's choirs to sing in a choral festival
SINGING THE SEASONS OF CHRIST
 Led by Guest Organist, Director and Clinician
MICHAEL BURKHARDT

ADULT SELECTIONS

Snow Had Fallen; Christ Was Born—Stephen Paulus
 Paulus Publications SP 389, SATB
 The Lord Is Beautiful—arr: Burkhardt
 Morning Star Music MSM-50-6207, SATB
 Ubi Caritas—Durufle/adapted Baker
 Durand/Hal Leonard 50600000, SATB

CHILDREN'S SELECTIONS

Mary, Mary—Avery and Marsh/arr. Burkhardt
 Choristers Guild CGA1216, Union and 2 Part
 Lift Up Your Heads—Jody Lindh
 Choristers Guild CGA-420, Unison and 2 Part

COMBINED SELECTION

Come, Ye Beloved of God—Purcell/arr: Burkhardt
 Copies provided upon registration

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, January 25
 4:00—6:00 PM—Children's Rehearsal
 6:00—7:00 PM—Pizza Party for Children
 6:30—8:00 PM—Organ Clinic Part I
 (open to all participants)
 Saturday, January 26
 8:30—9:00 AM—Registration
 9:00—10:00 AM—Organ Clinic Part II
 10:15 AM—12:45 PM—Adult Rehearsal
 12:45—1:45 PM—Lunch for Adults
 1:30—2:00 PM—Warm up for Children
 2:00—3:15 PM—Children and Adult
 Combined Rehearsal
 3:30—4:30 PM—Choral Festival Service

FESTIVAL LOCATION

First Baptist Church
 411 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
 No registration fee for AGO affiliated groups
 \$35.00 for choirs not affiliated with AGO
 There will be a nominal charge per person for meals
 (children's pizza or adult lunch)

Each choir will need to provide their own music

To register or for further information email:

wilmingtonfestival@gmail.com

Membership

Membership in the Wilmington AGO is open to all who possess a love of organ and choral music. For more information on becoming a member or to request a membership form, please contact Greg Gore, Treasurer, at chawk92@aol.com.

Renewing members are encouraged to return their renewal forms as soon as possible!

Placement

I represent Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMS, in Jacksonville, NC. At the moment, we are without competent accompaniment for our worship services and choir rehearsals.

We have a good organ and a good piano, but regular use for accompaniment is uncertain.

During this past year our Council has budgeted \$4,000 for the organist's annual salary.

We do not know what the Budget for 2013 will be. It will come to the people for approval later this month.

Our organist/pianist would serve in one worship service and one choir rehearsal per week. We will be sending job-opening announcements to high school and community college students in the Jacksonville area, in hopes of finding a talented student who is looking for opportunity to expand his or her experience in classical church music.

If you know of any one in this area who might meet our needs, we would be very happy to talk with him or her.

Sincerely,

Virginia Gorham

Music Coordinator

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Reposted as of 9/30/12

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (USA) is seeking applications for the part-time position of Minister of Music. Submit a completed employment application and resume to griffinpd710@gmail.com. For more information call Rev. Perry D. Griffin at 910-442-7761

Employers and job seekers are invited to post and search listings of available positions on the [Guild's National Website](#).

Certification

For more information about certification, please visit <http://www.agohq.org/education/indexpcertify.html> or contact the Dean at jandsmiller@charter.com.

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Music at First:

<http://www.firstonthird.org/Music/MusicatFirst/tabid/73/Default.aspx>

Music at St. Paul's: <http://www.saintpaulsepiscopalchurch.com/Events.htm>

Music Events at UNCW:

<https://events.uncw.edu/MasterCalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx>

Wilmington Concert Association: <http://www.wilmingtonconcert.com/>

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