



The Brooklyn Bombarde

The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Thanksgiving, 2004

Interesting Times

There is an old Chinese curse -- May you live in interesting times! -- that I sometimes feel is the watchword for the Brooklyn Chapter of the AGO these days. Or, as Roseanne Roseannadana used to say, "If it's not one thing, it is something else!"

Let me explain.

First of all, Austin has canceled our tour of their factory in January. For those in the know, this came as no surprise. The Austin spokesman said that they would be short staff, so they couldn't take the time for us to have a tour. The fact is that Donald Austin died last year, and left the company in the hands of his daughter, Kim. She was going to come to the AIO convention here in New York, but did not show up. The company has negotiated contracts in the past few years that have backfired on them. Too bad. Here is a great company -- the last of the big East Coast organ factories in danger of closing. It would have been fascinating to see a four story plant where organs have been made for over 100 years.

However, Ed Odell has offered us a tour of his new organ factory, also in Connecticut, for the same day. It is not nearly as large, but it is in a picturesque building that used to be a bell foundry in East Hampton, Connecticut. He will be building a new console and working on a pipe facade that day that people may find interesting. There is also a demonstration of an early 19th century Appleton organ -- much like the one in the Metropolitan Museum that Mann and Trupiano restored -- that would be worth the trip in itself. There are interesting antique shops and restaurants near both locations that are charming. All in all, it will be a most entertaining day in the country on Martin Luther King Day, 2005. Inside the Bombarde is a reservation form. **IF WE DO NOT GET ENOUGH RESERVATIONS, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE TRIP!**

Secondly, Gregory Eaton, organist/director of music, and, in fact general factotum of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church said that his new console may not be ready for our members recital. We are therefore trying to find a new location and will announce that in the next Bombarde.

Lastly, and most serious, is the general health of our board. Our Sub Dean, George Williams and our treasurer, Roland Blackburn are both fighting cancer, complete with the obligatory bouts of radiation and chemo. This is a long, draining, painful process, and the thing that can help them the most is to keep them in our daily prayers. Please do this! We are a group that works in faith communities, so we know how important this can be. And their knowing that we pray for them will help their frame of mind.

Copies of the CD, *In Perfect Peace -- A Brooklyn Pastorale* -- will be available at that point also as a benefit, as well as from the Dean (\$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping). This demonstrates the 1880 3 manual Odell Tracker at St. Charles as well as their choir and guest instrumentalists.

With all this, we'll need our Holiday Party in January!

—Donald Barnum, Dean, Brooklyn Chapter, American Guild of Organists

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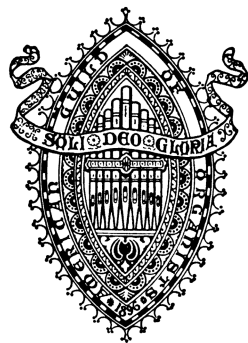
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Some Upcoming Concerts and Chapter Programs

Every Wednesday, 1:10 PM. Free Recital at the
Church of Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity, Montague
and Clinton, the Heights.

Tue., Dec. 21, 8 PM. 37th Annual Messiah Sing-In,
Avery Fisher Hall. Ticket info: 212-333-5333 or 212-721
-6500. Chapter member BRUCE OELSCHLAGER is
organist for this classic event, replacing the late and
beloved David Messineo.

Thu., Dec. 16, 6:30 PM. Winter Concert, Brooklyn
HS of the Arts, at the Baptist Temple, Schermerhorn
and 3rd, Temple Square. Ticket info 718-855-2412,
x5250. (This is Keith Bigger's church.)

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“In Perfect Peace” Compact Discs—A Perfect Holiday Gift!

Don Barnum's magnificent CD “In Perfect
Peace,” which demonstrates the 1880 Odell organ of
which we're so proud, is now on sale. Cost is \$15.
Please pick up several! They're great stocking
stuffers and holiday gifts.

**A Happy Thanksgiving,
A blessed Advent,
And Chag Chanukah Sameach!**

Christmas Party

It's almost time for our annual (End-of-)Christmas party, at Saint John's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Heights. Please join us for the usual festivity. Our faithful longtime member Roland Blackburn is once again overseeing the preparations, and we're sure this year's party will be as memorable as last year's!

TIME: Sunday, January 9, 2005, 5:30 PM

Pre-party gathering at Bill and Jonathan's, 4916 11th Avenue, Boro Park, starting at 3:30, for any who wish to drop by.

PLACE: St. John's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Heights, 9818 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11209 <http://www.saintjohns1834.org/>

COST: \$25 all-inclusive.

RSVP: To Don Barnum—see address below or call

JANUARY VISIT TO THE ODELL FACTORY, EAST HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

On Monday, January 17, we travel to East Hampton, Connecticut, to visit the Odell factory and see a bit of New England. We will also visit an Appleton organ in the vicinity. Lunch at Hathaway, on an icily picturesque lake.

DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2005—Martin Luther King Day.

TIME AND PLACE OF DEPARTURE: St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, Clinton and Montague. Leave at 8:30 AM, in bus or in carpools depending on cost and number attending. (We hope to have a bus—please RSVP quickly!)

COST: \$20.00 down payment now, balance due when bus is hired. Cost not to exceed \$50.00. In event of carpooling, costs will be apportioned by tolls and gas. Lunch at your own expense.

Don't delay! Register now with your preliminary payment. Send this form with a check to **Don Barnum, 74 W. 68th St., Apt. 7A, NY NY 10023-6013.**

YES! Sign me up!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone, email, other contact: _____

RETURN ADDRESS:

Jonathan Hall
4916 11th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11219

MAIL TO:

Put this on your fridge with a magnet!

HOLIDAY PARTY, January 9, 2005, St. John's Church

JANUARY TRIP TO CONNECTICUT, January 17, 2005

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 8, 2005

We are the fastest-growing chapter in the nation. Keep the trend going!

In Perfect Peace—A Brooklyn Pastorale

On sale now—ask Don!