



The Brooklyn Bombarde

**The Brooklyn Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
November, 2003**



A word from the Dean:

Once again, our Brooklyn Chapter has a claim on the center of the organ world!

We had a beautiful installation service at St. Charles Borromeo, with an eloquently homily from our chaplain, Fr. Joel Warden (which is excerpted in another part of this newsletter), excellent playing from our new member, Bruce Oelschlager, organist and director of music of Plymouth Church. An especial thanks to the St. Charles Parish Choir and guest from Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, as well as St. John the Divine, Manhattan for providing the beautiful music.

I personally was very impressed with the District convener, Meredith Baker, who came down all the way from Most Holy Trinity, the Roman Catholic Cadet Chapel at West Point. She brought energy and expertise -- singing right along with the alto section of the choir, and occasionally helping out the second sopranos -- with dignity in the way she did the investiture. This is an event to which all members of the guild should come. All of us need to renew our commitment, and this was a beautiful way to do it. We welcomed representatives from the Fourth Estate -- Francesca Norsen for the *Brooklyn Heights Press* and Craig Whitney of the *New York Times*. Once again, those who have not read Craig's book, *All the Stops*, should as soon as possible.

But the main thing that made me feel that we were the center of the organ world is the latest issue of *The Tracker*, the journal of the Organ Historical Society. The majority of the issue is dedicated to the J. W. Steere & Son Organ Company, with an article by our Board Member, Keith Bigger, on the Steere organ at Symphony Hall, Springfield Massachusetts. It's a very thorough article, as is Jonathan Hall's article on the Baptist Temple and their Steere Organ. Both are "must reads." There is also a blurb in *Organ Update* on the beginning of the restoration of the Odell organ at St. Charles Borromeo. There is still a lot more to do, but what has been done is beautiful. If you don't have an issue of *The Tracker*, get one!

Finally, we will be hosting an excellent lecture and recital on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11 -- something we all should attend! Iain Quinn will give us an overview of Russian organ music. He has recorded many of these pieces and has traveled all over giving this lecture and recital, and it is not to be missed. It will be at St. Ann's and the Holy Trinity, Clinton and Montague, lecture at 5, dinner break, and recital at 8 pm. See you all there!

—Donald Barnum

Dean, Brooklyn Chapter, American Guild of Organists

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Next Board Meeting

The Next meeting of the Chapter Board will be on December 2 at St. Charles, 21 Sidney Place in da Heights. Come at 7:30 for an 8 PM meeting.

A Minor Correction

I am told by Roland Blackburn that Edward F. Radonic, Samuel W Roberts, and Edward C. Stevenson, who were listed as new members in the October issue are indeed long-time Chapter members and not new members! Apparently their names got included from the list of renewed members. So, welcome again!!



Some Upcoming Concerts and Chapter Programs

ONGOING. Wednesdays at 1:10 PM, organ recital, usually played by Gregory Eaton, at The Church of Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn Heights. Free.

ONGOING. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 12:20-12:50 pm: Bach at Noon. The organ works of J.S. Bach. Grace Church, 802 Broadway at 10th St. Free. 212-254-2000 x110.

ONGOING. Sundays, 4:40 pm. organ recitals before Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm. Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Episcopal), 145 West 46th Street. Free. 212-869-5830 ext. 24.

ONGOING. Bach Vespers, 5:00 pm. Directed by Rick Erickson. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3 W 65th at Central Park West. Offering. 212-877-6815.

ONGOING. 5:15 pm. organ recitals at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, 5th and 53rd. 212-757-7013, ext. 303.

Tuesday, November 11, 12:30. A Little Midday Music, The Church of the Transfiguration ("Little Church Around the Corner"), 1 East 29th Street (Fifth/Madison). Free. 212-684-4174.

Chapter Program! Tuesday, November 11 (Veteran's Day), 5 and 8 PM. Lecture and recital on Russian Organ Music. Iain Quinn. St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, Clinton and Montague in the Heights. Lecture free for Brooklyn AGO members.

Wednesday, November 16, 3:00 pm. **J. David Williams**, organ. Works by Bach, Dupré and Elgar. Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn. \$15 donation. 718-625-7515.

Wednesday, November 19, 7:30 PM. Frank Crosio, in recital at The Church of the Epiphany, 74th and York, NYC. 212-737-2720 ext. 24 for further info. Free.

Authentic Brooklyn

Brooklyn on da Web

Here are a few nifty websites you might enjoy regarding Brooklyn and its unique and wonderful culture.

The Brooklyn Museum of Art, 200 Eastern Parkway: <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/>

The Brooklyn Eagle Online (Thanks to Rollin Smith for this invaluable link!) <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle/>

The Brooklyn Public Library <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/>

Forgotten NY (an incredible treasure trove of old New York, including all five boroughs. Street signs, lampposts, subways, alleys, cobblestones, graveyards, you name it.) <http://www.forgotten-ny.com/>

The Official Website of the Borough of Brooklyn (have you visited this lately??) <http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/index.html>

The Official Website of the Green-Wood Cemetery. Visit Brooklyn's most famous final resting place from your very own computer screen at <http://www.green-wood.com/>

The Brooklyn Historical Society: <http://www.brooklynhistory.org/>

The New York Transit Museum, Corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn Heights: <http://www.mta.info/mta/museum/>

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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 5 and 8 PM,
Iain Quinn, St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn Heights.

chapter website: <http://home.nyc.rr.com/gmnyc/>