



The Brooklyn Bombarde

The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists October, 2006

The Dean's Message

Please plan to attend Brian Harlow's lecture-recital on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30. The program will take place at the church of Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity, corner Clinton and Montague, the Heights. Cost is FREE to members of the BROOKLYN CHAPTER, and \$15 for others, \$10 student/senior.

It promises to be an outstanding event. I knew Brian when he was an undergraduate at Indiana University; we've kept in touch through his work at Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue and graduate studies at Yale. He's a brilliant organist—one of the best I've heard—and a fine human being as well. His academic work at Indiana earned him a coveted prize in musicology, and he has a particular love for the topic at hand, mid-twentieth-century British organ music. He's a quiet, young, unassuming gentleman from Massachusetts, and a passionate, bona fide master of the King of Instruments. PLEASE make sure to attend, and bring five or six friends along!

Please also plan to join us for Keith Bigger's sixtieth birthday party on Saturday, November 18, from noon to 4 PM, at the Brooklyn Baptist Temple, near BAM and the Atlantic-Pacific subway stations. Keith wants every group that has made a difference in his life to be represented, and for us, it's a great chance to congratulate a selfless colleague and even an opportunity to get our hands on the Steere organ!

A final programming note is a look-ahead at the Queens mini-convention on Martin Luther King Day, January 17, 2007. We are co-sponsoring this program in celebration of the Queens Chapter's fiftieth anniversary. We will spend the day participating in a dazzling array of workshops given by leading area organists. We'll be at the Community Church of Douglaston, right off Northern Boulevard in Douglaston. You could take the LIRR from Penn Station, Port Washington Branch, and walk from the Douglaston Station, or take the LIE to exit 30 or 31, Douglaston Parkway, and navigate up to 25A from there. (You'll loop up and over the LIE and go straight to Northern Blvd.)

As this is an expensive, ambitious event, we must charge our members a reduced admission rate of ten dollars. Others will pay twenty. You'll get a lot for your money, I promise you! There will be recitals, masterclasses, workshops on improvisation, organist health, easy repertoire, choral music, and the like. It will be a terrific day of total immersion in our craft. I strongly encourage you to be there!

The chapter has created a membership growth subcommittee, the members of which are Hope Engelsen, Steve Danziger, Joe Extejt, Sylvester Nichols, and Ray Trapp. Our chapter extends from Gowanus to Jamaica Bay, "Greenpernt" to Coney Island, and our committee is charged with doing the research, legwork, outreach, cold-calling, and glad-handing that will be needed to make new friends and members for our chapter. Please help them help us!

If you know of organists who don't belong to the Guild, speak to them, or pass their information on to a member of the committee. If you know an organist who lives and works in Brooklyn, but does not belong to our chapter, invite them to consider at least dual membership with us.

On a personal note, I want to emphasize how much I appreciate being able to serve as your leader. The Guild has meant a lot to me for twenty years. I hope it means a lot to you too. Please make a commitment to yourself to increase your commitment to our organization this year, whether by means of time, talent, treasure, or all three. The Board and Officers welcome you, seek to include you, and want to work with you.

Vivat rex instrumentorum! Soli Deo Gloria! Happy Halloween!

—Jonathan B. Hall, FAGO, dean

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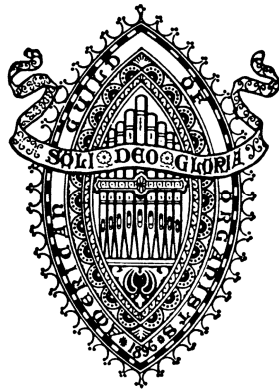
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CHAPTER-SPONSORED EVENTS

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Saturday, November 18, noon to 4 PM, Keith Bigger's "big six-oh" at Brooklyn Baptist Temple, Schermerhorn St., downtown Brooklyn. Join us in saluting one of our most dedicated and imaginative members.

[Tentative]: Traditional "Twelfth-Night" party, January 7, 2007, at St. John's Church, Hamilton Heights. More details TBA.

MLK Day, Jan. 17, all day: our Mini-Convention! Plan to attend — it will be terrific.

PROGRAMS OF OUR MEMBERS

Every Wednesday, 1:10 PM. Free Recital at the Church of Saint Ann and the Holy Trinity, Montague and Clinton, the Heights. Usual recitalist is *titulaire* Gregory Eaton though you may also hear Mark Victor Smith, Ken Potter, or other guests tickle the abundant ivories.

Sunday, November 5, 4 PM: Powers and Hall in recital, Grace Episcopal Church, Rutherford NJ. Free! Featuring David Hurd's new *Sonata for Alto Saxophone and Organ*, commissioned 2006 by Powers and Hall. Church is easily reached via car, train, or bus. Email the Editor (see address lower left) for directions.

We encourage all members to support one another by attendance at such programs as they can make. Bring friends, too!

And organists: please let the newsletter editor know of your upcoming recitals!

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Saturday, November 18, 12-4: Keith Bigger's Excellent Adventure!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU'VE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

PLEASE TRY TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS! See cover story for info on our new membership committee.