



# **The Brooklyn Bombarde**

## **The Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Summer, 2006**

### **King of Instruments, Borough of Kings**

I have edited newsletters for four chapters of the Guild over the past ten years or so...it feels strange to be writing the Dean's article for the first time!

First of all, let me thank my predecessor, Don Barnum, for all of his fine work and friendly spirit over the past several years. He joins a long line of distinguished Past Deans of this Chapter, and I am looking to all of them for inspiration and guidance as we write a new page of our history.

Let me also thank the officers and board members with whom I've served since 2003. I have looked forward to our Tuesday evening meetings at Saint Charles and the conviviality afterwards over hearty Polish cuisine!

Congratulations to the newly-elected and re-elected board and officers. I look forward to working with you in the months to come. Sub-Dean Gregory Eaton and I are both eager to put together a successful program year with your help.

Our chapter has several big jobs to do. One is to *grow*. It is up to all of us to commit to the musical and spiritual life of Brooklyn and flourish there, in real life and in real time. We cannot limit ourselves to one musical expression, one faith tradition, one culture, one or two neighborhoods. We must seek to be visible and appreciated from Greenpoint to Coney Island, Gowanus to Jamaica Bay, in every neighborhood where organ music is heard—in other words, everywhere! We need not fantasize about being anywhere else. This is our beat, our bailiwick, warts and all.

Another task before us is to grow *wisely* and *well*, distinguishing between specific musical expressions which can change and a commitment to quality and collegiality which is permanent. In maintaining a high standard of effective and open communication, excellence with the rejection of elitism, candid collegiality, and genuine love of our instrument, we cannot but attract new members and fresh energy in the coming year.

Our first official event of the season is the fall picnic and installation of officers, Sunday, September 24. As usual, Past Dean Brian McAnuff will be our gracious host at St. John's Episcopal Church, Park Slope. Other sensational events will follow, including a joint program with the Queens Chapter as they celebrate their golden jubilee.

Will you join me in looking forward to a terrific 2006-2007?

Blessings on your summer recreations and aestival festivals! I look forward to seeing you all, plus many fresh faces, in September.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

—Jonathan B. Hall, Dean

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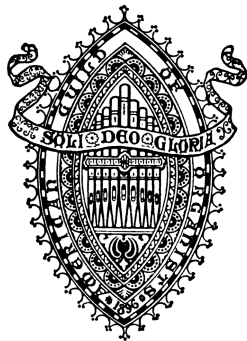
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**Upcoming Concerts**

Every Wednesday, 1:10 PM. Free Recital at the  
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Montague and Clinton, the Heights.

*(To be listed here, just ask me in an email!)*

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**Chapter Website Launched!**

After seemingly endless delays and U-turns, we've  
done it! The new Brooklyn Chapter website is  
successfully launched. It is still a work in progress,  
no doubt, but it is *our* work in progress. Visit it  
early and often, and send the Webmaster your  
suggestions. [www.brooklynago.org](http://www.brooklynago.org).

**From Keith Bigger**

The Brooklyn Baptist Temple organ, the famous  
1918 J. W. Steere, is featured in a recording with  
organist Craig Williams. This CD, titled *All Glory in  
the Highest*, is available for a cost of \$15; proceeds  
benefit the organ restoration fund.

Also, the Brooklyn Baptist Temple is liquidating its  
choral music library—an astounding collection  
nearly a century old. Call Keith at the church, 718-  
875-1858 X160, if you are interested.

## Summer Trip

### A HOLIDAY IN THE POCONOS!

**TIME:** Sunday, August 20, rain or shine, after church. Carpool. Return or stay over; make arrangements with Don and drivers/passengers.

**PLACE:** Don Barnum's fabulous "campsite" (with umpteen rooms) at Pocono Lake. Contact Don for driving directions: DCBjr1@aol.com or 212-799-6944.

**COST:** \$10 for Don, work out gas and tolls with your driver/passengers.

## SEPTEMBER PICNIC AND OFFICER INSTALLATION ST. JOHN'S PARK SLOPE

Sunday, September 24, once again with our host Brian McAnuff.

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

**COST:** To be determined, but mark your calendars now!

### *Im Memoriam*

A former member of our Chapter, **Raymond Olsen**, died July 5 at the Norwegian Christian Home. Mr. Olsen was a dear friend of our Secretary, Hope Engelsen. The youngest of five, Mr. Olsen was nearly eighty years of age, and had an elder sister living in Norway. He, and his family and friends, including Hope, are in our prayers.

### *2006-2007 Person of the Year*

This year, the Brooklyn Chapter is proud to honor the Rev. Angela Askew, Priest-in-Charge of the Church of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in the Heights, as our Person of the Year. Each year, we honor someone who is not a performing organist, but who supports us in an allied field. We have been learning that we have many allies, and we are proud to honor them. Mother Askew has supported the immense task of restoring Saint Ann's historic Skinner organ. For that we thank and honor her.

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*Put this on your fridge with a magnet!*

PARTY IN THE POCONOS, AUGUST 20, AFTERNOON.

PICNIC AND INSTALLATION, SEPTEMBER 24, AFTERNOON.

(See inside for more details.....!)