



# The Brooklyn Bombarde

**The Brooklyn Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
May-June 2007**

Banquet, Renewals....

Our favorite activity—eating together—finds full expression on Sunday, June 3, at La Sorrentina Restaurant. For the third time, we'll be going to this Bensonhurst landmark for a delightful evening of conviviality. Please reserve now! This is always a popular event. See registration form inside!

It's about time to renew your membership in the American Guild of Organists for the 2007-2008 program year! The Guild is a large, active organization, and membership in it is a source of pride and professional encouragement for tens of thousands of people. If you're not an organist, you're still welcome to join us and explore the most magnificent musical instrument ever invented.

The Guild is both grass-roots and professional—an unusual combination in this over-specialized day and age. For professional and serious avocational organists, we have a superb certification program. This program inspires a bit of holy terror in its aspirants, but pays the richest of professional rewards. There is a joke that FAGO stands for "Formerly A Good Organist" and AAGO stands for "Almost A Good Organist," but that is strictly tongue in cheek. Aspire to these distinctions, work hard on them, be confident in a fair evaluation, and grow through them. If you seek the Collegueship or the Service Playing Certificate, or certification as a Choirmaster, you will also find yourself amply repaid for your efforts.

For those who are simply amazed and delighted by this vast musical machine we call home, the Guild offers you information, recitals, workshops, tours, and friendly interactions. The Brooklyn Chapter is unique in the Guild in that we annually honor a non-organist for his or her support of our field in an allied or cognate area.

You are also entitled to—no, *expected* to—vote in our local elections. Your nominating committee has worked hard to put together a good slate of candidates; please affirm it. Ballots will be received and counted up to the end of the Banquet, and the results announced at its conclusion.

Your summer plans are no doubt firming up. Are you planning on practicing? Learning new repertoire? Running through Hanon so as not to get rusty? Playing any recitals? *Avoiding* playing any recitals? Visiting other churches or synagogues to hear things from a fresh angle? Fishing? Playing Sudoku? The possibilities are limitless. Enjoy them. And have a terrific summer....beginning with the Banquet!

*Soli Deo Gloria! Vivat rex instrumentorum!*

## Officers, Board Members and Appointments

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SUB-DEAN: Gregory Eaton 212-924-4686

SECRETARY: Hope Engelsen 718-836-1751

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*Class of 2008:*

Tim Chun, Keith Bigger, Roger Castellani

*Class of 2009:*

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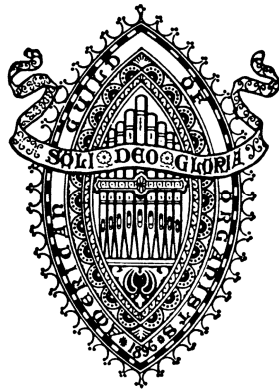
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## CHAPTER-SPONSORED EVENTS

**June 3: Banquet, La Sorrentina...next page**

## 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.

Parish of St. Charles Borromeo, Donald Barnum, Minister of Music, presents *A Concert of Liturgical Musical Masterpieces* featuring the music of Allegri, Biebl, Britten Palestrina & others. Sunday, June 10 at 3:15 pm St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, 21 Sidney Place, Brooklyn Heights. Tickets \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at door Students and senior citizens \$7.00. For further information, please call 212-799-6944

From our brethren in Queens: *We hope you can attend our 50th anniversary Service on Sunday, June 24, 4:30 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston (39-50 Douglaston Parkway). Dr. David Hurd will play his "Arioso & Final" composed for our 35th anniversary and conduct his him tune "Andujar"- named for our first Dean. We will have the world premiere of Dr. Bruce Saylor's Psalm 150- commissioned for our 50th anniversary Service. A reception will follow. Call Vinny Alukonis at 516-488-5287 Brokenank@aol.com.*

### **Substitute List**

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**For inquiries, call Julian Goodwin**

**SPRING BANQUET: SIGN ME UP!**

La Sorrentina, 6522 11th Avenue—65th and 11th Ave, not far from Regina Pacis.

Sunday, June 3, 2007, starting at 6 PM. Dress: casual.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (\$45 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to: Dr. Steve Danziger, 35 Prospect Park West, 12D, Brooklyn NY 11215 (718-398-3980)*

*Handy hint: Why not enclose your renewal too—or bring it to the banquet?*

**OFFICIAL CHAPTER BALLOT,  
2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR**

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE BROOKLYN CHAPTER AGO SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR.

Please mark the ballot and send it to Dr. Steve Danziger, 35 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn NY 11215. Your envelope should contain your return address, for verification only. When your name is ticked on the master list of members, your envelope will be discarded. ALL BALLOTS ARE DUE BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE BANQUET, JUNE 3, 2007, AT LA SORRENTINA, 6522 11TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN NY. YOU MAY BRING THIS BALLOT WITH YOU AND DELIVER IT IN PERSON. If you like, you may mail it together with the banquet registration.

You may write in other candidates if you choose.

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| <b>DEAN</b> [vote for one]                   | Jonathan Hall  |
| <b>SUB-DEAN</b> [vote for one]               | Gregory Eaton  |
| <b>SECRETARY</b> [vote for one]              | Hope Engelsen  |
| <b>TREASURER</b> [vote for one]              | Steve Danziger |
| <b>REGISTRAR</b> [vote for one]              | Joe Extejt     |
| <b>BOARD, CLASS OF 2009</b> [vote for THREE] | John Cunniffe  |
|  | Dominic Russo  |
|  | John Klauder   |

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*Put this on your fridge with a magnet!*

CHAPTER ELECTIONS...vote!

June 3, BANQUET AT LA SORRENTINA...sign up right away!

July 1-5, Region II Convention...attend! (Hint: it's across the river!)