



The Brooklyn Bombarde
Brooklyn Chapter AGO
End of Season, June 2005
Soli Deo Gloria

The Dean Speaketh

Congratulations to our concert organists! We had an excellent recital this past month at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Bed-Stuy on their new Guilbault-Thérien organ, led off by member Michael Kaminski playing the first movement of the Vierne *2nd Symphony*. Exciting! Michael is under professional concert management, and gave everyone a very high profile to shoot for, which they met.

Eric Birk shaped a chorale partita by Piet Post very musically, and past dean Julian Goodwin played two of his own organ compositions that were beautiful, and fit the organ very well. Jonathan Hall, our newsletter editor, played the Bach *G Major Prelude* with stylistic elegance, as well a transcription of a Clérambault piece for saxophone, ably played by William Powers. It's always a treat to hear both of them play! Roger Castellani played three generous pieces movingly, followed by board members Sylvester Nichols, who is a parishioner of St. Philip's, playing Bach and Franck, and Timothy Chun ringing in with Mendelssohn. Bruce Oelschlager gave us an exciting, rousing finale with Mulet's *Carillon-Sortie*, leading us to a festive wine and cheese reception, jointly sponsored by the guild and St. Philip's. The majority of the parishioners who came to hear us stayed and socialized with our members and recitalists, and we got one person who now wants to join the guild. We had one of the largest audiences in memory for our recitals, and one former dean felt it was our best recital ever!

Whether that's in fact the case or not, it certainly was an important milestone in our chapter. It meant so much to me that a parish that made a huge financial commitment to a fine, quality pipe organ turned out and enjoyed themselves so much. THEY are to be commended for having such a wonderful organ and music program. Surely, God is in this place!

And, as much fun and fellowship as we had there, we are bound to have that and more at our annual banquet Sunday, June 5, at La Sorrentina, 1406 86th St., Bensonhurst. Don't miss it!
And...

remember to vote!!

---Donald Curtis Barnum, Jr., MM, Dean