



# The Brooklyn Bombarde

**The Brooklyn Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists  
Spring 2008**

## Concluding a Terrific Year

What a day! How often does an AGO chapter offer a program that adds significantly to our knowledge of the field? That is the standard of a doctoral dissertation: to research something new and advance the frontiers of knowledge. The Brooklyn Chapter has done essentially that in its recent “Bach to Brooklyn.” While there are a few other requirements to earning a “Phud,” personally I’m ready to start handing out a long squishy velvet hood or two.

First in line is Keith Bigger. “Doc” Bigger discovered a Pilcher organ—a real, hitherto unknown Pilcher—a few blocks north of the Williamsburgh Bridge. The church is a forty-year-old Spanish-speaking Baptist congregation in a hundred-and-forty-year-old building. Yours truly added some research in the Brooklyn Historical Society, and *voilà*—evidence of Pilcher activity during their so-called “lost years”—and in Brooklyn, no less.

Bravos are due to John Klauder, who helped Keith immensely in attempting to wind the old Pilcher. The effort, though fruitless, was noble and deeply appreciated. John’s knowledge and skill are second to none.

Bravo to Andrew Dolkart, whose commentary was excellent and who was remarkably generous with his time. He even improvised a walking tour when we ran ahead of schedule.

Bravo to Gregory Eaton, who played so excellently at two of the locations and spoke so eloquently about the Jardine and Austin. Bravo to Hope, who arranged for the delicious food! Bravo to the welcoming clergy and laity of the churches! This includes Amanda Husberg, who played the Barckhoff for us. A prolific hymn composer and delightful person, Amanda has joined the Chapter. Welcome!

Bravo to everyone who supported the program, came with us, led us, drove us around, served our meals, played for us, and acted as generally good company: bravo to you all!

Now, one more thing: let’s end the year in a blaze of glory, good fellowship, and of course great food! Our annual spring festivity is set for Sunday, June 1, at La Sorrentina as usual. See the registration slip and further information on location and time inside this issue.

Please, please, renew your chapter membership soon! Every year we deal with many late renewals, and there is inevitable disappointment when the magazine stops arriving. A form is enclosed for your convenience. Remember, we accept donations as well as dues! Consider “rounding up” as a gift to us.

We hope that this summer will see another summery road trip to visit one of the famous organs that dot the Atlantic shore. Stay tuned!

Finally, your Nominating Committee will be sending out ballots soon. These must be counted by the end of the banquet. Please make your voice heard. Also, please take a moment to thank the current officers and board for their faithful work and lively interest in our life as a Chapter. We are not just surviving: we are flourishing! Let’s try to keep the good momentum going as we transition to another season.

**See you at our upcoming Banquet on June 1! And please don’t forget to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

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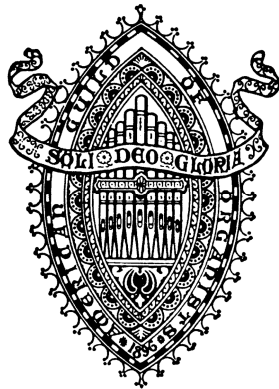
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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

Christ Church, Cobble Hill, will present the Canoni Chorale in *Liturgical Musical Masterpieces and More* on Sunday afternoon, June 8, at 5 PM in the church. Following on the success of last year's concert at St. Charles, Brooklyn Heights, the group is repeating many of the wonderful double choir, *a cappella* and accompanied anthems of the Cathedral tradition. The group, under the direction of Donald Barnum, last sang to great acclaim at the church on Christmas Eve, 2007.

Featured will be double choir anthems by Allegri, Britten, Duruflé, Harris, Wood, Stainer, and others, including group member's Andriy Legkyy's *Prayer of St. Francis*, written for the Chorale; and New York premieres by Georgianna Askoff, composer, keyboardist and mezzo-soprano. Soloists include Robert Jedlicka, Danielle Messina, Katrina Montagna, and Brooklyn's own Carolyn McGuigan. Featured also will be Philip Koch, of the late and lamented Grand Scena Opera Company.

There will be a wine and cheese reception in the rectory following the concert. Tickets (\$20; \$10 for seniors and students) and information are available at the church office (718-624-0083), or by calling 212-799-6944. The church is at the corner of Clinton and Kane.

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**SPRING BANQUET: SIGN ME UP!**

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

Sunday, June 1, 2008, starting at 6 PM. Dress: casual.

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

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

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

Total enclosed (\$50 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?***

**Nominations**

The Nominating Committee is still hard at work. We will be sending out ballots under separate cover. All ballots must be received by the end of the Banquet, at which time our new officers and board members will be announced. Thanks to all who serve so unselfishly and well!

**Thanks to Our Donors**

Brooklyn Chapter is profoundly grateful to the following members for their financial support. Your generosity is a model for the rest of us!

- Joseph Carson
- Stephen Danziger
- Kenneth V. Dake
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Our Spring Banquet will be at La Sorrentina on June 1.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY THIS YEAR!

Ballots will be in the mail soon.