# The Greater Columbia November 2007 Organist

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# **GREGORY D'AGOSTINO**

FISHER ORGAN RECITAL

## Sunday, November 4, 4:00pm

## Christ Chapel, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

4201 North Main Street, Columbia, SC

One of America's most exciting concert organists, Gregory D'Agostino

has been hailed by *The New York Times* for his "deft, powerful performances" and *The Washington Post* has likewise proclaimed his playing as "brilliant" and "impeccable." Performing from memory a vast repertoire including the complete organ works of Bach, Liszt, Franck, Handel, and Schumann, Mr. D'Agostino generates an electric and thrilling sense of drama that has been hailed as a "stunning, controlled delirium" by *The American Organist* magazine.

Mr. D'Agostino came to national attention as a concert organist when he performed, to great acclaim, two different back-to-back memorized concerts for the 100 anniversary of the American Guild of Organists. His appearances as soloist with such orchestras as the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Hong Kong Philharmonic, and Slovak Radio Orchestra have received equal praise. The San Diego Union-Tribune selected his concerts with the Mainly Mozart Orchestra as among San Diego's "memorable performances of the year" in the company of such eminent artists as the Guarneri String Quartet and clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. The Washington Post declared that Mr. D'Agostino's performance of the Poulenc Organ Concerto displayed "crushing power when needed, and sensitivity to the music's dark, filmy atmospherics," and the Charleston Post and Courier has praised his interpretation of Stephen Paulus' Organ Concerto as "a major accomplishment by any measure." An acknowledged leader in the performance of new music for the organ, Mr. D'Agostino has collaborated with numerous composers including legendary American composers George Crumb, Milton Babbitt, and Ned Rorem. Of his first-ever performance of Rorem's complete works for organ, principal New York Times critic Allan Kozinn wrote that Mr. D'Agostino "got to the heart of Mr. Rorem's writing, the gentle and songlike as well as the robust and purely dexterous."

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Two Meetings this month Mark your calendars for both the recital on November 4 and the luncheon on November 13

#### 2007-2008

Sunday, November 4, 4:00 pm Fisher Endowment Organ Recital; Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Tuesday, November 13, 11:30 am Luncheon meeting & Open Console; Brookland Baptist Church

December TBA Christmas Party Home of Mark Husey

Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 pm Organ Music by Women Composers—Susan Hegberg; Union United Methodist Church

Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 pm Student Recital; Shandon United Methodist Church

Monday, April 7, 7:30 pm <u>Handbell Workshop:</u> Jeffers Handbell

Saturday, May 3 TBA Paul Spicer; Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

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He has been a featured artist at South Carolina's Piccolo Spoleto three different Festival in St. Petersburg seasons, International Festival of the Palaces (Russia), Orcas Island Music Festival Chamber (Washington), San Diego's Spreckels International Organ Festival, London Association of Organists, Prague Free Organ World Festival (Czech Republic), Schola Cantorum (Paris), Nowy Sacz Organ Arts Festival (Poland), European-American Festival (Southampton, New Olomouc International York), Festival Organ (Czech Republic). and the Krakow International Organ Festival (Poland). In 2007 Mr. D'Agostino made his second concert tour of Japan to unanimous rave



reviews and sold-out audiences, and was featured in the prestigious journals "Recording Art" and "Friends of Music."

Mr. D'Agostino has appeared on Public Radio International's "Pipedreams," NPR's "The Next Big Thing," NPR's "Soundcheck," Radio Prague, Czech National Television, and Japan Regional Television. A versatile artist, he has recorded for film including Jonathan Bepler's massive organ score for *Cremaster 2* by acclaimed filmmaker Matthew Barney, which was featured at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, now part of the permanent collections of both the Walker Art Center (Minneapolis) and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Mr. D'Agostino has recorded CDs for the Albany, Centaur, Bridge, Gigue, and Orcas labels, and his recording of the Flentrop organ at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary is scheduled for release by Loft Records in 2008.

Mr. D'Agostino earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from The Juilliard School as a scholarship student of Jon Gillock and Vernon deTar; further studies were with Xavier Darasse, Bernard Lagacé, and Marie-Claire Alain at the Toulouse Organ Academy (France). While still a student, he served on the faculty of Juilliard and was a Performing Artist with the Lincoln Center Institute. He has given masterclasses for universities and AGO chapters, guest lectures at Juilliard, and has been on the faculty of numerous Pipe Organ Encounter (POE) programs for young organists as well as Director of New York City's first POE.

#### RECITAL

"War March of the Priests" (*Athalia*) MENDELSSOHN *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*, Op. 122, No. 8; BRAHMS Noel X (Grand Jeu et Duo) DAQUIN Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543 BACH Sonata per organo a guisa di banda militare che suona una marcia GHERARDESCHI

"Carillon de Westminster," Op. 54 (*Pièces de fantaisie*, Troisième Suite) VIERNE "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele," BWV 654 (*Die Leipziger Choräle*) BACH Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 BACH

The long-awaited series of CDs that have been recorded on the Seminary Flentrop organ will begin to be released in 2008. Gregory is one of the artists (his CD, appropriately for a Lutheran seminary, is all-Bach, including his transcription for organ of his monumental Chaconne for violin), and the producer of the entire series.

# Luncheon meeting & Open Console Tuesday, November 13, 11:30 am Brookland Baptist Church



1066 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia, SC

Come enjoy fellowship and a good meal at our first luncheon for the 2007-2008 year. There will be an open console on the church's four manual Allen organ.

#### 2007-2008

Dean Tony Roof tonyroof@windstream.net

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# Member News

American Boychoir is performing at Shandon United Methodist Church.

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm

Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 for students.



USC'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND FILM STUDIES PROGRAM presents

AN EVENING OF SILENT FILM with DENNIS JAMES, organist

"THE GODLESS GIRL" (Cecil B. DeMille, 1929)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7:30 PM SCHOOL OF MUSIC RECITAL HALL

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### LAKE MURRAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE OF ORGAN DEDICATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2007, 3:00 PM

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

ALLEN QUANTUM RENAISSANCE ORGAN (three manuals, 80 stops)

GUEST ORGANIST Dr. Ron Davis, Professor of Organ/Sacred Music at Presbyterian College

Lake Murray Presbyterian is located at 2721 Dutch Fork Road (also known as highway 76), between White Rock and Chapin.

For more information, email Sara Beardsley <<u>sbeardsley@mozart.sc.edu</u>> or call 803-777-5369.

PROGRAM Fantasy and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542--J. S. Bach Elegy--George Thalben-Ball Two Hymn Settings--Craig Phillips Praise to the Lord, the Almighty If You Will Only Let God Guide You Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 1--Herbert Howells Two Hymn Preludes--Albert L. Travis Amazing Grace Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart Sonata Eroica--Joseph Jongen



#### Still Hopes 2007-2008 Concerts

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community One Still Hopes Dr. West Columbia, SC 29169 803-739-5018

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Saturday	October 27	4:00 p.m.	Ha Yejee, piano Naomi Causby, piano	Garden Room
Sunday	October 28	3:00 p.m.	Jorge Luis Uzcátegui, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	November 1	7:30 p.m.	Joseph Eller, clarinet Lynn Compass, piano	Garden Room
Tuesday	November 27	7:30 p.m.	Constance Gee, viola Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	January 24	7:30 p.m.	Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Sunday	January 27	4:00 p.m.	USC Cello Choir	Chapel
Thursday	January 31	7:30 p.m.	Clifford Leaman, saxophone Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	February 28	7:30 p.m.	Marina Lomazov, piano Joseph Rackers, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	March 6	7:30 p.m.	Scott Price, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	March 13	7:30 p.m.	Tina Milhorn Stallard, soprano Lynn Kompass, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	March 20	7:30 p.m.	Laury Christie, soprano Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	March 27	7:30 p.m.	Robert Pruzin, horn Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	April 3	7:30 p.m.	Robert Jesselson, cello Charles Fugo, piano	Garden Room
Thursday	April 10	7:30 p.m.	Scott Herring, percussion	Garden Room

### Please add to your Substitute List:

Hubert Tucker -799-0207 John Haney - 790-6067 (Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist) Bob Stone - 786-7195 (Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran) Glenda Clifton - 791-1140 - Weddings and Funerals Jenny Walrath - 732-5482 - Substitution - Lutheran, Episcopal

# Jour of the Holy Land

You are cordially invited to join Teresa S. Riley and Peter's Way Tours for a ten-day continuing education/familiarization tour of the Holy Land.

In the Footsteps of Jesus January 10-19, 2008

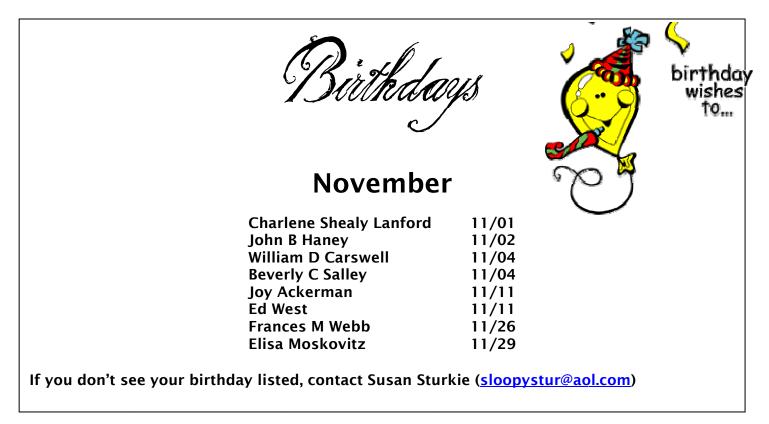


Walk in the footsteps of Jesus during this pilgrimage journey of faith. Experience our services, consider the liturgical possibilities, visit performance venues and possibilities in Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Emmaus.

\$1095 + \$250 tax\* inclusive from New York \$200 additional surcharge for companion \*estimated departure taxes and fuel surcharges subject to increase 30 days prior to departure

For more information contact: Teresa S. Riley, Director of Music St. Joseph Catholic Church 3512 Devine Street Columbia SC 29205 Phone (803)413-0699 or 254-7646 ext.12 DirMusTSR@aol.com

## www.AGOcolumbia.org





## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or <u>sloopystur@aol.com</u>) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

#### POSITION OPEN FOR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF MASTER CHORALE OF SOUTH FLORIDA

http://www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org/ Email Info @masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org WWW.ORGANISTE.NET for Information about the Southeast Florida Music Community

#### **BISHOPVILLE**

**Bishopville Presbyterian Church,** Organist, 150 members. 1919 Pilcher restored in 1998. Contact Leon E. Hunt at <u>leon.hunt@caresouth-carolina.com</u> or email resume to <u>bvlpcusa@ftc-i.net</u> or mail to P.O. Box 66, Bishopville, SC 29010.

*First Baptist Church,* P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

#### <u>CAYCE</u>

Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 1301 Twelfth St, PO Box 2461, Cayce, SC 29171 seeks the services of an Organist / Choir Director. Part-time position. One Sunday service (10:00 AM) with other special services throughout the year (Lent, Advent, etc). To direct Adult Choir, Handbell Choir (3 octaves), and Children's Choir. Benefits available as part of salary package. Contact Rev. Alex Twedt at 803-794-3312 or send resume to the above address or email to transfiguration1@bellsouth.net

#### **COLUMBIA**

**Ascension Lutheran Church**, 827 Wildwood Ave., 29203. Organist or Organist/Choir Director. Contact Donna Clark, 799-3908 (H), 213-7170 (W), <u>DCClark@coloniallife.com</u>.

*Crescent Hill Baptist Church,* 2659 Two Notch Rd., 29204. Organist & Pianist (2 people). Services Sun. a.m. & p.m. 1 Choir Practice. Contact Rev. Ron Bryan at 254-5549 or e-mail resume to admin@crescenthillbaptist.com.

**Epworth Memorial United Methodist Church**, the church that serves **Epworth Children's Home** in Columbia SC seeks to hire a part-time Music Director. The person who fills this position will provide music for Sunday morning services (piano and keyboard) and occasional special services. He or she will also direct or supervise children and youth choirs that will perform in church at least once a month. Being familiar with Media Shout and comfortable with sound systems would be a plus. Candidates must be energetic, flexible and comfortable with various worship styles, to include traditional, contemporary Christian, and African-American gospel. Most of all, we are seeking someone who feels called by God to work with children and youth and displays a mature Christian faith. Please send your resume' to Rev. Megan Gray at PO Box 50466 Columbia, SC 29250 or email to mgray@epworthsc.org

Garden of Grace United Church of Christ (Atlas Road) is seeking a part-time Music Team Leader will direct the choir of about 20 individuals who who and assist the pastoral staff and musicians with the selection of weekly music. Compensation is based on experience and final ministry description. Interested individuals should contact Rev. Andy Sidden at (803) 695-9664 or pastorandys@msn.com.

#### **FLORENCE**

St. Luke Cherokee Lutheran Church, 1201 Rd., 29501. (843) 662-4622. Email: StLukeLuthFloSC@aol.com. Praise Music Director. Responsible for further developing, managing, and leading the musical components of our weekly blended/contemporary worship service at 8:30 each Sunday morning and possibly some other special services (such as our 4:15 Christmas Eve service). A solid knowledge of musical leadership, competence with computer technology, and an ability to work with people are required. This person will work with the pastor and other staff in preparing the blended/contemporary service. To receive a full job description and application and/or to submit a resume, contact Sonya Rowe, parish coordinator at the church.

#### HARTSVILLE

*Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.* Musician needed to play for Sunday morning service, 10:30–11:30 AM, with extra seasonal services – Advent and Lent. The instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova. Compensation negotiable. Call Alice Brandt, 843-332-1478.

**St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church,** Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 Organist position Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office).Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

#### <u>IRMO</u>

*First Baptist Church,* Part-time Minister of Music sought by First Baptist Church, Irmo, SC. This person will be responsible for the entire music ministry for the church including preschool, children and adult music programs. Any candidate should have a passion for both traditional and contemporary music as well as a vision of how the music program will glorify the Kingdom of God. Please send resume to First Baptist Church, P O Box 3027, Irmo, SC, 29063

**The Episcopal Church of St. Simon and St. Jude** is looking for an organist to share a full year, parttime organist position. Sunday morning, 10 a.m. worship services and choir rehearsals on Wednesday nights, Special services; the organist accompanies only the adult choir. Interested persons should contact Sandra Teel at 777-4401 (daytime), 781-7546 (evenings) or by e-mail at <u>siteel@sc.rr.com</u>. (Contact Susan Sturkie at <u>sloopystur@aol.com</u> or 788-6807 for complete job description.)

#### LANCASTER

*First ARP Church,* 701 N Main St., PO Box 864, Lancaster SC 29721-0864. Part-time Organist. Have pipe organ. One Sunday service, Wed. rehearsal (could move to Sunday. Contact Rev. Kyle Sims 803-285-1578 or <u>Pastorkyle@comporium.net</u>.

#### **LEXINGTON**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**, 213 St. John's Church Rd., Lexington 29072. Organist/Choir Director Position Located 6 Miles West of Lexington off of Hwy. 378 Small Church in a Growing Community. One Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM. Allen Organ Salary Negotiable. For More Information, Contact the Worship and Music Committee Phone: (803) 957-5402. Email: <u>stjohnlex@windstream.net</u>

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 119 North Church St., 29072. (803) 359-6562. Director of Music Ministry. Church seeks a partner for its' ministry team to serve as the full time Director of Music. This person will provide shepherding and oversight for the musical portfolio of this large downtown historic Lexington congregation. This position as Cantor includes Organist, Choir Director and vocalist. The opportunity will be available at the first of the year 2008. Please send your vitas to: Music and Worship Search Committee at the church address or Att.: Carole Allen at Carole@sslc.org. Directs two Sunday Choirs (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.) and Handbells; 3 rehearsals per week. Qualifications: Organ & Piano excellence plus vocal gifts. 50 Rank Zimmer pipe organ, Steinway upright piano. Yamaha grand piano in sanctuary. Compensation: Full time salary commensurate with experience; full ELCA benefits package.

#### **LUGOFF**

*St. John's United Methodist Church*, Organist. 2 Sunday morning services. Apply in writing to St. John's UMC, att: Mrs. Lea Ann O'Quinn, P.O. Box 218, Lugoff, SC 29078 or call the church office at 438-1335.

#### <u>NEWBERRY</u>

**Summer Memorial Lutheran Church** is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Music Ministries / Organist. Part-time position (16-20 hours per week) - one Sunday worship service plus any additional seasonal services. The Director of Music Ministries conducts weekly rehearsals with the adult choir, the children's choir, and the handbell choir. This individual will also work closely with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee in selecting a wide variety of music to enhance the worship service. Knowledge of traditional Lutheran Liturgy and contemporary praise music is an asset to this position. All interested persons should submit a resume to Wanda Amick, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or by e-mail to <u>summermemorial@bellsouth.net</u>. Compensation is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.

#### ORANGEBURG

**The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**, Orangeburg, SC seeking the services of an Organist/Choir Director. Part-time position. To direct Adult & Children's choirs and to play organ (pipe) for Sunday service. Competitive salary. Call: (803) 534-3794 The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Larisey.

#### **SENECA**

*Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church*, <u>www.eternalshepherd.org</u> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, <u>larsh@alltel.net</u> cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

#### **SPARTANBURG**

**St. John Lutheran Church** has an opening for a part time contemporary worship leader with experience blending keyboard, guitar, bass, violin and flute. The congregation is also looking for a part time director of youth & children's ministry, with a degree or experience.

These two positions may be combined into one full time position. Please send resume to St. John Lutheran Church, 415 S. Pine St., Spartanburg, SC 29302.

#### ST. MATTHEWS

**St. Paul United Methodist Church,** 202 East Bridge St., St. Matthews, S. C. 29135. Organist, Moeller Pipe Organ, Sun. 11:00 Service, Wed. Practice 7:00 – 8:30. Contact Julia Helen Garris at (803) 874-3511 or <u>mgarris@sc.rr.com</u>.

#### <u>YORK</u>

*Trinity United Methodist Church,* 22 E. Liberty St., York, SC 29745. Choir Director (part-time.) Director will be responsible for 1 adult choir, one weekly choir rehearsal and one worship service. In addition, we hope to find someone who can substitute for the organist when he is absent. We also have an informal service which has volunteer leadership. There are 2 children's choirs, the possibility of a handbell choir. 5-10 hours per week—the salary range is negotiable according to experience and education in the \$9-12,000 range. There is an additional fee for weddings or funerals, and there is a written employment agreement. Contact Person: Rev. Eugene L. Feagin (tumcpast@bellsouth.net) Phone (803) 684-4100, Fax (803) 684-0890. www.trinityofyork.com

#### **OCEAN ISLE BEACH, NC**

*St. Luke Lutheran Church*, Part time position includes one weekly worship service, weekly voice and handbell choir rehearsals, seasonal/special worship services. Salary based on experience. We are a growing congregation in beautiful coastal North Carolina. Transportation expenses may be considered. Fax resume to 910-579-0017, e-mail to <u>stlukeelca@atmc.net</u> or call 910-579-0107.

