

Message from the President

*"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul;
it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." - Martin Luther*

Dear AMC Friends,
Happy New Year!

As we welcome a new year, I find myself reflecting on how incredible this season has been for the Atlanta Music Club!

I. MEMBERSHIP

1. New Members: During the first half of the year, the AMC has had a total of 5 new members.

Laura Chandler	Anna Henson
Jonathan Daniel	Natalie Zhang
David Foerster	

Please take the time to welcome them to our fabulous organization.

2. Renewals: Renew your membership by either:

- mail a check to the *Atlanta Music Club, PO Box 15433, Atlanta, GA 30033*
- make an online payment at atlantamusicclub.org selecting either credit card or PayPal
- make a Zelle payment to zelle@atlantamusicclub.org describing the payment as "membership renewal"

II. AMC MUSICALES / EVENTS

1. Sunday, October 8, 2023. DaCapo Strings Quartet Ensemble and reception at the Spalding Lake Clubhouse in Sandy Springs from 4-6 pm.

Some of the pieces performed were "Air," by Bach, "Winter Largo," by Vivaldi, and "Besame Mucho," by Velazquez. This was a beautiful concert that was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



L to R: Juan Ramirez, Meredith Powers, Pablo Alfaro, Jenny Ham, Carla Bosman & David Ramirez

2. Sunday, November 5, 2023. Young Performers Recital at Piano Distributors in Marietta from 3-5pm.

This was a full house, and a very successful event. We had 10 students dazzle us with their musical abilities in performing pieces such as Clementi: Sonatina Ops. 36, No. 4, 1st movement to Elgar: Cello Concerto Op. 85. IV: Allegro-Moderato-Allegro, ma non-troppo-Poco piu lento-Adagio.

3. Sunday, November 19, 2023. Dr. Geoffrey Haydon, Pianist (First Half), & Joe Gransden, trumpet, vocalist (Second half) from 4-6 PM at the home of Dave and Melissa Pope.



Dr. Geoffrey Haydon



Joe Gransden

This was a fabulous concert at the home of Dave and Melissa Pope in Brookhaven. Pianist Dr. Geoffrey Haydon performed a set of solo classical piano works followed by his jazz quartet featuring Joe Gransden on trumpet and vocals. Haydon's solo performance included works by Mozart, Chopin and Debussy. The quartet covered tunes ranging from Glenn Campbell's "Wichita Lineman", Chick Corea's "Humpty Dumpty", Ellis Marsalis's "Swingin at the Haven", and Chuck Mangione's "Feels so Good". As a tribute to Tony Bennet, Gransden sang a beautiful rendition of "When Joanna Loved Me". The quartet included Neal Starkey on bass and Dave Pope on drums.

Again, this was another full house. The music, reception, and fellowship were stellar. To top it off, Joe Gransden gifted the audience with some of his CD's.

4. Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The Atlanta Music Club Christmas Luncheon with the Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta, Inc. at the Ansley Golf Club.



L to R: Jenny Ham, Tyrone Jackson, Dave Pope, Karla Harris, and Billy Thornton



L to R: Dr. Uzzie Brown, Trey Clegg, Rev. Jenny Ham, and Dave Pope



Susan Marie



Linwood at the Reception Desk

The background music was performed by Susan Marie. The musical guest was the Karla Harris Trio featuring Karla Harris on vocals, Tyrone Jackson on piano and Billy Thornton on bass. The trio covered several tunes from the Great American Songbook including a clever rendition of Dave Brubeck's "Take Five" and a beautiful take on Hoagy Carmichael's "Baltimore Oriole". The trio also performed several Christmas tunes.

Two other highlights were Beverly Bradley sharing that this was the best AMC luncheon she had attended in the 60 years of being an AMC member. Lastly, Yenni Mahecha, Business Owner of Cosmoflora, beautified the event with 7 rose bouquets. Four of the rose bouquets were for the musicians, and the other three became exciting raffle prizes.

5. Sunday, December 17, 2023. The Trey Clegg Singers 8th Annual Christmas Concert, *"Festival Sounds of the Season,"* Church at Wieuca in Atlanta from 6-8 PM.



L to R: Fernando Magana, Jenny Ham,
Linwood Keith, Trey Clegg



L to R: Maria Clark, Soprano,
Vera Ilyushina



Trey Clegg, Conductor

Accompanying the Trey Clegg singers were soloist's such as Maria Clark, Soprano, and members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Opera Orchestra, and Atlanta Symphoria. One of my friends and I attended this concert, and both of us thought it was one of the best Christmas concerts that we had ever heard.

What made the concert so outstanding was the diversity of the music selections along with the artistry of how they were performed. The combination of instrumental pieces with audience participation sing-alongs were also heartwarming and joyful. The mastery and energy of Trey Clegg's conducting skills created a range of emotional responses along with passionate drama.

III. UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2024

1. Sunday, February 11, 2024. Young Performers Recital. 3-5 pm.

Details: Piano Distributors
1736 Cobb Pkwy, SE
Marietta, GA 30060

2. AMC Musicale (Feb or March) – TBA

3. Saturday, April 27, 2024 AMC Scholarship Competition. 8 am – 12:00 pm

Details: Agnes Scott College
141 E College Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

The AMC gives away \$33,000 total to talented students to further their musical education.

Please note that this event is open only to competing music students.

4. Friday, May, 10, 2024. AMC Spring Annual Luncheon. 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Details: The Piedmont Driving Club
1215 Piedmont Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

Background Music
Scholarship Competition Winners

(A big thank you to Paul Dorn for this venue!)

** Due to the increased prices of the private clubs, the AMC will need to increase the cost of the luncheon to \$55.*

5. Sunday, May, 19, 2024. Private Home Concert. 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Details: 1223 Woods Circle
Atlanta, GA 30324

Program: Joe Gransden & Kenny Banks Duo
Intermission
Joe Gransden Quartet

6. Sunday, June 02, 2024. Young Performers Recital. 3-5 pm.

Details: Piano Distributors
1736 Cobb Pkwy, SE
Marietta, GA 30060

IV. AMC MUSICALE FUND

The AMC has set up a new fund for donations that is called the **AMC Musicale Fund** as a musician and/or musical group tend to charge \$900 - \$1500 for a concert. Your donation of any amount will allow the AMC to provide the best music for the AMC Musicales. You can easily donate to this fund either online via the AMC website, or by mailing a check to:

**Atlanta Music Club
P.O. Box 15455
Atlanta, Georgia 30333-0455**

(The Atlanta Music Club is a 501(C)(3) organization -- all contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.)

I want to thank you all of you for your support of the Atlanta Music Club. If there is anything you would like to share with me, I can be contacted at contact@atlantamusicclub.org.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Musically yours,

Rev. Jennifer Ham, President