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## *The Pro-Mozart Society, The Atlanta Music Club and Spelman College*

*Proudly feature Laura English-Robinson, Soprano  
Joyce Finch Johnson, Piano*



Don't miss the  
**Holiday  
Gala**

December 4, 2010

7:00 - 10:30 PM

Glenridge Hall

600 Abernathy Rd. NE  
Sandy Springs 30328

**Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 4:00 PM**

**Sisters Chapel**

**Spelman College**

**350 Spelman Lane SW**

**Atlanta, GA 30314**

## Laura English-Robinson, soprano

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Laura English-Robinson received her B.A. degree from Spelman College and the M.M. degree from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. She has been a scholarship recipient and vocal fellow at the Berkshire Music Center, the Brevard Music Center, the Mozarteum in Salzburg and the AIMS summer study program in Graz, Austria. She has toured Italy, the United States, and South America performing in chamber, solo, orchestra, and opera performances. She was also the winner of Italy's Golden Puccini Vocal Competition and recipient of the Sullivan Foundation Awards, Pro-Mozart Society Music Scholarship, Mayor's Fellowship in the Arts (City of Atlanta) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Artistic Achievement Award.

Mrs. English-Robinson has performed with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under the batons of Robert Shaw, Yoel Levi and Robert Spano. She made her New York debut at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and later returned for performances at Alice Tully Hall. She has performed in recitals throughout the United States, at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Spivey Hall in Atlanta, Piccolo Festival in Charleston, SC, and as soloist with the Chattanooga, Montgomery, Lexington, Dekalb, and Albany Symphonies and Orchestra Atlanta. Equally at home with opera as with recitals, oratorio, and chamber music, she has performed operatic roles from standard to contemporary operas, including the title role for the world premiere of the opera *Zabette* by composer Curtis Bryant and librettist Mary Bullard. Mrs. English-Robinson recently completed a six-week summer performance tour of *Porgy and Bess* in Paris, (France) Granada (Spain), Caen (Normandy) and returned October 2008 for additional performances in Luxembourg.

Mrs. English-Robinson is presently on the voice faculty at Spelman College, a member of Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society, The National Association of Teachers of Singing, Delta Omicron Music Fraternity, National Coordinator of *Collegiate Young Artists Concerts* for the National Association of Negro Musicians, and a member of the Buckhead/Cascade City Chapter of the Links, Inc. She is a lifetime member of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where she serves as Founder/Director of the *Singing Sisters*, a thirty-five voice women's ensemble.

**Holiday Gala Fundraiser** benefiting the Scholarship Fund will be Saturday, December 4, 7:00 -10:30 PM at Glenridge Hall which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Glenridge Hall is a favorite of movie producers having been included in such films as *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Remember the Titans* and the story of *Bobby Jones*, *Stroke of Genius*. There have also been television commercials and catalogue shoots, including the 2005 Neiman Marcus Christmas Wish Book.

Enjoy beautiful piano, string and vocal music by local artists and meet celebrity guest John Lemley from WABE 90.1 FM.

**Call 770-736-5594 or 770-477-9477 for ticket information**



Seated L to R: Jennifer Ham, Jane Nauman, Ingrid Hanson, Standing: Madonna Brownlee, Ken Brownlee, Marilyn Dietrichs, Don Dietrichs, Joy Sims, Gene Sanders, Rex Sims, Herb Buffington, Kevin Pritchett, Sherry Pritchett, Michael Kingsbury



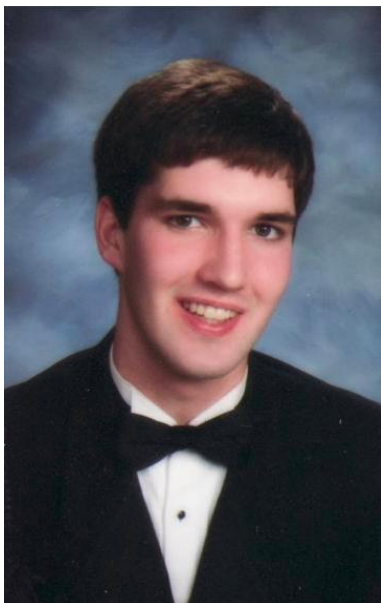
The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta began its 47<sup>th</sup> season with October 3, 2010 with our Members and Prospective Members Party at the home of Don Robinson. Everyone enjoyed the event in the beautiful home and gardens of our wonderful host, Don. It was a huge success.

**Sergeant James Newcomb**, a trumpeter with the Army General Ground Forces Band, surprised us with the playing of Handel's "Thanks Be to Thee" accompanied on the piano by Kevin Pritchett.

Sergeant Newcomb is from the Twin Cities area of Minnesota and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. He has performed as a trumpeter with the U.S. Army bands for 8 years with assignments at Fort Stewart, GA, Pearl City, HI, Fort Knox, KY and currently at Fort McPherson, GA. In addition to his work for the military, he

has appeared many times as a guest performer with the prestigious Royal Hawaiian Band, Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Mark Hadden**, a young outstanding pianist, performed works by Mozart, Debussy and Beethoven.



**Mark Hadden**, at the highly impressionable age of six years old, heard the sound of a piano for the first time and politely demanded his mother allow him to take lessons. He began lessons at age 7 and upon entering high school, picked up a few CD's of Mozart Symphonies and Chopin Waltzes his mother purchased for him at a yard sale. Mark realized music meant so much more to him than any other sport or activity so he poured the greater part of his time into building a classical music library and playing music of the great composers. In his senior year of high school, Mark began lessons with Edith Schiff, a Juilliard graduate and teacher who developed and refined his playing. Mark is attending his first year at the University of Georgia studying piano under Evgeny Rivikin. Along with being a winner of local GMTNA competitions for years, Mark has won many competitions and scholarships including scholarships to attend music camps at Indian University, Florida State University and also scholarships competitions sponsored by Gainesville Pro Musica and The Atlanta Music Club.

### A Very Special Welcome to our New Members

Ms. Christie Crutcher  
Mrs. Suzanne Downs  
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Hellman (Donna)  
Ms. Betty Nolting  
Ms. Anne Slaughter  
Ms. Joanne Smith  
Mr. Bryan Freeman  
Mrs. Margaret Talmadge  
Sgt. James Newcomb  
Ms. Janet Dawson

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Sergeant Newcomb on the trumpet at the Members and Prospective Members Party

## *A Message from Our Co - Presidents*

Autumn Greetings!

It is an honor for us to serve as your co-presidents during our 2010-2011 season and it is our desire to do all we can to enhance and grow our wonderful society.

It's amazing that we are beginning our 47<sup>th</sup> year and we are both very much aware of the many sacrifices and long hours of hard work that has made Pro-Mozart what it is today. We extend sincere thanks to each of our past presidents, executive vice presidents, and to the different vice presidents, and committees heading up all the areas, functions, and various responsibilities. Without the dedication of every person who has volunteered their time and resources, we would not be in existence today.

Rather than repeat what is covered in different areas of this newsletter, our JOINT CONCERT and HOLIDAY GALA, we encourage each and every one of you to attend these exciting events and continue your participation and support of all that's before us this season. In addition, please tell your friends, neighbors, business associates, and church family about Pro-Mozart. MANY in the Atlanta area have NEVER heard about us, or what we have to offer. We hope you will assist us in our

goal of adding 200 new members...a goal which is achievable with your help. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours for great music,

Kevin Pritchett and Herb Buffington

**The Annual Meeting and Picnic** at the home of Jane Nauman was enjoyed by all. Our very own Rex Simms with his barbershop quartet, Sentimental Journey, entertained us and Herb Buffington delighted us with his Mozart like compositions.



Kevin Pritchett and our hostess, Jane Nauman drawing names for prizes.



Herb Buffington at the piano



Rex Simms with the Sentimental Journey Quartet entertaining us at the Annual Meeting and Picnic

### **Celebrate the 254<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mozart**

with the Patrons of The Pro-Mozart Society of Atlanta on January 30, 2011 at the home of Mary Ann Hill-Meehan in Alpharetta, GA. This favorite event is special for the Patron's Circle who enjoy celebrating Mozart's Birthday in an intimate home setting with elegant food, live classical music and other special activities in honor of Mozart who had a profound influence on Western art music.

Browse our Website at [www.mozartatlanta.com](http://www.mozartatlanta.com) to keep abreast of Pro-Mozart events and functions. We are fortunate to have Gene Sanders who is maintaining the website.



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