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Dean's Message

It's Advent...Do you know where your Christmas Carol books are????

December is a stressful time; not just as an organist, as a Mom, or as someone living a plane ride away from "home" (my parents).

December is also a time to shine; not just as someone who can actually sing carols, but as someone who can play them, share them with everyone, and actually gets to live repeatedly the wonder of Christmas.

If you have never doubted who you are during December, you are a rare bird. It's very easy to become exhausted, cynical, and down right Scroogy during December. Please take time this next month to find the wonder of our profession; to share a smile and a laugh; to share the power and majesty of our instrument.

Keep an eye out for Scott Herhold's columns in the Mercury News. On November 11th, his column celebrating 30 years as a journalist rang true with thoughts many organists share:

"We are barnacles clinging to a leaky hull"

"Even amid the perilous state of modern print journalism, the three writers among us realize we have very good jobs, probably more satisfying than we could find outside."

"Asking a simple question: Why was I a journalist? My answer, after an agonizingly long pause: It's fun, It's an education. It's a chance to do good."

"All of us have different reasons for staying as long as we have. For me, two count: The Mercury News has let me reinvent myself every few years. And I dread moving. I did it too much while growing up a minister's son."

Perhaps we, as organists, should take a page from print journalism. Perhaps we should have fun, keep up on the education, do good, and reinvent ourselves. Have a wonderful December.

See you in January at our Twelfth Night celebration and the Student Recital.

Melanie Cervi, Dean &

Future Chapter Events

No Chapter Event in December. – Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

6 Jan – "Twelfth Night Party", Pat Milstead's Home, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr, San Jose, 3 PM. This should be a great time to let your hair down and relax after Holiday (C)rush!

13 Jan – Student Recital, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos, 3 PM. &

Andrew Birling, Sub Dean

NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT Member's Recital

Due to several scheduling conflicts, the SJAGO Board decided to postpone our Member's Recital originally scheduled for Sunday, November 18 at Calvary Methodist. If you have volunteered to play or to help out with the reception, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We WILL hold the recital as part of our May program. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 18, and please consider what YOU might play for the program. We will stick with the theme of "**Never (or almost never) on a Sunday-** music you wouldn't normally play for Sunday worship." Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thanks! Andrew Birling

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT Student Recital 13 January 2008, 3 PM

Our second January Chapter event will be the Student Recital. Come and enjoy a wonderful recital given by many organ students of varying ages. This year we have quite a number of new participants and are looking forward to hearing them play. The recital will take place at **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**, 219 Bean Avenue, Los Gatos, CA. There will be a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall following the recital to give us a chance to congratulate and encourage the recitalists.

Our January Student Recital Program is going to be an exciting event. I hope you all will come out and encourage those who are learning or advancing in their organ studies. We have over 10 participants this year and it will be a varied program.

Those that will be participating are: **Scott Lillard, Alec Langga, Stephan Summers, Susan Snook-Luther** and her husband **David, Melody Bast, Chinar Merjanian** and **Michelle Hennessy, Berdie Bowsby, Gary Carleton, Albert Bellefeuille, Mary Lou Simmermacher**, and **Paul Rosas**.

We appreciate **Berdie Bowsby** organizing this annual event. &

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the **Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino**. All meetings are open. &

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT "Twelfth Night Party"

2nd ANNUAL AGO HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY 6 January 2008, 3 PM

Bring your spouse or significant other - we look forward to seeing all those who give us such great moral support!! Also bring along with your favorite treat or sweet to share, and your best voice.

We hope to see all of you, especially members who usually have a hard time making our regularly scheduled meetings.

Pat Milstead's home, 1258 Oak Knoll Drive, San Jose 95129. Please call to let me know how many of you there will be, 408 253-8630.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members to the San Jose AGO Chapter.

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Mary Lou Simmermacher

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UP COMING CHAPTER EVENTS

- 6 Jan**, 3:00 p.m. Twelfth Night Party, Pat Milstead's home, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr., San Jose
- 13 Jan**, 3:00 p.m., Student Recital, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos.
- 23 Feb**, 10:00 a.m., Field Trip to Carmel Mission, Depart from, Campbell United Methodist Church
- 5 Apr**, 9:00AM - Noon, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
- 18 May**, 3:00 p.m. Rescheduled Member's Recital "Never on a Sunday"- Call Andrew Birling to sign up.
- TBA May**, TBA Professional Concerns/Music Swap Meet/Music Sale
- 22 June**, 4:00 p.m. Annual Meeting/Installation, Kathy Dougherty's home, 19980 Herriman Ave. Saratoga

TO JOIN THE SAN JOSE AGO YAHOO GROUP

Send an Email to Mary Ann Gee mary_ann_gee@yahoo.com

Open Positions

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Redwood City is receiving resumes for the position of **Organist/Accompanist**. Two styles of worship – one band-led and one organ. 10 rank Schoenstein. Resumes may be emailed to redemer@best.com or mailed to **Dr. Harold S. Draeger, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 468 Grand St., Redwood City, CA 94062.** &

Epiphany Episcopal Church, San Carlos is searching for an **Organist/Colleague** with Minister of Music, 11-month contract per year. Thursday's weekly rehearsal, all services of worship including holiday services. Weddings and funerals are extra. Sundays: 1 service at 10:00 AM plus 9:00 AM service rehearsal, 2 Children's Choir rehearsals on Thursdays for 1 1/2 hours (8 months). Contact: **Cortlandt S. Bender**, Minister of Music – Salary 16K call:650.281.4938, or Email: csbconsult@comcast.net. &

PIPES IN THE DESERT



THE NEXT MID-WINTER CONCLAVE

Pipes in the Desert – Workshops

The AGO Region IX Mid-Winter Conclave (Pipes in the Desert) will be held in nice, warm Tucson, Arizona, January 20–24, 2008. In addition to a rich array of solo and choral concerts, a variety of workshops will be offered. There are workshops on hymn-singing and playing; Bach performance practice at the organ; choral conducting; handbells in worship; Mexican organ culture; organ and instruments; presentation of the work in progress on the historic organ at St. John the Divine in New York City; organ music of Brahms; organ master class; accompaniment styles for leading congregational singing; children's choir techniques; new service music for the organ; and others.

Two composers with anniversaries in 2008 will be featured in the workshops. Johannes Brahms (175th anniversary of his birth), will be presented in a workshop by **Dr. John Brobeck**, focusing on Brahms's organ music. Some of the organ music of Olivier Messiaen (100th anniversary of his birth), will be heard at the master class with Paul Jacobs.

Did you know that Paul Jacobs has performed all 9 hours of Messiaen's complete organ works?

Please visit the conclave web site at www.agoixaz.com and read all about it, then print the registration form and send it in! Discounted hotel rates are available until December 20. &

Boar's Head Feast—returns!



By unanimous decree by the Council and the Worship and Music committee, the Boar's Head Feast is returning **Saturday, December 15th**. The festival consists of a full and authentic medieval banquet

plus a program featuring music, drama and fun. The Boar's Head was celebrated in the middle ages – especially in England - to usher in the Christmas season. A roasted Boar's Head symbol of good fortune and plenty. Most people around here are familiar with the Christmas Festival at Yosemite.

In preparation for the festival we will need a lot of volunteers for: publicity and ticket sales, costuming, decorating, cooking, serving, and especially clean up. Please let me know how you would like to help be a part of this wonderful tradition.

Laura Rinde, Administrative Assistant
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, (408)297-0993

Silicon Valley Symphony

“A Tale of Two Symphonies”

December 1, 2007, 7:30 PM
Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos,
16575 Shannon Rd. Los Gatos

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present its “A Tale of Two Symphonies” Concert in the beautiful Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at 7:30 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. The Silicon Valley Symphony features two of the world's great symphonies: **Brahms “Symphony No. 1 in C minor”** and **Saint-Saëns “Symphony No. 3 in C minor ‘Organ Symphony.’”** The SVS features fantastic Bay Area organ soloist, **Margaret Martin Kvamme**, performing on the newly refurbished and expanded “Mrs. Möller” pipe organ at PCLG. This performance will shake the rafters! Get there early for good seats.

Led by Music Director, **Michael Paul Gibson**, “A Tale of Two Symphonies” will be a Dickens of a concert, presented in a beautiful and acoustically sound (pun intended) setting. The “Symphony No. 1 in C minor” by Johannes Brahms, took 14 years to complete and is dubbed “Beethoven's 10th”

by some. One of the most powerful orchestral works in existence, the C minor Symphony contains Brahms' most beautiful melody. Margaret Martin Kvamme is soloist in the "Organ Symphony" by Camille Saint-Saëns on the refurbished 1958 Möller/Schoenstein with the orchestra. She also plays the organ solo, "Grand Choeur Dialogue" by Eugène Gigout, a student of Saint-Saëns. Do not miss this marvelous musical opportunity! Join the musicians after the concert in the Social Hall for a FREE Champagne Reception with sumptuous snacks.

You can see video, hear audio, and read reviews on our website:

http://www.bamusic.org/svs/html/audio_video.html

We hope to see you. One performance only and seating is limited to 400. You can purchase tickets from orchestra members, or at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance, or online (for the first time, go to:

<http://www.bamusic.org/svs/html/tickets.html>

CONTACT: Michael Gibson, Music Director, SVS, (408) 873-9000 (office), maestro@bamusic.org,

www.bamusic.org/svs

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Arlene Zimmerman	408-739-7094

October 5, 2007

Conn 650 Theater Organ



I have a Conn 650 3 manual organ, AGO pedals, that I would like to donate to a church, senior center, youth organization, boys and girls club, etc. If interested, please contact Marc Capocci at 650-303-1051 or mcapocci@msn.com. I live in Pacifica.

A Scottish Christmas Program

Bagpipes, drums, singers, dancers, organ.

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 4 p.m.

Saratoga Presbyterian Church, 20455

Herriman Avenue, Saratoga, CA. The program will feature bagpipes, drums, singers, dancers and organ. **Joyce Rhodes**, organist. FWO.

Special Christmas Program

Come for an interactive musical evening of Christmas cheer by **Elisabeth Pintar** at the organ with special guest musicians & their instruments. All ages are welcomed so bring your family & friends and begin this Joyous season to celebrate "Him whose birth the angels sing!"

When: **Friday, December 7, 2007**

Time: **7:00pm**

Where: **Kirk & Noreen LDS Chapel**

1655 Noreen Drive

San Jose, CA

Grace Cathedral Christmas Programs

Dec. 1 - Tallis Scholars, presented by Cal Performances, **8 PM**

Dec. 10 - A Brass & Organ Christmas with The Bay Brass, **8 PM**

Dec. 15 (3 PM), 16 (3 PM), 21 (7 PM), 22(3 PM), 23 (3 PM) - Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys Christmas Concerts (More shows may be added.)

For ticket and other information, visit

www.gracecathedral.org

National AGO Programs

EACH ONE-REACH ONE is designed to strengthen Guild membership. Leading membership recruiters will be awarded expense-paid registrations to the 2008 AGO National Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. Up to five prizes will be awarded. Complete information, guidelines, and forms are available online at www.agohq.org/eachone-reachone.

PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs). Complete information can be found in TAO and online at www.agohq.org.

POEs for Teenagers: June 8-14 Waco, Tex.; June 15-20 Salt Lake City, Utah; July 6-11 Holland, Mich.; July 13-18 Charlotte, N.C., July 20-26 Worcester, Mass.; July 27-31 Seattle, Wash.

POE (Advanced): July 6-11 Lincoln, Neb.

POE+ for Adults: May 18-23 Fort Collins, Colo.; June 15-20 Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Frasier Organ Scholarship

The Frasier Organ Scholarship has been established to encourage talented musicians of any age to continue organ studies. The award will be made on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential. The scholarship must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. Such studies may include weekly organ lessons, course fees, workshops, etc. Previous winners are not eligible.

Eligibility: The applicant must be one of the following:

- A current member of the San Jose Chapter-AGO, or
- An organ student studying with a teacher who is a Chapter member, or
- An organ student sponsored by a current member of the Chapter.

How to Qualify:

Submit an application form to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee

Submit two recommendations to the Chair from persons qualified to evaluate applicant's musical ability, professional activity and potential

Prepare to play 3 compositions/movements in various styles and character:

- One written before 1800
- One written between 1800 and 1900
- One written after 1900

The candidate will choose one hymn from a group of four specified selections. He/she will prepare an introduction and three stanzas of that hymn for

congregational singing: the introduction could be more free or improvisational in character, but should introduce the hymn in a manner that the congregation will know when to sing; the 1st verse is traditional four-part harmony; verses 2 and 3 may be original, published, or improvisational (but appropriate for congregational singing). The introduction and all three verses should be played as if leading congregational singing.

Audition in person before the Scholarship Committee

Method of Selection

A Committee composed of three members of the San Jose Chapter will be authorized by the Executive Committee to select the recipient of the Frasier Scholarship. Teachers or sponsors of applicants are excluded from the panel. The panel is authorized to award the scholarship or to decide that no award will be made that year.

Application Deadline

Application and Recommendations must be sent to the Chair **by March 20, 2008 (postmark deadline).**

Recommendations must accompany the completed application. Audition tapes will not be accepted. Application forms may be obtained from the Scholarship Chair, or from the San Jose Chapter's website (www.agosanjose.org).

Notification of Winner

Winner will be notified by May 1, 2008. The award will be presented at the Annual Installation Ceremony in June.

Scholarship Chair

Valerie Sterk, (408) 249-5705, vssterk@aol.com

Santa Cruz Baroque Festival 2008

MUSICAL LEGENDS

35th Anniversary Season
Linda Burman-Hall, Artistic Director

I. BOCCHERINI'S BACCHANALE

Saturday, February 9, 2008 • 7:30pm

*Elisabeth LeGuin (violoncello)
with members of Lux Musica*

II. THE CZAR'S GUITARS:

An Evening in Imperial Russia

Friday, March 14, 2008 • 7:30pm

*Oleg Timofeyev and John Schneiderman,
(Russian seven-string guitars)*

III. A BAROQUE BEATLES EXPERIENCE

Sunday, April 6, 2008 • 7:30pm

*Chamber Choir of Georgiana Bruce Kirby
Preparatory School (Drew Lewis, conductor)
with Lux Musica and guest artists*



*Oleg Timofeyev &
John Schneiderman*

IV. IBERIAN FLARE!

Saturday, April 26, 2008 • 7:30pm

Stephanie Neira (dancer), with the Streicher Trio

V. THE FLAME OF LOVE:

The Legend of Tristan and Iseult

Sunday, May 11, 2008 • 7:30pm

*Patrick Ball (Celtic harp, spoken word)
and the Medieval Beasts*

Concerts I through V will be performed
at the UCSC Music Recital Hall

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS TOUR

Sunday, May 25, 2008 • 1 – 5pm

BOOMERIA ORGAN CONCERT & CRAWL

Sunday, July 12, 2008 • 1 – 5pm

For more information, tickets and subscription packages please visit our website at
www.sbaroque.org or call us at 831-457-9693.

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Music Calendar

Locations

CPLH: Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell.

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday and Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, CPLH

December

1 Saturday

Silicon Valley Symphony, "A Tale of two Symphonies Concert", 7:30 PM, Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd. Los Gatos, featuring organ soloist, * Margaret Martin Kvamme, \$20 general, \$15 Senior/Student; Children age 12 and younger FREE with adult

2 Sunday

Christmas Program, San Jose Grace Baptist Church, 10th & (484 E) San Fernando St, San Jose, Organ concert and Christmas sing along, 2:30 PM

Arthur Johnson (Reno, NV), organ, 3:30 PM CSMA

A Scottish Christmas Program, Saratoga Presbyterian Church, 20455 Herriman Avenue, Saratoga, * Joyce Rhodes, organist, 4 PM

The Valparaiso Singers & James Welch, Annual Crèche Exhibit, 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, free

4 Tuesday

James Welch & Barbara Cramer (Soprano), Annual Crèche Exhibit, 7:00 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, free

7 Friday

* Andrew Birling, Advent Organ Recital, 12:30 PM, CUMC

* Elizabeth Pintar, organ, Holiday music with special guest musicians and their instruments, 7 PM Kirk & Noreen LDS Chapel, 1655 Noreen Dr, San Jose

9 Sunday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Holiday music, 1:30 PM

Stanford Memorial Church, Free

Tidings of Joy III, Choirs of Campbell United Methodist Church with Handbells & Organ, a concert of music for the season, 2 PM CUMC, Gala reception to follow

John Karl Hirten, organ, 4 PM GC

14 Friday

* Carolyn Pryor, organ, & Jolynda Tresner, soprano, Advent Organ Recital, 12:30 PM, CUMC

21 Friday

* Mary Ann Gee, organ, & Bill Gay oboe, Advent Organ Recital, 12:30 PM, CUMC

31 Monday – Silent Movie

Dorothy Papadakos, organ, 1925 "The Phantom of the Opera" Film, 7 PM & 10 PM, GC, \$10 Tickets are available at the Grace web page.

James Welch, organ, Music by B-A-C-H in D-E-F-G, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave. Palo Alto, 8 PM, \$10

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