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Dean's Column



Greetings, Everyone! I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving, with plenty of blessings to count!

Please be sure to “attend” Ruth Kamas’ virtual Frazier organ recital, scheduled to be posted for viewing on Sunday, December 6! Ruth will be playing a variety of musical styles from J. S. Bach, Flor Peters, Jeremiah Clarke, Felix Mendelssohn, Jean Langlais, and Carson Cooman! Don’t miss it! Watch your email for a link!

Wishing you all a Christmas season filled with an abundance of beautiful music, especially “the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir”. Even though the music has to be virtual this year, may your hope and joy be very real!

Sincerely,

Susan Snook-Luther, Dean

Ruth Kamas Frasier Scholarship Recital

Dear Friends:



The long-awaited **Frasier Scholarship Recital** by **Ruth Kamas** will be ready for viewing on **Sunday, December 6**. Ruth, who won the 2020 Frazier Scholarship by audition last spring, was slated to play for us in June at the Annual Meeting, but -- as with so many things -- those events had to be postponed. **WATCH** your email for a link to this exciting recital!

The recital will be a Virtual Recital recorded at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church. **We will Email all of our AGO members the Virtual Link by 3:30 PM on Sunday. The Recording will start at 4 PM.**

Susan Snook-Luther Dean, AGOSJ

Ruth Kamas Fraiser Scholarship Recital Program

C Major Prelude and Fugue (BWV 553)
attrib. J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Aria (op. 51) Flor Peeters (1903 – 1986)

Christe, du Lamm Gottes (BWV 619)
Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (BWV 604)

Christ lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)
J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke (1674 – 1707)
(edited by Jack Schrader)

Sonata Opus 65, no. 4 Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro con brio 1809 - 1847
Andante religioso
Allegretto

Improvisation (Élévation) Jean Langlais
(1907 – 1991)

Tocatta, Aria, and Finale Carson Cooman
(op. 1184) b. 1982

Member Update

Libby Codd can be contacted by her phone (650) 353-6641 and through her daughter. It is probably best to send her an Email through her daughter's email address: kclark@clarklaw.com.

Christine Merjanian had surgery about 3 weeks ago and is still recovering. You can call and talk to her and I know that she would appreciate a few calls. Her phone number is (408) 224-9876.

If You Missed the Gabriel Fauré Requiem

This Requiem was performed on 1 Nov 2020 by the San Jose Symphonic Choir. Hear it now until 31 Nov.

Web site

<https://www.sanjosesymphonicchoir.org/>

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zNgqXg1c9s&feature=youtu.be>

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/SJSymphonicChoir/>

If You Missed the Dr. James Welch Concert

If you missed Dr. James Welch's Concert last month, you can see at the following link:

<http://www.cspaloalto.org/concert-by-james-welch/>

Stanford Memorial Church

Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and others have been recording Sunday Morning and Wednesday Lunchtime Music on a YouTube channel. The web address is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTEJGegC9rg3FYUbmTIsLZg>.

To join the Virtual Broadcast click on <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>. 🎵

St. Mary's San Francisco

St. Mary's in San Francisco is streaming their "Musical Meditations" which occur every Sunday at 4 PM. The link to the streaming links is <https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco%20>.

They can also be viewed later. 🎵

Tabernacle Organ Concerts

The Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ Concerts are streamed every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 am at www.thetabernaclechoir.org. Click on the "Piping Up" window a few minutes before 10 am.

This link also has previously recorded concerts.

There is also their YouTube address

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiAkukrUIRCwaLaFx_MJq7Q

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Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 12 Jan 2021 at 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

OPEN POSITIONS

AGO Members: If you know of any Open Positions at any Church please let me know so that I can pass that information on to any members who call me. I know of one of our members who needs a position.

Kenneth Talbot 🎵

Address Correction

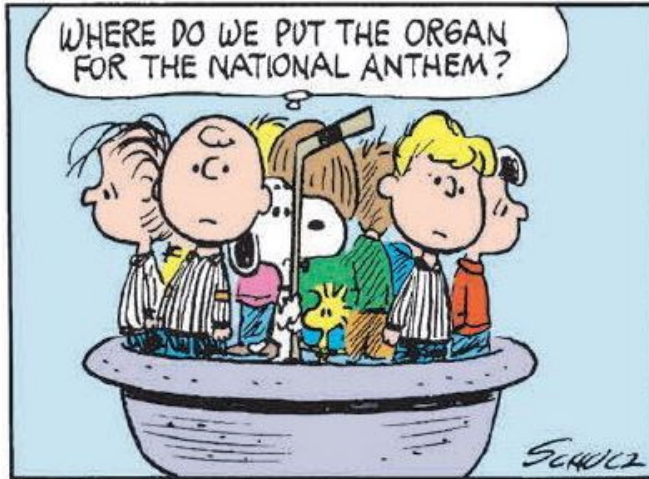
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060-5231

Peanuts 16 Nov 2020

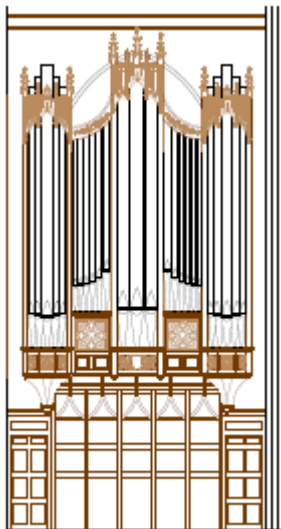
The winter season arrives. Snoopy assembles his hockey team and officials on the rink. The team consists of himself and Woodstock. And then there is the Referee, two Linesmen, two Goal Judges and the Penalty Timekeeper, the Official Scorer, and the Timekeeper. Snoopy has one final question – which brings up a Slight Problem!



New Schoenstein Organ in Montgomery Alabama

Despite the “pandemic” there is a lot going on in the organ building world.

Jack Bethards



The main organ is in lofty chambers on either side of the chancel. The Antiphonal division is at the north and south corners of the balcony. The Swell division will include the Schoenstein double expression system for the chorus reeds including the 32' full length Contra Posaune, Mixture and the softest strings. The director of music is Dr. James H. Seay, organist and assistant director of music is Dr. Joshua Coble, consultant is Andrew Risinger, associate minister of music and organist at West End United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN. 🎵

Remember Your Membership Renewal

You can renew by going to www.agohq.org and select “Membership” and then “Membership/Update” you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

Demise of the San Jose AGO Yahoo Group

Dear AGO Yahoo User Group:

Our AGO Yahoo User Group will be shut down on 15 Dec 2020.

I have looked over the number of emails that I have received in the past year and I found only 2 or 3 emails from the group that I did not originate.

Therefore, we will not start another user group such as GoggleGroups.

If anyone wants to send an email to our AGO Members send me the email and I will send it to our members.

If you have questions, please CALL ME at 408-732-6094 or send me an Email at kitalbot@pacbell.net.

The Email that the Yahoo User Group sent me is shown below.

Dear Yahoo Group Moderators and Members,

We launched Yahoo Groups 20 years ago to connect people around their shared interests. We helped our users navigate new towns, keep in touch with college friends, learn new skills, and most importantly, build connections they may have lost or never had in the first place. While we could not have been more proud of what we accomplished together, we are reaching out today with heavy hearts to let you know that we have decided to shut down Yahoo Groups on December 15, 2020.

Yahoo Groups has seen a steady decline in usage over the last several years. Over that same period we’ve witnessed unprecedented levels of engagement across our properties as customers seek out premium, trustworthy content. To that end, we must sometimes make difficult decisions regarding products that no longer fit our long-term strategy as we hone our focus on other areas of the business.

Link:

<https://help.yahoo.com/kb/groups/SLN35505.html?impressionns=true>

Beginning December 15, 2020 the Yahoo Groups website will shut down and members will no longer be able to send or receive emails from Yahoo Groups. We’ve compiled a comprehensive FAQ here that includes alternative providers and information on how this will impact your group content.

Thank you for helping us build one of the earliest digital communities — we're proud and honored to have forged countless connections over the last 20 years and played a small part in helping build your communities.

Sincerely, The Yahoo Groups team
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Three Free Organs

Michelle Kinkaid MichelleKinkaid5678@gmail.com (415-802-3325) has three organs that she is giving away.

The first one is a **Thomas Theater organ**. It was working when it was moved to a storage area.

The second one is a **Hammond Spinnet** (looks like a M100 series), two short keyboards (44 keys) and 13 pedals. This organ was turned on in the last few days and it appears to be working correctly.

The third one is a **Hammond A122** (serial 28422) organ with 25 pedals. This organ was turned on in the last few days and it is NOT working correctly. When you press a key, all you get is a hum. The Hammond A122 will sound like the Hammond B3. If one is interested in this organ, one could contact Camp's Organ Service (925-294-8633) www.campsorganservice.com for repair – an initial service call is \$215 minimum for a diagnostic of the problem.



Hammond Spinnet



Hammond A122

Free Lowrey Lincoln 25 Organ

I am looking to donate my late mother's Lowrey Organ @ 61 note manual & 25 pedals). The organ has been tested and it appears to be in full working condition. We also have its manual and its original documentation. We really want to donate it so it can be appreciated and utilized. Organ was built approximately 1963. **Contact Maureen Griswold at 408-266-4777 or maureengriswold@sbcglobal.net.**

(See Nov 2020 Newsletter for pictures of the Organ)

Free Rodgers Organ 750BE Organ

The organ model is Rodgers Organ 750BE. Requires external speakers and the speakers are not included. The organ is free, but call Sophia to be sure it is still available and how long it will be local. Not sure of the city, but it is not too far away from Los Gatos, (408) 497-3488.

The organ's dimensions are 48 inches high, 48 inches wide, 30 inches from keys to back of the organ, 48 inch pedal board depth, total depth of organ and pedal board is 54 inches. This is an approximation but should give you an idea of the size.

External speakers can be obtained from the local Rodgers repair man Blaine Ricketts, (510) 432-2337.



Vox Humana Journal

Current ideas, trends, and research about the organ.
<http://www.voxhumanajournal.com/>

This journal has some very interesting articles and there are new articles about every month.

The 29 Nov 2020 article is "**Max Reger in America**" written by Christopher Anderson.

The article I really liked was the 15 Nov 2020 article "**Aristide Cavallé-Coll and His Instruments in England**". This article describes his how his live revolved around building organs. He started very young helping his father and older brother building organs and at one point when only 18 years old completed his first solo organ building project, a circumstance brought about by the demand for the family's skills. His father was needed in a distant town to work on a project there while his brother Vincent was engaged in a second town's project, so Aristide was left to complete the organ of Lerida Cathedral unsupervised.

The third article, 1 Nov 2020, is "**The Organ in China**".

The fourth article, 18 Oct 2020, is "**Using Historical Sources in Organ Performance**".

The finally the fifth article, 6 Oct 2020, is "**The Vierne Project Marathon**".

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, "Musical Meditations"
Streaming Link address of the concerts:
<https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco>

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

★ Chapter Event ➤ Chapter Member

Every Saturday at 4 PM

Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.
Jonathan Dimmock, organist

Stanford: Has YouTube files of music recorded on Sundays and Lunchtime Wednesday recitals by Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and others. Check <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>.

Dec 2020

2 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, Noon, Virtual at <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>.

6 Sunday

Dana Robinson, (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

9 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, Noon, Virtual at <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>.

13 Sunday

August Lee, Cello; ➤ **Jin Kyung Lim,** Organ., **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

16 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, Noon, Virtual at <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>.

20 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim,** organ & piano,
➤ **Kyle Jones,** Tenor, **Music for Advent and Christmas, CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

27 Sunday

Pierre Zevort (France), organ & piano, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

January 2021

3 Sunday 2021

Epiphany Lessons and Carols, sung by the **St. Brigid School Honor Choir** (Cathedral Choir School), directed by Christoph Tietze, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

10 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

17 Sunday

Justan Foster, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

31 Sunday

Cavatina Music Society, chamber music, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

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