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Dean's Column





Greetings **E**veryone – **M**erry **C**hristmas and a **H**appy **N**ew **Y**ear.

Prayers and heartfelt wishes for a healthy, happy, holiday season, including "the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir"!

*S*incerely,

Susan Snook-Luther, Dean

 \mathcal{M} any Christmas years ago while living in Spain and feeling a little homesick, I suddenly heard a quartet playing. I quickly grabbed my friend to find the source of this music. For 30 minutes I just stood and listened to the gorgeous notes surrounding me in the street, I was in heaven. Afterwards, I spoke with the cellist and walked away feeling refreshed and so very happy. I am sure those musicians didn't know the effect they had on me but this is what we as musicians do. We share our music and as a result all those around us benefit. So, to all of you...thank you for sharing your love of music! As this year ends, I hope goals have been reached, new ones made and smiles find you throughout next year.

Warmest of musical wishes,

 \mathcal{M} ay you all have a Blessed Advent and Christmas Season. May the special music that comes during this time feel you with happiness, peace and hope!

Elisabeth Pintar, Sub Dean

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"Do You Play What I Play"

This event took place on 7 November 2021 at 4 PM. Three organists and a pianist played five pieces today.

The music was very nice. I hope that many of our members tuned to listen.

First Piece: Susan Snook-Luther:

"Creator of Stars of the Night (Sarum plain Song, 9th century)" by Michael McCabe.

c 1999 The Sacred Musical Press (Lorenz) The Organist in Season-Winter.

Second Piece: Cathryn Wilkinson:

Une jeune Pucelle (Twas in the Moon of Wintertime) French folk tune, 16th century Arr. Mark Lockstampfor

2001 Augsburg Organ Library, Christmas ISBN: 0-8006-5935-X

Third Piece: Valerie Sterk:

"Suite on Advent Hymns" Printable music available by clicking on the PDF attachment in the email announcement of this recital. (If you have trouble, call Ken Talbot, 408-732-6094)

Fourth Piece: Cathryn Wilkinson:

Pieces Founded on Antiphons, OP 18, No. 10 Marcel Dupré

Fifth Piece: Barbara Sunseri (Piano) Susan Snook-Luther (Organ)

O Holy Night Arr. Lani Smith; Quiet Songs of a Holy Night c 2016 Lorenz

Barbara Sunseri is Susan's colleague at First Congregational Church of San José, where she plays one service a month plus whatever duets we can fit in!

The Organs:

Susan: First Congregation Church of San Jose Schantz

Valerie: Sunnyvale Presbyterian, Sunnyvale Balcom & Vaughan

Cathyrn: First Presbyterian, Monterey Murrary Harris rebuild plus additions by Schonestein

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 7:30 PM, Zoom Meeting

Welcome New Member Elizabeth Kamas



My name is Elizabeth Kamas. I am 13 years old and am the second-youngest of six children. Besides playing the organ, I play piano, sing in the choir at my church, dance, and do gymnastics. I have been learning the organ under Margaret Kvamme for about a year and a half now, and the piano for almost 5 years. I was a little apprehensive at my first lesson, but after it I fell in love with the instrument and have been playing ever since. My goal is to one day become a church organist.

Member's Recital Potluck #2

For those who missed the Member's Recital Potluck #2, you can see and listen to the nine organ pieces that were performed. Enter the following web address into your web browser and you can see and hear the performers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T11yn7ncpil

New Members: This is an excellent way to become acquainted with the members in our Chapter.

THE PROGRAM

Toccata on "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow", by Michael Burkhardt <u>Valarie Sterk</u>, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Andante Largo from Voluntary, by John Stanley Elizabeth Kamas, Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos

Komm heilger Geist, Herr Gott from Four Choral Preludes, Naji. Hakim <u>VladaVolkova-Moran</u>, Peace United Church of Christ, Santa Cruz.

Carrilon (24 pieces in Freestyle), Louis Vierne <u>Myrna Emata-Diez</u>, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, SV

"Holy God We Praise Your Name", arr Michael Burhardt Tune – "Grosser Gott", by Maria Theresa Praise and Thanksgiving Hymn Improvisations, Set 4, Morning Star Music Joyce Rhodes, Los Gatos United Methodist Church Los

Prelude & Fugue in C Major, BWV 549, J. S. Bach <u>VladaVolkova-Moran</u>, Peace United Church of Christ,

Amazing Grace, Frederick Swann In <u>Four Hymn Improvisations for Organ</u> H. T. Fitzsimmons Company (F0658) © 2006 by Tarzana Music **Susan Skook-Luther**, First Congregational Church of San

"Prelude in Classic Style", Gordon Young
Joyce Rhodes, Los Gatos United Methodist Church Los
"Festival Alleluia", by Dan Miller
Valerie Sterk, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
[The recital video began partway through this Festival Alleluia, so the festive opening sections were entirely missing!]

Christmas Crèche

You are invited to "Love's Pure Light," the **34th** Annual Christmas Crèche Exhibit, an all virtual gift to the community from December 1 - 25, 2021.

Experience 25 days of Christmas love and light with nativities from around the world, holiday music, children's activities, stories by community members, and artists in action. Be inspired daily by new photos, videos, and stories. Enjoy special online events at **4 pm with concerts on Sundays, children's story times and marionette shows on Thursdays, and artists on Fridays**.

Follow and share on

Facebook at ChristmasCrechePaloAlto and on Instagram at christmascreche.

This Christmas season, feel the love of Jesus Christ and help light the world. Spread the word to your family, friends, and community! See full details at christmascreche.org. Questions? Please contact info@christmascreche.org or (650) 800-3865 or christmascreche.org. The Crèche Exhibit is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Palo Alto and Los Altos Stakes.

Dr. James Welch will give a recital on **5 Dec 2021 at 4 PM** which will be shown on the FaceBook and Instagram links.

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

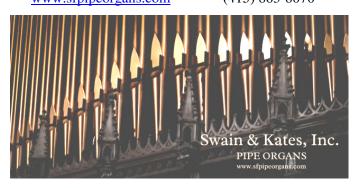
orsl.stanford.edu/previous-concerts. 🎝

Tabernacle Organ Concerts <u>First Anniversary Concert</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcIdWhf3y-E

These weekly concerts were started in June 2020. The First Anniversary Concert was streamed on 30 June 2021 and it featured selections from all five organists plus the third movement from the Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 played by <u>all five organists on one organ</u>. The total program lasts 43 minutes.

A short tour of the Assembly Hall Practice Rooms, a portion of the Tabernacle Organ Chamber, and a Discussion of Organ Pedals and Pedaling by Richard Elliot were also included.

Swain & Kates Pipe Organs Christopher Ketcham, www.sfpipeorgans.com (415) 863-8070



Yamaha C-60 Electone Organ

Roger Inkpen has a Yamaha spinet organ. The organ works and the case is in good condition. He also has Contact him for details. (408) 398-3221 (newtnorg@aol.com).

Roger also has a Conn 651 3 manual Theater organ. Contact him for details. (408) 398-3221

Gulbransen Organ Seeking New Home

Here is a picture of the Gulbransen Model 3218 Organ that I would like to **give it away**. It has two 44 key keyboards and 13 pedals. It appears to be working properly except the pedals either do not work or I don't know how to make them work. I disabled the rotation of the Leslie speakers as it made a mechanical noise; and there is a slight hum in the speakers. There is an accompanying bench. **Contact Nick Dunckel** at **650-948-5777 or** <u>ndunckel@earthlink.net</u>.

Free Kimball Organ

My aunt in San Jose recently inherited her mother's beautiful Kimball organ (picture attached), and we are trying to find a new home for it.



We are happy to donate at no charge (& contribute to the moving costs) to anyone who is interested.

Feel free to call me at (650) 451-2987 if you have any interest or additional questions.

Thanks much, Allison Note: There are either 25 or 32 pedals (currently stored behind the organ).

Lowery Organ

Lowrey Prestige A-5000

The family is hoping it can be sold or at the very least to an interested party. They are open to offers. Attached are photo they sent me (25 short pedals).



Not sure of the year manufactured but was purchased in 2010. Serial #: 0A5000 104M7 48060

Cherry finished cabinet in excellent condition. Call Melanie Cervi, (408) 358-6568

Free Wurlitzer Organ

I live in San Jose and am reaching out because I have a Wurlitzer organ that **I'd like to give away**. It belongs to a family member who no longer wants it. If interested, please call me. **Patricia Hannon** 408-375-2470.

Sunday, December 12th ~ 7:00pm Tidings of Great Joy! Ohristmas Organ Concert



Elisabeth Pintar, Organ Erik Brown, Alto-Saxophone Caral Fint, Handbells Carals sung by Congregation

Immanuel Lutheran Church 14103 Sarataga Ave. Sarataga, OA 95070

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December 2021

31 Friday 2021

New Year's Eve Concert, Dr. James Welch with Nicholas Welch, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, \$10 donation at the door; kids 18 and under free, Livestreamed at https://youtu.be/VKiVakzydic, 6 PM (Pacific Time)

<u>January 2022</u>

2 Sunday 2021

Epiphany Lessons and Carols, presented by St. Brigid School Honor Choir and Golden Gate Boyschoir and Bellringers, CSMA, 4 PM

- 9 Sunday 2022 Ruth Kamas, Organ. Works, Bach, Diemer, Chaminade, Dixon, and Langlais, CSMA, 4 PM
- 16 Sunday 2022 Justan Foster, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM
- 23 Sunday 2022 David Troiano, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

February 2022

6 Sunday 2021 Domenico Severin (France), Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

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: All Concerts are now live! Also livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/c/Cathedr alofStMaryoftheAssumption/videos CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco: https://www.youtube.com/archdio ceseofsanfrancisco Streamed - gracecathedral.org Facebook -

https://www.facebook.com/gracec athedralSF > Chapter Member

Chapter Event

Every Saturday at 4 PM

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

Will Resume On Saturday 13 Nov 2021.

orsl.stanford.edu/previous-concerts

Stanford: Lunchtime Wednesday (10 Nov & 15 Dec) (12:15-12:45 PM) recitals by Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. Check

December 2021

- 5 Sunday 2021 Part I Jin Kyung Lim, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM Don Knuth's "Fantasia Apocalyptica", Part I
- 5 Sunday 2021 Annual Christmas Concert. CUMC, 5 PM

10 Fri 2021

Diane Keller (Organist of First) Palo Alto UMC), Organ, CUMC, 12:30 PM Advent Concert No 2

12 Sunday 2021 Part II Jin Kyung Lim, Organ, CSMA, **4 PM Don Knuth's** "Fantasia Apocalyptica", Part II

12 Sunday 2021

Elisabeth Pintar's Annual <u>Christmas</u> Concert, See information on Previous Page, Imanuael Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA, 7 PM

12 Sunday 2021

<u>Pacific Edge</u> Voices, Ash Walker, Director. Seasonal program of choral music, CSMA, 7 PM (NOTE TIME)

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17 Fri 2021

Eric Holderman (Organist of First Los Alto UMC), Organ, CUMC, 12:30 PM Advent Concert No 3

19 Sunday 2021

"Cookies and Carols" performance by the St. Brigid School Honor Choir and St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, followed by cookies downstairs. \$25 adults or \$15 for students and seniors. Under 5 free, CSMA, 7 PM (NOTE TIME)

19 Sunday 2021

Christmas Concert: Dr. James Welch with Nicholas Welch, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Provo, UT, Livestreamed at https://tinyurl.com/jameswelchor ganist, 6 PM (Pacific Time)

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