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Dean's Column



Greetings as we enter this New Year, 2022!

Hopefully, despite the cloud of stresses and uncertainties we labored under during 2020 and 2021, you each were able to find comfort in musical bright spots, as though the sun were breaking through the clouds. Some of those “sunny spots” can be found by listening to the enjoyable online organ recitals that Ken Talbot has been listing in our Newsletter faithfully each month. Through these online performances, we can enter our richly expressive musical world and be inspired!



Speaking of being inspired, remember our friend and colleague, **Aaron Tan**, who performed for us so spectacularly at Campbell United Methodist Church in **May of 2019** (including a tribute to MaryAnn Gee)? Aaron hasn't been sitting around on his hands in despair. He has now won the prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition! There's a ray of sunshine for you!

Yet, as this New Year begins, our roller coaster ride with Covid seems to have taken another loop de loop with the Omicron variant and disturbing social/political tensions still persist. Even so, I would encourage all of us in the AGO to "resolve" to continue making and listening to music, "that great and glorious gift of God" (Martin Luther). Music can lift the soul out of the darkness into the sunshine. Let's keep looking up!

Sincerely,

Susan Snook-Luther, Dean



Douglas Laird DeForest

13 May 1933 – 13 Nov 2021

Douglas Laird DeForest, 88, died November 13, 2021, at Arbol Residences of Santa Rosa. He was born May 13, 1933 in Newark, New Jersey to Anna Frances Andrews and Douglas Laird I.

He started playing piano at the age of seven. After graduating from Bernardsville, N.J. in 1951, he attended Park College in Missouri before transferring to the Kansas City Conservatory of Music. He graduated in 1955 with a triple major: organ, piano and voice. Doug spent several years in Santa Fe, N.M. community theatre where he performed as a tenor soloist under Artistic Director Greer Garson

In 1955 Doug became a lifelong member and later a national officer in the Guild of Organists. He moved to California in the 1960s, serving as organist for Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and area Sunnyvale churches. He also studied with concert organist and composer Richard Purvis

In 1969 Doug became a Master Mason. He and business partner Charles P. Johnson ran a driving school in the San Francisco area. Doug and Charlie moved to Santa Rosa in 2000 and they joined the Sebastopol LaFayette Lodge in 2003. Doug was initiated into Eastern Star in 2005 and served as an organist. He became a member of Royal Arch and the York Rite in 2007. Doug was elected Venerable Master of the Scottish Rite in 2016. Doug and Charlie performed organ recitals in Kansas City, Sunnyvale, and Santa Rosa. They were partners for 52 years and enjoyed camping, cooking and traveling to Whidbey Island off the coast of Washington.

Doug's favorite organ composer was Mendelssohn, and Andrew Lloyd Weber was his favorite contemporary composer. In 2018 Doug received the Hiram Award, the single highest honor a California Mason may receive. He leaves a niece Marcia (Bill) Hankins and a nephew Tripp (Sally) Johnson in Kansas City.

Special thanks to Suzanne Brunetti from Masonic Outreach for all of her love and support. Also, thanks to

the talented staff of Arbol Residences and for the caring workers at Sutter Care Hospice. Doug's ashes will be interred at Santa Rosa Memorial Park.

Published by Press Democrat on Nov. 17, 2021.

On Dec 17, 2021, at 2:34 PM, Paul Blanchard <pauleblanchard@gmail.com> wrote:

I hope you are all well and surviving the Holiday services if you are working this season.

I recently learned of the passing of one of our long term members and past deans, Doug DeForest. I really enjoyed getting to know Doug since I moved to Sonoma. I heard from his soloist of many years at the Christian Science church, Sherri Guinn, that he had passed in early November. She will get me his organ music collection in the New Year and we can look through it at future in-person meetings and make sure that we all have something of Doug's to remember him by.

Doug's obituary is below. I will send a regular update in a separate email.

Douglas was Dean of the San Jose AGO Chapter from 1999 to 2000.

“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. Click on the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7vyofb9zxM>

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

Cathryn: First Presbyterian, Monterey
Murrery Harris rebuild plus additions by
Schonestein

Next Executive Committee Meeting

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

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=T11yn7ncpiI>

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

Valerie Sterk, 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

Vlada Volkova-Moran, Peace United Church of Christ,
Santa Cruz.

Carrilon (24 pieces in Freestyle), Louis Vierne

Myrna Emata-Diez, 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
Vlada Volkova-Moran, Peace United Church of Christ,

Amazing Grace, Frederick Swann

In **Four Hymn Improvisations for Organ**

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!]



New Member

Eric Ledel

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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 First Anniversary Concert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcldWhf3y-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 all five organists on one organ. 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



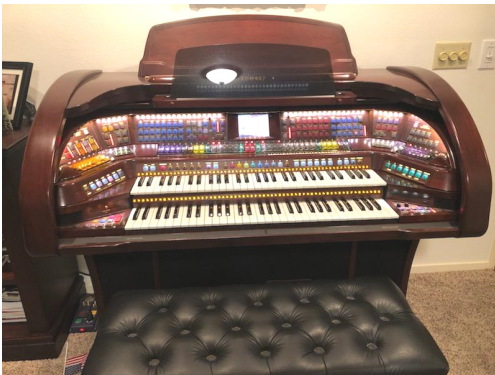
Christopher Ketcham,
www.sfpipeorgans.com (415) 863-8070

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.**

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 Organ

My name is **Leslie Butlar**, Moving Green Today LLC, located in Cupertino, CA. My company, Professional Estate Sales and Cleanouts for Families is cleaning out house in Saratoga. **There is an organ which needs a new home before 22 Jan 2022. I do not know the brand name, year, model or serial number. The organ is FREE and anyone interested would be responsible for moving it. Time is of Essence.** Project Begins, Jan. 11, 2022 until Jan. 22nd 2022 (work hours: 9am to 2pm daily).

Covid Mask and social distancing please. Contact Information: Leslie Butlar, Moving Green Today LLC, 408-805-0118, Cupertino, CA 95014, Date/Time: By appointment Only.



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/CathedralofStMaryoftheAssumption/videos>

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

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco:
<https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco>

Streamed - gracecathedral.org
Facebook -

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

★ Chapter Event ▶ Chapter Member

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

January 2022

9 Sunday 2022

▶ **Ruth Kamas**, Organ. Works, Bach, Diemer, Chaminade, Dixon, and Langlais, **CSMA, 4 PM**

16 Sunday 2022

Gail Archer, 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**
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13 Sunday 2021

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

Jennifer Pascual (New York), Organ, **This is part of the Cathedral's Jubilee celebration**, **CSMA, 4 PM**

27 Sunday 2021

Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano, **CSMA, 4 PM**

March 2022

13 Sunday 2021

Christoph Tietze (France), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

20 Sunday 2021

Federico Andreoni (Italy), Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

27 Sunday 2021

Friedrich Edelmann, Bassoon with **Rebecca Rust**, Cello, **CSMA, 4 PM**

April 2022

3 Sunday 2021

Choir Jubilee, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Cathedral Choir. Works with a Marian theme, including a newly composed work by Hungarian composer Barna Szabo, **CSMA, 4 PM**

10 Sunday 2021

Aki Amai, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

17 Sunday 2021

Angela Kraft Cross, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

24 Sunday 2021

Scott Foppiano, Organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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