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Dean's Column

*H*ello, Friends and Members of AGOSJ,

I hope you are all enjoying spring time, “the time of the singing of birds”, and the recent gentle rain showers. The rain brought to mind an old hymn that says “Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.” We are grateful for the showers!

We are also grateful that the pandemic has eased up enough that we are planning our first in-person activity since March of 2020! They were a strange two years, and while we can't go back to a pre-pandemic “normal”, we can create a “normal” informed by the experiences of our recent past. For instance, we learned that the Board can accomplish things online. It's not as much fun, but it takes less time, since we don't have to drive anywhere! Now we have a choice!

I hope you all will drive to our exciting, in- person **2022 Annual Meeting and Potluck which will be held outside in Elisabeth's Back Yard!** (The food just wouldn't be as tasty online and conversations would be less spontaneous!) The Meeting will include the Installation of Officers who will take up the future business of the Board. (The proposed slate of Officers is listed below.) All members are invited to attend this dual event! It will take place on **Sunday, June 26th at 4:00 PM** at the home of **Elisabeth Pintar, 4505 Faraone Ct, San Jose, CA 95136**. It will be so gratifying to see everyone for real again! This exciting event is not to be missed! Put it on your calendar now!

*M*eanwhile, Have a Joyous Easter, Everyone!

Sincerely, *Susan Snook-Luther, Dean*

Temporary Slate of AGO Officers for the 2022-2023 Year

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| Dean: | Elisabeth Pintar |
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| Treasurer | Eric Holderman |
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| Handbook / Directory: | Kay Lee |
| Education / Resources / Historian: | Valerie Sterk |
| Budget / Auditors: | Christine Merjanian Cathryn Wiklinson |
| Member-at-Large: | 2023 – David Snook-Luther 2024 – Paula Seo 2025 – Laura Green |

At this point in time, Each Officer Position only has one candidate for that position; therefore, we do not need to vote for any of the positions.

2022 Annual Meeting

26 June 2022

The Annual Meeting for The San Jose AGO Chapter will take place on the 26th of June 2022 in the Back Yard at the home of Elisabeth Pintar, 4505 Faraone Ct., San Jose, CA 95136 at 4 PM.

At this time we are hoping that we will be able to meet together at as one group.

The Celebration of Life Service

Libby Codd

The Celebration of Life Service for **Libby Codd** was held at the First Unitarian Church, 160 North 3rd St., San Jose on Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. and it was also broadcast via Zoom. **Jim Welch**, her organ teacher, was the organist for the service. and the Prelude starts at 2:45 PM.

The service was recorded and when we receive the web address of the service recording we will send you the link address to you so that you can watch it for the first time or watch it again.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 at 7:30 PM, Zoom Meeting

AGO Seattle National Convention

3 July – 7 July, 2022

<https://agoseattle2022.com>

FINAL CALL

...for 2022 Frasier Organ Scholarship Applicants

Have you encouraged someone to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year? If not, there's still time! Check out the information on our chapter website, and encourage an organ student to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship. Or might you consider improving your organ skills, and resuming or continuing your organ studies this year? If you're a member of our San Jose AGO chapter and haven't won the Frasier scholarship before, you too are eligible to apply. Remember our mission statement: "The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is

to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

You can find the 2022 scholarship qualifications/requirements, application and hymn list on our website. [www.agosanjose.org -- Under "What's New," click on "Frasier Organ Scholarship"] If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact Valerie Sterk (valeriesterk@gmail.com). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is April 5, 2022. We're hoping to have the Frasier auditions (in-person) in May, if the pandemic conditions and CDC/county guidelines support in-person auditions. The scholarship winner will be notified soon after the auditions. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants soon!

St. Mary's Cathedral to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cathedral Choirs

On **Sunday, April 3, 2022**, the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco will mark the 50th anniversary of the Cathedral Choirs with a festive concert at **4 pm**. Participating will be the **St. Mary's Cathedral Choir**, the **St. Brigid School Honor Choir**, and the **Cathedral String Ensemble**, under the direction of **Christoph Tietze** and **Ash Walker**, and assisted by Marni Strome and **Jin Kyung Lim**.

The program will begin with the Third Brandenburg Concerto by Bach, followed by choral works with a Marian theme, including the "Stabat mater" by Josef Rheinberger.

The highlight of the program will be a specially commissioned work by Hungarian composer **Barna Szabo**, the Cantata "Ave mundi spes, Maria," with the text based on a 15th century sequence. Mr. Szabo teaches at the Liszt Academy in Budapest and is one of the rising stars among European composers.

A donation of \$20 per person, \$10 for seniors and students, will be requested at the door.

For more information, please call 415.567.2020 ext 213, or email tietze@smcsf.org

Saratoga Symphony Concerts

Saratoga Symphony is performing 2 concerts with duplicate music programs on **April 30** and **May 1**. Organ Soloist, **Angela Kraft Cross**, is performing in 2 of the 3 music pieces that feature the organ on these programs.

See <https://angelakraftcross.com/bio.ph>

CAMPBELL Concert

Saturday, 30 April at 7:30 PM

Campbell United Methodist Church
1675 South Winchester Blvd. Campbell, CA 95008

SAN MATEO Concert

Sunday, 1 May at 3:00 PM

Congregational Church of San Mateo
225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401

Enjoy a classical music orchestra FREE concert with exciting rhythms and beautiful melodies! An Organ Soloist performs in 2 of the 3 music program pieces. Conductor Dr. Jason Klein talks about each music piece for the audience before it is performed to add concert pleasure.

CONCERT PROGRAM: "Organ Spectacular"

Danse Bacchanale (1877) by St.-Saens

Symphony #1 for Organ & Orchestra (1874) by Guilmant

Symphonie Concertante for Organ & Orchestra (2016) by Jongen

FREE concert. Donations appreciated. No tickets or reservations needed.

MASKING REQUIRED to attend.

AGO's Volunteer Organists Category

In January 2017 at the suggestion of the AGO's Councillor for Education Don Cook and with the backing of the Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support and the AGO National Council, AGO introduced a pilot program establishing a new category of membership for "Volunteer Organists. During the pilot period, this offer was extended to those who attended an educational workshop for volunteer organists hosted by Don Cook.

Regretfully after 5 years, this pilot program has been discontinued. Today (25 Feb 2022), we changed all Volunteer Members with active memberships to Young Organist, Regular, or Special based on their date of birth. If there was no date of birth listed on their membership record, they were changed to Regular. Future invoices will reflect this change, and each person whose membership was affected was sent a letter explaining the change.

For now, canceled Volunteer Members will continue to be listed as Volunteer Members on your member roster. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Molly Davey, Manager of Member Engagement and Chapter Support – American Guild of Organists

Swain & Kates Pipe Organs



Christopher Ketcham,

www.sfpipeorgans.com

(415) 863-8070

New Member

Eric Newell

106 West Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
ericmnewell@gmail.com (615) 879-1249

Organist Needed

Compass Church, 830 Padre Dr, Salinas, CA 93901

Timeframe: 8:45am-11:30am

Pay \$175

Musical needs:

- -Coordinate service details with hymn leader or choir director
- -prelude piece (5 min max);
- -1 postlude piece (5 min max)
- -Play for 3 hymns

Please contact Nathan at nathan@compasschurchmc.org if interested or for more information.

Thank you!

Nathan Erickson, Worship Administrator

830 Padre Drive, Salinas, CA 93901

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May 2022

21 Saturday 2022

Stanford Chamber Choral & Robert Huw Morgan, Organ,
Stanford Memorial Church, 8 PM

22 Sunday 2022

St. Brigid School Honor Choir Spring Concert, Organ,
CSMA, 4 PM

29 Sunday 2022

Monty Bennett, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

June 2022

5 Sunday 2022

Jeremy Bruns, (Boston), Organ, GC, 4 PM

12 Sunday

Dominic Pang, (St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **Evensong** at 3 PM, **Concert** at 4 PM (Vaccination proof required)

July 2022

3 Sunday 2022

Emmanuel Duperrey, (Villemonble, France), Organ, GC, 4 PM

August 2022

7 Sunday 2022

Kai Krakenberg, (Husum, Germany), Organ, GC, 4 PM

Gulbransen & Small Hammond Organs

The Gulbransen organ has 25 pedals.

If interested, contact Ken Talbot, 408-732-6094.



G. B. Pergolesi's Stabat Mater **Sacred Heart Church**

13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga CA 95070
Good Friday / April 15, 7:30PM

Claire Kelm / Soprano, **Sally Mouzon**
Mezzo Soprano

Members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus

Angel Kraft Cross: Organist

Good Will offering for Catholic Relief Services /
Ukraine Humanitarian Aide Support

STABAT MATER

G. B. Pergolesi



Sally Mouzon
Mezzo Soprano



Claire Kelm
Soprano

Lenny Pfister & Michael Wright
Accompanists

From Michael Wright

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:

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

April 2022

3 Sunday 2022

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

3 Sunday 2022

Christopher Keady, Organ, GC, 4 PM

10 Sunday 2022

Aki Amai, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

10 Sunday

Terry Farrow (St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco), organ, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **Evensong at 3 PM, Concert at 4 PM (Vaccination proof required)**

10 Sunday 2022

Kali Malone, Organ, GC, 4 PM

15 Friday 2022

Stabat Mater, Claire Kelm, Soprano, Sally Mouzon, Mezzo Soprano, Angel Kraft Cross, Organ, **Sacred Heart Church, 13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA, **7:30 PM****

17 Sunday 2022

Angela Kraft Cross, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

24 Sunday 2022

Scott Foppiano, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

30 April – Sat, See Page 3

1 May – Sunday, See Page 3

30 Sunday 2022

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

May 2022

1 Sunday 2022

Benjamin Bachmann, Organ, GC, 4 PM

1 Sunday 2022

Dana Robinson, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

8 Sunday 2022

Christoph Tietze, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

15 Sunday 2022

TBA, Organ, CSMA, 4 PM

18 Wednesday 2022

Organ Students of Robert Huw Morgan, Organ, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM

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