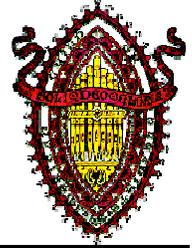




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Dean's Message

Hello all:

Jean Drahmann has resigned as newsletter editor. We thank her for her dedication and the countless years she kept us up to date. Our new editor is Ken Talbot. We are holding a competition to choose a name for the newsletter. Send your suggestion(s) to Ken by 9/10 so we will have them by the next board meeting. If yours is chosen, you will receive free admission to the Mary Preston workshop on Sept 17.

Remember to let Mary Ann Gee (259-8923) know by Sept 10 if you are staying for lunch after the workshop. Bring a food that can be eaten with fingers (eggs, fruit, finger sandwiches, cheeses, snacks, etc.)

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop 9/17 and the concert 9/18. The Palo Alto Chapter will join us for the workshop. They have invited us to attend their opening dinner on the evening of the workshop at Los Altos Methodist Church (\$20). Call me to arrange for carpooling. Email Paul Rosas to make a reservation at tpaulrosas@comcast.net.

See Carolyn Pryor's article below about the recap session for last year's TPO attendees to be held 10/15 at CUMC

Hope you are all refreshed after a lighter summer load and time off. If you are asked to take part in a program or do a small job for AGO, please say YES. Lots of active members make for variety and an interesting chapter.

I'll try to arrange for roommates for the Las Vegas Midwinter Conclave, so plan to go. The registration fee and room charges are very reasonable.

Pat Milstead, Dean &

Dear musician: I would like to invite you to a follow-up session on "Tutoring for Pianists who want to play the Organ." There will be no charge for this session. Also, you do not need to be a member of the original group to attend. I have reserved Saturday, **October 15** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd., Campbell, near the corner of Winchester and Hamilton.

At this session we will build on what we presented before, ask you to give us feedback as to what was helpful and what was not, and give you a chance to play something that worked for you on the wonderful Schantz organ at the church. Please come prepared to share with us what works, and what is causing you problems.

I need to hear from you by **Sept. 15**. Please answer three questions for me: 1) Will you be attending? 2) What music will you be sharing with us? (It can be as simple as one verse of a hymn) 3) What problems are you having? Thanks so much!

Sincerely, **Carolyn Pryor** (408) 866-7045, carolnp_1@msn.com &

Music Calendar



Locations

CPLH: Calif. Place of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church

GC: Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

3 September, Saturday

David Hegarty, organ. Pops Concert, light classics and favorites from Hollywood. 4 pm CPLH

4 September, Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ. Vienne, *Symphony No. 1*. 3:30pm CSMA

David Hegarty, organ. (Repeat: see 9/3). 4 pm CPLH

10 September, Saturday

Robert Gurney, organ. Playing Gigout, Widor, Berlin. 4pm CPLH

11 September, Sunday

Brian Swager, organ. Vienne, *Symphony No. 2*. 3:30pm CSMA

Robert Gurney, organ. (Repeat: See 9/10) 4pm CPLH

Alan Morrison (Curtis Institute, Philadelphia PA), organ. Playing Bach, Larry King, and Joseph Jongen's *Sonata Eroica* 4pm GC

17 September, Saturday

Mary Preston, workshop, "A Practical Guide for the Church Organist." 9:30am-Noon CUMC (Sponsored by SJAGO)

John Karl Hirten, organ. Playing Marcello, Vivaldi, Vienne, Daquin, Lizst. 4pm CPLH

18 September, Sunday

John Karl Hirten, organ. (Repeat: See 9/17). 4pm CPLH

Angela Kraft-Cross, organ. Vienne, *Symphony No. 3*. 3:30pm CSMA

Mary Preston, concert. Playing Akerley (Barbara Wade, narrator), Duruflé, Jongen, LaMontaine, Reger, Sifler, Vienne, and Walton. 3pm CUMC (Sponsored by SJAGO)



Mary Preston

24 September, Saturday

Keith Thompson, organ. Pops Concert. 4pm CPLH

25 September, Sunday

John Walko, organ. Vienne, *Symphony No. 4*. 3:30pm CSMA

Keith Thompson, organ. (Repeat: See 9/25). 4pm CPLH

2 October, Sunday

Susan Matthews, organ. Introduction to the King of Instruments. 4pm GC

9 October, Sunday

Ben Bachman, organ. Playing Rheinberger, deGrigny, Saint-Saëns, Albright, and Vienne. 4pm GC

23 October, Sunday

Jeremy Bruns (St. Thomas Church), organ. 4pm GC &

Coming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Program Committee has been dreaming, planning, and setting times, dates, and places for our programs for 2005-2006. There will be Concerts, Workshops, Discussions, Organ visits, Pizza and Pipes, and of course time to connect with fellow Organists. Each program has been designed to provide time for support, inspiration and education. We will be publishing the details in the Directory. So, pull out those Calendars and stay tuned to the Newsletter for updates on specific events. For more information, contact Melanie Cervi at 358-6568 or melaniecervi@earthlink.net

On Sunday, September 18 at the Campbell United Methodist Church, **Mary Preston** will perform a concert. Several members who have heard her play have highly recommended her exciting performance. On Saturday morning, **September 17 Mary Preston will give a workshop** at the church "A Practical Guide for the Church Organist" to kick off our year in style. We have invited the Peninsula Chapter, so come listen to great music, great ideas, and see good friends and meet new colleagues. It is very important that attendees arrive at **9:30 am to register for the workshop, \$25 at the door; cash or check payable to CUMC.**

Organist Available

Florene Wells is available for full time employment (will take part-time /shared position if available). She is definitely available for substituting. Contact at 408-446-2878 or 408-428-9835. efwells3@juno.com &

A MESSAGE ABOUT THE 2006 AGO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Dr. Frances Nobert, Region IX Councilor

Dear Colleagues:

Recently you should have received an email from Harris Connect, the publisher of the forthcoming 2006 Membership Directory. This communication was sent to all AGO members inviting them to update their profile information and to answer several survey questions designed to help us understand the needs and preferences of our members. Please be assured that the questionnaire and the process are absolutely legitimate. I encourage you to cooperate fully with this effort and complete the online questionnaire to the best of your ability. In the event that you deleted the form without submitting it, here is the contact information for Harris Connect: Email address: jocampo@harrisconnected.com Contact name: John Ocampo

This 2006 Directory is a component of our "Each One-Reach One" membership recruitment and retention campaign. New members will be listed in the directory as long as their information has been forwarded to AGO headquarters by October

1. The directory is not for sale to the general public and will be made available only to AGO members, Chapter Friends, and TAO subscribers.

2. Individuals who do not wish to be included in the directory may simply ask to have their names and contact information omitted.

Thank you in advance for supporting this very important publication.

Cordially: Frances (Frankie) Nobert &

Installation Meeting

The installation meeting was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Los Gatos on June 12. It was well attended and there was a delicious potluck dinner with plenty of food. Before the dinner there was a short social period where everyone could meet and get to know each other. Afterwards there was a marvelous concert by our guest Mark Thallander and Berdie Bowsby.



During the dinner the chapter officers for the next year were introduced. The new chapter officers are listed on the first page with additional officers listed below. &



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Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the home of Pat Milstead, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr., San Jose. All meetings are open. &

ChicAGO 2006 Convention

We hope you can join us in magnificent Chicago! In addition to world-class ensembles, performers, dining and shopping, you will have the chance to experience one of the most wonderful fireworks displays anywhere! It is also a chance to celebrate the centenary of the Chicago Chapter of the AGO. We invite you to visit our Web site; you can access it from the AGO National Headquarters home page, <www.agoHQ.org>. Visit it early and often for exciting updates and venue information! See you in the Windy City! &

Colorado Springs Conference

As reported by Pat Milstead

Physical Problems Intrinsic To Organ Playing Edmund Ladouceur

Some suggestions to help

- Women tend to feel tension & anxiety in upper back, men in lower.
- Chin should be tilted a slight bit downward extending back of neck
- Wrists should be straight.
- Sit on "sit-bones" rather than tail bone.
- If you hold leg up off pedal you put pressure on the back.
- Elongate muscles with a two second stretch.
- Little finger should be straight with arm.
- Put a rubber band around closed fist and then open and close fist.
- Stretch & massage forearms by rolling them with a ball against the wall.
- Keeping knees together when playing puts a strain on the hips.
- Bend forward from sitting position and touch the floor to stretch muscles along the spine.
- Stretch the upper back by pulling your bent arm across the front of your body.
- To relieve performance anxiety press on 'third eye' spot between eyebrows where bridge of nose meets the forehead.
- Drink plenty of water; be sure you have enough potassium.
- Finger muscles work from the forearm.
- For thumb pain, use other hand to squeeze flesh between thumb and forefinger.

Check out playinglessshurt.com

See "*The Wharton's Stretch Book*" by Jim and Phil Wharton – Random House 1996 &

"*Music in Worship: A Prophetic Voice - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*", Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, **October 9-11**. The symposium will deal with music in worship, the role of music in the seminary, best practices. We will also examine the places of the organ and choral music in worship.

Registration: \$115; \$85 for students. **Discounted hotel rates** (\$67 per night) at the Holiday Inn Dallas Central (214)373-6000 until September 18. For further information, check your July and August TAO magazines or email infr@agoHQ.org. &

LAS VEGAS AGO CONFERENCE AGO REGION IX MID-WINTER CONCLAVE

Hurry! Hurry! Come to Las Vegas!

by Dr. Frances Nobert, Region IX Councilor

A lot of excitement is being generated, both locally and regionally, about the Conclave. Our mayor, Oscar Goodman, who is a lover of organ music (especially the recordings made in Europe by E. Power Biggs), is already making plans to welcome the Conclave. Las Vegas is in the process of planning a new Performing Arts Center, and a pipe organ is already being discussed.

The long-awaited Region IX Mid-Winter Conclave in Las Vegas is eager to welcome you on **January 8, 2006**. For discounted registration fees before October 1, use the form you received with the brochure last spring, or download the information from the Conclave website at www.agoregixconclave.com. We look forward to greeting you at the Sunset Hotel and Casino!

To reserve your hotel room, phone **888-786-7389** on or before **December 9, 2005**, and give the group code number SCIAGO. The cost for Sunday through Thursday nights is **\$69** per night, double occupancy, and **\$129** for Friday and Saturday. Airport shuttle service is available through the hotel.

PRE-CONVENTION EVENT: Sunday, January 8, 4:00: Annual Twelfth-Night Handbell Festival at 4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran High School

CONVENTION THEMES: The Organ Works of Emma Lou Diemer and of Jean Langlais and the celebration of the 250th Birthday of Mozart

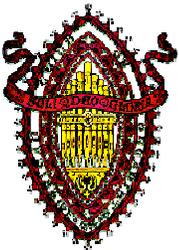
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: Festive Opening Worship Service, AGO/Quimby RCYO Winner, Gala Luncheon featuring Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, UNLV Beckerath organ

CONCERTS: Chelsea Chen, Emma Lou Diemer, Kevin Kwan, Ann Labounsky, Millennia Too, Murray/Lohuis Duo, Frances Nobert/Paul Hesselink, Pipedreams Live with Michael Barone, Clark County Elementary School Orff Ensemble, Las Vegas Master Singers, Nevada School of the Arts Advanced Strings, and the University Children's Chorale

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