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DEAN'S MESSAGE

April is over. As a child, I couldn't wait to revel in April. April is Spring. April is Easter. April is my birthday month. I could always count on warmer weather. I could always count on a new dress. I could always count on more than one family get together in April. As I grew older, I began to notice the warmer weather less often. I began to be responsible for the music at Easter. I began to sew my own dresses. I began to celebrate my birthday with less gusto. April became WORK! Ah, to be young again. But is it really that bad? I think not. Becoming older has taught me to give more. Through my work, I give back what I have been given. That is good!

Speaking of giving, I would like to recognize all that has been given to the chapter this year:

Thank you to these host churches: Campbell United Methodist, Immanuel Lutheran, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, West Valley Presbyterian, Sunnyvale Presbyterian, and all those we were not able to work into our schedule. Please remember the openness and generosity of these churches. I look forward to visiting all those churches that have offered to help and host that we were not able to schedule for this year.

Our program committee is currently finalizing next year's program. If you have feedback, suggestions, or wish to volunteer, please contact Andrew Birling or Diane Keller.

As we head into summer, I would like to encourage us to keep ourselves open to seeing what constants we have in our diverse lives. Let's keep on the lookout for shared attributes. Often by seeing how someone approaches situations we recognize our differences and see a better way to work together.

See you in May for our installation.

Melanie Cervi, Dean ♪

MAY CHAPTER EVENT

Sunday 17 May 2009 – 4 PM

Annual Meeting & Installation/Officers' Recital

Andrew Birling, Sub Dean ♪

Slate of Officers for Next Year

1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

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May Chapter Event

Annual General Chapter Meeting and
Installation Meeting

Officer's Recital/Installation/Pot-luck

**Where: Bethel Lutheran Church,
10181 Finch Ave, Cupertino.**

When: Sunday, May 17, 2009 – 4 PM

Contact: Andrew Birling, (650) 906-3227.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17 for our Annual Meeting/Installation/Potluck. This year's program will be an Officers' Recital. Come and hear your leadership explore the sounds of the organ at **Bethel Lutheran Church**, 10181 Finch Rd in Cupertino. **Melody Bast** and the folks of Bethel Lutheran are looking forward to sharing their space with us that day, so let's have a great turn-out! We will start at **4pm** with our recital, and following that with the installation of officers for the 2009-2010 year. After that we will feast! Please plan on bringing a main-dish, side-dish, or dessert to share. The SJAGO will provide cold-cuts and rolls as well as beverages. To ensure that we have room at the table for you and your guests (spouses, significant others, children) please **RSVP to Andrew** at 650-906-3227 or email andrewbirling@gmail.com by **Wednesday, May 13th**. If you are able to help with any of the set-up for the event that day, please let Andrew know. Looking forward to seeing you then! 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos is seeking a part-time (22 hours/week) **Choir Director**. Requires Cover letter of introduction including your brief philosophy of church music, Resume or curriculum vitae, List of references including peer musicians, clergy, choir members, and professor/mentor, and Non-returnable video tape, DVD or web link of the candidate leading rehearsal and optional performance. Send the items listed above by May 31 to **Jeff Thompson**, 114 Colorado Ct, Los Gatos, CA, 95032
Jeff.Thompson@Dionex.com
ELCA Lutheran Church on Monterey Peninsula (Salinas) is seeking an **Organist** and **Choir Director**. Two services per Sunday (liturgical & contemporary). Knowledge of liturgy helpful. Contemporary service, plays piano with worship band as well as organ. Choir Director position is also available (Chancel choir & Children's choir). Both positions start September 2009. Call Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, (831) 424-5643.

News From Our Recent Frasier Scholarship Winner

Hi there -- My name is David Wills. I'm a freshman at Reed College, now a member of the Portland-OR AGO chapter but previously associated with the San Jose chapter. I won the Frasier Scholarship last year (and used it to fund my lessons up here, with Lee Garrett at Lewis & Clark). I just wanted to advertise that I'm available to pick up odd organ-related jobs as a substitute organist, or working with cataloging sheet music, working with instruments, helping out as a page turner, etc.

Of course I'm still an amateur, just a college kid, when it comes to a lot of this stuff – but I have a familiarity with music and a willingness to help out with any available odd jobs. Plus I need some cash so I can feed myself and buy books for next year!

I'll be around, approximately, from June 3-15, from July 7-august 7, and August 7-25, more or less. My email address is dwills@reed.edu and my cell phone number is 408.483.4501.

Warmly, David

I just want to vouch for David, as his former teacher. He is an exceptionally intelligent and responsible young man. He had been playing piano for about 13 years and organ for 3. He has covered entire services for me at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos and would do a good job on any basic Protestant service. Also, he could probably be taught the ins and outs of a Lutheran or Episcopal service (for this, you might want to up the pay a bit). Thanks, Margaret Kvamme

Board Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 11th May, 2009 at 7:30 PM, **Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road,**

If you would like an organ Substitute, contact Darryl Parker (408) 984-6608 or DarrylEParker@comcast.net

It's Dues Time

Enclosed is this year's form for renewing your dues for next year. Please fill out the form and mail it with your check to our Treasurer Rebecca Harrison at the address at the bottom of the form.

**PHOENIX RISING, REGION IX FESTIVAL JUNE
22-25, 2009, Phoenix AZ**

For Further information: www.agoinphoenix.org.

Near Ground Zero, Organ in Historic Chapel 'Speaks' Again

New York (CNN)


NEW YORK (CNN) -- For the first time since September 11, 2001, the rich chords of a chapel organ damaged in the terrorist attacks echoed through New York City's historic St. Paul's Chapel.



In the months following the attacks, the chapel became a makeshift bunker for recovery and relief workers. Working round the clock, hundreds of volunteers transformed St. Paul's into a place for rest, meals, prayer and counseling for city firefighters, police and construction workers clearing the rubble just blocks away at Ground Zero. When St. Paul's Chapel reopened to the public on August 25, 2002, the organ was clogged with debris and could not be played.

Organist Marilyn Haskel's rehearsal on Friday for Easter Sunday services marked the instrument's triumphant return to functionality after Mann & Trupiano organ builders of Brooklyn removed 2.5 gallons of dirt and debris in a thorough "resuscitation."

"When a pipe sounds we say that it 'speaks.' And if it doesn't 'speak' clearly, then the sound isn't as interesting and colorful," Haskel told CNN Friday morning. With its airways clear, "This one is exactly right," she said.

Haskel rehearsed two pieces: "God's Paschal Lamb is Sacrificed for Us" and "Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing." 

Built in stages between 1764 and 1796, the chapel is Manhattan's oldest continuously used public building. Designed in Georgian Classic-Revival style, it boasts handmade woodwork, carvings, and door hinges as well as 14 Waterford chandeliers installed in 1802.

The chapel's original organ was built in London. In the years since, a number of instruments have called St. Paul's Chapel home. The 1,680-pipe instrument currently housed within the chapel's elaborate original 200-year-old mahogany case was built in 1964 by of Schlicker Organ Co. of Buffalo, New York.

The chapel now serves as host to a series of 9/11 memorial exhibits. As Haskel played Friday morning, tourists from around the world browsed the displays.

A man from the Bronx who assisted the New York Fire Department in the months after the attacks remembered a time when the chapel "closed its door to souls and opened it to bodies" and the organ fell silent under the clamor of refuge-seeking firemen, police officers and other workers. He said he was attending Friday morning's rehearsal to hear the organ played for the first time.

"The organ was not usable then," Haskel said of the months following the 9/11 attacks. "For me, in being able to be here -- and meeting people who were here during 9/11 -- to be able to play organ music that should be happening in this room is a great honor," she said

Schoenstein to Hold Open House

Benicia, CA – Please join us on **Sunday, May 17, from 2-5 p.m.** for an Open House at our Benicia plant. At our last open house, you saw the 4 manual, 76 rank symphonic-style organ for St. James' Episcopal Church in New York City as the final assembly process started. This time you can hear it just before it gets on its way to the Big Apple. You will also see and hear the Juilliard School organ destined for Paul Jacobs' studio. Several other projects will be on view. Please join us for refreshments and a plant tour. There is plenty of parking available.

Schoenstein & Co. is located at 4001 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA 94510. Telephone (707) 747-5858.

Directions: *From I-80:* At Vallejo, take I-780 east towards Benicia. After East Fifth St exit, get into right lane and exit onto I-680 North (Exit 7A).

From I-680: At Benicia, take the Lake Herman Road exit (Exit 61). Go east (toward the water) on Lake Herman Road and cross the railroad overpass. Take the first right onto Industrial Way and go 1.3 miles. The plant is on the right just past a curve – look for the 42' tall erecting room!

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Music Calendar

Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

* Chapter Member

Every Saturday & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

May

1 Friday

Cameron Carpenter, organ, **St. Anges, Church**, 1025 Masonic Ave, San Francisco, **8 PM**

3 Sunday

Lois Holdridge, organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

10 Sunday

David Brock (Incline Village, NV), organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

16 Saturday

James Welch, organ, 20th anniversary of the Schoenstein Organ, **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 655 Old Orchard Road, Danville, CA, **7 PM**, Free

Temple Hill Orchestra Alex

Chien, piano, **Cybele**

D'Ambrosio, violin, Beethoven Piano Concerto #1, Dvoak, Romance, Beethoven 6th Symphony, John Pew, director, **Oakland Interstake Center**, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, , **7:30 PM**, FREE

Silicon Valley Symphony, "From

the New World", Music by John Ritter, Moses Hogan, & Mark Hayes, **Joe Guthrie**, piano, **Presbyterian Church of Los Altos**, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, **8 PM**, Donation \$20, \$15 senior/students, children 12 & younger with adult FREE. Tickets available at the door, or see <http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/html/concerts.html>

17 Sunday

"A Mendelssohn Festival" (San Francisco State University Choirs), **GC**, **3 PM**

Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, **CSMA**, **5 PM**

Temple Hill Orchestra, See 16 May

24 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

31 Sunday

Great Paschal Vespers, GC, **3 PM**

Congregational Oratorio Society,

"Feel the Spirit", Music by John Ritter, Moses Hogan, & Mark Hayes, **Joe Guthrie**, piano,

Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, **4 PM**

San Francisco Sinfoniett, CSMA **5 PM**

June

7 Sunday

Choral Concert (choir of Men and Boys), **GC**, **3 PM**

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

14 Sunday

Alan Domenicci (Denver), organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

21 Sunday

Duane Subirous, organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

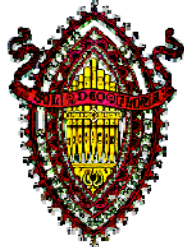
28 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA**, **3:30 PM**

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