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Dean's Message

*D*ear Friends,

*A*pologies from your Dean, who is busy preparing for a Palm Sunday Recital, as well as the various other tasks surrounding Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

I hope many of you may be able to attend my recital on Sunday, March 28 at 3pm at Campbell UMC. It offers a chance to relax and bask in the organ for an hour during a week when many of us will spend considerably more time on the bench ourselves! In peace,

Andrew Birling, Dean ♪



**Afternoon
 at the
 Organ**

Andrew T. Birling, organist
Sunday, March 28th, 2010 ~ 3:00 p.m.
Free Admission

Works of
J. S. Bach Jean Langlais Cesar Franck
Hymn-Singing

CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 1675 Winchester Blvd (Winchester at Hamilton)
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March Chapter Event PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

Time to start thinking about this year's Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza (PPP)

Where: Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale

When: Saturday, March 20, 2009 – 9AM-Noon

Who: Young people ages 8-18 who might have an interest in learning something about the organ and how it works. Parents are invited to attend.

What: Demonstrations and explanations session of the organ by Guild and student members, questions and participation encouraged. Each young person will have an individual chance to perform on the 3-manual organ under the guidance of a Guild member. There will be handouts and of course pizza!

Cost: Only \$5 per person for the pizza and drinks.

This event is sponsored by our chapter members to give more exposure to the instrument that we love. If you have handouts or mementos that you think these young people might appreciate, please let us know. This is a Chapter wide event which we hold yearly to reach out to future organists who have not yet taken up the instrument. Any way you can be involved is a step toward insuring the continuance of our profession. Let us know.

Especially encourage any young people YOU know to attend. Space is limited to allow each participant to have time at the organ, so encourage those who would like to attend to let us know soon via either email or phone.

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Elisabeth Pintar – 408-445-1181 - elisabethpintar@yahoo.com 🎵

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th March, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino

LOOKING AHEAD

Times and Dates may Change

March 20 ~ 9:00 a.m., Pizza Pedals & Pipes

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W Fremont Ave ~ Sunnyvale, CA

May 2 ~ 6:00 p.m. Cameron Carpenter in Concert

Group price TBA, Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness ~ San Francisco, CA

Late May ~ Early June, Annual Meeting/Installation,
Location TBA

March 25 Deadline For The FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2010

Chapter members: please consider applying for, or encouraging an eligible organ student to apply for, the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year. As a reminder, the scholarship is open to current chapter members and to organ students studying with or sponsored by current members (previous winners are not eligible). The Frasier Organ Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated talent and potential, and must be used for specified continuing education in organ studies. The scholarship amount is \$1000.

For complete details on the Frasier scholarship qualifications, hymn requirements, and application form, please see our chapter website [www.agosanjose.org]. If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact **Valerie Sterk**, 408-249-5705; valeriesterk@gmail.com). The **deadline** for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is **March 25, 2010**; the auditions will be in mid/late April; and the winner will be notified by May 1. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants to apply! 🎵

WANTED: Applicants for the Frasier Organ Scholarship?

Have you encouraged someone to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year? Or have you considered applying for the Frasier Organ Scholarship yourself? Improving your organ skills, and resuming or continuing your organ studies would be an excellent personal goal for 2010. 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. In fact, if you read over the list of past Frasier Organ Scholarship winners, you may be surprised at how many names of current members you find on that list. Organists of varying ages and experience have been Frasier applicants and winners over the years. Check out the information on our chapter website, and consider applying for the Frasier Organ Scholarship – if not yourself, then encourage another organist 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." 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

St. Timothy's Church in Mountain View, California is looking for an **organist** with combined skills in traditional and contemporary styles. This position is currently not funded in our budget for weekly services, but we can pay for Easter Sunday and other Holy Days, and we hope to have a regular salary offering by summer. This might be a great opportunity for a student intern who likes rock as well as classical.

We have an ancient/modern liturgy where we enjoy both the beauty of traditional music and the excitement of

leading edge Christian music. Using our Schoenstein, the organist will need to be able to play hymns and classical music, but also to read contemporary chord charts to play along with a full rock band.

Please contact peter@sttims.org, (408) 515-6053 if you are interested. .

New Member Pamela Lawrence

Returning member Pamela Lawrence belonged to the San Jose AGO chapter many years ago. At the time she was on the Board with John Chang, and served as Newsletter Editor.

Pam has a Master's degree in organ and harpsichord performance from San Jose State where she studied under John Walker and was a fellow classmate of Mary Jane Judge. After completing her masters, she took private lessons with Herbert Nanney. Pam lives in Carmel Valley, where she was formerly president of the now defunct Monterey Chapter. She is organist at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley where at present she is also on the committee to choose a new rector. Please welcome Pamela Lawrence to our chapter. 🎵

THE STUDENT RECITAL



Participants (left to right): Phil Maitland, Chinar Merjanian, Mary Lou Simmermacher, Carolyn Pryor, Elisabeth Pintar, Doris Reed, Albert Bellefeuille, and Mary Ann Gee.

Sunday, January 24, 2009, the San Jose chapter presented the annual student organ recital. This year's program was held at West Valley Presbyterian Church in Cupertino and featured 6 students. We appreciate the approximately 85 people in attendance and the reception after.

Albert Bellefeuille has been playing keyboards for six years and studying organ for the last four. He has been working with Dr. Sandra Soderlund for the past two. He played "Herzlich tut mich verlangen" by Johannes Brahms and "Tocatta For a Joyful Day" by Emma Lou Diemer.

Mary Lou Simmermacher, has been studying the organ with Paul Rosas. She played "Aria, Op.51" by Flor Peeters..

Phil Maitland has been playing for a number of years and is studying organ with Berdie Bowlxby. He played "Verso in E minor" by Domenico Zipoli and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach.

Doris Reed has been playing for a number of years. She played "Tiento de 8g tono por D la sol re" by Sebastian Anguilera de Heredia and "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" by James Denton.

Chinar Merjanian has studied piano and organ with her mother since the age of four. She played "Prelude and Fugue in G minor", BWV 542 by J. S. Bach.

Elisabeth Pintar has been studying since she was 16 and is currently studying with James Welch. She played "Rondo in G" attributed to John Bull arranged by Richard Ellsasser.

The program closed with **Mary Ann Gee** and **Carolyn Pryor**, playing an organ duet of "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Phillip Sousa arranged by Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault. 🎵

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Music Calendar

Locations

CPLH: Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

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, CPLH

Every Second Sunday

The Music Guild of Christ Episcopal, 1040 Border Rd, Los Altos, announced the schedule for **Evensong/Concerts** for this coming season. **4 PM Sunday 14 March.** Evensong is sung in the Anglican Tradition. Each event is followed by a lovely reception to which everyone is invited – Free offering.

March

6 Saturday

Temple Hill Symphony Orchestra, Featuring Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 with **Esfir Ross** as soloist, 4770 Lincoln Way, Oakland, **7:30 PM**, Free

7 Sunday

Ennio Cominetti (Italy), organ, Works by Bach, Franck, Boelmann, Bossi, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

10 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, complete organ works of Bach. This is the part 10, **Stanford Memorial Church, 8 PM, \$10/\$5**

14 Sunday

Garrett Collins (Italy), organ, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

Susan Jane Matthews, organ, organist-choirmaster at San director of music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame. **GC, 4 PM, free**

15 Monday

The United States Naval Academy Men's Glee Club performs masterpieces of choral-orchestral literature.

Cost: \$20 General Admission; \$15 Senior/Military; \$10 Students; www.cityboxoffice.com OR call 415-392-4400

21 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, J.S. Bach's 325th birthday recital. **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

28 Sunday

* **Andrew Birling**, organ, Works of J. S. Bach, Jean Langlais, Cesar Franck and Hymn Singing, **Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell, **3 PM**, Free

Benjamin Bachmann, organ, Cathedral's interim director of music **GC, 3 PM**, NOTE SPECIAL STARTING TIME, free, **Cost: Free**

YeonKeong Julia Go, Violin. **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

April

4 Sunday

Garrett Collins, Organ. **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

11 Sunday

TBA. CSMA, 3:30 PM

18 Sunday

Glen Frank, Organ. **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

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