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 SAN JOSE CHAPTER OF THE AGO
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Dean's Message

As this goes to press I'm sure we are all busy with various preparations for extra rehearsals and services, as well as increased family obligations.

As hectic as this time of year is for a church musician, I find it somewhat energizing. Digging into all the great music of this season, as well as preparing for a recital has been a good discipline for me. I hope that once Easter is past I might be able to keep up some of the routine practice and study of the last month or so.

*H*uge thanks to **Elisabeth Pintar** and **Diane Keller** for putting on an excellent Pizza, Pedals and Pipes last weekend at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Their leadership and relaxed, fun atmosphere was a great way to introduce young people to our instrument. It was also great to see so many members of SJAGO helping out with various topics about the organ, serving as photographers, registration, etc. THANKS TO ALL! Thank you also to **Valerie Sterk** and **Sunnyvale Presbyterian** for the use of their space for this event.

*O*ne thing I was thinking about during the morning was what we do next with students who have been to PPP? Some of them are well along in piano study and may be at just the right point for organ study, where some of them are a few years away from it. How might we, as a chapter, support and encourage folks who have a clear interest in pursuing the organ?

*A*nother idea bouncing around in my head was offering a PPP of sorts for adults. This area, filled with engineering and scientist types, may have a lot of folks who are interested in our instrument and may like to find out more. Is there a way we could structure an event for them?

As we come to the time of year for election of officers, I'm pleased to say that your SJAGO board will remain almost entirely the same as last year. This is great news because we can build on the momentum already going this year as we forge ahead in ways that will hopefully offer a chance for the chapter to grow further into the mission of the AGO: "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."

*T*hat being said, we are in need of one person to fill the role of Auditor. Are you interested in serving in this way? Let me know!

*F*inally, I ask each person to consider the SJAGO chapter, and the programs that have been offered, and what you attended/didn't attend and why. Are there other things we should be offering? Again, let me know.

In peace,

Andrew Birling, Dean ♪

**Slate of Officers for Next Year
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.**

Dean: Andrew Birling	Members at Large:
Sub-Dean: Diane Keller	Arlene Zimmerman – 2010
Budget/Auditor: Darryl Parker	Melody Bast -- 2011
Auditor: Florene Wells	Sophie Chang -- 2012
Historian: Valerie Sterk	Newsletter Editor: Kenneth Talbot
Members at Large: Arlene Zimmerman -- 2010	Secretary: Elisabeth Pintar
	Treasurer/Registrar: Rebecca Harrison

It's Dues Time Again

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.

June Annual Membership Meeting

The date for the Annual Meeting is 6 June at Bethel Lutheran 10181 Finch Avenue, Cupertino.

Mark your calendars. There will be additional information next month.

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino

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.

Musical Activity

SAI Spring Musicale
Sunday, 3, April 18, 3 p.m.
Campbell United Methodist Church
1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, CA 95008
Flute and Piano; Chamber Music; Organ: **Carolyn Pryor** playing Hindemith and Sowerby
SAI is a music fraternity for women ♪

THE NETHERLANDISH SCHOOL OF ORGAN
BUILDING AND ITS NORTH AMERICAN LEGACY

April 8-11, 2010, Eugene, Oregon
<http://westfield.music.cornell.edu/>

YAMAHA PIANO RECALL

From Joyce Rhodes

Yamaha has recalled 20,000 pianos due to a problem with the pedal sticking, causing pianists to play faster than they normally would, resulting in a dangerous number of accidentals. The sticky pedal also makes it harder for pianists to come to a full stop at the end of a piece making it extremely risky for audiences. Although there have been a tremendous number of accidentals, fortunately it has so far caused no deaths. Analysts are wondering if it will put a damper on their bass [base] market and if they will be able to sustain sales. Congress is also considering calling in the President of Yamaha for questioning as to when the company first learned about the treble.

Be careful. Organs and harps may be next!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Eric Barlaan, 2536 Glen Dundee Way., San Jose, CA 95148, (408) 867-4244, ericssonbarlaan@mac.com From St. James Anglican Church

JOIN THE AGO YAHOO GROUP

If you would like to join the San Jose AGO Yahoo Group, send an Email to Mary Ann Gee (mary_ann_gee@yahoo.com) and ask to be added to the list

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If you would like to receive the San Jose AGO Newsletter by Email, send an Email to Kenneth Talbot (kitalbot@pacbell.net) and ask to be added to the list. The newsletter will be in color.

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

AGO NATIONAL ELECTION 2010

Joyce Rhodes, Region IX North Coast Convener

It is time to vote for National AGO Officers! It is always important to cast your ballot, and especially this year when "one of our own" is running for an office. Our San Jose Chapter member, **DICK COULTER**, is running for Regional Councillor, Region IX.

Photographs and biographical information on all candidates will be published in the April 2010 issue of The American Organist magazine.

Voting members of the American Guild of Organists may cast their votes electronically or by completing and submitting a paper ballot that will be bound into the April issue of TAO. Ballots must be received by the AGO's independent election management firm by June 1, 2010.

As you consider each candidate, I ask that you take into special consideration our own member **DICK COULTER**. I know DICK would appreciate your vote.

Thank you. Remember....VOTE...VOTE...VOTE!

SILICON VALLEY SYMPHONY "SOLI & SIBELIUS"

Our next concert, "Soli & Sibelius" featuring violinist **Eric Leong**, and Opera San Jose stars **Rebecca Davis**, **Lyric Soprano**, and **Michael Dailey**, Tenor will be on **June 4th** and **June 5th**. The orchestra plays the monumental "Symphony No. 2 in D Major", Op. 43 of Jean Sibelius. Please put us on your calendar.

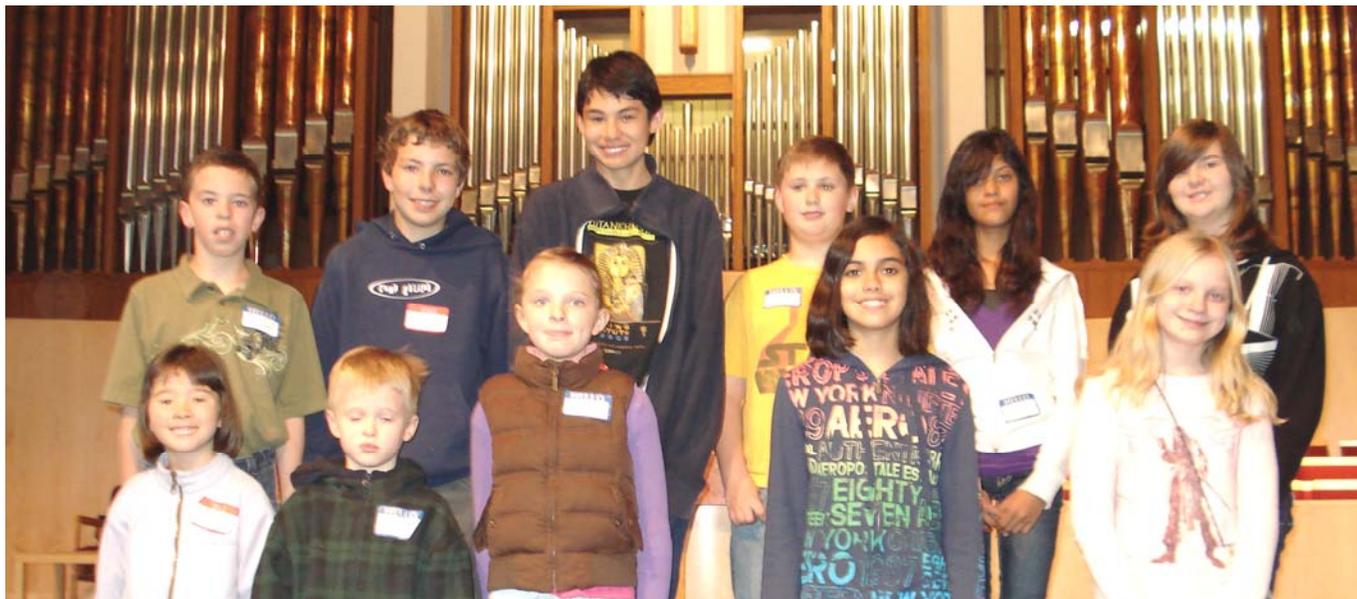
<http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/Concerts/Sibelius/sibelius.html>

2009 PPP A SMASHING SUCCESS

Diane Keller and Elisabeth Pintar, Co-Chairs

On Saturday March 20th, the Chapter hosted a 3 hour **Pedals Pizza and Pipes** program at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**. Twenty students attended and took advantage of the opportunity to play on a 'real' pipe organ. The organ is a Balcom and Vaughan organ built in Seattle in 1986 with 38 voices and 54 ranks. There are 3020 pipes in the organ. Participant ages ranged from about 6 to 17. Assisting with information presentations and demonstrations were host organist **Valerie Sterk**, Dean **Andrew Briling**, Chair **Patricia Milstead**, **Elisabeth Pintar**, **Melody Bast**, , and **Diane Keller**. All presenters answered some interesting questions of the students. Newsletter Editor **Kenneth Talbot** took a picture some of the performer. **Valerie Sterk** organized and led the pizza party at the conclusion of the demonstration. The students, families, and attending organists enjoyed fellowship and further pipe organ chat over lunch.

One student who plays the piano very well is really excited about the organ and wants study the organ.



Some of those who played

Left to Right (back row): Aaron, Kirk, Peter, Cameron, Marjorie, Victoria

Left to Right (front row): Sarah, Colin, Isabella, Paola, Alison.

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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

April

4 Sunday

Garrett Collins, Organ. CSMA, 3:30 PM

7 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, complete organ works of Bach. This is the part 11, **Stanford Memorial Church, 8 PM, \$10/\$5**

11 Sunday

David Ball, Organ (St. Louis), CSMA, 3:30 PM

18 Sunday

Glen Frank, Organ. CSMA, 3:30 PM

21 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, complete organ works of Bach. This is the part 12, **Stanford Memorial Church, 8 PM, \$10/\$5**

May

2 Sunday

David Scofield, Organ. CSMA, 3:30 PM

5 Wednesday

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

9 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, Organ, CSMA, 3:30 PM

23 Sunday

Cole Tutino, Cello, with Chun Mei Wilson, Piano, CSMA, 3:30 PM

30 Sunday

Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, CSMA, 3:30 PM

June

6 Sunday

Corrado Cavalli (Italy), CSMA, 3:30 PM

11 Friday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, complete organ works of Bach. **Stanford Memorial Church, 8 PM, Free admission**

13 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, Organ, CSMA, 3:30 PM

20 Sunday

Angela Kraft Cross, Organ, CSMA, 3:30 PM

27 Sunday

Scott Foppiano (Kansas City), Organ, CSMA, 3:30 PM

AGO CERTIFICATION FAIR

On Sunday, **April 18th, 3 - 5 PM**, at **St. Bede's Church**, Menlo Park, the **Palo Alto/Peninsula Chapter** will hold a Certification Fair. This is a time to share resources, set goals, and encourage each other to work towards an AGO certificate, in particular, the Service-Playing Certificate, CAGO, and AAGO. We will start by watching a short video from National AGO on how best to prepare, then we will break into groups, discuss requirements and experiences, and finally form partners or support groups. Stop by to browse, listen, and dream about what could be your next step.

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