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*Editor's Message*

The August issue is a small issue.

**Recently Passed Away**

**Frieda Ann Murphy**, January 12, 1930 – June 30, 2017, Resident of Campbell



Frieda Ann Murphy passed away on Friday, June 30, 2017 at Palm Villas in Campbell, California. In her later years she developed Alzheimer's disease and was fortunate to be in a facility where the staff took excellent care of her. Frieda was a native Californian and lived a life blessed with music and her love of teaching piano to hundreds of children. She was an accomplished concert organist, having studied in Belgium with Flor Peeters for three years. She will be remembered as an outstanding musician, a caring

neighbor and friend and a member of PEO, the American Guild of Organists and the Music Teachers Association of California. Friends were invited to a memorial service at Darling Fischer in Los Gatos on Thursday, July 13 at 2 PM. [View the online memorial for Frieda Ann Murphy.](#)

Frieda was the Dean of our Chapter during the 1971-1972 term.

**Dates to Remember**

**Pipe Dream Donation Concert Series, Sunday 10 September, First Salinas UMC, 404 Lincoln Ave., Salinas, CA, 4 PM. 🎵**

**Ugo Sforza, Friday 15 September, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 West Fremont Ave, SV, 7:30 PM. 🎵**

**Eleanor Muhawi, (Frasier Scholarship Winner) Friday 10 November, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, 7:30 PM.**



**New Organist Page**

The AGO Headquarters webpage has an excellent section titled "New Organists Pages" in the Education section of their webpage. The address is **<https://www.agohq.org/lessons-for-the-new-organist/>**. There is a section that has 30 short basic lessons. These lessons are from 4 to 20 minutes long. These lessons are well done and worth watching. 🎵

**Executive Committee Meeting**

The next meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017 at 7 PM  
 Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

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## Remember to Renew Your AGO Membership

Most of our members should be getting a notice from Headquarters to renew your AGO membership. Login to [www.agoHQ.org](http://www.agoHQ.org), go to Membership, and login to OnCard to update and make your membership payment. So far only 70 (82%) of our 85 members have renewed. 🎵

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### SALINAS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PIPE DREAMS CONCERT SERIES

**Salinas First United Methodist Church** will present another Pipe Dreams Concert on Sunday, **10 September** at **4 PM** at 404 Lincoln Ave, in Salinas on the 80-year old Wicks Pipe organ. There will be organ and vocal music provided by **Susan** and **David Snook-Luther**. Susan will then be joined by **Christine Merjanian** for a piano duet with the organ. **Mike Cala** will also play a number of organ selections. The closing selections will be by **Elisabeth Pintar** on the organ. Come and join us and contribute to the organ restoration fund.

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## Our AGO Yahoo Group

**If you are a member of our AGO Yahoo Group** you can send messages to our chapter members by sending an email to the address: [agosanjose@yahoogroups.com](mailto:agosanjose@yahoogroups.com). Only 53% of our chapter members use the Yahoo Group. **A lot of AGO information is sent out using the Yahoo Group.**

**If you are not a member of our AGO Yahoo Group, you can subscribe** by sending a blank email to the address "[agosanjose-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:agosanjose-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)" with the subject: "Subscribe."

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### NEW ADDITIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR HISTORIC MURRAY HARRIS ORGAN

Construction of the new period-style **Great 8' Trumpet** and **4' Clarion** for the Murray Harris organ at **Memorial Church at Stanford** is well underway in the shops of **Hupalo & Repasky!**

Additions to such truly historic organs require special attention to period work methods, styles and details, above and beyond normal considerations. In the process we study the existing pipes, windchests, drawings, recordings, and all other available Murray Harris organs and other period organs to emulate in our designs for this project.

The evolving musical needs of the church exert strong influence over tonal designs by the organbuilders. Modern organ literature often calls for a type of Trumpet sound that was not so prevalent in America at the time this organ was built. So in order to keep this fine historic organ relevant for today's musical needs, while keeping in character with the original tonal design, the new Trumpet 8' and Clarion

4' follow the design philosophy of the great 19th-century English organbuilder, William Hill & Sons.

This organ will also be enhanced with the addition of a new **Solo Tuba Mirabilis 8'**, constructed and voiced in the style of the great English Victorian-era builder, Father Henry Willis. He was a contemporary of Murray Harris and was a renowned reed pipe voicer in his own rite.

For this project we have made a number of trial pipes, to determine the most optimum scaling, reed tongue thicknesses, shapes, and curvatures, as well as finalizing the optimum shallot shape and dimensions to meet the musical needs of this addition. Upon completion in the shop and voicing room, the trial pipes are brought to the church and heard with the ensemble in the church's own acoustic environment. In this way can we be certain before the final pipes are made, that we have accomplished everything needed to meet expectations for such an important addition to this organ.

The intricate Harris electro-pneumatic windchests have inspired many variations on his basic principles of design and he set many construction standards for the entire industry. Our windchest conforms to all of the Harris standards for toe sizes, pouch and valve sizes, note channeling and primary valves, etc. for fast, reliable, and long-enduring chest action.

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## FREE DOWNLOADS OF J. S. BACH MUSIC

James Kibbie is offering FREE downloads of the complete organ works of J S Bach. Darryl Parker sent me a note that the downloads are free but you must purchase a special program to open them.

[http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach/?utm\\_source=Organ+Playin&utm\\_campaign=f498136dc9-RSS\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_8550672c28-f498136dc9-325593709&mc\\_cid=f498136dc9&mc\\_eid=50749fe501](http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach/?utm_source=Organ+Playin&utm_campaign=f498136dc9-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8550672c28-f498136dc9-325593709&mc_cid=f498136dc9&mc_eid=50749fe501)

Harold Stuart also sent me the following note "You may also be interested in [www.allofbach.com](http://www.allofbach.com). It's a beautifully done website with many great Bach organ works." Ken Talbot

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## OPEN POSITIONS

**The Villages Community Chapel at the Villages Golf and Country Club**, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA is looking for a talented **organist/pianist** to accompany the choir and play for our Sunday Worship Services. Compensation will be competitive with that of churches in our area. Two weeks paid vacation and are eligible for sick leave per California state requirements.

For consideration, applicants should mail their resumes to Music Director Susan Ahlgrimm at 7521 Deveron Court, San Jose, CA, or email them to Susan at [susan.miyuki49@gmail.com](mailto:susan.miyuki49@gmail.com). 🎵

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 149 Manzanita Ave, San Carlos, CA is seeking a **Part-time, Organist/Pianist**. The

Organist is responsible for playing the organ, piano and choir rehearsals. This person shall work an average of 3 – 5 hours per week. This is a temporary position while the congregation completes the process of calling a new pastor. The position is to start as soon as possible and extend through January 2018, with the possibility of extension or permanent hire.

Submit resumes to: [office@sancarloshtlc.org](mailto:office@sancarloshtlc.org). For more information visit our website <http://sancarloshtlc.org/>. 🎵

**Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside**, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley is looking for a pastoral **Music Director** who can both conduct a choir and play the church's famous Visser-Rowland Opus #97 Organ. This is a part-time (15-20 hours) permanent position with a competitive AGO scale-based salary. Housing is not provided.

The current program includes Sunday morning and Wednesday evening rehearsals, two worship on Sundays. The candidate must be willing to support the children's ministries and lead chapel for the Carillon Preschool classes. Please email your resume to the Rector (no phone calls please), the Rev. Beth Phillips, at [motherbeth@ccpvw.org](mailto:motherbeth@ccpvw.org).

Christ Episcopal Church Portola Valley & Woodside  
815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. 🎵

The **Los Altos United Methodist Church**, 655 Magdalena Avenue, Los Alto is looking for a **three quarter time organist/pianist position**. Two choir rehearsals (Tuesday and Thursday evening). Three Sunday morning services. Possibility of sharing the position. Health insurance and Vacation benefits. Competitive salary. Position opens July 1, 2017. Please contact Dirk Damonte ([dirkdamonte@laumc.org](mailto:dirkdamonte@laumc.org)) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵

The **Kenwood Community Church**, 9637 Channing Row, Kenwood, California is looking for **Music Director/Organist** position available June 1, 2017 or soon thereafter. Sunday service at 10:30 am. Gathering music at 10:15 am. Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Baldwin 32 rank organ, Yamaha baby grand. Skill with both organ and piano is higher salary. Five paid vacation/sick Sundays per year. Familiarity with Protestant liturgy required. Music Director plans hymns, meets with Pastor and another person seasonally to plan services. Email resume to Mr. Tim Dorman, Chairman of the KCC Board, at [timothydorman@aol.com](mailto:timothydorman@aol.com). 🎵

**Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos**, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Organist/Pianist** to play one to two Sundays a month, a choir rehearsal the Thursday evening preceding the Sunday playing, and for various church holy days. The salary is very competitive and available upon request.

The applicant must have experience playing the organ and piano in church services and accompanying choirs and instrumentalists. Sight reading skills and a background in musical liturgy are required.

The organ is a three manual Möller from 1958, expanded twice by Schoenstein & Co. and totaling 39 ranks. The church currently needs a third organist, who would join a rotating roster with two other organists.

**Send resume**, references and letter of intention to: [michael.taylor@pclg.org](mailto:michael.taylor@pclg.org) 🎵

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, 1040 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont, California is looking for a **part-time accompanist**, proficient on both piano and organ. Applicant would work with our Music Coordinator and requires a Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday Mass. Position would be regularly 2-3 hours a week with additional hours on an as needed basis. Salary based on experience. Contact: [gtesi@ihmbelmont.org](mailto:gtesi@ihmbelmont.org) or call 650-593-6157 and ask for Gail Tesi. 🎵

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## Noon Arts & Lectures presents *A Most Complex Machine: The Tracker Organ*



Friday August 25, 2017  
12:45 pm  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph  
90 S. Market St., San Jose  
Door Donation \$5  
A lecture concert by Dr.  
James Welch



*Arguably the most complex and technologically sophisticated machine in existence for centuries before the advent of the computer, the Tracker Organ remains a marvel of human engineering, visual symmetry and acoustic beauty. Pre-programmed registers made entirely of moving parts, wind pumps (originally steam-powered), and over 1,000 pipes of wood and metal marry with the magnificent musical acoustic paradise that is St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica: come and hear this gloriously restored mechanical marvel of technical innovation in concert.*

## AGO San Jose Music Calendar

### Venue Locations

**CSMA:** Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco  
**GC:** Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco  
SJCAGO> San Jose Chapter Event  
MEM> San Jose Chapter Member

### Every Saturday & Sunday

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

**David Hegarty:** Aug 5/6 Sep 2/3  
**Johnathan Dimmock:** Sep 9/10  
**Jeff Johnson:** Aug 12/13  
**John Walko:** Aug 19-20 Sep 16/17  
**Johnathan Dimmock:** Aug 26/27  
**Ugo Sforza:** Sep 23/24  
**Katya Kolesnikova** Sep 31/ Oct 1  
After September there will be NO Organ Concerts for the next 5 Months!

### August 2017

**2 Wednesday**  
**Paul Stubbings**, organ, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**

**6 Sunday**  
**Dominic Pang**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**13 Sunday**

**Stefan Donner** (Vienna Austria), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**20 Sunday**  
MEM> **Jim Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**21 Monday**  
**The Choir of St. Paul's Burlingame**, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**

**25 Friday**  
**A Most Complex Machine: The Tracker Organ, Dr. James Welch**, **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph**, 90 S Market St, San Jose **12:45 PM, \$5 door donation**

**27 Sunday**  
**Jason Jiz**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### September 2017

**3 Sunday**  
**Yoonie Han & Enrico Elisi**, piano, Goyescas by Granados, **CSMA, 4 PM**

**9 Saturday**  
**James Welch**, organ, **New Schoenstein Organ, First Presbyterian Church**, 501 EL Dorado St, Monterey, **6 PM**

### 10 Sunday

**Pipe Dreams Donation Concert Series**, **Susan Snook-Luther**, organ, and **David Snook-Luther**, vocal, **Christine Merjanian**, piano, **Mike Cala**, organ, **Elisabeth Pintar**, organ, **First Salinas UMC**, 404 Lincoln Ave, Salinas, CA, **4 PM**, Donations accepted.  
**Angela Kraft Cross**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### 15 Friday

SJCAGO> **Ugo Sforza**, (Italy), organ, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 West Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM**

### 17 Sunday

**Ugo Sforza**, (Italy), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

### 24 Sunday

**Hans Uwe Hielsche**, (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

MEM> **Rani Fischer**, organ, works of Britten, Bach, & Langlais, **St. Bede's Episcopal Church**, 2650 San Hill Rd, Menlo Park, **4 PM**

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