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UGO SFORZA IN RECITAL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2017



Ugo Sforza, an accomplished Italian organist and composer, presented his fourth annual organ recital here on **Friday evening, September 15, at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**. Mr. Sforza presented a wonderful recital. A reception for Ugo and his wife, Pamela, was held after the recital in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Ugo's program included a variety of exciting organ repertoire. He opened his recital with J.S. Bach's organ transcription, BWV 593, of Vivaldi's concerto for strings (RV 522, from *Estro Armonico*). As in past recitals, Ugo honored us with a first performance of his newest composition, *Petite Fantaisie*, op. 21 for organ duet. This piece was composed for his awaited son, Federico, whose birth is expected in January. Valerie Sterk joined him at the organ console for this duet. The next piece, *Variations on How Firm a Foundation*, was composed by Valerie Sterk. Ugo then closed his program with Louis Vierne's grand Symphony no. 6 in B Minor, op. 59.

After a short encore (Bach's chorale prelude on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"), Ugo chose a hymn to improvise on, from three hymns suggested by the audience. He selected the hymn tune Lyon ("O Worship the King"). After improvising an organ introduction, Ugo invited the audience to sing along on the first two verses, and then he continued with a colorful, lively improvisation for more than ten minutes longer.

Ugo Sforza has earned degrees in organ performance, composition, piano, and cultural heritage (historic keyboard instruments) in Italy and Austria. He has performed organ recitals for concert series and organ festivals in Europe and the U.S.A. Ugo also played at the Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco on September 17th. For more information on Ugo, including recordings of some of his other compositions, visit his website: ugosforza.jimdo.com.

We appreciated the music that was presented. Ugo takes great care in selecting registrations that enhance the beauty of the music. It was interesting to see how often he changed registrations during the performance. We thank the staff of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, and their organist Valerie Sterk, for their hospitality and the use of their facilities.

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, go to Membership, and login to OnCard to update and make your membership payment. So far only 75 (84%) of our 89 members have renewed. 🎵

Dates to Remember



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



John Walker, Former Chapter Dean (1974-1975) and AGO National President.

Concert – Friday 23 March 2018, Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Boulevard, Campbell, CA.

Workshop – Saturday 24 March 2018 – First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto. 🎵

New Members

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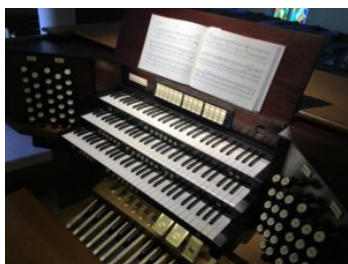
JAMES WELCH – NEW SCHOENSTEIN ORGAN

Melanie Cervi

Review of Dr. Welch concert in Monterey

9 September 2017

“Music you just might like”

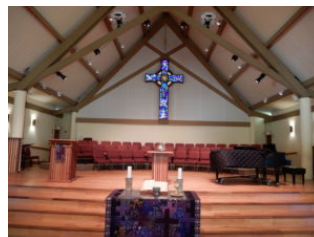


What a treat! We enjoyed a wonderful concert at First Presbyterian Church, Monterey given by Dr. James Welch. The organ was recently installed by Schoenstein and Company. The

music was music all seemed to enjoy!

This organ a Murray Harris voiced organ with most of the pipe work obtained from Murray Harris Opus 83 and Opus 91. New pipe work is included to complete the instrument, 26-voice, 28-ranks. The organ is a two manual instrument (Great & Swell) with a third manual, Solo, whose stops come from the Great and Swell. Each division is expressive.

For a stop list and video tour of the organ chamber, please visit <http://fpcmonterey.org/pipe-organ/> on the Church server. The Diapason magazine also featured the organ in a recent issue reprinted by The Tracker <http://www.theneopress.com/wordpress/downloads/minute/s/tracker/2017-61-3.pdf> shared on this website.



Dr. Welch also spent some time before the concert answering questions from local organists about this very special instrument. Jack Bethards was also on hand to enjoy the concert.

In the program notes and comments, Dr. Welch referenced popular culture without losing the listener. His variety of Sacred and Secular music entertained a full house. This included members of First Presbyterian and community music lovers. The future looks bright for the organ on the Monterey Peninsula. I hope you get the chance to come explore this wonderful instrument.

AGO Members that Compose

We have a number of chapter members that compose. Here is a list of them that will share their music:

Lothar Banderman, www.lotharbandermann.com

Carolyn Lamcke, clamcke@gmail.com

Paul Rosas, tpaulsosas@gmail.com

Valerie Sterk, valeriesterk@gmail.com

Harold Stuart, www.theorganispraise.org

If any of you would like to have your names added to this list, please let me know. 🎵

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+Playing&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. It's a beautifully done website with many great Bach organ works.”

Ken Talbot

OPEN POSITIONS

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. For more information visit our website <http://sancarloshtlc.org/>. 🎵

Christ Church Portola Valley & Woodside, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley, is looking for a talented, creative and pastoral **Music Director** who can both conduct a choir and play the church's famous Visser-Rowland Opus #97 Organ. Candidates must be enthusiastic about building a volunteer choir and continuing the high standards of its existing music program. This is a part-time (15-20 hours) permanent position with a competitive AGO scale-based salary. However, housing is not provided.

The current program includes Sunday morning and Wednesday evening rehearsals, two worship on Sundays, special services occasionally on Sunday evenings, organizing occasional concerts, and annual events such as a concert with a sister parish, a Parish Retreat, and high holy days including Christmas and Holy Week/Easter. There is a weekly staff meeting. Applicants must consider themselves partners-in-ministry with the entire team, including the Rector, other staff members, and the congregation. The candidate must be willing to support the children's ministries of the parish, and lead chapel for the Carillon Preschool classes with an organ demonstration once per semester. For consideration, please email your resume to the Rector (no phone calls please), the Rev. Beth Phillips, at 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**. Must be comfortable with popular and classical styles on both piano and organ as well as a strong sight reader. 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) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵 (1-5 pm)

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 11:30 a.m. 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 or call 650-593-6157 and ask for Gail Tesi. 🎵

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@yahoogleroups.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@yahoogleroups.com" with the subject: "Subscribe."

To un-subscribe send a blank email to the address "agosanjose-unsubscribe@yahoogleroups.com" with the subject: "UnSubscribe." 🎵

Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 14th Nov, 2017 at 7 PM
Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

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. 🎵

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<http://roddersorganssanfrancisco.com/>

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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. **There will be NO Organ Concerts for the next 5 Months due to Klimit & Rodin Exhibition (start again 17 Feb 2018)!**

October 2017

8 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Matthew Middleton (Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

14 Saturday

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra, Bernstein - 3 Dances from *On The Town*, **Poulenc** - Concerto for Organ (**T. Paul Rosas**, organist), **Brahms** - Symphony #1 in C minor, **Valley Presbyterian Church**, 945 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, **8 PM**

15 Sunday

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra, Bernstein - 3 Dances from *On The Town*, **Poulenc** - Concerto for Organ (**T. Paul Rosas**, organist), **Brahms** - Symphony #1 in C minor, **Los Altos United Methodist Church**, 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos, **2:30 PM**

Philip Manwell, CSMA, 4 PM

22 Sunday

Nathan Laube, (Eastman School of Music faculty), organ, Bach's Passacaglia & Durufle's Suite for Organ, Solo Recital, **Davies Symphony Hall, 3 PM**

Emanuele Cardi, (Vienna), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Reformation Hymn Festival.

Elisabeth Pintar, organ, & **King's Brass, Advent Lutheran Church**, 16870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill, **5:30-7:00 PM**

27 Friday

David Hatt, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **5 PM, \$20.**

29 Sunday

Raymond Hawkins, (North Carolina), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

31 Tuesday

Annual Halloween Concert, James Welch, organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, **8 PM, \$10**

November 2017

5 Sunday

James Welch, organ, Dedication of Reuter Organ, **St. Robert's Catholic Church**, 1380 Crystal Springs Rd., San Bruno, **3 PM Free**

Tom Mueller, organ, Music of Ibert, Conte, Poulence, Bach, Whitlock, & Howells, **GC, 4 PM**

Mateusz Rzewuski, (Poland), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

10 Friday

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

12 Sunday

Christopher Lynch (Trinity Cathedral, Portland, OR), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

19 Sunday

MEM> **Jin Kyung Lim**, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

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