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Dean's Message

After a week of Indian Summer in our Valley, we are finally getting the crisp Fall mornings and evening which I thoroughly enjoy! Also we begin planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas both our music (for those of you still employed as organists and choir directors) and our family celebrations. Wonderful food is cooked and weight is gain (UGH!!) Just as a reminder to you, on November 10th at 7:30 p.m. our Chapter's Frasier Scholarship winner Eleanor Mahawi will present a concert at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga. Eleanor is a very talented young lady and her performance should not be missed! No program for December and then in January we will begin again with annual **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza**. This event will take place on **Saturday 27 January 2018** at **Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga**, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga. The Student Recital will take place in February at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 West Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale. Organist: be sure to invite your students.

I would also like to welcome new SJ Chapter members Brenda Hansen, E. Vaughn Jones, Kyle Jones, Doris Reed and Laurel Rogers. I hope you will find being a member of the San Jose Chapter of the AGO a rewarding experience!

Well, fellow organists, that is all from me. Take care of yourselves; get your flu shots and Happy Holidays! 🎵

Michael Cala, Dean

Eleanor Muhawi in Recital



Eleanor Muhawi the winner of our Frasier Scholarship last May. She will give a recital on **Friday 10 November** at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga at **7:30 PM**

Eleanor is a freshman at Notre Dame High School in San Jose. She has studied piano for seven years, and has been taking organ lessons with **Dr. James Welch** for the past two years. Eleanor has experience playing organ for her school masses at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, and for masses at her church, St. Leo the Great Catholic Parish in San Jose. She plans to use the Frasier scholarship to continue her weekly organ lessons. When asked about her goals in studying music, Eleanor replied that she plans to serve her community through music, to continue serving as a church organist, and may possibly decide to study music further in college. 🎵

Student Recital

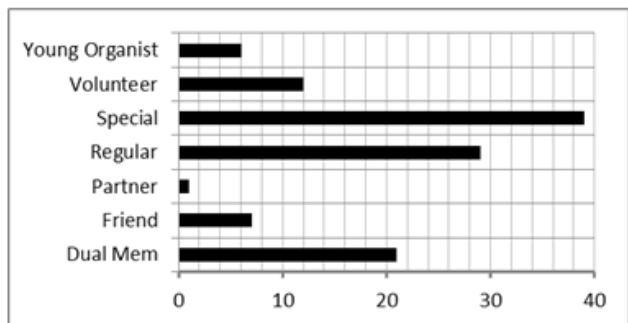
It's time to start thinking about our annual Student Recital! The recital will be held at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** on [Feb. 23 at 7:30pm](#) and be followed by a reception for the performers. There will be practice times available the two preceding Saturdays as well as the day of the recital.

If you are a student, or have students that would like this opportunity to perform on a beautiful pipe organ for a very welcoming audience, this is your chance! Please contact our student recital chair, Diane Keller at diane.keller@gmail.com. All levels welcome!

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 79 (89%) of our 89 members have renewed.

The following chart shows the categories of our members. Dual Mem indicates members that have signed up for two or more chapters. 🎵



We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Let us remember to thank the Lord for the many and marvelous blessing that He has given us. Let us also remember those less fortunate than we, that

we may bless their lives as He has blessed us.

Let us also praise Him in the music that we play.

Ps. 147:7 Sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

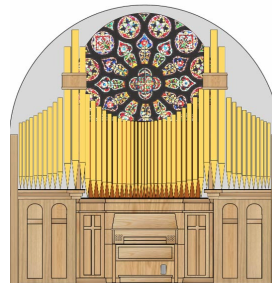
Ps. 150:4 ...praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

George Washington said in his October 3, 1789, Thanksgiving Proclamation:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; both Houses of Congress have, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

1889 II/12 Woodberry & Harris Organ To Be Installed at Star of the Sea Catholic Church San Francisco, California

We are thrilled to announce the placement of this beautiful, historic pipe organ into the rear balcony at Star of the Sea Catholic Church in San Francisco, CA.



Consistent with the vision of Fr. Joseph Illo to restore the beautiful rose window, seen in this south wall image, to its original prominence in this magnificent sanctuary, the organ's facade has been reconfigured to frame and highlight the rose window, returning both the window and the familiar original pipe facade back into the fundamental visual aspect of the rear balcony.

The goals of the church were two-fold; to re-expose the beautiful rose window behind the organ, (which is currently plastered over), and the organist and music director, Lynn Kraehling's wish for a fine tracker organ to complement his rapidly expanding music program.

After attending our Sept 24 Open House celebration, Mr. Kraehling felt that this organ was one of the most beautiful-sounding organs of its period, and with its warm, rich, choir-friendly tonal design, it would fit perfectly into his music program for the church. He is also excited to have this historic instrument to introduce the burgeoning Millennial presence in his choir and congregation to the grand legacy of American organbuilding at its finest.

Originally built in 1889 for the First Universalist Church in Melrose, MA, this organ faithfully served for 89 years until 1978, when the church merged with another congregation and moved away.

The organ then traveled west and was fully restored by organbuilder Manuel Rosales for Avalon Community Church on Santa Catalina Island. It remained there until 1995, when it was moved to San Francisco, ultimately coming to rest at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley CA.

Its new permanent home at the historic Star of the Sea Catholic Church in San Francisco could hardly be a more

appropriate and beautiful setting for the long term future of this lovely instrument.

The Specification:

Great:	Swell:
8' Open Diapason	8' Stopped Diapason Bass
8' Melodia	8' Stopped Diapason Treble
8' Dulciana	8' Salicional
4' Octave	4' Violina
4' Flute	4' Flute Harmonic
2' Super Octave	8' Bassoon (bass)
Pedal:	8' Oboe (tc)
16' Bourdon	Tremolo

Swell to Great, Great to Pedal, Swell to Pedal
Great Piano, Great Forte/Wind Indicator, Hand Pump
Manual Compass 61 notes, Pedal Compass 27 notes

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27 JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA

Our San Jose AGO Chapter is inviting all interested piano students, age 8 and up, (yes, high school, also) to attend our fourteenth annual **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza** event at **Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga**, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga on **Saturday, January 27, 9 am-12 noon**. Registration will be at 8:45am. We'll begin with an introduction to the pipe organ and a demonstration of some of its sounds and capabilities. Each student is invited to bring along a piano piece or two they know well and would like to try out on the organ (Bach, Handel and other Baroque pieces work especially well, but most any piano piece can be played on the organ). Experienced organists will be at the organ console with them, to help choose an appropriate registration for their piece. Around 11:30am, we'll enjoy an informal pizza lunch together.

If you know of piano students who would like to participate in this fun introduction to the organ, please contact Elisabeth Pinter (elisabethpinter@yahoo.com or 408-445-1181). Registration is limited, so please sign up early. Cost is only \$5 per person. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

Note to our members: the success of this event in encouraging future organists depends on you, so please bring your piano students and pass the word to other piano teachers whom you know and remind them of the age restrictions. If you'd like to help with the Jan. 27 PPP (demonstrating the organ, helping students set registrations, serving pizza lunch, etc.), please let Elisabeth know by email. Thanks! ♪

Dates to Remember

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

Elisabeth Pinter, Christmas Concert, Sunday 26 November, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1655 Noreen Dr, San Jose, 7:30 PM, Free ♪

Annual PPP, Saturday 27 January 2018 Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, 9am-12noon. ♪

Student Recital, Friday 23 February, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM. ♪



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

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

Workshop – Saturday 24 March 2018 – First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, 4:30-6:30 PM. ♪

Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Monday 25 June 2018 at MV Shoreline Amphitheater. More details later. ♪

Frasier Organ Scholarship 2018

San Jose Chapter members: please encourage 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. Sadly, we had no applicants in 2016; please do your part to encourage talented organ students to apply this year.

You can find the 2018 (same as 2017) scholarship qualifications/requirements, application and hymn list on our website. [www.agosanjose.org – Under "What's New," click on "Frasier Organ Scholarship"] If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact Valerie Sterk (valeriesterk@gmail.com). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is March 25, 2018; the auditions will be in mid/late April or early May; and the winner will be notified by May 15. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now!

Annual Santa Cruz Organist's Event

12th Annual Organists' Kaleidophone!

A feast of music for organ solo, duet, other instruments and voice performed by local organists with their musical friends.

Sunday, 31 December 2017 at 4 p.m., Peace United Church of Christ, High Street, Santa Cruz. Chocolate and

champagne reception follows. All donations go to the Organ maintenance Fund. Colin Whitby-Stevens. 🎵

Advent Organ Series

Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell will hold three Advent Organ Recitals on three consecutive **Fridays** from **12:30 PM to 1 PM**.

1 Dec; organists **Brian Holmes & Jolynda Tresner**,

8 Dec; organist **Shine Kwon**

15 Dec; organist **Carolyn Pryor**.

There will also be a free Christmas Concert on **Sunday 17 Dec** at **3:30 PM** featuring choir, handbells, and brass. 🎵

“Resounding Joy” Concert

Resounding Achord Productions of San Jose is pleased to present “**Resounding Joy**,” a festive concert of music for choir and pipe organ, featuring organist **Michael Burroughs**, on **Sunday, December 3rd** at **3:00 PM**.

The program includes Kim André Arnesen's transcendent “Magnificat” with soprano soloist Danielle Marie, along with inventive arrangements of holiday favorites by Healey Willan, David Willcocks, and John Rutter.

David Hatt Concert at St. Dunstan’s

Melanie Cervi



The Concert Task Force at St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, Carmel Valley came up with another great concert Friday, October 27, 2017. **David Hatt** presented a rounded program starting with Buxtehude and Bach, then a bit of Reger before sharing a piece by Jean Alain and two of his own compositions. All the

pieces highlighted the variety of sounds of the smaller Dobson organ. This listener was not familiar with several as they are not frequently heard at public concerts. A real treat to the many organists and choral conductors who attended. The selections also provided a good introduction to pieces not normally heard within worship services for parishioners. Since the reception was held before the concert, the talk was lively with friends catching up and making dinner plans. It was a wonderful start to the weekend with good music and friends.

David is the assistant organist at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco and is also the interim organist at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco for the past six months. 🎵

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/>. 🎵

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. Please contact Dirk Damonte (dirkdamonte@laumc.org) Minister of Music, or call the office 650-948-1083. 🎵

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: gtesl@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@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” with the subject: “Subscribe.”

Address Correction

Doris REED, 1310 Burkette Dr., San Jose, CA 95129,
(408) 257 8371, tehrey4@gmail.com

Executive Committee Meeting

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

TO READ TAO ONLINE

To read TAO online go to the AGO Headquarters web page (www.agohq.org). Click on “Login” and then click on “TAO, VH & ADVERTISING” and select “Read TAO Online”. Then select “[Read the November issue without Adobe Flash](#)”. The next step is to login with you name and password.

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.

The YouTube address for Lesson 16 does work. Use the follow address for Lesson 16:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK71ESz979s&index=15&t=20s&list=PLSJ9JGlhsPJukIW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL>

There is an excellent article in the November TAO on page 60 about these lessons. 🎵

MUSIC CALENDAR CONTINUED

December 2017

3 Sunday

James Welch, organ, The Valparaiso Singers, Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 4:30 PM, Free

James Welch, organ, Messiah Sing-along, Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 7:30 PM, Free

8 Friday

Advent Organs Series, Shine Kwon, CUMC, 12:30 PM

10 Sunday

Advent Lessons and Carols, St. Mary's Choir and St. Mark's Lutheran Choir, CSMA, 4 PM

James Welch, organ, Messiah Sing-along, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 220 Elk Street, Santa Cruz, 7 PM, Free

Ron McKean (St. Joseph Parish), organ, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM

13 Wed, 14 Thur, & 15 Friday

Bach Soloist Messiah in Grace Cathedral, GC, 7:30 PM, Tickets Required through americanbach.org

15 Friday

Advent Organs Series, MEM>Carolyn Pryor, CUMC, 12:30 PM

17 Sunday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Holliday Organ Recital, Stanford Memorial Church, 1:30 PM

Christmas Concert, Choir, Handbells & Brass, CUMC, 3:30 PM, Free

Katherine Meloan, (New York), organ, CSMA, 4 PM

18 Monday

Brass and Organ, GC, 1:30 PM, Tickets required

22 Friday

Grace Cathedral Men & Boys Choir, GC, 7:30 PM, Tickets required

31 Sunday

Christoph Tietze, organ, CSMA, Widor: Symphonie gothique, 4 PM

12th Annual Organists' Kaleidophone! A feast of music for organ solo, duet, other instruments and voice performed by local organists with their musical friends, **Peace United Church of Christ**, High Street, Santa Cruz, 4 PM

New Year's Eve Concert, James Welch, organ, 25th Anniversary Concert, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, 8 PM, \$10

January 2017

7 Sunday

Epiphany Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Choir School & Golden Gate Boyschoir and Bellringers, CSMA, 4 PM

14 Sunday

David Troiano, organ, Jeffrey Lewandowski, trumpet, CSMA, 4 PM

Frederick Jodry (Brown University), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM

21 Sunday

Xiyang Wang, pianist, CSMA, 4 PM

27 Saturday

SJCAGO>Annual PPP, Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, 9 AM-12 noon.

February 2017

11 Sunday

MEM>Rani Fischer (St. Bede's, Menlo Park), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM

23 Friday

SJCAGO>Student Recital, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 West Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM

March 2017

11 Sunday

Christopher Keady (Grace Cathedral), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 6:05 PM

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue Locations

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

CUMC: Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell

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 due to Klimit & Rodin Exhibition (start again 17 Feb 2018).**

October 2017

31 Tuesday

Annual Halloween Concert,

James Welch, organ, **Erin McOmber**, soprano, **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

SJCAGO> **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**

26 Sunday

Ann-Helena Schlueter (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

MEM> **Elisabeth Pintar**, Christmas Concert, Sunday 26 November, **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Noreen Dr., San Jose, **7:30 PM**, Free

December 2017

1 Friday

Advent Organs Series, Brian Holmes & Jolynda Tresner, CUMC, **12:30 PM**

2-6 Saturday – Wednesday

Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, Free, <http://christmascreche.org/>

2 Dec: Zion Choir, 4:30 PM: Mayfield Singers, 7:30 PM

3 Dec: Valparaiso Singers, 4:30 PM: Messiah Sing Along, 7:30 PM

4 Dec: Gunn High School Chamber Singers, 7:30 PM

5 Dec: Palo Alto Handbell Ringers, 7:30 PM

6 Dec: Los Altos High School Main Street Singers, 7:30 PM

3 Sunday

Ann-Christin Bloch, (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM**

Resounding Joy, concert for choir and organ, MEM> **Michael Burroughs**, organ, **First Congregational Church**, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, **3 PM**, tickets <http://resoundingachord.org/2017/08/22/resounding-joy/>

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