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**Dean's Column**

It feels like the summer has just gotten started, and it's already over! As we all get back into the swing of things, we also have a wonderful year of programs to look forward to. **Ugo Sforza** will start things off for us with a wonderful program for us at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church on Friday, September 13th at 7:30 pm**. This is his 5th year coming to Sunnyvale and his recitals are always wonderful.

Other local events in September include an **Organ Dedication and Evensong Concert at St. Francis Episcopal** in Willow Glen, 1205 Pine Avenue, San Jose, at **5:00 PM on September 15**. Come and enjoy this beautiful, new Hauptwerk instrument.

**First United Methodist Palo Alto** is celebrating their 125th anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations they are hosting tours of the building with an organ recital. The tour includes some wonderful photos of the history of Palo Alto and the building process of this very unique church. The next date is **Saturday, September 14th at 1:00 pm**. The recital and tour lasts about an hour, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

Hope to see you in September!

*Diane Keller, Dean*

**Ugo Sforza Recital**

Organ Recital at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church  
Friday, 13th of September 2019, 7.30 pm

**Ugo Sforza**, an accomplished Italian organist and composer, will present an organ recital on **Friday evening, September 13, at 7:30pm in Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church** (728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale 94087). There is no admission charge; donations to Ugo will be received at the door. Mr. Sforza has presented wonderful recitals for us at Sunnyvale Presbyterian for the past five years, and we are eager to welcome him back to the Bay Area for another inspiring performance. Invite your friends and family to join us for this evening of beautiful organ music, and for a reception following. (Ugo and his wife Pamela welcomed twin daughters, Cristina and Gabriella, in April; we'll have photos of their lovely family at the reception.)

Mr. Sforza will open his program with J.S. Bach's masterful Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582. Ugo will then introduce us to the music of Austrian organist and composer, J.F. Doppelbauer (1918-1989), performing his Partita Brevis (1987). Ugo's program includes several colorful pieces by Italian composers: "Six Verses in F Major" by Puccini, and "Country Scene" op. 132 no. 3 by M.E. Bossi (a contemporary of Puccini). Ugo will close his program with the majestic Chorale no. 1 in E Major by César Franck.

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## Ugo Sforza Recital

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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. For more information on Ugo, including recordings of some of his compositions, visit his website: [ugosforza.jimdo.com](http://ugosforza.jimdo.com)

At Sunnyvale Presbyterian, Mr. Sforza will be performing on the 3-manual, 58-rank Balcom & Vaughan instrument built in 1986. See the San Jose AGO chapter website for the organ specifications: <http://www.agosanjose.org/areaorgans/SunnyvalePresbyterian.pdf>

Ugo will also be performing two organ recitals in San Francisco—at Grace Cathedral on Sunday, September 8 (4pm), and at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, September 15 (4pm). 🎵



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### New Hauptwerke Virtual Organ at St. Francis Episcopal in Willow Glen

St Francis Episcopal Church 1205 Pine Ave in San Jose is now home to a new virtual organ using Hauptwerk software. This instrument is being put together by **Michael Burroughs**, Director of Music and Spiritual Life at St Francis. The first sample sets include organs from several countries and periods:

- St Michael's Church, Zwolle, Netherlands (Schniter, 1721/Flentrop, 1955);
- St Martin's in Dudelange, Luxembourg (Stalhouth/Jann, 1912 );
- St Lawrentius, Rotterdam (Marcussen & Son, 1973);
- St. Etienne, Caen (Cavaillé-Coll, 1885);
- St Dominica, Reti, Italy (Dom Bedos organ by Fomentelli 2007).

The organ, like three of the original sources for each sample set, is 4 manuals and range from 56 ranks up to 98.

**Michael** has invited AGOSJ to attend an **Organ Dedication and Evensong Concert** at **St. Francis Episcopal in Willow Glen**, 1205 Pine Avenue, San Jose, at **5:00 PM** on **September 15**.

For a more hands-on experience of the organ the AGO will have a virtual organ crawl (no need to climb ladders since it's all in the hard drive) on **October 13** at **4 pm**. If you always wanted to play César Franck on a Cavaillé-Coll or Bach on a Schnitger.....without leaving San Jose.....this is your big chance. Michael has graciously offered to give us a hands-on demonstration of the new organ, which is a Hauptwerke driven virtual organ, with digital sound samples from five impressive European instruments.

There will be three concerts as follows:

**Michael** has invited AGOSJ to attend an **Organ Dedication and Evensong Concert** at **St. Francis Episcopal in Willow Glen**, 1205 Pine Avenue, San Jose, at **5:00 PM** on **September 15**. Evensong song will be sung by **Resounding Achord** and will feature The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Roland Martin and a performance of Kim Arneson's wonderful Magnificat.

On the first Sunday in **November (3 Nov)** we have the opportunity to hear **Jonathan Dimmick** play a recital on this organ at **5 PM**.

On the first Sunday in **February (2 Feb)** **Angela Craft Cross** will be giving a recital on the St. Francis organ at **5 PM**.

On the first Sunday in **May (3 May)**, **Michael Burroughs** will wind up his organ recital series at St. Francis by presenting an organ recital himself at **5 PM**. 🎵



**Michael Burroughs**

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#### Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 10th Sep, 2019 at 7:30 PM  
Valerie Sterk's Home: 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara, CA

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#### New Member

**Katherine Ou**, 4908 Knowlson Ter., Fremont, CA 94555,  
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## BYU Organ Workshop

Harold Stuart as again arranged for the BYU Organ Workshop be held again hear in San Jose. It will occur at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose on 27 and 28 September. Anyone is welcome to attend and it is FREE.

**27 Sept Friday, BYU Workshop Organ Recital, 7 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose.

**28 Sept Saturday BYU Workshop, 8 AM-1:20 PM**, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose, Free including a light Breakfast & Lunch

FREE. Harold Stuart, [sanjoseworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:sanjoseworkshop@gmail.com).

Register for the Saturday Organ Training at <https://sites.google.com/view/byuorgan/san-jose> 🎵



2019 San Jose Organ Workshop

Hosted by the BYU Organ Department and the San Jose South Stake

**Organ Concert**  
Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:00 pm  
*All are welcome—refreshments to follow*

**Organ Training**  
Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:00 am—1:20 pm  
*A light breakfast and lunch will be provided*

Kirk and Noreen Building  
1655 Noreen Dr.  
San Jose, CA

All past, present and future organists are invited to join the **Brigham Young University Organ Department** in a special Organ Workshop. Come receive instruction and inspiration to enhance your competence and confidence on the King of Instruments!

Organ Workshop Events Include 3 Tracks of Classes

- "Experience the Organ" - Designed especially for young people, this track shows what the organ can do and gives everyone a chance to try it out
- "How To" - This track gives pianists some tools to begin building confidence at the organ
- "Beyond the Basics" - This track offers ideas and inspiration to those who are already comfortable at the organ

Register for the Saturday Organ Training at:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/byuorgan/san-jose>

Local Coordinator:  
Harold Stuart | [sanjoseorganworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:sanjoseorganworkshop@gmail.com)  
*All events are free and open to the public*

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## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership with the American Guild of Organists to receive the national magazine "The American Organist." You should have received a renewal email directly from AGO Headquarters. You can renew by going to [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org) and select "Membership" and then Membership/Update" you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

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## OPEN POSITIONS

**First Covenant Church of Oakland**, 4000 Redwood Rd, Oakland, is looking for an **Organist/Accompanist**. This is a part-time hourly position.

**Job duties include but are not limited to:**

- Accompanying Choir & Worship with Organ and/or Piano for Sunday worship and special musical events.
- Attending and accompanying weekly choir rehearsals and any additional scheduled rehearsals.
- Part-Time Hourly position
- Compensation: Hourly range of \$35-45/hour (to be negotiated depending upon experience and ability); maximum of ten hours per week (inclusive of Sunday services, rehearsals and personal practice time); three Sundays a month (except for months that include a fifth Sunday); ten months per year. No benefits.
- Competence in Multi-Cultural Worship Leadership, Musical Performance, Theory and/or Education
- Ability to excellently perform classical and contemporary church music on piano and **Aeolian-Skinner Organ**.

**Contact:** Pam Grove, [choir@oaklandfcc.org](mailto:choir@oaklandfcc.org) or [hlady75@gmail.com](mailto:hlady75@gmail.com), 510-703-4453 🎵

**The Stone Church of Willow Glen**, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose (408-269-1593) is an active, progressive, Presbyterian USA church. We are seeking a **part-time qualified organist** (10 to 14 hour/week) to play our 2 manual Schoenstein pipe organ at services to accompany our 35-voice choir at services and rehearsals. There are also weddings and memorial services where an organist is requested.

The organist will work closely with our Pastors, The Rev. Sammie Evans, The Rev. Irene Pak Lee and with our choir director, Nancy Kromm, Associate Professor of Music, Santa Clara University.

General duties and responsibilities for each Sunday and church holiday services include prepare and present a prelude, offertory, and postlude and to accompany congregational singing, pastoral cantoring, choral introits and anthems. Selected music will be appropriate to the season and special themes of the church year. The organist will be equally comfortable at organ and piano and have excellent sight-reading skills. The organist may be asked to accompany the handbell choir, children's choir, and soloists (instrumental and vocal). The organist will also be required to accompany choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Additional information about the church: [www.stonechurch.org](http://www.stonechurch.org).  
**Inquires or resumes should be sent to [Mary.JohnsonRN@att.net](mailto:Mary.JohnsonRN@att.net).** 🎵

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## Widor Festival

Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco is having a Charles Widor Fest where all of his many Organ Symphonies will be played along with some additional pieces. Widor's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday was on 21 Feb. Concerts are on Sunday at 4 PM, Free, \$10 donation.

**Already played** - Symphony No 1, 4, 7, 8

01 Sept, **Christoph Tietze**, Symphony No. 3

08 Sept, **John Kart Hirten**, Symphony Gothique

15 Sept, **Ugo Sforza**, Symphony No. 6

29 Sept, **Jonathan Dimmock**, Symphony No. 5

06 Oct, **Katya Kolesnikova**, Symphony No. 2

13 Oct, **Christopher Keady**, Symphony Romane

20 Oct, **David Hatt**, Suite Latine, Three New Pieces. 🎵



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## AGO Specifications

Ever wondered what the AGO specifications are? I play on two different organs, one at church and my own. I find that I make more mistakes in the pedal on the church organ than on mine own. So I took out the tape measure and to see if there were differences. The length of the playing surface of the sharps at the church are 5 inches and on my organ they are 5¾ inches. The key spacing on both pedal boards was the same, 2½ inches (this is the AGO Spec) between the white keys, measured at the front end of the sharps. An internet search yielded the following document: 6½ inches is the AGO spec for the sharps.

<http://www.westminsterorganworks.com/pdf/agoconsole.pdf>

Ken Talbot

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## Dates to Remember

**Sep 13 Friday, Ugo Sforza, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, 7:30 PM**

**Sep 15 Sunday, Michael Burroughs, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, **New Hauptwerke organ**, see article, page 2.**

**Sep 27 Friday, BYU Workshop Organ Recital, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose, **8AM-1:20 PM**.**

**Sep 28 Saturday, BYU Workshop, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose, **7 PM**.**

**Oct 13 Sunday, Michael Burroughs, Hauptwerke organ crawl, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, **4 PM**.**

**Nov 3 Sunday Jonathan Dimmick, organ, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.**

**Jan TBD PPP.**

**Feb 2 Sunday Angela Kraft Cross, organ, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.**

**Early March TBD, Student Recital**

**April - Easter**

**May 3 Sunday Michael Burroughs, organ, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.**

**Early June TBD, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital**

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## Music Calendar Continue

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### **September 2019**

#### **29 Sunday**

**Domenico Severin, organ, St. Bede, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM****

### **October 2019**

#### **6 Sunday**

**Nicholas Capozzoli, organ, **GC, 4 PM, \$10****

#### **6 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. Christopher Keady, organ, Symphonie Romane, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10****

#### **13 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. Katya Kolesnikova, organ, Symphony No. 2, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10****

#### **13 Sunday**

**Michael Burrows, organ, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, demonstration of the New Hauptwerke organ with 5 different organ sample sets, **4 PM** (special music starts after Evensong)**

#### **20 Sunday**

**Paul Jacobs, organ, **Davies Symphony**, San Francisco, **3 PM, The only organist to have won a Grammy, \$30-\$40****

#### **20 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. David Hatt, organ, Suite Latine, Three New Pieces, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10****

#### **27 Sunday**

**Alexander Ffinch (UK), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10****

## 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

⊛ Chapter Event    ➤ Chapter Member

### Every Saturday at 4 PM

**Organ**, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.  
Jonathan Dimmock, organist

## September 2019

### **1 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Christoph Tietze**, organ, Symphony No. 3, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **7 Saturday**

**USOMC Medalists in Concert**, **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Temple Hill Events**, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, Visitor's Center, **7 PM, Free**

### **8 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **John Kart Hirten**, organ, Symphony Gothique, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **8 Sunday**

**Ugo Sforza**, organ, **GC, 4 PM, \$10**

### **13 Friday**

⊛ **Ugo Sforza**, organ, **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale, **7:30 PM**

### **14 Saturday**

**First United Methodist Palo Alto**, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, celebrating **125th anniversary**. Tours of building & organ recital. Includes history of Palo Alto and building the church. **1 PM.**

### **15 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Ugo Sforza**, organ, Symphony No. 6, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **15 Sunday**

⊛ **Michael Burroughs**, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, **New Hauptwerke organ** with 5 different organ samples, **5 PM, Choral Evensong** featuring **Resounding Achord** (special music starts after Evensong) **Kim Arnessen's Magnificat**, several solos using the various sample sets.

### **22 Sunday**

**Domenico Severin** (France), organ, Symphony No. 6, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **27 Friday**

**BYU Workshop Organ Recital**, **7 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Norren Dr., San Jose, Free

### **28 Saturday**

**Domenico Severin, Master Class, St. Bede**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **10 AM, If you want to play, contact Rani Fisher at (650) 793-4849.**

### **28 Saturday**

**BYU Workshop**, **8 AM-1:20 PM, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Noreen Dr., San Jose, Free including a light Breakfast & Lunch

### **28 Saturday**

**USOMC Medalists in Concert**, **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Temple Hill Events**, 4780 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, Visitor's Center, **7 PM, Free**

### **29 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Jonathan Dimmock**, organ, Symphony No. 5, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**  
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