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Dean's Message

The holiday season is upon us and the air is cold, brisk and clean. Many of you are in high gear rehearsing for Christmas programs, recitals, pageants and services. All of us are anticipating the beauty and joyfulness that Christmas and the reminder of Christ's birth brings. This year, more than any in the past, we hope and pray that Christmas 2016 brings peace, hope and a sense of security to ALL Americans. From myself and the entire SJ AGO Board, we wish you all a very merry, blessed and peaceful holiday season!

Michael Cala, Dean

Elisabeth Pintar's 10th Annual Christmas Concert

Elisabeth Pintar will present her 10th annual Organ Christmas Concert with the theme: The Friendly Beasts Around Him stood, Jesus Our Brother Kind and Good! Featured artists: **Elisabeth Pintar**, organist; **Benjamin Nathan**, piano and viola, **Hillsdale ringers**, and Women's Singing Ensemble, AND the congregation. Invite your family and friends to begin this Christmas Season celebrating! There are TWO concerts this year.

The first concert will be **Sunday, November 27**th, **7pm, Kirk and Noreen LDS chapel**, 1655 Noreen Drive, San Jose. The second concert will be **Sunday, December 4th**, **7pm**, **Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga**, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga.

Both concerts have the same program and are free. Invite your family and friends, of ALL ages, to begin the Christmas Season.

Student Recital

It's time to sign your students up for our annual student recital. The date and location are set, now we just need some awesome organists. This is always a wonderful and well-attended event so please encourage your students of all levels to participate.

Friday 10 Feb 2017, 7:30 PM. Student Recital will be held at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale.

Rehearsal times will be available the two preceding Saturdays, 1/28/17 and 2/4/17. Brief warm-up times will also be available the day of the recital.

Please contact me, Diane Keller, <u>diane.keller@gmail.com</u>, (408) 835-6454, with any questions you may have and to get your students' names on the list!

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Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 10th Jan, 2017 at 7 PM at Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

Frasier Organ Scholarship 2017

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 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, 2017; 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!

Organ News of the Monterey Peninsula Melanie Cervi

The past 12 months have been busy for this area in organs. We have welcomed 3 new organs into churches. We have celebrated great organ music in concert series and celebrations. It's been an eye-opening experience for many who have never paid attention to the King of Instruments.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley installed Dobson Opus 94 in November 2015. The parish is thrilled! The concert series has featured organists from the local area and from all over California. Fundraising is ongoing with the end in sight. At a recent concert given by Angela Kraft Cross, there were visitors from out-of-town, local music professionals and quite a few first time attendees. Plans are in place to continue the concert series in 2017.

First Presbyterian Church in Carmel will be firing up a brand new Ahlborn-Galanti. The pipes are installed in the rear of the chancel along with main speaker up front. It's an exciting sound to sing with! I'm sure Bach Festival 2017 will enjoy the instrument along with the many people each week who visit the church.

First Presbyterian Church in Monterey is completing installation of Schoenstein of Opus. 168. Things are still settling in. The annual Choir Concert included the organ. This instrument is a combination of several organs with

components from Murray Harris no 83 & 91. It is a fine example of Classic American organs. Look for more events in the calendar during 2017 and beyond.



Interest in the organ as an instrument is continuing to grow by the Bay. San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey will be starting the refurbishment of their organ soon. Fundraising concerts begin in November 2016. We'll be keeping an eye out for more organ related events. There's such a great variety here. Anyone ready for time on the bench of the Wurlitzer organ in the Golden State Theater?

12th Annual New Year's Eve Organist's Kaleidophone!

Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz (near the university), **Sat**, 31st **Dec**, 2016, 4 PM.

Champagne and Chocolate reception follows.

About half a dozen local organists each take a turn at the magnificent and beautiful Aeolian-Skinner 3 manual organ. Other instrumentalists (oboe, clarinet, harp, mandolin, etc) and singers often join in, adding variety and enjoyment to the program. Come and celebrate the New Year in Santa Cruz, starting with the Kaleidophone, and then continuing by enjoying the traditional Santa Cruz downtown New Year's Eve festivities.

This has become quite a tradition in Santa Cruz – we usually get a full church!

Many thanks - Colin Whitby-Strevens

Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland Lothar Bandermann

Perhaps you haven't yet checked out the new big organ in the Catholic Cathedral of Christ the Light on Lake Merritt in Oakland (http://www.ctlcathedral.org/). There is a nice video of a performance on the internet of Tournemire's 'Victimae Paschali Laudes' with pictures the Cathedral (inside and of out) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uqcXvw7aXQ), which is also a stunning building and worth visiting (and has a beautiful view of Lake Merritt). The organist over there is a young South-Afrikan who makes good use of the mighty instrument and the acoustics of the building. I'm including the performance on my fourth CD of collections of Toccatas, Sorties, etc. (If you want free copies, let me know). lwbandermann@att.net

The organ is a Létourneau 94 stops, four-manual, pedal organ with 5298 pipes. http://www.ctlcathedral.org/ctlcathedral-life/music/ConroyMemorialOrgan.pdf

For Sale: small 1962 Moller Artiste pipe organ. We would be interested in taking offers from people as we do not have a fixed price for it. I believe it has 4 ranks. It is a relatively small organ that could potentially fit inside of a house or church. Contact Kristofer Cook, 510-631-6800 or kristofer.j.cook@gmail.com. Also, if you know of any church that would be interested in it, contact Kristofer. A

For Sale: BABY GRAND PIANO FOR SALE - Kawai Model 500 (S/N 93513) approximately 60 years old. Asking price \$500, in place, Sunnyvale. Contact: Marilyn Crosby mscrosby@comcast.net".

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you have received a message from AGO Headquarters and have not renewed your membership, your membership status will marked as either **Cancelled** or **Invoice not Paid**. Only 69 members out of 79 members have their membership marked **Paid**. Take a few minutes and log into the AGO headquarters' web page (www.agohq.org – membership link – log into the ONCARD area) where you can renew you membership.

If you need help you can give me a call.

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

Harold Stuart, www.theorganispraise.org

Valerie Sterk, valeriesterk@gmail.com

Paul Rosas, tpaulrosas@comcast.net

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

LOTHAR BANDERMANN MUSIC

Lothar Bandermann's website contains all recorded works of his; including all pieces for organ or piano, and the latter have also PDF files of the scores **except those currently in publication** (like the recent "Litanies for Organ"). So if you find any interesting enough, copy the PDF files before they are published! Published music is getting more and more expensive.

Lothar has compiled 40 toccatas on 2 disks (one for old masters, one for contemporary composers). The main purpose was to put together a number of toccatas, some of which are famous (and difficult), others also great (but easier). Most of them he recorded on the organ at his church, St. Joseph of Cupertino, and half-a-dozen

downloaded from the internet (too difficult for Lothar and played by great organists on fabulous organs here and in Europe). Your students or even yourselves may be interested in having this collection (which also contains Toccatas Lothar has written, of course). Email him if you want copies of the CDs which he is giving away for free (lwbandermann@att.net). \$\mathcal{I}\$

CHOIR FEST

The San Jose Chapter of AGO is inviting all church choirs to participate in a great choir festival at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 1100 Shasta Ave., San Jose, on **7 May 2017** with the program beginning at **4 p.m.**

We would like each choir, big or small, to sing two songs. In addition, all choirs will do two anthems together, conducted by Mary Ann James, choir director at Westminster Presbyterian Church. One title is *God of Heaven* by Heather Sorenson. The other will be decided with a group session of all choir directors.

Please consider participating, no matter how small your choir is. If you are a small choir and would like to join with another small choir you know, you are more than welcome to do so. Please notify Christine Merjanian, christinemer@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions, are interested, or are going to participate.

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Here is one group performing *God of Heaven*:

Dates to Remember

Friday 10 Feb 2017, 7:30 PM. Student Recital will be held at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

Friday February 24th, 2017, 7:30 PM Gayle Martin, organ and sackbut (an early form of trombone used in Renaissance music) recital at Sunnyvale Presbyterian, Free, with reception following.

Saturday March 4th, Alzheimer's Benefit Concert, **Advent Lutheran, Morgan Hill**, 6870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill. Free, no reception, **3PM**.

March 3rd & 4th?, BYU Organ Workshop, Address TBD, Friday March 3, Organ Concert, 7 PM Saturday March 4, Workshop, 8 AM – 1:20 PM, https://byuorganists.wordpress.com/sanjose/

Sacramento April 7th & 8th?, BYU Organ Workshop, https://byuorganists.wordpress.com/sacramento-2/

Sunday May 7th, Choir Fest, Westminster Presbyterian Church, free, Christine Merjanian has details (page 3).

June TBD, Annual Meeting - Member Recital.

OPEN POSITIONS

<u>Carmel Presbyterian Church</u>, Junipero St and Mountain View, <u>Carmel-By-The-Sea</u>, CA,831-624-3878, thriving congregation seeking experienced <u>organist</u> for once a week service playing, plus one choir rehearsal. Brand new 22 rank pipe/digital combination with four divisions. Please contact at Sal at (831) 917-5250. https://carmelpres.org/.

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<u>Unitarian Universalists of San Mateo</u>, CA, 300 Santa Inez Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401, <u>www.uusanmateo.org</u>, is seeking a part-time (~15-17 hours/week), <u>Music Director</u>.

Supervisor: The Reverend Ben Meyers, Minister

We are seeking an experienced Music Director / Minister of Music. He/She must be able to work with: choral, sacred, classical, gospel, folk, global, contemporary (pop), and instrumental.

- Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent) in Music required; advanced degree preferred.
- Knowledge of, experience in: choral repertoire, choral and instrumental conducting.
- Strong written, oral communication skills, administrative, planning, and organizing skills.

Compensation is based on experience and competitive with similar positions. Send a **cover letter** addressing the questions below, **and attach your resume** and **contact information of three references** to music-search@uusanmateo.org

Please briefly address the following in your cover letter:

- Describe your experiences building, sustaining and administering a music program.
- Describe your experiences directing adult and children's choirs
- Describe your keyboard skills, including ability to play, sight read, accompany and compose.
- Describe the variety of musical genres in which you are skilled, experienced or interested.
- Describe your vision/perspective on the role of music in a vital, pluralistic spiritual community.
- Describe what you do to create musical experiences that touch and inspire people, taking them beyond music as entertainment.

- What are your favorite websites or other sources for musical ideas or procurement?
- Optional: Provide a link to webpage or other online material to support your application.

For additional information contact Sheila Sandow, sheilasandow@yahoo.com, 650-341-5621.

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.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 149 Manzanita, San Carlos, is seeking a Part-time, Organist/Pianist who shall work closely with the Pastor, the Worship and Music Team, and the Choir Director focused on providing quality music for congregation worship. This person shall work an average of 3 – 5 hours per week and will be an active member of the church staff. This is a temporary position while a new pastor is called. The position is to start as soon as possible and extend through May 2017, with the possibility of extension or permanent hire. Compensation is \$175 per service/per diem.

Submit resumes to: office@sancarloshtlc.org. Website http://sancarloshtlc.org/

Responsibilities include: Play organ and piano/keyboard fluently; Understand the music needed to enhance the worship experience; Play for all regularly scheduled worship services, choir rehearsals and other services as needed. Select and prepare 2 to 3 appropriate music pieces to perform during each service; and Assist the Pastor, Worship and Music Team when requested, in planning music and liturgy for the worship services.

Virgil Fox Master Class

In searching on the web I ran across a web page that has recordings of some master classes given by Virgil Fox. There are 26 recordings. The web address is http://www.virgilfoxlegacy.com/masterclass.html

Ken Talbot

Annual Temple Hill Christmas Activities

The annual Temple Hill Christmas activities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland will be held Nov 26th – Dec 27th, almost every night. All events are FREE and some require tickets. See www.TempleHillEvents.com for ticket details. All of the events are listed on the following web site.

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29th Annual Christmas Crèche

The annual Christmas Crèche at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto will be held December 3rd-7th (Sat-Wed) from Noon-9:00 pm. The Crèche features 350+ nativities from 50+ countries. http://www.christmascreche.org. The Marionette Show is every night at 5pm, 6pm, & 7 pm.

Sat. 3 Dec

1pm, 2pm - additional Marionette Shows

4:30pm – **James Welch**, organ; **Ryan Harrison**, piano; **Natachia Li**, cello; **Brent Wesson**, baritone

7:30pm - Bay Area Men's Chorus

Sun. 4 Dec

1pm, 2pm – additional Marionette Shows

4:30pm - San Francisco State University Handbell Choir

7:30pm – The Valparaiso Singers

Mon. 5 Dec

7:30pm – Gunn High School Chamber Singers

Tue. 6 Dec

7:30pm – The Mayfield Singers

Wed. 7 Dec

7:30pm – Mountain View High School Madrigals

New Zealand Earthquake Damages Anglican Cathedral's Pipe Organ

The organ at Wellington's Cathedral of St Paul has suffered significant damage in Monday's earthquake. Director of music Michael Stewart said that while the cathedral appeared to have made it through unscathed the organ, worth millions of dollars, had suffered "significant damage". Many of the very large pipes fell over during the earthquake. wellingtoncathedral.org.nz

"We've spent the morning here picking pipes up off the floor and rearranging things. Basically the earthquake shook a lot of the pipes off brackets which have crashed onto other pipes, so it's a bit of a mess at the moment to be honest," Stewart said. The large pipes caused a lot of damage. We're very lucky that this did not occur at another time and that no-one was hurt," he said.

The original organ was built by the English firm of T C Lewis and Company, and installed in Old St. Paul's in 1877. It was a fine example of that famous builder's work, and was a two-manual tracker blown by a water engine.

It was rebuilt and enlarged in the 1930s by Lawton and Osborne of Auckland. A new choir organ was added, and the tracker action was replaced by exhaust pneumatic. In 1964 the organ was moved to the new Cathedral by George Croft and Son of Auckland where it served the Cathedral music until 1976 when Crofts were entrusted with the work of rebuilding and enlarging the instrument to cathedral proportions.

"It has withstood everything from then until now. It's too early to say how much it will cost to repair the organ.

Some parts will be salvageable, other parts are completely destroyed, bent out of recognition," Stewart said.









Music Calendar Continued

December 2016

18 Sunday

<u>Robert Huw Morgan</u>, organist, annual holiday recital, <u>Memorial Church</u>, Stanford University, **1:30 PM**

Victor Xie, Viola, & Xiyan Wang, Piano, CSMA, 4 PM

19 Monday

<u>A Brass and Organ Christmas, The Bay Brass,</u> GC, 7:30 PM

31 Saturday

Kaleidophone!, Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz (near the university, About half a dozen local organists each take a turn at the magnificent & beautiful Aeolian-Skinner 3 manual organ, 4 PM, Champagne and Chocolate reception follows. MEM> Colin Whitby-Strevens

<u>James Welch</u>, Annual New Year's Eve Concert all Bach, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, 8 PM

January 2017

8 Sunday

Epiphany Lessons and Carols, sung by the <u>St.</u>
<u>Mary's Cathedral Choir School</u> and the <u>Golden Gate</u>
<u>Boys Choi</u>r and Bellringers, CSMA, 4 PM

<u>Paul M. Ellison</u> (Church of the Advent of Christ the King, San Francisco), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

15 Sunday

Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano, CSMA, 4 PM

22 Sunday

<u>Jerome Lenk</u>, Organ, GC, 4: PM, \$10

Chiu Yu Chen, Piano, CSMA, 4 PM

29 Sunday

Oxford Street Brass, Music for Brass Quintet, First Congregational Church in Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto, 3 PM

February 2017

5 Sunday - <u>Hans Uwe Hielscher</u>, Organ, GC, 4: PM, \$10

26 Sunday

<u>James O'Donnell</u>, Organ, <u>Davies Symphony Hall</u>, **3: PM**, Tickets: sfsymphony.org

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

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, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco. D. Hegarty: Dec 3/4 Johnathan Dimmock: Dec 10/11 Angela Kraft Cross: Dec 17/18 No Concerts: Dec 24/25 2017 Concert Schedule not Published

December 2016

2 Friday

MEM>Carolyn Pryor, organ & Carol Ann Parker, soprano and MEM>Mary Ann Gee, accompanist, CUMC, 12:30 PM to 1 PM

3 Saturday - 7 Wednesday <u>Annual Crèche Exhibit</u>, The <u>Church of Jesus Christ of</u> <u>Latter-day Saints</u>, 3865 Middlefield RD, Palo Alto, Free, <u>Noon - 9 PM</u>, <u>http://www.christmascreche.org/</u>

3 Saturday

James Welch, organ; Ryan Harrison, piano; Natachia Li, cello; Brent Wesson, baritone, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield RD, Palo Alto, Free, 4:30 PM

- 3 Saturday, 8 PM &
- 4 Sunday, 2:30 PM

 <u>Beethoven's Pastoral &</u>

 <u>Scheherazade</u>, Symphony

 <u>Silicon Valley, California</u>

 <u>Theater</u>, 325 South First Street,

 San Jose
- 4 Sunday Sandra Simich, Piano, CSMA, 4 PM

Sunnyvale Presbyterian
Christmas Choir Concert, with
chamber orchestra, harp, and
organ (MEM>Valerie Sterk).
Vivaldi's Gloria, Mechem's
Seven Joys of Christmas, &
more. 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sun,
7 PM

The Valparaiso Singers, James Welch, accompanist, Annual Crèche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield RD, Palo Alto, Free, 7:30 PM

MEM><u>Elisabeth Pintar</u>, organist; MEM><u>Benjamin Nathan</u>, piano and viola, Hillsdale ringers, and Women's Singing Ensemble, & congregation. invite family and friends to begin this Christmas Season celebrating! Immanuel Lutheran Saratoga, 14103 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, 7 PM

9 Friday, 8 PM &M

Shine Kwon, organ solo. Shine is the organist at CUMC, CUMC, 12:30 PM to 1 PM

- 9 Friday, 8 PM &
- 11 Sunday, 4 PM

The Santa Clara Chorale, James Welch, accompanist, Mission Church, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, For tickets: scc.org

- 10, 17 Saturday, 3 PM &
- 11, 18 Sunday, 3 PM A Cathedral Christmas, GC
- 11 Sunday

<u>Vytenis Vasyliunas</u> (Germany), organ, Works by Wesley, Wood, Vasiliauskaite, & Ginastera, **CSMA**, **4 PM**

ParkerRamsay(ChristandSt.Stephen'sChurch,NYC),organ,St.Mark'sEpiscopalChurch,2300Bancroft Way,Berkeley,6:05 PM

12 Monday, 7:30 PM <u>A Cathedral Christmas</u>, GC

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