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Dean's Message

Hello Members – First let me thank all of you for your support during my year as Dean of the Chapter and I would ask that you will support Diane Keller as she steps into the position. I hope that all of you are planning to attend the June Chapter Meeting on 3rd June at 5 PM at Los Gatos First UMC. The program as I understand will be our own organists performing well known hymns that will include improvisation and group singing. There will also be a pot luck after so please bring a dish to share with your fellow members. My very best wishes to all of you and will see you at the 2018-19 chapter events.

Michael Cala, Dean

DR. JOHN WALKER CONCERT & WORKSHOP
 DIANE KELLER

Dr. John Walker presented a **fantastic Concert** on **Friday 23 March 2018**, at the **Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Blvd, Campbell and a great **fantastic Workshop** on **Saturday 24 March 2018**, at the **First United Methodist Church**, 625 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto.

In March, our chapter had the great honor of hosting Dr. John Walker for a concert and workshop. On Friday evening, March 23rd, Dr. Walker presented a concert at Campbell United Methodist church. It was a wonderful program including familiar works by Bach and Vierne, as well as works that were new to me. One of these unfamiliar works was the Concert Samba for Organ by Joe Utterback commissioned in 2016 by Michael Britt in his honor. Another was the Berceuse à la Mémoire de Louis Vierne which was an improvisation recorded by Pierre Cochereau on the organ at Notre Dame Cathedral, where he was titular organist from 1955 until 1984. The work was transcribed by Frédéric Blanc in 1997. Roger Inkpen served as a console assistant for this fabulous work! The attendance at the concert was 98.

On Saturday, March 24th, Dr. Walker presented a workshop, “In Search of the Lost Chord: Creative Hymn and Service Playing,” at First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto where Dr. Walker was appointed organist almost 48 years ago. It was wonderful to have him share his knowledge of registration and hymn playing at the console that I am privileged to play every week. The attendance at the workshop was 23.

Many thanks to everyone who made this wonderful weekend possible: Mary Ann Gee and everyone at Campbell United Methodist, Palo Alto First United Methodist, Valerie Sterk for so graciously hosting Dr. Walker, and to everyone else who had a hand in planning and executing the concert, reception and workshop. Thank you!!! 🎵

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Dr. John Walker at the Concert

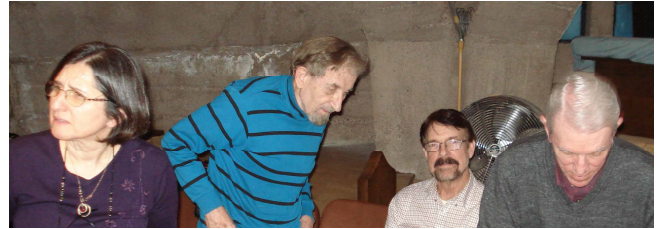
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Diane Keller and Dr. John Walker

Here are some of the pictures from the workshop.



RENEE GASTELUM IN CONCERT

HAROLD STUART



About 150 concert goers in Morgan Hill were treated to a piano and organ recital on April 7th by **Renee Gastelum**, a young organist member of the San Jose Chapter.

Gastelum played piano works by Beethoven, Hayden, Chopin, and Kapustin with sensitivity, enthusiasm and great technical ability. She then moved to the organ, where she played with equal polish works by Boelmann, Stuart, Brahms and Bach.

A reception then followed where Gastelum was congratulated by attendees of all ages for an excellent concert performance. Gastelum will be attending Brigham Young University in the fall, where she has been accepted into the prestigious organ program. 🎵

Adrika Yousuf Concert

MYRNA EMATA



Adrika Yousuf (Myrna Emata's voice and piano student) had her first gig singing at Cat's Restaurant in Los Gatos on April 11th. She sang three sets (from 6pm-9pm) accompanied by Myrna on electric piano.

She selected all the songs (about 35 songs) and made the set lists, which included R&B classics, old standards, contemporary Broadway musicals and pop. No one could believe it was her first gig – they thought she performed like a seasoned pro, announcing the songs and entertaining the audience with ease. She earned \$221 in her tip jar along with \$100 cash Cat's gave to her for performing. The management asked Myrna for her contact information for future bookings. However, with Adrika's family traveling to Bangladesh and Europe this summer, then moving to Southern California to attend USC in the Fall, it's unlikely to happen, but it sure is a big compliment.

Adrika will be studying Political Science at USC, the first step to her final goal: to be a criminal attorney. She made it on the waiting list for Stanford – her dad's alma mater – but she has her heart set on USC. Congratulations, Adrika! 🎵

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our June event will be our annual **Hymn Sing and potluck dinner**. Join us for the Hymn Sing at **5 PM** on Sunday, **June 3rd** at the **Los Gatos United Methodist Church**, 111 Church St, Los Gatos. Contact Diane Keller if you have any questions. 🎵

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 and be an active member of the church staff working closely with the Pastor, the Worship and Music Team and the Choir Director. Submit resumes to:

office@sancarlostlc.org. For more information visit our website http://sancarlostlc.org/job_opening/. 🎵

Central United Methodist Church in Stockton, 3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA across from the University of the Pacific, **is searching for a new organist**. We are asking for your input on how best to market this position. We are aware that we can post our position on the A.G.O. website, but we don't know the reach of those postings. I'm assuming that we want to reach Central California, the Sacramento region, and the East Bay Area, both for potential candidates and to reach those who might know of potential candidates.

In addition to A.G.O, are there other directions where we should post our position?

This is a part-time position as organist/accompanist, primarily for two Sunday morning services each week and for weddings and funerals/memorials as they arise. Central has a long history of trained organists, excellent choir directors and better-than-average choirs. The organ is a 1997 Rodgers 133 rank, 4 manual electronic instrument.

Any suggestions you can make on reaching qualified potential candidates would be greatly appreciated.

Alan England (209-298-8634), Organist Search Committee Central United Methodist Church, Stockton. 🎵

Schola Cantorum of Silicon Valley (founded in 1964) based in Mountain View, California is looking for a **Music/Artistic Director**. This position is supervised by a Board of Directors.

Time Commitment: Plan repertoire, lead rehearsals, dress rehearsals, concerts, events and outreach performances; position involves evening and weekend hours. Schola is an auditioned volunteer choral ensemble of about 75 singers supported by a professional part-time staff and a highly committed, volunteer Board of Directors. <https://scholacantorum.org/home>.

The Music/Artistic Director provides the artistic leadership of Schola Cantorum and is responsible for all artistic activities, including programming, hiring of instrumentalists and soloists and auditioning members. Music/Artistic Director embodies the artistic and musical vision, leads and inspires members and audience. The director must have the technical and teaching skills necessary to advance Schola's reputation for artistic excellence.

Position starts in June 2019, in preparation for Schola's 56th season. Please see the full Job Description referenced below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k3IM-JWUNU1-Qds3hrh56YrCJ6NHCY9t/view>. 🎵

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto is looking for a **paid tenor section leader**. Contact James Welch @jameswelch@gmail.com for information. 🎵

Final Slate of Officers for Next Year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

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Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 8th May, 2017 at 7 PM
Valerie Sterk's home, 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara

Organ Toccatas Collected by Lothar Bandermann

Lothar Bandermann has put together 4 CDs of 80 Organ Toccatas by old and modern composers* and is happy to give copies away to anyone interested. Contact Lothar directly via email:

lwbandermann@att.net

*Lothar is only playing his own Toccatas.

MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR / ORCHESTRA

Please note: Monday, June 25, 2018 at 8 pm, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square will appear at the Shoreline Amphitheatre for the first time ever. Often called "America's Choir", the Choir has given voice to the hopes and dreams of people around the world for over 150 years.

Date: 25 June 2018 @ 8 PM

<https://www.livenation.com/venues/14489/shoreline-amphitheatre>
Mountain View, CA

Event Info

Mormon Tabernacle Choir, a 360-member volunteer chorus has performed at World's Fairs, inaugurations of U.S. presidents, in concert in 28 countries, on TV,

radio, YouTube. The volunteer Orchestra at Temple Square will join to perform masterworks, inspirational music, American folk hymns and spirituals. Tickets available 3 May 2018.

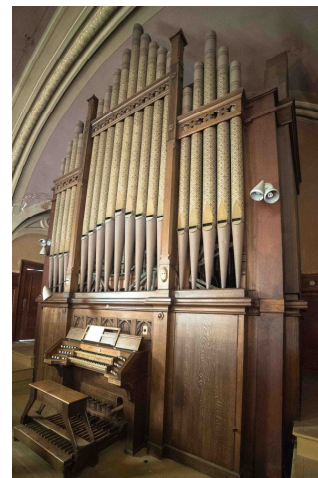
LARGEST, UNALTERED 1800S PIPE ORGAN IN CALIFORNIA

Celebrate 130 years of the largest, unaltered 1800s pipe organ in California. There will be a musical and community celebration for the **1888 Hook & Hastings** pipe organ at **Hackt (former Guadalupe Church)** at 906 Broadway, San Francisco on **8 May 2018, 6-9pm**. If you are interested to participate in the program or learn more contact Josh Bradshaw, Josh@WorkTechWork.com.

https://www.pipeorgandatabase.org/OrganDetails.php?OrganID=5214%20target=_blank. 🎵



Hackt Building



Hook & Hastings Organ

AGO POES

NEW YORK CITY—The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to announce five PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTERS (POEs) for students aged 13–18, and one POE+ for adults in 2018. Complete contact information for each weeklong Pipe Organ Encounter can be found in The American Organist Magazine and online at www.agohq.org/education/poe. The summer schedule follows:

POE (for ages 13–18)

June 17–22 – Phoenix, AZ July 22–27 – Deland, FL.
June 24–29 – Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
July 08–13 – Philadelphia, PA.

July 16–21 – Los Angeles, CA Normal Fee \$550
(<https://sites.google.com/view/poe-la2018>) 🎵



SCHOENSTEIN PRESS RELEASE

JACK M. BETHARDS

Schoenstein Open House Welcomes Bostonians

Schoenstein & Co., Benicia, CA, welcomed 150 guests for a factory Open House in celebration of the three-manual, 32-rank organ for Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Among those hearing the organ for the first time were Music Director Michael Murray and members of the Parish with friends from Chestnut Hill, which is a suburb of Boston. Both Michael Murray and Stuart Forster, who presides at the Schoenstein organ of Christ Church, Cambridge, entertained the crowd with brilliant demonstrations of the organ's tonal variety despite the decidedly non-Anglican acoustic of the factory and the lack of two 32' stops and some 16' stops on their way to the church already. Visitors enjoyed refreshments and a first look at the newly expanded pipe shop with its specialized tools and equipment. Also in the factory for inspection were organs destined for Silverado, San Jose, and Sonoma, California.



Bostonians: Lauren Lukason, Sean O'Donnell, Michael Murray, Suzy Westcott, Stuart Forster.

FROM THE VOX HUMANA PUBLICATION

Here is an interesting article about an organ with **36 notes per octave**. This article has a short movie of the organ being played.

<https://www.voxhumanajournal.com/keller2018>.

<https://www.voxhumanajournal.com/> – main page address

ORGAN CAMP

From: Demers, Isabelle

[mailto:Isabelle_Demers@baylor.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 5:51 AM

Subject: organ camp

Dear AGO deans,

I apologize for the mass email, but it seems to be the best way to reach people nowadays! Would you mind forwarding this email to your members, or to organ students in your area?

I wanted to let you know that we will be holding a summer organ institute at Baylor from June 10 to 16, 2018. More information can be found here:

<https://www.baylor.edu/busmc/doc.php/260481.pdf>

The week will include lessons, group classes in service playing and organ literature, concerts, a visit to the carillon tower, and a silent movie! There is however always much time to practice and to enjoy the company of other students.

Apologies again for the mass email, and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All the best,

--Isabelle Demers, DMA

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MUSIC CALENDAR CONTINUED

June 2018

10 Sunday

Rudy de Vos (Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **Evensong at 5 PM, Concert at 6:05 PM**

15 Friday

Angela Kraft Cross, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **7 PM, \$20**

17 Sunday

Peter Sykes, organ, **St. Bede's Episcopal Church**, 2650 San Hill Rd, Menlo Park, **4 PM**
Christopher Tietze, organ, **CSMA**, **4 PM, \$10**

24 Sunday

Philip Smith, (Disney Hall, LA), Organist, **CSMA**, **4 PM**
"Out of Formosa the Beautiful", Hsiao-Yi Yu (organist, composer), Works by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, JS Bach, Alain, Held, & Mendelssohn, **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph**, 80 S Market St, San Jose **1 PM, \$5** door donation,
www.NoonArtsAndLectures.org

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 at 4 PM

Organ, Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St., San Francisco.

Apr 28, May 5, May 12 – Jonathan Dimmock

May 19 – Jonathan Dimmock

May 26 – John Walko

Jun 2, Jun 9 – Angela Kraft Cross

Jun 16 – John Walko

Jun 23, Jun 30 – Jonathan Dimmock

April 2018

29 Sunday

Diana Stork and **Portia Diwa**,
Harp, "Music from the
Labyrinth.", CSMA, 4 PM

May 2018

4 Friday

BYU Vocal Point, Nine-man Cappella Group, Oakland Inter-Stake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA, **7:30 PM**

6 Sunday

Benjamin Bachmann, organ, **GC**,
4 PM

Young People's Symphony Orchestra Showcase, CSMA, 4 PM

8 Tuesday

Hook and Hastings- SFO? SAVE

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13 Sunday

Festival of Marian Hymns. The Benedict 16, a professional choir, director **John Renke**, CSMA, 4 PM

Brendan Conner (Indiana University, Bloomington), organ, **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, **6:05 PM**

20 Sunday

Spring Concert "For the Beauty of the Earth." CSMA, 4 PM

25 Friday

"Out of Formosa the Beautiful",

Hsiao-Yi Yu (organist, composer), Works by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, JS Bach, Alain, Travis & Yi-Haw Li, **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph**, 80 S Market St, San Jose **1 PM, \$5** door donation, www.NoonArtsAndLectures.org

27 Sunday

Felix Hell organ, **Davies Symphony Hall**, San Francisco, **3 PM**

Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, piano. Works by Schumann and Beethoven, **CSMA**, **4 PM**

June 2018

3 Sunday

SJCAGO> **Annual Membership Meeting, 3 June, Los Gatos Methodist Church**, 111 Church Street, Los Gatos. **5 PM, Hymn Sing and Pot Luck Dinner**

Jackson Borges (Rehoboth Beach, DE) piano. Works by Schumann and Beethoven, **CSMA**, **4 PM**

10 Sunday

James Welch, organ, "Wagner & Friends.", CSMA, 4 PM, \$10

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