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**Our Annual Meeting**

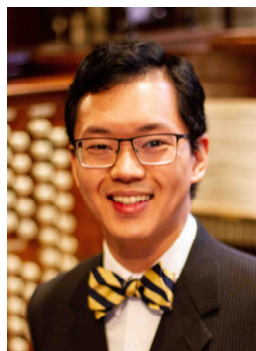
We will hold our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, 2 June 2019 at Campbell United Methodist, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, 4 PM.** At this meeting we will install the board members listed above for the 2019-2020 year. We will also have a **Hymn Sing** and if you would like to present a hymn (we sing one verse and then you play an arrangement of the hymn) let Susan Snook-Luther know via email ([spsl@sonic.net](mailto:spsl@sonic.net)). After the Hymn Sing we will have a **Pot Luck Dinner**. We would really like to see everyone attend. Please come out. 🎵

**Slate of AGO Officers for the 2019-2020 Year**

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**Aaron Tan, Organ Recital**

The **Mary Ann Gee Memorial Recital** performed by **Aaron Tan** was held on **17 May 201** at the **Campbell United Methodist Church**, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell. Arron selected special music for this recital for remembering Mary Ann. If you missed the recital you missed a splendid recital with a wide variation of musical numbers the showed off the organ and his talent. Aaron's presentation was well organized and very polished.



**Aaron Tan**

He started with music from Joseph Jongen (1873-1953) with Toccata, op. 104 and a set of quiet pieces, Prière from *Quarte Pièces pour Orgue*, op. 37.

He then turned to remembering Mary Ann Gee. He started by playing the "Mary Ann Fugue" composed by Lothar Bandermann, who was present. Next the congregation sang Mary Ann's favorite Hymn "*Before the Marvel of This Night.*" At its conclusion, he the played an Improvisation of the Hymn. Next he played two selections from *Paysages Euskariens* by Joseph-Ermend Bonnal (1880-1944). The two selections were "i. La Vallee du Béhorléguy, au martin" and "iii. Cloches dans le ciel."

After a brief intermission Aaron continued with the Étude no. 5 from *Six Études*, op. 5 ("notes répétées") which, as it says, repeat hundreds of pedal notes a rapidly as possible (yes, it is a pedal exercise piece – but still quite nice). It was written by Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968). This piece took considerable skill to perform this piece)

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## Aaron Tan, continued from page 1.

Next we heard “Frاندole from *L’Arlesienne Suite no.2* by George Bizet (1838-1875, transcribed by Joel Hastings (1069-2016). This was done very nicely, just as the orchestra would have done it. We then heard La Nuit from *Trois Impressions*, op. 72 from Sigrifd Karg-Elert (1877-1933) which contain very lovely melodies. The concluding piece was Final from *Symphony* no. 6, op. 59 by Louis Vierne (1870-1967) which is very grand organ work.

The encore was Bach’s Little Fugue in A Major.

Aaron Tan is a Canadian organist, engineer, and pianist. He has won numerous noteworthy contests and scholarships on both instruments including the **First Prize and Audience Prize at the prestigious AGO National Young Artists (NYACOP) competition in 2018**. Other competition prizes and awards include the Toronto RCCO Young Organists Competition, the Osborne Organ Competition of the Summer Institute of Church Music (Ontario), the RCCO’s National Organ Playing Competition, the Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarship for Church Musicians, the Lilian Forsyth Scholarship, the West Chester University Organ Competition, the Arthur Poister Scholarship Competition, the Sursa American Organ Competition, and the XVI Poland International Piano Festival Competition. His primary musical tutelage has been with John Tuttle, David Palmer, and Joel Hastings.

Mr. Tan is currently studying at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University and also serves as Organ Scholar at Church of the Resurrection, New York City. Previously he has served as Organ Scholar at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan, Artist in Residence at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, and Assistant Organist at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

As a scientist, Aaron holds a Ph.D. in Materials Science from the University of Michigan and worked there as a postdoctoral researcher after earning his degree, studying polymer thin films.

You can see a recent full-length recital by Aaron Tan at this YouTube link.

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?list=PLCR\\_eteEM\\_ubz\\_edRo9SAzvQCOcgFMuyH&v=tZ0CxM\\_6KLc](https://m.youtube.com/watch?list=PLCR_eteEM_ubz_edRo9SAzvQCOcgFMuyH&v=tZ0CxM_6KLc)

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## Lothar Bandermann Tribute Recital

If you would like an MP3 recording of the first 22 minutes of the recital, send me an email and I will send it to you (it is 25.5 Megabyte long) Ken Talbot

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## Chapter Event Dates to Remember

### June 2019

☼ **2 Sunday Annual Membership Meeting, Campbell United Methodist, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, 4 PM**

### September 2019

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

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## Ruth Kamas

### Winner of the 2019 Frasier Organ Scholarship

Congratulations to **Ruth Kamas**, the winner of the 2019



Frasier Organ Scholarship! The Frasier auditions were held on Sunday afternoon, April 28, at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church. Our San Jose AGO chapter will present Ruth with the \$1,000 award and acknowledge her at our annual meeting and hymn

sing on June 2 (4pm at Campbell United Methodist Church). Ruth has been invited to be a featured performer on our annual student recital next year, in January or February 2020.

For her Frasier audition, Ruth performed the Prelude in C Major, BWV 553, attributed to J.S. Bach; a chorale prelude on “Herzlich tut mich verlangen,” by Johannes Brahms; “Pasticcio” by Jean Langlais, and the hymn “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (*Beach Spring*).

Ruth began organ lessons in 2011 with Barbary Grant, and has been studying with Margaret Kvamme for the past 3.5 years. Over the past three years, Ruth has participated in three POE events — at Stanford, in San Diego, and in Illinois. She has also been studying piano (since 2010) and voice. Ruth is currently a student at West Valley College, and is still deciding on career options, which will likely include playing organ.

Ruth currently serves as organist at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, and has served as a substitute organist at St. Lucy Catholic Parish. For the past several years she has accompanied the Regina Pacis Homeschool Choir on organ, both for rehearsals and Mass. Ruth plans to use the Frasier Organ Scholarship for music books and for continuing her private organ lessons. Her goals in studying music are to further her knowledge of music and organ, to become a better church organist, and to enjoy music.

Born and raised in San Jose, Ruth was home-schooled until she began her college studies, which gave her a lot of time to pursue her musical studies. Ruth’s parents and five siblings say that they do not mind her practicing at home on her Conn theater organ in the early morning without headphones on. In her free time, Ruth referees soccer, plays with her younger siblings, and enjoys “vanishing into a good book.”

Our San Jose AGO chapter extends sincere appreciation to Dick Coulter, Diane Keller, and Dian Ruder, who served as the three judges for this year’s Frasier scholarship auditions. We also thank Los Gatos Presbyterian Church and host organist Margaret Kvamme for graciously arranging practice sessions and the Frasier audition there.

Valerie Sterk (Frasier scholarship coordinator)

### Next Executive Committee Meeting

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

### New Member

We Welcome **Suzanne Bryson**, 1535 Tucker Rd, Scotts Valley, CA 95066, 831-331-8164, srbryson@gmail.com

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## Portuguese Music

On **9 June 2019** at **3 PM Five Wounds Portuguese National Church**, at 1375 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose there will be a concert of Portuguese Music featuring **Robert Scott**, Oboist performing the music of Sérgio Azevedo *Concertino d'Estate* for oboe, strings and percussion. This concert is sponsored by Noon Arts & Lectures featuring the Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose. For Tickets (\$5 at door?) see [https://mcosj.vbotickets.com/event/Music\\_of\\_Portugal/29699](https://mcosj.vbotickets.com/event/Music_of_Portugal/29699). Also see <http://www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets/#robert>.

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## Pipe Organ Encounters

The following is a list of Pipe Organ Encounters: <https://www.agohq.org/education/poe/>  
POE (13-18)

July 15-20 Cape Cod, Massachusetts

July 14-19 Seattle, Washington

July 28-August 3 St. Louis, Missouri

POE Advanced: June 23-28 Houston, Texas 🎵

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## AGO 2019 West Region Convention

**June 30 July 3, 2019 · Orange County, California**

[REGISTER NOW](#) for the  
[AGO 2019 West Region Convention](#)

The Orange County Chapter is proud to host the 2019 West Region Convention of the American Guild of Organists. We are excited to welcome members and other pipe organ enthusiast to our paradise. Here is a quick look.

### PROGRAM

As a convention attendee, you'll enjoy 13 concerts and recitals by a diverse group of artists, including **Paul Jacobs, Jaebon Hwang, Cherry Rhodes, Joseph Fala, James Walker, Weicheng Zhao** and more. Check out the entire list of [artists](#) on the convention website [www.agowest2019.com](http://www.agowest2019.com)

A few of the key venues include:

**Christ Cathedral Arboretum, Concordia University, Irvine, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Garden Grove United Methodist Church, Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Organ, St. John's Lutheran Church, Los Altos United Methodist Church.,** and others

### REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open!

O.C. Chapter Member registration \$340 - a savings of \$35

Student w/ID \$125      Non- AGO members \$425

[Book a hotel room now at the preferred rates.](#)

The hotel is located at 17900 Jamboree Rd, Irvine, CA 92614. Reservation telephone number is (877) 614-2137, \$135 per night.

### TRANSPORTATION

Take advantage of our affordable bus transportation to all convention venues for only \$100. Avoid the traffic, also some of the convention venues have extremely limited parking.

### CONNECT WITH US

If it's been a while, be sure to visit our updated web site at [www.agowest2019.com](http://www.agowest2019.com) and like our [Facebook page](#). We'll be sharing lots of content on social media.

We hope to see you this coming summer in Orange County!!  
**Sincerely,**

**The AGO 2019 West Region Steering Committee**

Copy and Paste links are here:

Convention registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/zbqc7j>

Hotel reservations: [bit.ly/2SBt1Aq](http://bit.ly/2SBt1Aq) 🎵

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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 [hblady75@gmail.com](mailto:hblady75@gmail.com), 510-703-4453 🎵

**Foothill Community Presbyterian Church**, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose, We are seeking a **part time** (20 hrs./ week) **Minister of Music** to direct and participate in our music program including weekly rehearsals, Sunday worship services, and special worship services. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

Our current musical ensembles include a choir, a bell choir, a quartet, and occasionally a praise band and a ukulele band. We have a few highly trained and formerly professional musicians and we have a few musicians who are still growing in their musical development.

You can find out more about our church and our ministries at [www.foothillpc.org](http://www.foothillpc.org). We invite you to submit a resume or inquiry to [foothillpc@gmail.com](mailto:foothillpc@gmail.com) or call the church for more information: (408)-258-8133, Rev. Andrew Wong. 🎵



**Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos**, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, CA, is looking for a **Part-Time Organist/Pianist** to play one to two Sundays a month, a choir rehearsal the Thursday evening preceding the Sunday playing, and for various church holy days. The salary is very competitive and available upon request.

**Abilities:** The applicant must have experience playing the organ and piano in church services and accompanying choirs and instrumentalists. Sight reading skills and a background in musical liturgy are required.

PCLG has an average attendance of 300 per Sunday. The organ is a three manual Möller from 1958, expanded twice by Schoenstein & Co. and totaling 39 ranks. It has been fastidiously maintained by Schoenstein & Co. The sanctuary has a Baldwin grand piano, which has had recent voicing and action work, and a Kohler & Campbell grand in the choir room.

The adult Chancel Choir has approximately 30 voices and sings at most Sunday services from early September to the second week in June, as well as for several services in the summer. The congregation is enthusiastic about all kinds of music, with a special appreciation for the pipe organ.

The church currently needs a third organist, who would join a rotating roster with two other organists. Each organist plays one or two times a month throughout the year, depending on the number of Sundays in a month. When the choir is in session, the organist playing a Sunday service usually rehearses with the choir the previous Thursday. The organist uses a piano during the choir rehearsal, which is held in the choir room and led by the music director. The rotating organists decide their schedule, based on their availability and in collaboration with the music director.

Send resume, **references and letter of intention** to: michael.taylor@pclg.org 🎵

**Atria Willow Glenn**, 1660 Gaton Drive, San Jose, CA, 95125 is looking for a **Choir Director**. We lost our choir director about 4 months ago and are looking for someone to lead us again. The group meets **Monday mornings at 10:15 AM** for one hour. We have a baby grand piano, music stands, and a budget for sheet music and a stipend for the director. Any leads appreciated!! Thank you. Call Jenny at Atria Willow Glen 408-266-1660, jenne.lockwood@atriaseniorliving.com. Jenny says that she works with a group of awesome seniors. 🎵

**Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 600 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave, San Mateo, CA is looking for an **Organist**. If interested please reply to Karen Reed, our Personnel committee chair and Daniel Severson, our Senior Pastor 650-349-0100, [www.hopelutheransanmateo.org](http://www.hopelutheransanmateo.org). Hope has a fine Schoenstein pipe organ that is featured in the worship Service each Sunday.

**Enhance worship by:** Providing strong leadership in congregational singing of liturgy and hymns, accompanying the choir(s) in rehearsals, warm-ups and services, presenting varied and appropriate solo selections within the worship

**Relationships:** The Organist is a member of the professional staff of the church, and to that degree is involved in the life of the church.

He or she is responsible to the Pastor. Compensation is recommended by the Worship Committee and the Church Council subject to the budget approval process. Performance review is performed by the Worship Committee each year.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide organ music for traditional worship service, and piano once a month using alternative liturgies in consultation with the Pastor.
- Accompany the Chancel Choir
- Special Worship Services, Weddings and Memorial Services
- Organ Recitals (At the discretion of the organist)
- Responsible for Organ Maintenance
- Organ Sheet Music
- Substitutes
- Evaluations will be conducted by the Worship Committee fall of each year 🎵

{If interested, request PDF file with full details from Tanya Cerdan, Office Manager at 650-349-0100 or email her at [helc@pacbell.net](mailto:helc@pacbell.net).}

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## Music Calendar continued

### **July 2019**

#### **7 Sunday**

**Janet Yieh**, organ, **GC, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **7 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **David Hatt**, Organ, Symphony No. 7, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **14 Sunday**

**Pierre Zevort** (France), Organ, with **Augustin Zevort**, Trumpet. Program of French music to celebrate Bastille Day., organ, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **21 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival**, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Angela Kraft Cross**, Organ, Symphony No. 8, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **28 Sunday**

**Mateusz Rzewuski** (Poland), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **31 Wednesday**

**Paul Stubbings**, organ, **Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM**

### **August 2019**

#### **4 Sunday**

**Paul Stubbings**, organ, **GC, 4 PM, \$10**

#### **10 Saturday**

**One Trumpet and 1,008 Pipes; Cortez Montalbo**, trumpet, **Steve Denmark**, organ, **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA, **5-7 PM, \$20**

## 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

🕒 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

## May 2019

### **31 Friday - NEW**

**Nicholas Welch, James Welch, and Abraham Wilson, Friday May 31, 7:30 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, Free admission**

Come and enjoy some musical fireworks, when Nicholas Welch, James Welch, and Abraham Wilson present a concert of piano and organ masterworks by Bach, Liszt, Chopin, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff.

**Nicholas** will perform Chopin's Ballade in A-flat and Scherzo in B-flat minor. **Abraham** will play Liszt's arrangement of Schumann's song "Widmung," Debussy's

Ballade, and Rachmaninoff's stunning Variations on a Theme of Paganini (especially famous for its Variation No. 18). **James Welch** will be at the church's large Casavant organ, performing several major works by Bach: Concerto in D minor, Sonata in G major, and the Fantasie and Fugue in G minor

## June 2019

### **2 Sunday**

🕒 **Annual Membership Meeting, 2 June 2019, Campbell United Methodist, 1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, Potluck and Hymn Sing, 4 PM**

### **2 Sunday**

**Tom Winpeny, organ, GC, 4 PM, \$10**

### **2 Sunday**

**Yuhan Niu (Los Angeles), organ, CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **9 Sunday - NEW**

**Robert Scott, oboe, Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose, Portuguese Music, Five Wounds Portuguese National Church, at 1375 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, 3 PM, \$5**

### **9 Sunday**

**David Hatt and Christoph Tietze, Organ. Works by Eugene Gigout, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday, organ, CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **9 Sunday**

**Malcolm Matthews (Eastman School of Music, Rodchester, NY), organ, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Evensong at 5 PM, Concert at 6:05 PM**

### **14 Friday - NEW**

**Commencement Organ Recital - Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, Fisk Nanney and Murray Harris organs, Stanford Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, Works by Tchaikovsky, Gibbons, Walton, Weber, and others.**

### **16 Sunday**

**Justan Foster, organ, CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **23 Sunday**

**Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. David Hatt, Organ, Symphony No. 1, organ, CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

### **30 Sunday**

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim, organ, Yeon Kyeong Go, violin CSMA, 4 PM, \$10**

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