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# Dean's Message

Thanks to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pastor Lyn Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, and Darryl Parker for hosting our thought-provoking meeting at the church. Our music exchange netted some interesting music and \$31.50 for our education fund.

**Jan Feller** responded as follows to my comments about the Atlantic City High School Organ: It was designed by State Senator Emerson Richards and built by Reuben Midmer and Son. Installed in 1923, the contract called for 103 voices, 121 ranks and cost \$42,425.

In the 60's it was removed from the high school and put into storage. An alumni, Adrian Phillips bought the Midner-Losh organ and is currently installing it (with Lyn Larsen as project manager) in a 'music room' at his Phoenix home, combining it with a 1921 instrument from a DuPont estate. Currently the largest pipe organ in Arizona, when completed it will be the largest private installation in the US at 167 stops on 5 manuals. There are even theater organ pipes thrown in for good measure. (This is a sister to the Midner-Losh organ in the Atlantic City Convention Hall, the largest pipe organ in the world, but currently unplayable. It will cost \$10 million to restore it.)

 $\mathcal{A}$ n interesting note for our Chapter: **Tom Hazleton** had a successful recording session on this organ the very day of his death. **Jan** is trying to find out what is going to happen in regard to this recording. If you hear anything, let us know.

Below are some questions about some of our current members. How many answers do you know?

What member did outside sales for a travel agency, and as a result got to lead a group to Ireland, visit Portugal and Mexico, and cruise Alaska and the Panama Canal?

What member was President of AAUW and is in training for the upcoming Bay to Breakers?

What member was a park ranger at Vasona for several years?

What member was an Army spouse for a number of years?

What member goes to school in Hawaii?

What member taught swimming at the American Embassy pool in Saigon, Vietnam?

What member has the farthest distance to travel to come to a meeting?

What member (who does not play the organ) has a collection of 300 classical and theater CD's?

What member was a piano rebuilder, house painter and massage therapist?

What member was an executive secretary at NACA (later NASA) in Newport News, VA?

What member is a nationally recognized landscape photographer?

Next month there will be more questions. Answers will be available at the year-end Installation Ceremony and Dinner, so keep Jun 3rd open! Patricia Milstead, Dean &

# Future Events

Mar 18, 3 PM, Millennia Too!, Allison Luedeke (organ) & Susan Barrett (oboe), Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos – page 2

**Apr 22, Jeremy Filsell Concert**, Los Altos United Methodist with Peninsula and San Francisco Chapters, page 2

May 19 – Saturday, Pedals, Pipes and Pizza: Help young pianists discover the joy of organ

**June 3 – Installation Ceremony and Dinner – Mark your calendars, Stone Church** 

Melanie Cervi, Sub Dean &

# MARCH EVENT SAI PUBLIC MUSICALE Carolyn Pryor and Mendelssohn String Quartet and Brass Duo 11 March 2007, 3PM

The SAI Public Musicale concert featuring Carolyn Pryor, organ, and the Mendelssohn String Quartet and Brass Duo at the Mountain View Presbyterian Church (Cuesta Dr at Miramonte), Mountain View. Organ works by Francois Couperin and Craig Phillips will be featured. There is no charge.

# MARCH EVENT ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT Roger Nyquist, 11 March 2007, 3PM

Los Altos United Methodist Church 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos is celebrating the installation of their new pipe/digital organ with a concert given by Dr. Roger Nyquist who originally dedicated the 3-manual Robert Newton rebuilt organ on May 18, 1986. His program will include two pieces from the 1986 dedication concert: Saint Saens "Improvisation No. 7" and Mulet's "Toccata". The instrument has been modified from the three-manual Swain & Kates/Newton pipe organ to a fourmanual 465 Renaissance Quantum organ. The organ now has 87 speaking stops with four different styles, American Classic, English Cathedral, French Romantic, and Neo-Baroque. Organist T. Paul Rosas proudly invites everyone to come and hear the new instrument at this free concert - Paul Rosas

# MARCH'S CHAPTER EVENT Millenium Too! 18 March 2007, 3PM

Announcing a fantastic duo for your listening pleasure!
Appearing Sunday, March 18, 2007 at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, will be Allison Luedecke, organ and Susan Barrett, oboe in Millenium Too! Come hear wonderful music on the refurbished organ. For those of you planning on hearing the Silicon Valley Symphony the previous weekend, this will be a wonderful compliment to listen to. Millenuim Too! will be free to the public, so please tell everyone you know about this fantastic opportunity! There will be a premier of a short work by Jon Naples. A short reception following. Hope to see you there!

# FUTURE CHAPTER EVENT Jeremy Filsell Concert! 22 April 2007, 3PM

Jeremy Filsell Concert at Los Altos United Methodist Church on Foothill Expressway at El Monte. will perform. This is cosponsored by Palo Alto Peninsula and San Francisco chapters.

# FUTURE CHAPTER EVENT Chorister Guild of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Children's Festival 27-28 April 2007, 3PM

The Children's Festival is hosted by **Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**, Saratoga. All directors are welcome! Bring your children's choirs!

Our guest conductor is **Julie Scott**, Elementary Music Coordinator for Richardson ISD in Texas. She is Assistant Professor of Music Education at Eastman School of Music completed the coursework for a Ph.D. in Music Education.

Ms. Scott has worked extensively with children's choirs in school and church settings, most recently as the director of the Lewisville ISD 5th Grade Honor Choir. Ms. Scott authored the Early Childhood Year 3 *Stepping Stones* children's choir curriculum, which is published by Choristers Guild.

Call Lynda Alexander 650-493-3088 or email <a href="mailto:hitkmus@aol.com">hitkmus@aol.com</a> for more details &

# FUTURE CHAPTER EVENT Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Saturday19 March 2007, 3PM

Calling all organ lovers! Calling all curious kids! Calling all curious Moms and Dads!

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is coming on Saturday, May 19, 2007!

This year, **Lutheran Church of Our Savior** in Cupertino is hosting our annual discovery day. Thank you to **Theresa Oatman** for sharing her bench.

Please consider coming to help demonstrate and explain the organ to area piano/organ students. The invitations are ready to go to piano teachers, so if you know of a group of curious elementary and secondary age kids (parents welcome too), please get their names to **Melanie Cervi (358-6568)** as soon as possible so we can invite them to come try out the organ. See you there!

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## **Board Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the home of Pat Milstead, 1258 Oak Knoll Dr., San Jose. All meetings are open.

TO JOIN THE SAN JOSE AGO YAHOO GROUP Send an Email to Mary Ann Gee mary\_ann\_gee@yahoo.com

# FREE Freee FREE!!!!

I have a lot of old "**The American Organist**" (TAO) magazines that too good to throw out. If anyone would like to have them you are welcome to them. I have run out of storage space.

There are some very good articles that are always timely. The series "How to Improvise in 15 minutes a Day" started in 2001, so if you are missing any, now you can complete your collection.

These are mostly complete issues for the years from 1999 thru 2005. Also, there are some convention books. Call me for info. **Carol Griffin 408-269-3658** 

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### **PRESENTS**

# MIDI 101 for Organists with John L. Jarvis

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John Jarvis has had a love affair with organs, computers and teaching for over 35 years. He graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in Computer Science while organist at Grace Church. While working on his M.S. in Computer Science, John became fascinated with the early personal computers and keyboard synthesizers which eventually led him to the world of MIDI. His passion for teaching is shown in his ability to explain complex computer topics in language that everyone can understand. His musical background includes staff positions as organist / accompanist and music director at large

churches. Currently he is active in several organizations, including the San Francisco & San Jose AGO Chapters.

# **Position Opportunities**

See the previous issues for more details for these opportunities.

Central Presbyterian Church, 1920 Canal Street, Merced, CA 95340, 209-723-0491. Part-time organist/accompanist. A degree and/or experience required. Contact David Braceros, Minister of Music and Worship, at (209)723-0491 dbraceros@cpcmerced.org. &

The First Presbyterian Church of Hollister, Organist. Accompaniment for the Sunday worship service, weddings, and funerals., & adult choir. Please contact Rev. David B.

Rodriguez, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church at (831) 637-4350. &

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, one soprano and one bass, paid singers. If interested, call Albert Campbell, 5882campbell@comcast.net, - 510-710-.1215 (cell) - 510-796-5258, home &

Epiphany Episcopal Church, San Carlos is searching for an enthusiastic, people-oriented, as organist/colleague with Minister of Music, 11-month contract per year. 1 weekly rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM, all services of worship including Christmas, Christmas Eve, including Lessons and Carols, Lent, Holy Week and Easter services. Weddings and funerals are extra. Sundays: 1 service at 10:00 AM plus 9:00 AM service rehearsal, 2 Children's Choir rehearsals on Thursdays for 1 1/2 hours (8 months).

Desired traits: Knowledge of Episcopal service (desired, not required); ability to sightread, modulate and transpose. Interest

in wide range of repertoire from Renaissance to Contemporary. Ability to lead congregational singing through hymn and service playing. Ability to relate to people of all ages. Sense of humor. Instrument: Galanti Preludiuum III - 3-manual Electronic, refurbished and expandable. Contact: Cortlandt S. Bender, Minister of Music -: 650.281.4938, csbconsult@comcast.net. Availability: January 1, 2007. To be filled ASAP. &

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 El Monte Avenue, Mountain View CA 94040, (650) 967-0666. Organist/Choir Director. Position available immediately – One liturgical service with adult choir, approximately 10 hours per week. Salary negotiable, based upon experience/education. Contact Church Secretary, Lynn Colandrea, phone as above, fax (650) 967-0667, e-mail: admin@st-paul.org . Should there be any questions or comments, please contact Ralph Hunt, ralphhunt@uclalumni.net and/or Pastor Aaron Smith, pastor@st-paul.org. &

Westhope Presbyterian Church, seeks part-time accompanist/organist to work with creative, vibrant worship team in small church environment. Our Sunday worship blends contemplative, traditional, and contemporary styles in an effort to create and hold sacred space for the congregation.

Responsibilities: Sunday morning choir practice at 8:30am followed by worship at 9:45am, music prep, music team meetings every other week for planning and community- time TBD. Salary: \$100-130 per week. Contact: **Rev. Erik Swanson** at (408) 255-0955, esfishrev@juno.com. &

# **Baylor University Events**

1. Baylor Summer Organ Institute for Pianists and Organists (students 12-18), 3-9 June. Register early, event is limited to 20. 2. Pipe Organ Encounter Plus for Adults, 24-29 June, 2007. Register early as the POE is limited to 20. For Information call (254) 710-1417, fax (254) 710-1191 or J\_Karen\_Johnson@baylor.edu.

# FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2007

Chapter members: please consider applying for, or encouraging an eligible organ student to apply for, the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year. The 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 for 2007.

The Fraser qualifications, application, and list of Hymns are on the Chapter web page, www.agosanjose.org. If you're interested in applying, please contact **Valerie Sterk** (408-249-5705; vssterk@aol.com). The deadline is **March 20, 2007**; the auditions will be in last two weeks of April (after Easter); and the winner will be notified by May 1. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now!

MEMBER DIRECTORY CHANGE

**Theresa Oatman** has a new address. 2459 Rebecca Lynn Way, Santa Clara, CA 95050-5503 (408) 249-0938

**Michael Burroughs** has a new address. 5021 Ironwood Dr, Soquel, CA 95073-3032 (831) 475-6991 or (408) 836-6839 cell

# Slate of Officers to be voted on in May.

- 1. Dean (2 years): Melanie Cervi
- 2. Sub Dean (2 years): Andrew Birling
- 3. New Member-at-Large: Mike Cala
- **4.** Member-at-Large (change from 1 year to 2 years) **Diane Keller** (taking Andrew Birling's place)

As of this printing, all other officers will continue in their present position.

Any member may propose any other member to fill a position as long as the person agrees to be nominated. Call **Carol Griffin** AND send a written proposal ASAP. We must have a definite slate by next month.

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tracks recorded and submitted by less renowned organists. Included are pairings of organ and orchestra, solo instruments, choir, or vocal solos. The listener is presented with the work title, composer, album title, a link to purchase the album online, the organ, it's builder, size, and location, and a link to the specification of the organ being heard. Listeners may browse the entire library searching by work, composer, organist, album, or organ and request tracks to be played. The broadcast is completely free to anyone with a broadband Internet connection and only requires the quick, automatic installation of a browser-based player to tune in. Listeners can also tune in via Windows Media Player, WinAmp, iTunes, or any MP3 player. The audio stream reaches over 100 countries around the world, with more than 300 listeners per day tuning in. The station is funded by the listeners, and an annual budget covering all operating expenses is raised every spring. Organlive is always accepting submissions for new music from organists, composers, and publishers. Raven, Delphian, Hyperion, and Albany Records are all label sponsors of the station. To listen to Organlive, or for more information on submitting your music, visit www.organlive.com.

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# SILICON VALLEY SYMPHONY "POULENC N' PIPES" CONCERT Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos 10 March 2007, 7:30PM

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present its "Poulenc n' Pipes" Concert in the beautiful Sanctuary of the **Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos**. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. Admission includes a Champagne Reception with refreshments following the concert - meet the musicians!

The Silicon Valley Symphony features fantastic Bay Area organ soloist, **Margaret Martin Kvamme**, performing the "Concerto in G minor" for organ, string orchestra, and timpani by **Francis Poulenc** on the newly refurbished and expanded "Mrs. Möller" pipe organ at PCLG.

Led by Music Director, Michael Paul Gibson, the Silicon Valley Symphony presents a diverse and interesting concert of fabulous music, presented in a beautiful and acoustically sound (pun intended) setting. "Poulenc's" Concerto in G minor" is undeniably a masterpiece and amply demonstrates how a work containing many disparate elements can hang together beautifully if the elements are sufficiently fertile," says Dr. Christopher Maxim, British composer, organist, and critic. According to respected musicologist and author Herbert Culot, "though not overtly religious, the 'Organ Concert in G' belongs to his most personal music making, even if it has that playful sixth section inspired by the sight of serious monks playing football!" Come see and hear Margaret Martin Kvamme demonstrate her exceptional musicianship and technical expertise while putting the "king" of instruments - Mrs. Möller, through her paces! There may also be a fantasy surprise! The concert also includes the talented (and cute) young string students of Diane Egli, one of our violinists, playing the "Vivace" from the Bach Double Violin Concerto; Claude Debussy's atmospheric "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun;" and the ever popular "Swan Lake Suite" by Tchaikovsky. Do not miss this marvelous musical opportunity!

This performance requires skill from the soloist particularly in the "fiendish pedal solo cadenza." The orchestra has it work cut out for it as will in passages such as the "tricky whiplash exchanges between strings and organ".

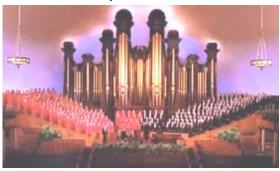
This concert is child friendly. We hope to see you, your children, family and friends in the audience. One performance only and seating is limited to 450. You can purchase tickets from orchestra members or at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance.

The SVS is sponsored by the Bay Area Music Foundation and sponsored in part by the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (PCLG), and Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

CONTACT: Michael Gibson, Music Director, SVS, (408) 873-9000 (office)

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THE THIRD AMERICAN CLASSIC ORGAN SYMPOSIUM The Tabernacle, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, UT 18-22 April 2007, 7:30PM



In commemoration of the reopening of the **Salt Lake Tabernacle** following the most extensive renovation in its 140 year history, a third "**American Classic Organ Symposium**" will be held on **April 18-22, 2007**. Events include recitals by **Gillian Weir** and **Ken Cowan**; daily noon recitals featuring members of the resident organ staff; a concert by the Utah Symphony; lectures by **Jack Bethards**, **Ken Cowan**, **Joseph Dzeda**, and others; a round-table discussion featuring symposium principals; a behind-the-scenes tour of the refurbished Tabernacle; and the regular Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning broadcast of the "Music and the Spoken Word" program featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. All events (with the exception of the Saturday evening banquet) are **free** of charge. For information, see

http://mormontabernaclechoir.org/pages/acosgeneral#acos1

# For Sale

Seville Organ – \$400 - Contact Janet Waiblinger, (650) 969-4729 - jwaiblinger@trilliance.com



Volume pedal does not work. A couple of stops do not work. Speakers in

console.

Great:

8 Principal,

8 Bourdon,

8 Gemshorn,

4 Octave,

4 Koppelfloete,

2 Fifteenth, IV Mixture, 8 Krummhorn, Tremolo, 16 & 4 Gt to Gt to Unison Off, 16, 8, & 4 Sw to Gt

**Swell:** 8 Gedeckt, 8 Salicional, 8 Voix Celeste, 8 Flauto Dolce, 4 Spitzfloete, 2 2/3 Nazard, 2 Piccolo, 1 3/5 Tierce, 8 Trompette, 8 Oboe Tremolo, 16 & 4 Sw to Sw, Sw Unixon Off

**Pedal:** 16 Principal, 16 Bourdon. 16 Lieblich Gedeckt, 8 Octave, 8 Gedeckt, 8 Gemshorn, 4 Choralbass, 16 Fagot, 8 Trumpet, 8 & 4 Gt to Pd, 8 & 4 Sw to Pd.

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# **Music Calendar**

## **Locations**

**CPLH:** Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave & Clement St., San Francisco

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco GC: Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St. San Francisco

\* Chapter Member

# March

# 3/4 Saturday/Sunday

David Hegarty, Organ, 4 PM, CPLH

# 4 Sunday

Brett Ruona, Soprano, 3 PM, St. Lukes's Episcopal Church, 20 University Ave, Los Gatos, \$10

Carole Terry, organ, 4 PM GC

# 10 Saturday

Robert Gurney, Organ, Saint-Saëns, Rogers & Hart, & Evans, 4 PM, CPLH

Silicon Valley Symphony, Michael Gibson, Director, Margaret Kyamme, Organ, 7:30 PM, Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos, Bach, Debussy, Poulence's Organ Concerto in G Minor, Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake

11 Sunday

\* Carolyn Pryor, organ, and Mendelssohn String Quartet & Brass Duo, 3 PM Mountain View Presbyterian Church (Cuesta Dr at Miramonte), no charge

Roger Nyquist, organ dedication concert 3 PM Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos, no charge

Arthur Johnson (Reno, NV) organ, 3:30 PM CSMA

Robert Gurney, Organ, Saint-Saëns, Rogers & Hart, & Evans, 4 PM, CPLH

James Warren, organ, 4 PM GC

# 17/18 Saturday/Sunday

John Karl Hirten, Organ, Campra, Buxtehude, Langlais, & traditional Irish tunes, 4 PM, CPLH

# 18 Sunday

Alison Luedecke, organ, & Susan Barrett, oboe. Millennia Too! 3 PM, Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos

Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos Garrett Collins, organ, 3:30 PM CSMA

**Thomas Joyce**, (St. Mark's, Seattle) organ, works by Howells, Delmarter, Vierne & Joyce, **4 PM GC** 

# 24/25 Saturday/Sunday

Keith Thompson, Organ, Pops concert, 4 PM, CPLH

# 25 Sunday

Kimo Smith (Los Angles, CA), organ, 3:30 PM CSMA

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Darryl E. Parker 408-984-6608 or DarrylEParker@comcast.net

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