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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dean's Message

Thanksgiving is over which can mean only one thing. The busy holiday concert season has begun. December so often flies by in a blur of concerts, rehearsals, services, etc.

I wish I could remember the source of the quote my father shared with me many years ago. "The only organist who gets noticed is the one who isn't there."

I find it all too easy to feel invisible behind the keyboard. If I did it for the applause and recognition I would have quit long ago.

Music is what refuels my spirit, gives me more patience with my children, and above all, gives me joy. Whether it is teaching or performing, I am a better person because of music.

So as the busy holiday season takes off, I prepare for exhaustion and joy. After all, two hours behind the console playing the Messiah tends to wear one out.

May we all find joy in our holiday commitments and have the energy to get through them all!

When you find yourself on the other side of it all in January, please join us for a Post Holiday Social January 7th and our Student Recital on January 15th.

Diane Keller, Dean ♪

AN ADDITIONAL JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

Post Holiday Social, 7 January 2012

You are invited to a Post Holiday Social at Diane Keller's Home on Saturday, 7 Jan 2012 from 3-5 PM. Be sure to bring a snack (finger food) to share.

Diane's home is located at 665 Ashbourne Drive, Sunnyvale. Come and enjoy a casual afternoon with chapter members and guests.

The next board meeting will be held at Diane's Home 7 Jan 2012 (Saturday) from 2-3 PM just one hour before the social.

OCTOBER CHAPTER EVENT

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER, 8 PM

Our October event with **James Welch's 19th Annual Halloween Concert** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto was a smashing success. However it was not as well attended as it could have been. His Halloween concerts always contain a wide variety of music. His two sons also played.

Dr. Welch started with an old piece "Agincourt Hymn" by John Dunstable which contained many open fifths. It was followed by the "Toccatina in D-minor" by Bach. Next we heard "Allegro vivace" from Widor's fifth Symphony and "Elfen" from Bonnet.

Jamison Welch, age 12, played "Rondo alla Turca" by Mozart.

Jim then played the Prelude and Toccata from the "Lyric Symphony" by Rulon Christiansen, a friend of Jim's. Jim premiered the entire work a couple of years ago at the Mormon Tabernacle at Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

Nicholas Welch, age 13, then followed with the "Prelude in C# minor" by Rachmaninoff.

Jim then played the "Scherzo in g minor" by Marco Enrico Bossi.

Nicholas then followed with "Grave and Allegro di molto" by Beethoven with Jim playing the accompaniment.

Jim then followed with "Elegy" by Richard Purvis.

Nicholas then played the "Flight of the Bumble Bee" by Rimsky-Korsakov,

The final was "Allegro moderato, from Sonata No. 4" by Josef Rheinberger. 🎵



Nicholas, Jim, and Jameson

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENT

Student Recital, 15 January 2012

We are looking forward to this exciting event. It is that time of year for the San Jose AGO Chapter Student Recital to take place. We have 9 participants this year and are going to hear a wide range of pieces presented.

Place: **Union Church of Cupertino**

Address: 20900 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino
(near DeAnza College)

Date: **January 15, 2012**

Time: **3:00 pm**

Please note that there is a change on the date for the recital from the September newsletter.

Please invite and bring your family, friends and other AGO members to come and hear this wonderful program. We want to encourage and support those who are participating.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Berdie Bowlsby 🎵

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Libby Codd will give a concert is **7:30PM** at the **Forum**, 23500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino.

Christmas music, organ solo, organ and piano, soprano soloist, and grand finale with organ, piano, "bell choir" played on keyboard, and members of the Forum chorus.

Take 280 North to Foothill Expressway, turn left on to Foothill, right at next street (not the Freeway ramp) which is Cristo Rey, drive past Rancho San Antonio Park and Maryknoll Fathers, continue on Cristo Rey to the Forum Community Building. Will be having cast party after the concert; if interested please let me know 650 961-3429. Contribution of munchies gratefully received. 🎵

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Wondering how Gigout's Toccata in B Minor fits into a Christmas concert? **Elisabeth Pintar** will give us the answer on **Friday, December 2nd** at **7:30pm** in the **Kirk & Noreen LDS Chapel**, 1655 Noreen Drive, San Jose. It's going to be a great organ concert this year where you can expect a little listening, a little singing, a little ringing and a whole lot of Christmas cheering. Children are welcomed. Admission is free. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

The Butterfly Church, has opening for an **Experienced Church Organist/Piano Accompanist**. The organ is Swain/Kates 3 Manuel pipe organ and Baldwin grand. One Sunday service and one evening rehearsal per week. Prefer classically trained organist; sight read in all keys, play traditional as well as modern music. Piano accompaniment for choir, ensembles and soloists required. Salary competitive. Send resume including qualifications to FUMC, Organist Search Committee, 915 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950 or to office@butterflychurch.org; Pam Cummings, Pastor.

The Los Gatos United Methodist Church, 111 Church Street, Los Gatos, has openings for an **organist**. The organ is a Wicks 2 manual organ and piano in the sanctuary. As musical leader for the traditional service and accompanist to the choir, the organist plays a critical role in the worship experience and spiritual formation of the congregation. The organist duties are year-round, although **Duties:** Play organ/piano for 9:15 A.M. Traditional Sunday Services; Accompany any special music groups. Accompany choir on Thursday nights. Accompany special music during the year.

Contact Pastor Jennifer Murdock, 408-354-4730 or Jennifer.murdock@lgumc.org

The **First Presbyterian Church of Monterey** is seeking an **organist**. Duties include weekly Thursday evening rehearsals with the Chancel Choir and Sunday morning worship service at 10:30am. First Presbyterian Church has a long history of excellent, classical music in worship. If you are interested, please contact me. John Koza, Director of Music, 831-320-5085, First Presbyterian Church, Monterey, 501 El Dorado Street, Monterey 🎵

Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 7th January, 2012 at 2 PM in the at Diane Keller's home, 665 Ashbourne Dr. Sunnyvale

LOOKING AHEAD*

Times and Dates may Change

January 7, Saturday

Post Holiday Social at Diane Keller's home, 665 Ashbourne Dr, Sunnyvale, 2PM, bring finger food.

January 15, Sunday

Student Recital at Union Church, Cupertino

February 12, Sunday

Workshop: Resources and Improvisation

March 10 or 17, Saturday, PPP or Organ Crawl

May 20, Sunday, Schoenstein Organ Factory Tour

June 10, Sunday

Annual Meeting and Recital by Frasier scholarship winner, Elisabeth Pintar

HANDEL HOUSE MUSEUM IN LONDON

CAROLYN PRYOR

While in London I visited the Handel House Museum which is the actual house that Handel lived in from 1723 until his death in 1759. It is located at 25 Brook St., London W1K 4HB website:

www.handelhouse.org Ten years this house has opened to the public and is the first museum in London dedicated to a composer. The ground floor is occupied by a business, but other than that, the entire house is the actual museum. They have tried very hard to faithfully recreate the rooms, especially the bedroom to look exactly as they did when Handel lived there. Although the building is small, there is an elevator so the entire museum is wheelchair accessible. You enter from the rear. There is a modest charge. You take the elevator to the 2nd floor. The first small room is running a constant video (beautifully done) as an introduction to the museum. Then you enter the London room. In each room are laminated sheets to read – info on the room, and specific info on all of the paintings on the walls. Also there are many docents on each floor to answer questions. (That may not always be the case – I was there on their 10th anniversary!) Next is the bedroom with a 4 poster bed with lovely red fabrics. It is short but according the docent, everyone slept sitting up with lots of pillows. Next comes an exhibition room, and then an Activity area which included free materials for children and families to take. Going down to the 1st floor you enter the composing room! This is the room in which Handel wrote many works, including The Royal Fireworks and Messiah! Standing in this room was a thrill. Also on this floor are a small rehearsal/performance room (there are concerts given frequently) which has a beautiful harpsichord such as Handel would have had. Then there are two more exhibition rooms. Visiting this house was one of the top highlights of my trip! If you are in London, do not miss the Handel House! 🎵

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Dennis D'Aoust, 639 Tami Way, Mountain View, CA 95041-2583 (650) 965-0391
denisdaoust@earthlink.net

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Jin-Kyung Lim will present a benefit concert at **7pm on December 17, 2011** at the **Los Altos Lutheran Church** where she works. The concert will feature **Los Altos High School's** world-touring choir **Main Street Singers**. She will also play organ transcriptions of *J.S. Bach's cantata No.29* arranged by A. Guilmant, dances from *Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite*, and *Widor's Toccata* from *Symphony No.5*.

It will be a great night to celebrate Christmas holidays with choir and organ music!

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door and all donations directly benefit the **Community Service Agency**, serving Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills. 🎵

FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Chapter members: please consider applying for, or encouraging 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.

You can find the 2012 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 (valeriersterk@gmail.com). The **deadline** for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is **March 21, 2012**; the auditions will be in mid/late April (after Easter); and the winner will be notified by May 1. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now! 🎵

Pipe Organ Encounter, 2011
July 22-28, 2012, San Diego, CA

The 2012 National Convention
The Nashville Chapter of the AGO invites you to Tennessee for a world-class convention, **July 1-6, 2012**. We have planned the schedule with your convenience in mind:

- Convention hotels in the heart of downtown
- Luxury motor coaches, with no need for early-morning departure times
- Ample time between events for meals
- All venues air-conditioned
- 65 workshops, all in the morning and just steps from your hotel room
- Recitals and worship services in the afternoon

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Music Calendar Continued

Days of Christmas 2011.

Christmas Music and other presentations at Temple Hill, 4770 Lincoln Ave, Oakland presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For information see www.TempleHillEvents.com. There are activities almost every day in December. All events are free.

December

17 Saturday

***Jin-Kyung Lim**, Organist, with the **Los Altos High School's Main Street Singers, Los Altos Lutheran Church**, 460 S El Monte Avenue, Los Altos, **7 PM**, Free-will donation

18 Sunday

Tota pulchra Internationally renowned local classic musicians, CSMA, 3:30 PM

24 Saturday

CUMC, Christmas Eve Services, **See Page 5**

25 Sunday, Christmas Day

CUMC, Christmas Day Worship, **See Page 5**

31 Saturday

James Welch, Organist, **New Year's Eve Concert, St. Mark's Episcopal Church** 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto CA **8PM**, \$10 at the door

January 2012

1 Sunday

CUMC, New Year's Day Worship, **See Page 5**

8 Sunday

St. Mary's Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls and Bellringers, St. Bridid Scholl Honor Choir,, Organist, CSMA, 3:30 PM

15 Sunday

Gail Archer, (New York), Organist, CSMA, 3:30 PM

22 Sunday

Hector Olivera will play an organ concert on Sunday, **Los Gatos High School Theatre**, 20 High School Court, Los Gatos, **2:30PM**, Tickets \$20, Students \$5. For information, see <http://lqcca.org/>. or call Ray Strong at (408) 477-1106 or Ray Aylsworth at (408) 395-4283, or write LGCCA, P.O. Box 1116, Los Gatos, CA 95031

David Troiano, Tenor, Spanish and Mexican sacred music, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

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Campbell United Methodist Church Advent and Christmas Special MUSIC at CUMC, 2011

Free and open to the public
Campbell United Methodist Church
1675 Winchester Blvd. (Corner Hamilton)
Campbell, CA 95008
408-378-3472

Friday Lunchtime Organ Concerts **(12:30 ~ 1:00 PM.)**

Dick Coulter, organ, **December 9**

Mary Ann Gee, organ; **Monica Nguyen Ramirez**, cello, **December 16**

Wednesday Concert, **December 14 at 11:30 AM**, **James Welch**, organ. This concert is sponsored by the Santa Clara County Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California.

CUMC Christmas Concert

December 11th, Christmas Concert, Sunday, **3:00 PM**. featuring Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Orchestra plus congregational singing and a Reception following

Christmas Eve , December 24th , with candlelight singing

5:00 PM Children's Pageant

8:00 PM Communion Service (music starts at **7:45 PM.**)

11:00 PM Lessons and Carols (music starts at **10:30 PM.**)

Christmas Day and New Year's Day (Sunday)
10:00 AM Worship (only one service)

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Music Calendar

Locations

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

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 Member

Every Saturday & Sunday

Organ, 4 PM, CPLH

December

2 Friday

The Valparaiso Singers Christmas Creche Exhibit, James Welch, Organist, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 4:30 PM & 7 PM, Free
www.christmascreche.org

***Elisabeth Pintar**, organist, **Christmas concert 7:30PM** in the **Kirk & Noreen LDS Chapel, 1655 Noreen Drive, San Jose.** It's going to be a great organ Admission is free

4 Sunday

Vytenis Vasyliunas, (Germany) Organist, **CSMA, 3:30 PM**

The Valparaiso Singers Christmas Creche Exhibit, James Welch, Organist, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 4:30 PM & 7 PM, Free
www.christmascreche.org

***Libby Codd**, Organist, **Christmas Music** with organ, piano and bells, **Forum, 23500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino, 7:30PM**

6 Tuesday

Rebecca Maggi, Soprano & James Welch, organist, Christmas Creche Exhibit, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 7 PM, Free
www.christmascreche.org

9 Friday

Dick Coulter, organist, **Advent and Annual Christmas Music, CUMC, 12:30 ~ 1:00 PM** Free

James Welch, organist, **Annual Christmas Program, Rutter, Gloria, and more, Santa Clara**

Mission Church Free www.scc.org, **8 PM**

11 Sunday

CUMC Christmas Concert, Choir, Handbells, and Orchestra, CUMC, 3 PM

Advent Lessons and Carols, St. Mary's Cathedral Choir and St. Mark's Lutheran Church Choir, CSMA, 3:30 PM

James Welch, organist, **Annual Christmas Program, Rutter, Gloria, and more, Santa Clara Mission Church, 4PM, Free**
www.scc.org

Robert Huw Morgan, Organist, with the **Stanford Chamber Chorale**, under the direction of **Stephen M. Sano** and members of **Bay Brass, Stanford Memorial Church, 8PM, Free**

14 Wednesday

James Welch, Organist, Santa Clara Music Teachers Association of CA Branch, **CUMC, 11 AM, Free**

16 Friday

Mary Ann Gee, organist, **Advent and Annual Christmas Music, CUMC, 12:30 ~ 1:00 PM** Free

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