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Ugo Sforza in Recital: Bravo!



Ugo Sforza, an accomplished Italian organist, presented another outstanding organ recital for an audience of around 200 on Friday evening, September 13, at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. This is the sixth year that Ugo has performed an organ recital for us in Sunnyvale, as part of his annual Bay Area concert tour.

Mr. Sforza opened his program with J.S. Bach's masterful Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582. Ugo deftly highlighted each statement of the Passacaglia theme by creatively varying his registration and articulation. He then introduced us to the music of Austrian organist and composer, J.F. Doppelbauer (1918-1989), performing his Partita Brevis (1987). As in past recitals, Mr. Sforza amazed us throughout the evening with his varied and colorful registrations, and with his energetic performance. Ugo also performed several fascinating pieces by Italian composers: "Six Verses in F Major" by Puccini, and "Country Scene" op. 132 no. 3 by M.E. Bossi (a contemporary of Puccini). These lighter pieces were delightful, and the favorites of many in the audience. Ugo closed his program with the majestic Chorale no. 1 in E Major by César Franck, once again impressing the audience with his masterful registrations, building to a massive, full-organ sonority at the finale.

Mr. Sforza performed two encores. He first improvised on the hymn tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy"), one of several hymns suggested by AGO board members. Ugo closed the recital with an exciting performance of Widor's well-known Toccata, which brought the audience to their feet in a standing ovation.

A delicious reception, provided and hosted by our AGO chapter, followed the recital. Sincere thanks to the many AGO members who brought food and volunteered their help at the recital and reception. Many of the audience guests came to the reception, where they enjoyed talking with Ugo and seeing photos of his lovely family: his wife Pamela, their toddler son Federico, and their twin infant daughters, Cristina and Gabriella.

For the first time, Sunnyvale Presbyterian live streamed Ugo's recital, and the video is excellent! (They're working on improving the sound quality for future livestreams.) If you'd like to listen to Ugo's recital, or share it with someone who couldn't be there, here's the link to that livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/SunnyvalePres/videos/752218895233385/>

At Sunnyvale Presbyterian, Mr. Sforza performed on the 3-manual, 58-rank Balcom & Vaughan instrument built in 1986. See the San Jose AGO chapter website for the organ specifications:

<http://www.agosanjose.org/areaorgans/SunnyvalePresbyterian.pdf>

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Ugo Sforza Recital

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Mr. Sforza also performed two organ recitals in San Francisco—this same concert program at Grace Cathedral on Sunday, September 8, and Widor's Sixth Organ Symphony at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, September 15. For next year, in September 2020, Ugo is already scheduled to present four organ recitals in the Bay Area – at St. Mary's Cathedral (San Francisco) on Sept. 6, at Sunnyvale Presbyterian on Sept. 11, at St. Mark's Episcopal (Berkeley) on Sept. 13, and at St. Stephen's (Belvedere) on Sept. 15.

Ugo Sforza has earned degrees in organ performance, composition, piano, and cultural heritage (historic keyboard instruments) in Italy and Austria. He has performed organ recitals for concert series and organ festivals in Europe and the U.S.A. For more information on Ugo, including videos of his performances at Sunnyvale Presbyterian, and recordings of some of his compositions, visit his website: <https://ugosforza.jimdo.com>

New Hauptwerke Virtual Organ at St. Francis Episcopal in Willow Glen



St Francis Episcopal Church 1205 Pine Ave in San Jose is now home to a new virtual organ using Hauptwerk software. This instrument is being put together by **Michael Burroughs**, Director of Music and Spiritual Life at St Francis. The first sample sets include organs from several countries and periods:

- St Michael's Church, Zwolle, Netherlands (Schniter, 1721/Flentrop, 1955);
- St Martin's in Dudelange, Luxembourg (Stalhouth/Jann, 1912);
- St Lawrentius, Rotterdam (Marcussen & Son, 1973);
- St. Etienne, Caen (Cavaillé-Coll, 1885);
- St Dominica, Reti, Italy (Dom Bedos organ by Fomentelli 2007).

The organ, like three of the original sources for each sample set, is 4 manuals and range from 56 ranks up to 98.

For a more hands-on experience of the organ the AGO will have a virtual organ crawl (no need to climb ladders since it's all in the hard drive) on **October 14 at 4 pm**. If you always wanted to play César Franck on a Cavaillé-Coll or Bach on a Schnitger.....without leaving San Jose....this is your big chance. Michael has graciously offered to give us a hands-on demonstration of the new organ, which is a Hauptwerke driven virtual organ, with digital sound samples from five impressive European instruments.

There will be three concerts as follows: **Michael** has invited AGOSJ to attend an **Organ Dedication and Evensong Concert** at **St. Francis Episcopal in Willow Glen, 1205**

Pine Avenue, San Jose, at **5:00 PM** on **September 15**. Evensong song will be sung by **Resounding Achord** and will feature The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Roland Martin and a performance of Kim Arneson's wonderful Magnificat.

On the first Sunday in **November (3 Nov)** we have the opportunity to hear **Jonathan Dimmick** play a recital on this organ at **5 PM**.

On the first Sunday in **February (2 Feb)** **Angela Craft Cross** will be giving a recital on the St. Francis organ at **5 PM**.

On the first Sunday in **May (3 May)**, **Michael Burroughs** will wind up his organ recital series at St. Francis by presenting an organ recital himself at **5 PM**. 🎵

Douglas Franks Memorial Service

May 13, 1949 - July 3, 2019



Saturday, Nov.9 at 4:00pm
All Saints Episcopal Church
555 Waverly, Palo Alto

Douglas Franks, a longtime Bay Area church musician, was organist at Hope Lutheran, San Mateo for 16 years and member of the Palo

Alto/Peninsula Chapter died of a brain tumor on 3 July 2019. He was 70.

He had a Master's Degree in Organ Performance and had performed in recital and as an accompanist throughout the Bay Area over the years. He had worked with various choral organizations, most recently the Chorus of City College of San Francisco and Masterworks Chorale. Douglas taught piano and organ privately. He had been active in the San Francisco American Guild of Organists Chapter. Many of his organ hymn settings and festive introductions to hymns have been published by Augsburg Fortress Press in a multi-volume organ accompaniment edition of the ELW hymnal. 🎵

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 12th Nov, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Valerie Sterk's Home: 2164 Talia Ave., Santa Clara, CA

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<http://www.voxhumanajournal.com/mitchell2019.html> Ken Talbot

Membership Renewal

You can renew by going to www.agohq.org and select "Membership" and then Membership/Update" you can renew anytime by calling the national office (212-870-2310) with a credit card. Be sure to renew now so that you will not miss any ATO issues. 🎵

Annual Halloween Concert

On **Saturday, October 26**, at 7:30 p.m., **Dr. James Welch** will present his annual **Halloween concert** at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** in Palo Alto. He will be joined on the



program this year by **Eleanor Muhawi** (who will play Boëllmann's "Suite Gothique"), soprano **Erin McOmber**, **Christian Hales** on the string bass, and **Nicholas Welch**. St. Mark's is at 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

BYU Organ Workshop

We thank **Harold Stuart** for again organizing the BYU Organ Workshop that was held in San Jose. The workshop featured organists **Harold Stuart**, **Elizabeth Forsyth** from Berkeley, **Elisabeth Pintar**, and **Dr. Neil Harmon** from BYU. The Workshop was held at **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1655 Noreen Dr., San Jose on 27 and 28 September. **There were approximately 100 at the Friday night Concert and there were approximately 19 youth and 89 adults at the Saturday workshop.** The workshop covered "Experiencing the Organ", "How To", and "Beyond the Basics". There was a free light breakfast and lunch.

Widor Festival

Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco is having a Charles Widor Fest where all of his many Organ Symphonies will be played along with some additional pieces. Widor's 175th birthday was on 21 Feb. Concerts are on Sunday at 4 PM, Free, \$10 donation.

Already played - Symphony No 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Symphony Gothique

06 Oct, **Katya Kolesnikova**, Symphony No. 2
13 Oct, **Christopher Keady**, Symphony Romane
20 Oct, **David Hatt**, Suite Latine, Three New Pieces. 🎵

OPEN POSITIONS

First Covenant Church of Oakland, 4000 Redwood Rd, Oakland, is looking for an **Organist/Accompanist**. This is a part-time hourly position. For further information:

Contact: Pam Grove, choir@oaklandfcc.org or
hblady75@gmail.com, 510-703-4453 🎵

The Stone Church of Willow Glen, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose (408-269-1593) is an active, progressive, Presbyterian USA church. We are seeking a **part-time qualified organist** (10 to 14 hour/week) to play our at services to accompany our 35-voice choir at services and rehearsals. There are also weddings and memorial services where an organist is requested.

The organist will work closely with our Pastors, The Rev. Sammie Evans, The Rev. Irene Pak Lee and with our choir director, Nancy Kromm, Associate Professor of Music, Santa Clara University.

Additional information about the church: www.stonechurch.org.
Inquires or resumes should be sent to
Mary.JohnsonRN@att.net. 🎵

Dates to Remember

Oct 13 Sunday, Michael Burroughs, Hauptwerke organ crawl, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, **4 PM**.

Nov 3 Sunday Jonathan Dimmick, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.

Jan TBD PPP.

Feb 2 Sunday Angela Kraft Cross, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.

Early March TBD, Student Recital

April - Easter

May 3 Sunday Michael Burroughs, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, Hauptwerke organ, **5 PM**.

Early June TBD, Annual Meeting, Ruth Kamus Recital

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Music Calendar Continue

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3 Sunday

Jonathan Dimmick, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, New Hauptwerke organ with 5 different organ sample sets, **5 PM** (special music starts after Evensong)

10 Sunday

David Troiano (Michigan), organ, **CSMA**, **4 PM**, \$10

17 Sunday

Hannah Tarley, Violin, **CSMA**, **4 PM**, \$10

24 Sunday

➤ **Jin Kyung Lim**, Organist, with the **Amabilis Ensemble**, **CSMA**, **4 PM**, \$10

24 Sunday

Collage Vocal Ensemble, **St. Bede**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

December 2019

7 Saturday

"**The Stars are Brightly Shining**", **James Welch** with other soloists, **Annual Crèche Exhibit**, **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, California, Free

8 Sunday

Kitka, **St. Bede**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, **4 PM**

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

⊛ Chapter Event ➤ Chapter Member

Every Saturday at 4 PM

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

October 2019

6 Sunday

Nicholas Capozzoli, organ, **GC**, 4 PM, \$10

6 Sunday

Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Christopher Keady**, organ, Symphonie Romane, **CSMA**, 4 PM, \$10

9 Wednesday - NEW

Dr. James Welch, organ. Vienne Symphonie No. 1, and works of Christiansen, Franck, Schreiner, Nanne, & Renaud, **Stanford Memorial Church**, 7:30 PM, \$10

13 Sunday

Cathedral Widor Festival, celebrating the composer's 175th birthday. **Katya Kolesnikova**,

organ, Symphony No. 2, **CSMA**, 4 PM, \$10

13 Sunday - NEW

Elaine Thorn Burgh, Harpsicord, **St. Bede**, 2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park, PA/Pen Chapter event, 4 PM

13 Sunday

⊛**Michael Burrows**, organ, **St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 1205 Pine Ave, San Jose, demonstration of the New Hauptwerke organ with 5 different organ sample sets, 4 PM (special music starts after Evensong)

18 Friday - NEW

Nicholas Welch, organ. Latter-day Saints Convocation, **Stanford Memorial Church**, 7:30 PM

20 Sunday

Paul Jacobs, organ, **Davies Symphony**, San Francisco, 3 PM, The only organist to have won a Grammy, \$30-\$40

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27 Sunday

Alexander Ffinch (UK), organ, **CSMA**, 4 PM, \$10

November 2019

1 Friday

South Bay Philharmonic, **Foothill Presbyterian Church**, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose, 7:30 PM, \$12.50 online, \$15 door, Mozart, Vivaldi with **Alan Ni** (Violin), Rossini, Moricone, Tchaikovsky, Respighi, See <http://www.southbayphilharmonic.org>

3 Sunday

Benjamin Sheen, organ, **GC**, 4 PM, \$10

3 Sunday

Raymond Hawkins (Winston-Salem, NC), organ, **CSMA**, 4 PM, \$10

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