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Margaret Martin Kvamme's Project

Welcome to my project for 2021: recording all of Bach's Orgelbuchlein chorales, in liturgical order, at my home in California. Covid-19 has provided me an opportunity to re-visit these works and to appreciate Bach's incredible command of text and counterpoint. I will include the first verse of English translations of the chorale texts. The first chorale used "style brisé" (broken style), employing chromatic half steps inserted into descending arpeggios, evoking Jesus' descent into a fallen world

Margaret's Recordings can be found on YouTube with the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=margaret+kvamme

The first entry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6vU9Q4epWE>

Once there I found at least 21 entries that can be selected. This search lists many of Margaret's recordings in addition of some of the Orgelbuchlein chorales.

Kenneth Talbot

WANTED

APPLICANTS FOR THE FRASIER ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP 2021

Have you encouraged an eligible organ student to apply for the 2021 Frasier Organ Scholarship yet? As a reminder, the scholarship is open to current members of our San Jose chapter, 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 2021 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 (valeriesterk@gmail.com). The deadline for sending the application (application form and two recommendations) is May 14, 2021. We're hoping to have the Frasier auditions (in-person) in summer or autumn, after the Covid-19 pandemic conditions improve and in-person auditions can be held safely. The scholarship winner will be notified soon after the auditions. Please encourage any potential scholarship applicants now!

Clara Cala

Mike Cala's mother **Clara Cala** passed away on 29 January 2021. We express our condolences to Mike and his family.



Clara J. Cala 14 August 1926 – 29 January 2021 Resident of San Jose

On Friday, January 29, 2021 our loving mother and grandmother, Clara Cala, passed away at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Vincent J. Cala, and is survived by her

son Michael Cala (James), daughter Rosemary Torrisi (Mark), and her granddaughters, Shannon and Jessica Claude, and her sister-in-law Ann Fitzgerald, nieces Darlene, Lorraine, Georgene and Karen, and her nephews Jim, Mark and Eric.

Clara was born on August 14, 1926 in Rochester, New York to Italian immigrants, Charles J. and Mary Pulvino. Clara was the third of four children, brothers James and Charles, and sister Millie. She grew up in Rochester attending Jefferson High School. After graduating she began her career at Bausch and Lomb.

In October of 1946 Clara traveled to San Jose to attend the wedding of Sebastian Territo and Carmela Nola, her mother Mary's brother. At the wedding Clara met Vincent Cala. And that is where their love story began. Inevitably Clara went back to Rochester and Vince said goodbye, but they began writing back and forth in December of '46 and continued until Vince asked Clara to be his bride in August of 1947. A beautiful courtship filled with letters of love from each other's hearts. They were married on November 15, 1947 in Rochester, New York.

They made their home in San Jose. Clara was a devoted wife and loving mother. She and Vince were involved in the Italian Catholic Federation where they spent much of their free time dedicated to helping those less fortunate. Clara would crochet beautiful baby blankets that were donated to layettes for women having babies who needed help. She and Vince were devout Catholics and members of Holy Cross Church for over 60 years.

She was loved by her children and granddaughters and will be greatly missed.

A private funeral was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. If you would like to make a donation in Clara's memory, her favorite charity was [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#). 🎵

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 9 Mar 2021 at 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

2021 Annual Meeting 6 May 2021

On the 6th of May 2021 we will schedule an Annual Meeting for our Chapter.

At this time we are hoping that we will be able to meet together at as one group.

We will inform you of the Place and Time later.

John Weaver

Organist John Weaver died 1 February 2021. Dr. Weaver was head of the Organ Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia from 1972 to 2003. 🎵

If You Missed Ruth Kamas' Concert

If you missed Ruth Kamas' Frasier Recital you can see at the following link:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__youtu.be_sabeWUKlyws&d=DwMFaQ&c=tfV1y7VjMpp2c1x3NJOKE90M8g-mEaV1iV68RN7jMhE&r=NbDxbprU6R0yQlxluEww5wDrizZ94TLNmbj1Q_q_VL4&m=gNkXxKdDAA3-fQTvmOsITOA34KG65docxxiccO8RSNY&s=E54qHqu9e sj6wFy0_TgYW3fZGrTmdIHtwIERUKWhDsk&e=

The following link also works when I tried it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sabeWUKlyws&feature=youtu.be> 🎵

Stanford Memorial Church

Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and others have been recording Sunday Morning and Wednesday Lunchtime Music on a YouTube channel. The web address is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTEJGegC9rg3FYUbmTlSLZg>.

To join the Virtual Broadcast click on <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>. 🎵

If You Missed the Dr. James Welch Concerts

If you missed some of Dr. James Welch's Concerts you can see at the following links:

Six Bach Trio Sonatas:"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCXpzW95-uc&feature=youtu.be./](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCXpzW95-uc&feature=youtu.be/)

Halloween Concert:" May the Sforz Be With You!: – 20 Oct Nov

<https://youtu.be/fLtvWuWyZW8/>

Christian Science Concert – 22 Nov

<http://www.cspaloalto.org/concert-by-james-welch/>

Christmas Creche Exhibit Concert

https://youtu.be/1l2ycYF4J_w

Christmas Stanford Carillon Concert, 5 Dec

<https://youtu.be/S3QjBwilB5q>

Christmas Concert, St. Marks, 20 Dec

<https://youtu.be/tPJ-g4cULo8>

New Year's Eve Day, St. Marks, 20 Dec

https://youtu.be/_N-RbUyNYuQ



St. Mary's San Francisco

St. Mary's in San Francisco is streaming their "Musical Meditations" which occur every Sunday at 4 PM. The link to the streaming links is <https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco%20>.

They can also be viewed later.

Tabernacle Organ Concerts

There has been a changed starting on 11 Jan 2021. The Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ Concerts are **streamed only on Wednesdays at 11 am** (noon time Mountain Time) at www.thetabernaclechoir.org. Click on the "Piping Up" window a few minutes before 11 am.

Check each of the three links as they also have previously recorded concerts.

Number 1:

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/broadcasts?lang=eng&cid=rdb_v_broadcasts_eng

Number 2: <https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/>

Number 3: YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiAkukrUIRCwaLaFx_MJq7Q

Swain & Kates Pipe Organs

Christopher Ketcham,

www.sfpipeorgans.com

(415) 863-8070



Three Free Organs

Michelle Kinkaid MichelleKinkaid5678@gmail.com (415-802-3325) has three organs that she is giving away.

The first one is a **Thomas Theater organ**. It was working when it was moved to a storage area.

The second one is a **Hammond Spinnet** (looks like a M100 series), two short keyboards (44 keys) and 13 pedals. This organ was turned on in the last few days and it appears to be working correctly.

The third one is a **Hammond A122** (serial 28422) organ with 25 pedals. This organ was turned on in the last few days and it is NOT working correctly. When you press a key, all you get is a hum. **The Hammond A122 will sound like the Hammond B3**. If one is interested in this organ, one could contact Camp's Organ Service (925-294-8633) www.campsorganservice.com for repair – an initial service call is \$215 minimum for a diagnostic of the problem.

Notre Dame Organ Restoration Links

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/notre-dames-voice-will-sound-again-180976524/>

<https://www.francemusique.fr/en/history-organs-notre-dame-cathedral-paris-21640>

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/news/notre-dame-organ-refurbishment>

Free Baldwin Piano

A Baldwin spinet piano, in excellent condition, is available free from a resident in Willow Glen. If interested, please call Donna Rogers at 408 890-1568.

A Baby Grand Piano for Adoption

The **Yamaha Baby Grand** Piano (model DGB1CD) used to be owned and played by my wife who passed away last year. It was last tuned sometimes around October last year before she passed. We've had the piano for about 3 years and she's in an impeccable condition.

I'm moving my properties to Oklahoma and I don't think my wife will be happy if I sell this piano, at the same time am settling to a home of lesser space, so I'm hoping to give it out to someone who is a passionate lover of the instrument. I wasn't going to leave it alone in an empty house.

The Piano is currently in storage in Tennessee with the movers I employed to move my properties from my house. The movers can deliver anywhere. However, the beneficiary has to pay moving costs. In attachment are the pictures of the Piano.

I look forward to your reply.

Charles Webb (631) 594-9297



Vox Humana Journal

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

Current ideas, trends, and research about the organ.

<http://www.voxhumanajournal.com/>

This journal has some very interesting articles and there are new articles about every month.

One of the 31 Jan 201 articles is “**An Introduction to Secularism and the Organ**” written by Alexander Francis Meszler.

The problem is not that we do not know about secularism and the organ, it is that we do not tend to think of it through that lens. If we reframe our position and use secularism as a new standpoint, we can uncover new paths forward for the organ in twenty-first-century society. We need to destigmatize studying secularism and the organ; it does not amount to an insurrection against the sacred identity of the organ to study its secular identity and potential. We can support and advocate for great church music programs while also exploring other avenues and supporting secular endeavors. This need not be, as it so often seems on social media, an either-or situation. Despite its immovability, the organ has proven itself repeatedly as an extremely adaptive and flexible instrument. It needs the energy of its most enthusiastic proponents to continue to do so.

PA/Pen AGO Members' Recitals

PA/Pen AGO Members' Recitals Saturday 6 March 2021 at 7 pm and Sunday 7 Marc 2021 at 7 PM. The link is papenago.org.

We are happily overwhelmed by a flood of recordings for our members' recital. Nineteen people have given us their interpretations of Bach. Thank you! As a result, we have decided to create not one, but two, YouTube recitals, one 6 Mar 2021, Saturdays at **7 PM** and one on Sunday at **7 PM**. We will call this our PA/Pen AGO Bach festival weekend.

To view these recitals, simply go to papenago.org, and view the recitals on the homepage.

Again, thank you for your enthusiasm. It is a nice reminder of our strength and determination as a community right now.

Fondly,

Rani Fischer

New Organ for the Castro Theater

See SFGATE, 5 Feb 2021

Now for some Dreaming Time!

As many of you know, David Hegarty is the organist at the Castro Theater. The old Theater Pipe Organ is gone (its owner moved and he took it with him). The current instrument is a Conn electronic organ.

A new Electronic/Pipe organ has been designed it is mostly done, but not installed yet. It was built by Allen Harrah Organ Builders in West Virginia. It has seven keyboards and over 800 stops. There will also be about 3000 pipes. All they need now is MONEY.

See <https://www.sfgate.com/local/amp/Castro-Theatre-organ-David-Hegarty-SF-history-15888609.php>

<https://www.sfgate.com/movies/article/Castro-organist-aims-to-raise-1-million-4382915.php>

<https://www.castroorgan.org/CastroOrgan/Home.html>

<https://www.castroorgan.org/CastroOrgan/assets/CSTOSpecs4-10-18.pdf>



The Console of the Castro Theater Organ.

That Pedal Board appears to be a non-standard AGO Pedal Board. It curved, but it does not appear to be radiated.
How many keys are on the lowest manual?

AGO San Jose Music Calendar

Venue Locations

CSMA: Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, "Musical Meditations"
Streaming Link address of the concerts:
<https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco>

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

Stanford: Has YouTube files of music recorded on Sundays and Lunchtime Wednesday recitals by Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and others. Check <https://spiritual.sites.stanford.edu/music>.

March 2021

6 Saturday & 7 Sunday
PA/Pen AGO Chapter Bach Organ Music Festival. 7 PM.
Link <https://papenago.org>.

7 Sunday 2021
Anita Graef (Chicago), Cello, with **Emily Seaberry**, Flute and Piano, and **Julian Graef**, Violin. Works by

Villoldo, Faure, Gliere, and Danzi,
CSMA, 4 PM \$10

14 Sunday 2021

David Hatt, Organ, **Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the artist's first recital, CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

17 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, Noon

21 Sunday 2021

Hans Uwe Hielscher (Germany), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

24 Wednesday

Robert Huw Morgan, organ, Stanford Memorial Church, Noon

28 Sunday 2021

Amelia Romano, Harp, with **Matt Ebisuzaki**, Trumpet, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

April 2021

4 Sunday 2021

Gail Archer (New York), organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

11 Sunday 2021

Norm Paskowsk, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

18 Sunday 2021

St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, organ, **CSMA, 4 PM \$10**

25 Sunday 2021

Cathedral Jubilee Organ Recital, celebrating 50 years of St. Mary's Cathedral and the Cathedral's Ruffatti Organ. Christopher Tietze, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

May 2021

2 Sunday 2021

The Pianissimo (Piano Trio of the Musical Arts Association), CSMA, 4 PM \$10

9 Sunday 2021

Quantum Quartet (Piano Quartet), with Jeanette Wilkin Tietze, Piano; Wendy Loder, Violin; Meg Eldridge, Viola; and Joel Cohen, Cello, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

16 Sunday 2021

St. Brigid School Honor Choir (Cathedral Choir School). Spring Concert, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

23 Sunday 2021

Folias Duo, featuring Carmen Maret, Flute, and Andrew Bergeron, Guitar, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

30 Sunday 2021

Duane Soubirous, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

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