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Dean's Column

Greetings, Everyone!

As I write this, spring flowers are blooming and more people are venturing out to enjoy a new season of interacting with one another more freely. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy our AGOSJ organ activities in person!

The Board, which has been meeting online, has set June 19th as the date for our Annual Meeting, and soon will decide whether it will be safe to meet at a venue other than the timeworn Zoom room.

I hope you are all doing well! As we leave behind us the past year of darkness, doubt, despair, depression, and division, may we embrace our brighter future with hope and enthusiasm, as we "keep looking up"!

Sincerely,
Susan Snook-Luther, Dean

Sophia Chang



Sophia Chang: OUR SYMPATHY to John Chang and his family in the passing of dear Sophie Chang on Sunday, **18 April 2021**. Please keep their family in your hearts and prayers. Sophie's funeral service was held on 30 April 2021 at 10 AM at the Catholic Community Resurrection Church, located at 725 Cascade Drive, Sunnyvale, CA (corner of Cascade and Hollenbeck).

There has been no released information about Sophia and as soon as we receive any information we will let you know.

Carolyn Pryor



Carolyn Pryor, passed away on Thursday, 19 April 2021 in East Aurora, New York, leaving her daughter, Maria Ebersole, and her son, Anthony Walker, a large and loving family, and countless people who loved and respected her calm integrity, her commitment to her Christian faith, as well as her excellence as a musician, organist, and Director of Music Ministries at Campbell UMC for many years.

Please remember Carolyn's family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Maria at 46 Center Street East Aurora, New York 14052-2204, and to Anthony at 1371 Pedro Street #22 San Jose, CA 9512.

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An Email from Barbara Wade of Campbell United Methodist Church (barbarawade@campbellunited.org)

Dear Campbell Church Friends, I earlier wrote to you about the passing of CAROLYN PRYOR, but I would like to share with you the following letter, which I received today from Anthony Walker, Carolyn Pryor's son:

"Dearest family and friends, it is with sadness that we write to inform you that CAROLYN PRYOR passed away on Thursday, April 29th 2021, as she had wished, peacefully in her home with her loving family by her side. She had been failing in health for the last few months due to an onset of heart problems. Recently her condition had rapidly declined such that medically, there was little to be done to help her except keep her comfortable under the care of hospice and family.

We remember her for the rich and beautiful life she led, filled to overflowing with family, friends, music and the love of the arts & creative expression.

We request, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the non-profit American Guild of Organists (AGO) New Organists Fund. This fund was established to support Guild programs dedicated to developing a new generation of organists. Each year, income that is generated from this fund provides scholarship assistance for young, talented Pipe Organ Encounters participants, some who otherwise would be unable to afford to attend. Following is the link to the donations page:

https://ams.agohq.org/members_online/members/donations.asp?action=view&fc=F014&ac=AGOF

A ceremony of remembrance is being planned for June 12th 2021 at 1pm EST at the Baker Memorial Methodist Church located at 345 Main St, East Aurora, NY 14052. The service will be live-streamed and recorded for those not able to attend in person. We will send more details about the service at a later date and please respond to this email (from Barbara Wade) if you have any questions.

Thank you all,

Maria, Anthony, (her children), Marie and Sarabanda (Carolyn's sisters)"

Christine Merjanian

Just to let you know, Christine Merjanian has finished her radiation treatments, after not missing a Board meeting all year! Now she just needs to recover from the treatments and gain some weight!

Susan Snook-Luther

Bach's Toccata & Fugue in D Minor

Hear this piece played by 53 organists in the UK including one organist in New York playing the final chord. This is a good chance to hear a small sound section of what the organs sound like in each of the different venues (cathedrals, small church, etc).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3uDtz3M-fk

FINAL CALL

2021 Frasier Organ Scholarship Applicants

Have you encouraged someone to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship this year? If not, there's still time! Check out the information on our chapter website, and encourage an organ student to apply for the Frasier Organ Scholarship. Or might you consider improving your organ skills, and resuming or continuing your organ studies this year? If you're a member of our San Jose AGO chapter and haven't won the Frasier scholarship before, you too are eligible to apply. Remember our mission statement: "The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."

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!

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

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Member's Recital Potluck Coming to a Screen Near You!

You are invited to send in one or two of your favorite organ pieces for a virtual musical potluck! We are crossing our fingers and toes that (the virus that will not be named) numbers continue to decline and vaccinations continue to rise so we can meet in the very near future. In the meantime, the San Jose AGO Chapter is planning on a Virtual Members Recital Potluck on 19th of June. **We need the recording of your piece or pieces to be sent to David Snook-Luther (dcs1@sonic.net) no later than May 20, 2021.** If you have questions either Email David or call him, (408) 205-7973. Plenty of time to dust off the bench and polish the notes.

For more information please contact David directly.

All the best Elisabeth Pintar

2021 Annual Meeting 19 June 2021

On the 19th of June 2021 we will schedule an Annual Meeting for our Chapter and it will be a Virtual Meeting starting at 7 PM. We will send you the Web Link at a date.

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.

Slate of AGO Officers for the 2020-2021 Year
The purposed officers are uncontested.

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If You Missed Ruth Kamas' Concert

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

<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>. 🎵

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. 🎵

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



Tabernacle Organ Concerts

There has been a change 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?lan=g=eng&cid=rdb_v_broadcasts_eng

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

Number 3: YouTube Channel

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

Notre Dame Restoration Link

Interesting articles in the following:

<http://www.voxhumanajournal.com/latry2021.html>

Here is a new article on the Notre Dame Organ.

<http://www.voxhumanajournal.com/latry2021.html>

Previous articles.

<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>

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/style/2021/04/08/paris-inside-notre-dame-restoration-bell-pkg-intl-hnk-vpx.cnn>

Here are two good articles.

<https://www.afar.com/magazine/what-will-it-take-to-rebuild-notre-dame-cathedral>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P5JDfelKPc>



Woman's Organ Shoes

I have a brand new pair of organ shoes, black patent leather for women, size 8. If you would like them, call me at 408-202-1996 or email me at emailnanna@icloud.com

Lynda Sue Wilson

Need a Parish Organist

St. James is looking for a gifted organist for our parish musician position. **Please see the attached position description.** I appreciate your assistance.

Blessings,

John, The Rev. John Kirkley Rector
St. James Episcopal Church, 4620 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94118, 415-751-1198 ext. 3

john@stjamesf.org

www.stjamesf.org

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesSF/>

Theater Organ For Sale

For sale-Three manual Allen theater organ model 4600 with alternate classic voicing and 4 Allen HC15 speakers.

Organ and speakers in excellent condition. **\$4000.**

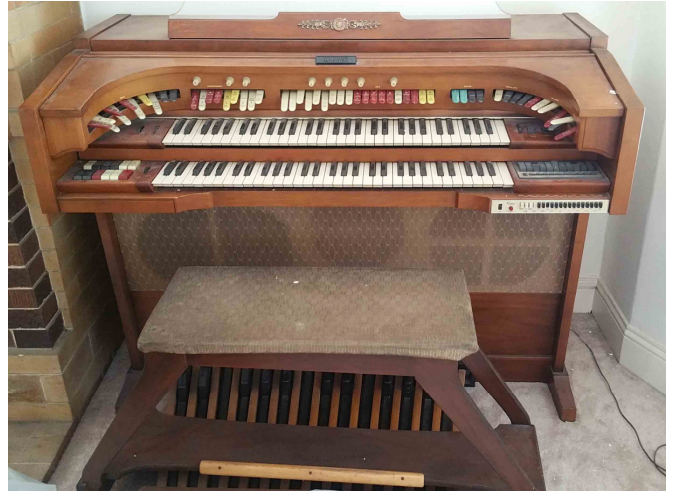
Contract Mike Cala if interested and to schedule an appointment to see and play it. **510-516-9867** or e-mail michaelcala232@gmail.com



Free Thomas 811 Organ

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

She has a Thomas 811 Theater organ. It was working when it was moved to a storage area.



Baldwin Organ Seeking a New Home

This a Baldwin Studio II organ. It has a 32 note pedal board. In good condition.

We are giving away our Baldwin organ. (52" wide x 39" high x 29" deep (without pedals) plus 20" of pedals (the bench sits over the pedals). You would need to hire and pay the cost for a mover. **We would need it out by 5/21.** We are in South San Jose, near Meridian and Blossom Hill.

Contact Susan Tran, sujahn04@yahoo.com



Conn 651 Theater Organ



Roger Inkpen (newtnorg@aol.com) has a Conn 651 3 manual Theater organ. Contact him for details. (408) 398-3221

Yamaha C-60 Electone Organ



Roger Inkpen (newtnorg@aol.com) also has a Yamaha spinet organ. The organ works and the case is in good condition as well I understand from my friend. Contact him for details. (408) 398-3221

Harpsichord Seeking New Home

Built by Davies of Berkeley about 1980. Maple finish. Single manual with adjustable pluck strength and mute levers.

In good condition, requires normal periodic maintenance: tuning, jack and quill adjustment and renewal, etc.

Comes with additional strings, jacks, and tuning tool.

No bench – never had one.

Instrument is located in Sunnyvale.

Please consider making a donation to the AGO chapter student scholarship fund, and you can receive the harpsichord **FREE as your thank you gift!**

BONUS! I have a delivery van and can deliver to addresses in the Bay Area.

For more information, please contact

Paul Ingraham pei@sonic.net or leave voice message at 408 774-9820.



Scam Activity

We received this AD for a free **Yamaha Baby Grand Piano** that was in storage in Tennessee where the receiver would pay for the moving cost. The movers offered to deliver it anywhere.

“That black baby piano is a scam. You call them and then you have to pay the movers to move it to you – using a pay program that has no guarantee or does not use credits cards - like Zelle.”

A Second Scam is one that involved an organist that would have to pay other involved in performing a service at wedding.

One of our chapter organist received request to play music at a Wedding. The organist agreed and a fee was agreed to. The caller later called back and said that he had a friend that wanted to pay for the music and pictures. This friend had written check to the organist for the amount of the music and pictures and it had been mailed to the organist. The organist was expected to cash the check, keep their fee and give the rest of the money to the photographer. The organist said that was not OK and she wanted a check for only her service. The caller said that the person that wrote the check was traveling was and could not write new check before the wedding. At this point the organist declined the service.

What is the Scam? I think it is: the photographer would demand more money saying that he was not paid enough for his service and he would demand more money from the organist.

Gulbransen Organ Seeking New Home

Here is a picture of the Gulbransen Model 3218 Organ that I would like to give away. It has two 44 key keyboards and 13 pedals. It appears to be working properly except the pedals either do not work or I don't know how to make them work. I disabled the rotation of the Leslie speakers as it made a mechanical noise; and there is a slight hum in the speakers. There is an accompanying bench. **Contact Nick Dunckel** ndunckel@earthlink.net 650-948-5777.



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:
<https://www.youtube.com/archdioceseofsanfrancisco>
Streamed - gracecathedral.org
Facebook -
<https://www.facebook.com/gracecathedralSF>

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>.

May 2021

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

June 2021

6 Sunday

David Hatt (Ast Organist, St. Mary's), GC, 4 PM See Stream address above

6 Sunday 2021

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

13 Sunday 2021

Raymond Hawkins, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

20 Sunday 2021

Hyunju Hwang, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

27 Sunday 2021

Etienne Walhain (Belgium), organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

July 2021

6 Sunday

David Hatt (Ast Organist, St. Mary's), GC, 4 PM See Stream address above

6 Sunday 2021

Ensemble 1828 (piano trio), CSMA, 4 PM \$10

13 Sunday 2021

Raymond Hawkins, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

20 Sunday 2021

Hyunju Hwang, organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

27 Sunday 2021

Etienne Walhain (Belgium), organ, CSMA, 4 PM \$10

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