



PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

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NEWSLETTER—MAY/JUNE 2014

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Chapter Colleagues:

I hope that all of your musical activities for Holy Week and Passover went beautifully and were found to be rewarding.

It is that time of year that we start to think again about Chapter leadership. Rani Fischer is heading the nominating committee which will put together a slate of Officers and Members at Large of the Executive Committee. With two resignations, for personal reasons, this past year, the Executive Committee has been running rather “lean.” A chapter leadership role is a great way to get more intimately involved in the planning and execution of chapter events and projects. Please see Rani’s article later in the newsletter for details.



We have had two very well-attended events since the last newsletter. Christoph Bull presented a masterclass on Saturday, March 1 at St. Bede’s Episcopal Church in Menlo Park. Tysen Dauer, Chinar Merjanian, and Amanda Wucher were players for the masterclass. A chapter members’ recital was presented at Christ Church, Portola Valley on Saturday, April 26. Aki Amai, Angela Kraft Cross, Rani Fischer, Bill Jensen, Mary Frances Johnson, Stephen Lind, Tom Lohmuller, and Chinar Merjanian were performers. Be sure to notice the listing for our final two events of the academic year listed later in the newsletter.

David Sheetz

OUR NEXT CHAPTER EVENTS

Lecture/Demonstration with Jaebon Hwang
“How to Play Hymns in More Dramatic and Interesting Ways”

Saturday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 am
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale

Chinar Merjanian in Recital
Region IX Winner, 2013 AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists
Sunday, June 1, 4:00 pm
St. Bede’s Episcopal Church
2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

Membership Renewals

It's a new season of AGO membership! If you renew now, it's for the 2014-2015 membership year. You can do so through ONCARD—the join pages can be accessed at www.agohq.org. If you are already a member, you may renew your membership via ONCARD. There you may update any personal information, also. Members with up-to-date email addresses should receive an invoice by email. Please contact Rani Fischer at ranifisc@gmail.com with any questions.

Chapter Elections

There are four officers on the Executive Committee who are elected each year for one year terms, Dean, Subdean, Secretary, and Treasurer. There are also Members at Large on the Executive Committee who are elected for three year terms. There are three “classes” of Members at Large, one year apart. There can be as many as three members in each class. There are also three positions appointed by the Dean: Newsletter Editor, Registrar, and Webmaster.

We currently need candidates for all four officers and Members at Large for the following classes: 2015: as many as two candidates (one year term), 2016: one candidate (two year term), 2017: as many as three candidates (three year term).

If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact Rani Fischer, ranifisc@gmail.com or (831) 214-8857. Elections should be completed by June 15 with new terms starting July 1. Please consider joining the Executive Committee, especially if you have never done it before. It really is fun and exciting: the camaraderie, the chance to help plan events, and to help with our next Pipe Organ Encounter in 2016.

Members' Recital, April 26 at Christ Church, Portola Valley



Back Row: Tom Lohmuller (*Fantasia in c minor, BWV 537, J. S. Bach*), Stephen Lind (*Tocatta in d minor (dorian), BWV 538, J. S. Bach*), Angela Kraft Cross (*Tocatta in F major, BWV 540, J. S. Bach*), Bill Jensen (*Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 550, J. S. Bach*)

Front Row: Chinar Merjanian (*Sonata II, first movement, Paul Hindemith*), Aki Amai (*Berceuse, Louis Vierne and Tocatta in e minor, Johann Pachelbel*), Rani Fischer (*Chant de Paix, Jean Langlais*), Mary Frances Johnson (*Tone Picture for Easter Dawn: Christians to the Paschal Victim, Camil Van Hulse*).

*Masterclass with Christoph Bull, Professor of Organ and University Organist at UCLA.
March 1 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park*



Presenters at the masterclass: Tysen Dauer, Chinar Merjanian and Amanda Wucher, with Dr. Bull

Our Upcoming Events:

Jaebon Hwang Lecture/Demonstration “How to play hymns in more dramatic and interesting ways”

Saturday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 am

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

728 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale



Jaebon Hwang, FAGO, is a Los Angeles-based composer and organist. She earned a Bachelor of Music in composition from Korea National University of Arts and a Master of Arts in scoring for film & multimedia from New York University. Recently, she won the third prize at the thirteenth National Organ-Playing Competition sponsored by the Ruth and Clarence Mader Memorial Scholarship Fund. She served as Organ Scholar and Assistant Organist at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, which is the home of the largest church pipe organ in the world, and most recently has been appointed as Organist of the Westwood United Methodist Church where she presides over one of the largest instruments in the region. She is currently pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Organ Performance at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, studying with Dr. Ladd Thomas. Learn more at www.jaebonmusic.com.

Chinar Merjanian in Recital

Sunday, June 1, 4:00 pm

St. Bede's Episcopal Church

2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

This event is co-sponsored by the Palo Alto/Peninsula Chapter and the Arts at St. Bede's Concert Series. Chinar was awarded first place in the most recent AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists. She will be playing in a “Rising Star” recital at the upcoming National AGO convention to be held in Boston at the end of June. Her program will include works by Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Bach, Daquin, Decker, Widor, and Vierne.



Position Available

Los Gatos United Methodist Church (www.lgumc.org) has an opening for part time Chancel and Bell Choir Director. Responsibilities: Rehearse and direct Bell and Chancel Choirs; help select music; facilitate a late summer workshop; attend and participate in monthly church staff meetings; conduct and plan special performances; bring broad professional experience and music community involvement to the LGUMC Chancel Choir, and a high level of choral directing skills. Requirements: strong choral directing experience and expertise; bell choir directing experience; excellent communication and people skills; ability to energize, motivate and grow; thorough knowledge of vocal techniques and choral singing. Send resumes to jennifer.murdock@lgumc.org.

Concert/Event Listings

Sunday, May 11, 2:30 pm

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER EVENT

An Afternoon at Stanford, hosted by Robert
Huw Morgan and Timothy Zerlang
Stanford Memorial Church

Monday, May 12, 7:30 pm

Adam Detzner, organ

Senior Recital

Stanford Memorial Church

Friday, May 16, 7:30 pm

Palo Alto Philharmonic and

Jessie Jewitt, organ

Benefit concert for Amélie Le Moullac

(further information at amelielemoullac.com)

Poulenc: Organ Concerto in g minor

Fauré: Requiem

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Palo Alto

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am

PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENT

Lecture/Demonstration with Jaebon Hwang

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 17, 5:00 pm

Choral Evensong

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame

Sunday, May 18, 3:30 pm

Jaebon Hwang, organ

St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco

Thursday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.

32nd Annual Lutheran/Episcopal Ascension Day
Eucharist, Stanford Memorial Church

The Rev. Susan Briehl, preaching

The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, presiding

Sunday, June 1, 4:00 pm

PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENT

Chinar Merjanian, organ

St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park

Sunday, June 8, 3:00 pm

SAN JOSE CHAPTER EVENT

Myrna Emata, organ

Los Gatos United Methodist Church

Monday, June 9, 5:30 pm

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER EVENT

Annual Meeting, Dinner, and Member's Recital

St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco

Friday, June 13, 7:30 pm

Robert Huw Morgan, organ

Annual Commencement Recital

Stanford Memorial Church

Our concert calendar features performances by our chapter members, events occurring in our immediate area, and chapter-sponsored events of the Palo Alto/Peninsula, San Jose, and San Francisco chapters. For additional calendar listings please see the San Francisco Chapter's Bay Area concert calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/yzcqfdf>, as well as the Stanford University concert calendar at <http://music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html>.

Pipe Organ Encounters this summer

There is not a POE scheduled in our region this year, but a number of POEs are scheduled across the country. See agohq.org/education/poe/poe for information on dates and locations.

Welcome to 2014's New Members!

Aki Amai, Tysen Dauer, Luke Edward Harding Bradley, Alexander Harding Bradley

See you in Boston! Visit www.agoboston2014.org

The PAPenAGO Substitute Organist List is maintained by Donald Mulliken. To have your name added to the list (Sunday morning availability only) or to get help in finding a Sunday morning substitute, contact Don at damulliken@aol.com.

OFFICERS

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(Class of 2015)

Jin Kyung Lim and Dan Gonzalez

(Class of 2016)

Rani Fischer, Registrar

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The PAPenAGO newsletter is published bimonthly in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Submissions (concert listings, job announcements, articles, etc.) are welcome and are due the 10th of the month preceding publication. They may be sent to editor Tim Getz at tim@gracepa.org.