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NEWSLETTER—MARCH/APRIL 2015

FROM THE DEAN

David Sheetz

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that we are already in Lent with Easter Sunday not that far away! With the Oscars just completed, it seems fitting that we have had our own version of Movie Month arranged by Rani Fischer and hosted by Angela Kraft Cross. Please see the announcements later in this newsletter for other interesting programs planned for the rest of this academic year.



It is not too early to be thinking about the West Regional Convention coming up in San Diego June 28 through July 2. <http://agosandiego2015.org> The convention coincides with the 100th “birthday” of the famous Spreckels organ. A workshop called “Communications and Marketing for Organists” will be presented by Matthew Burt. Other workshops and master classes will be presented by others you may recognize: Douglas Cleveland, John Karl Hirten, Christoph Bull, Leslie Wolf Robb, Emma Lou Diemer, Alison Luedecke, Carol Williams, and Christopher Houlihan. The concert particulars are still being worked out but you will see a couple of other names there that you will recognize like Carol Terry and Chinar Merjanian. Registration fees go up on June 1. I hope to see you there.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am-1:00 pm: Workshop and Brunch

Matthew Burt, our own Regional Councillor, has kindly offered to teach us about Facebook and host us at his home in Palo Alto for brunch. He will focus on specific Facebook resources to network and publicize the organ/choirs, concerts/services, and performers. Space is limited, so please email Matthew at matthew@ccpvw.org one week prior if you plan to attend. Bring laptops and/or tablets/smartphones and please tell Matthew whether you have any dietary restrictions, other than vegetarian. (He is a consummate chef, as well as teacher.)

Saturday April 25, 10:00 am: Lecture Presentation

[Kimberly Marshall](#), revered scholar and performer, will offer a masterclass concerning Dance in Baroque organ music. In addition to being Professor of Organ at Arizona State University, she has edited many original sources of organ repertoire, from Medieval manuscripts to modern-day Mexico. At [St. Bede's Church](#), 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.

Other Upcoming Events:

The American Guild of Organists' San Jose chapter student recital will be held Saturday, February 28 at 3:00 pm at the [Stone Church of Willow Glen](#), 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose. Six talented students ranging in age from eleven to young adult will perform various works (with a generous amount of J.S. Bach) on the Schoenstein pipe organ. A reception will follow. The event is free.

Pianist Tysen Dauer will play three solo piano works at [Grace Lutheran Church](#), 3149 Waverley Street, Palo Alto at 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 1. The program will open with a piece by Missy Mazzoli, a New York-based composer. Her 2007 work "Isabelle Eberhardt Dreams of Pianos" is written for piano and electronics and tells the story of a young Swiss adventurer in Algeria. Tysen will then play Franz Schubert's last, and perhaps most beautiful piano sonata. The recital will end with Peter Garland's hypnotic 1971 minimalist piece "The Days Run Away," written in Berkeley. Tysen studies musicology at Stanford.

On Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 pm at [Christ Church, Portola Valley](#), organist [Margaret Kvamme](#) and mezzo soprano Katherine McKee will perform "Songs and Verse with the King of Instruments: An organ concert for children of all ages." The concert will feature several humorous works for organ and narrator, "A Child's Book of Beasts" by Richard Proulx, and "The King of Instruments" by William Albright, as well as a set of songs for children inspired by literature ranging from Peter Pan to Alice in Wonderland. The event is especially suited for children in elementary or middle school and will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 5:00. Free admission; donations gratefully received.

[First Lutheran Church of Palo Alto](#) will host its first "Bach & Beyond" concert at 4:00 pm on March 22. Celebrating J.S. Bach's 330th birthday, some of his monumental keyboard works will be played by Jin Kyung Lim and Gwen Adams on the organ and the harpsichord. Main Street Singers will sing Lenten choral works, which will lead our spirit into meditation. Free admission. Donations will be accepted for Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

On Friday, April 24 at 7:30 pm, organist Kimberly Marshall, Goldman Professor of Organ at Arizona State University, will perform "A Dance through Time: Organ music based on dance forms from the 14th to 21st centuries" at Christ Church, Portola Valley. Admission is \$20 (\$10 AGO members/seniors/students) including wine at intermission.

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

Concert/Event Listings

Saturday, February 28, 3:00 pm
San Jose Chapter Student Recital
The Stone Church of Willow Glen, San Jose

Sunday, March 1, 3:30 pm
Tysen Dauer, piano
Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto

Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 pm
Organ students of Robert Huw Morgan
Stanford Memorial Church

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 pm
Choir School Concert
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame

Sunday, March 8, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Margaret Kvamme, organ
Katherine McKee, voice
"Songs and Verse with the King of Instruments:
An organ concert for children of all ages"
Christ Church, Portola Valley

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENT
Workshop and Brunch:
Networking and Publicity for organists
Home of Matthew Burt, Palo Alto

Sunday, March 15, 5:00 pm
Angela Kraft Cross, organ
Cathedral of St. Mary, San Francisco

Sunday, March 22, 4:00 pm
Jin Kyung Lim, organ
Gwen Adams, harpsichord
"Bach and Beyond"
First Lutheran Church, Palo Alto

Sunday, April 12, 5:00 pm
Paul Rosas, organ
Mission Dolores Basilica, San Francisco

Sunday, April 12, 6:05 pm
Angela Kraft Cross, organ
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley

Friday, April 24, 7:30 pm
Kimberly Marshall, organ
"A Dance through Time: Organ music based on
dance forms from the 14th to 21st centuries"
Christ Church, Portola Valley

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am
PALO ALTO/PENINSULA CHAPTER EVENT
Kimberly Marshall, lecture presentation
Dance in Baroque organ music
St. Bede's Church, Menlo Park

Sunday, April 26, 4:00 pm
SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER EVENT
Nigel Potts, organ
Sarah Taylor, mezzo soprano
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

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>.

Bertram Francis Schoenstein, 1917-2015

Bertram Schoenstein, 97 years old, died January 8, 2015, in San Rafael, California. Born September 11, 1917, Bert was the eldest remaining third-generation member of the pioneer San Francisco organ building family. As a youngster he helped his father, Louis, in the organ business, but coming of age in the depth of the depression when there was little prospect for the organ business, he began a 40 year career as a master painter and decorator. During World War II he served in the Army Air Corps. After retiring he achieved his dream of a second career in organ building with Schoenstein & Co. from 1978 to 1995. Bert was a natural mechanic and practical problem solver. In addition to running the paint and finish department, he devised many clever fixtures and tools for the other departments and maintained plant equipment. Also a natural musician, as was the family tradition, he played the violin in several orchestras and ensembles including the Deutscher Musik Verein. Among his many mechanical interests was antique car restoration specializing in Model T Fords. Bert is survived by children Karl and Heidi, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A memorial mass was celebrated at Nazareth House Chapel on January 17, 2015.



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