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The American Guild of Organists San Francisco Chapter Newsletter

Dean's Column

We are now winding down our 98th year as a Chapter and I will be ending my second—and last—term as Dean. It has been an honor to be entrusted with the important work of running this Chapter, and I thank you, the membership, for your support these past two years. I would also like to thank the following people.

David Howitt has helped to provide an interesting mix to this year's programs. It's not easy being Sub-Dean, as one has to come up with a variety of offerings to fill all sorts of needs. This past year, we had a member's Bachathon, readings of music by members, excellent recitals by Chelsea Chen and Tom Murray, a great lecture-recital by Anthony Hammond, and fun workshop day in the fall. Thanks, David.

Simon Berry has been a great help to me as Secretary, fulfilling his duties with aplomb and also volunteering his wonderful facilities at St Dominic's for a couple of Board Meetings. Thanks also to Larry Marietta, John Hupalo, Michael Moran, Chris Tietze and Rob Kerman for allowing the Board to meet in their respective spaces as well. A big load of thanks is also due to Jane Rosenblum for providing home baked goodies for the meetings.

I also want to thank Simon for his work as Job Placement/ Listings Editor. He will be stepping down from that role, which he has handled for quite a few years. His replacement will be announced in next month's newsletter. I want to thank Rob Kerman for his ongoing care of our website, George Morten for his work as Newsletter Editor, Eileen Johnson for holding down the fort as Coordinator for Certification/Education, and Brian Swager for his work as Calendar Editor.

Thanks also to Christoph Tietze for getting through his first year as Chapter Registrar in fine form. I also want to thank all the members of the Executive Board for their participation this year. I especially want to thank the outgoing members of the board: Dora and Oscar Burdick, Matthew Burt, Leon Chisholm, Michael Moran and Natsuko Murayama. Best of luck to you all! I also want to thank two members of the Special Projects Committee who

WANTED

Food befitting our excellent events!

The 2011 Convention Steering Committee seeks someone to work with caterers selecting savory and delectable treats for our two receptions, the banquet, and two box lunches.

Please e-mail Pat During at ps7drng@aol.com, or call her at (510) 357-2846 for details.

are cycling off this year, Burt Weaver and Jean Struble. Thanks also to the work of the Steering and sub committees of the 2011 Region IX Convention. I hope that all of our members are making plans now to attend that wonderful event, July 3–7, 2011, right here in the Bay Area.

Finally, I want to acknowledge two indispensable people. First, thanks to Bill Montgomery for his work as Treasurer. I'm fairly sure our members have no idea how thorough and conscientious this man has been in his work both for the Chapter AND for the convention. We are lucky to have him here. Second, thanks to Steve Wallace, both for his volunteering to mail out the newsletter, and for handling the music sale. He is stepping down from that latter job, so we're hoping another enterprising soul steps up. Steve is a landmark member of the Chapter.

Finally, I want to extend my hearty best wishes to next year's Executive Board and officers, as we prepare for the Chapter's 100th Anniversary. Best of luck to you all! 🍷

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Submission deadline for the July/August issue is **July 10, 2010**

Recital Series Donors 2009–2010

The San Francisco Chapter is grateful to all who have generously donated to our programs this past year. We cannot bring you our wonderful programs without your help. Thank you again for your generosity.

Trompette en Chamade

(\$250–\$499)

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Gary Sponholtz
Gail Y. Valeskie
Vlada Volkova-Moran



Results of the SFAGO Election

by Eleanor Hammer

The nominating committee — Glen Frank, Michael Secour, and Eleanor Hammer, chair — met May 14 to count ballots for the election of officers. The results are:

Dean George Emblom
Sub Dean Elect William Visscher
Secretary Jeanette Cool
Treasurer William Montgomery
Auditor Dennis Henkleman


Special projects committee member (2013)

Joseph Hansen

Member-at-Large (2013)

Esther de Laix Richard Ditewig
Michael Moran Matthew Walsh

A total of sixty-three members voted. There were fifty-six valid ballots mailed to the chair, and seven invalid ballots—which lacked a signature or return mail address on the outside of the envelope, as required by the Chapter by-laws.

The SFAGO wishes to thank all who ran for office, as well as to all who took the time to vote. 

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2009–2010

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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, 13 June, 2010 • 5:30 p.m.

Music for choir, organ, & chamber orchestra, with organist Rodney Gehrke

James Hurd: Praise from all creation

Peter Hallock: Psalm 96

Grayston Ives: Evening Canticles (The Edington Service)

G.F. Handel: Let thy hand be strengthened (Coronation Anthem II, HWV 259)

Charles Callahan: A Musician's Prayer

John Ireland: A Downland Suite

Sung by St. Francis' Choir, Robert J. Kerman, Organist & Choirmaster

This hour-long service will be followed by a festive reception. A free-will offering will be collected.

St. Francis' Episcopal Church

399 San Fernando Way (at Ocean Ave.) • San Francisco, CA 94127(415) 334-1590
Ample street parking • Wheelchair accessible • Directions: www.stfrancisepiscopal.org

AGO Expands Access To Lifetime Membership

Eleven Individuals Have Made a Commitment to Lifetime Membership in the Guild since the Membership Category Was Created in 2009


from F. Anthony Thurman

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is proud to offer a new membership category for individuals who wish to make a commitment to the AGO for life. Lifetime Membership was approved by the AGO National Council as a pilot program in 2009. The opportunity to enroll in Lifetime Membership is now extended to all at the start of the 2010–2011 membership year.

This new category was created in order to provide a membership option for those who wish to declare their timeless support of the Guild by making a commitment to Guild membership for life. Lifetime Membership is available for \$3,000, either as a lump sum or payable over six years. "Lifetime members never have to write a check for AGO membership renewal again," declared

Herbert Buffington, director of the AGO's Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support. "AGO National Headquarters will credit the chapter portion of the Lifetime member's dues to the local chapter of the member's choice on an annual basis." Lifetime members designate the corpus of their Lifetime Membership dues for one of the following funds at the end of their life: the AGO Endowment Fund, New Organist Fund, Nita Akin Fund, or National Council-Designated Fund, which supports general operations.

Eleven individuals became Lifetime Members during the pilot program in 2009; many more are expected to enroll as Lifetime Members during the 2010–2011 membership renewal campaign. Lifetime Members are listed on the AGO Web site, www.agohq.org, and honored in *The American Organist Magazine* annually.

Complete information and an application to become a Lifetime Member are available online at www.agohq.org/membership. For further information, please contact AGO National Headquarters at 212-870-2310 or e-mail members@agohq.org. 

Bay Area Concert Calendar

Collected by Brian Swager

2010
June

Events, dates, times, and locations subject to change without notice. Compiled from flyers, press releases, and listings submitted by members and organizations. SFAGO is not responsible for errors, although every effort is made to be accurate. Submission deadline for the next issue is **July 10** for the combined **July/August** issue. Send event listings to AGOCalendar@yahoo.com

Recurring Venues

Churches and institutions offering programs on a regular basis have been assigned abbreviations so as to save space in our listings. Abbreviations are listed below with the full name of the venue. When no city is stated, San Francisco is assumed.

CCL-O: Cath of Christ the Light, Oakland
CPLH: Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor
CSMA: Cath. of St Mary of the Assumption
SFE: St Francis' Episcopal
SJP-B: St John's Presbyterian Ch, Berkeley
SME-B: St Mark's Episcopal Ch, Berkeley

June 2010

5 Saturday

8pm. SFAGO EVENT: Thomas Murray, Organ. Recital Series for the Dedication of the Létourneau organ. Free-will donation. Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland [CCL-O]

6 Sunday

3:30pm. Corrado Cavalli, Organ. CSMA

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

12 Saturday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

7pm. San Francisco City Chorus; Larry Marietta, Conductor; John Walko, Organ. Gounod's *St. Cecilia Mass* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. \$20-\$12. sfcitychorus.org Lakeside Presbyterian Church

13 Sunday

3:30pm. Katya Kolesnikova, Organ. CSMA

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

5:30pm. Choral Evensong, St Francis' Choir & Chamber Ensemble, Robert J. Kerman, Director; Rodney Gehrke, Organ. Music by James Hurd, Grayston Ives, GF Handel, Charles Callahan, John Ireland. Reception to follow. Free-will offering. SFE

6:10pm. Lenore Alford (St John's Episcopal Church, Ross, CA), Organ. Preceded by 5:30 Evensong. SME-B

19 Saturday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

20 Sunday

3pm. Albert Bellefeuille, Harpsichord and Organ. Music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Clérambault, Jaquet, Frescobaldi. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.

3:30pm. Angela Kraft Cross, Organ. CSMA

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

26 Saturday

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

27 Sunday

3:30pm. Christoph Tietze, Organ. CSMA

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

Looking Ahead

July 2010

3 Saturday

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

4 Sunday

3:30pm. Christoph Tietze, Organ. CSMA

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

10 Saturday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

11 Sunday

3:30pm. Karen Beaumont, Organ. CSMA

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

17 Saturday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

18 Sunday

3:30pm. Duane Soubirous, Organ. CSMA

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

24 Saturday

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

25 Sunday

3:30pm. Martin Welzel, Organ. CSMA

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

31 Saturday

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

August 2010

1 Sunday

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

7 Saturday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

8 Sunday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

14 Saturday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

15 Sunday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

21 Saturday

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

22 Sunday

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

28 Saturday

4pm. John Walko, Organ. CPLH

29 Sunday

4pm. John Walko, Organ. CPLH

September 2010

4 Saturday

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

5 Sunday

4pm. David Hegarty, Organ. CPLH

11 Saturday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

12 Sunday

4pm. Robert Gurney, Organ. CPLH

18 Saturday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

19 Sunday

4pm. John Karl Hirten, Organ. CPLH

25 Saturday

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

26 Sunday

4pm. Jonathan Dimmock, Organ. \$20 General/\$10 Students. SJP-B

4pm. Keith Thompson, Organ. CPLH

