



## Letter from the Dean

Dear SF/AGO Colleagues,

I hope you each are having a truly re-creative summer.

Writing in the 10th day of the AGO calendar year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve you as Dean.

I have just returned from several days at the 2006 AGO National Convention in Chicago. A hearty congratulations to two local talents: NCOI finalist John Karl Hirten and Rising Star / Region IX Competition winner Kevin Kwan. While you may read of the wonderful musical offerings and brilliant organization of the Chicago convention in an upcoming TAO, I find myself reflecting most upon the journey in between the concerts and workshops. Those were the times spent with our incredible colleagues throughout the world: renewing dear friendships and experiencing the building of new relationships, the music of life. In 2011, we will host the Region IX Convention here in San Francisco with the strong leadership of our chair Pat During. What offerings might we have for our guests in five years?

Thank you to all who have registered their membership in this new year, and especially to those who have so generously supported our 2006–2007 recital series. **Late-breaking news:** As an added incentive to support our organ recital series, chapter member Dr Bill Armstrong has graciously offered to host a private reception in April 2007 with concert organist Jeremy Filsell for members donating \$250 or more. It is *not too late* to donate or to increase your donation in support of the chapter recital series. Please know all donations are deeply appreciated.

On Monday, September 4th, we kick off a fabulous program year (thanks to Sub Dean Jim Aylward and his program committee) at St Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, with members of the San Jose, Peninsula, and Redwood Empire Chapters. Please look for details of this Labor Day event in this newsletter, on our chapter website, and in a separately-mailed brochure. Amidst the day's colorful palette of offerings, our regional councillor Frances Nobert will preside over the installation of newly elected chapter officers.

If we have not yet met, please do introduce yourself along the way. I look forward to the journey we may take together.

Sincerely,  
Susan Jane Matthews

## Have you Reserved for the AGO Barbecue and Social?

The first-ever multi-chapter barbecue and social is scheduled for Labor Day, September 4, 2006, on the beautiful grounds of St Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You should have received in the mail a handsome brochure announcing this event. If you haven't gotten around to sending in your reservation, you may still be able to sign up. Call our registrar, Justin Kiely (415) 621-5166 or e-mail him at [jkiely@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkiely@sbcglobal.net) and, if there is space available, you, your friends and family may be able to attend.

Members from the North Bay and East Bay may wish to avail themselves of bus transportation available from St Mary's Cathedral parking lot. Why drive that extra distance when you can ride in comfort and convenience? The bus charge is a minimal ten dollars.

A tour of the seminary grounds by Father Gerald Brown will conclude in the seminary's beautiful chapel where Jack Bethards and Jim Welch will demonstrate the Austin/Schoenstein organ of 22 ranks. Jim will give a mini recital prior to our lunch.

Our chefs, Russ Ferreira and Bart Murphy, will present a Southwest Barbecue of chicken and tri-tip, black bean and corn relish, salad, garlic French bread and dessert. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be provided. Those who wish may bring their favorite wine.

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### **Richard Allen Davis, 1937–2006**

**R**ichard (Dick) Allen Davis, born June 9, 1937, in New Paltz, New York, died in San Francisco on Wednesday evening, June 14, 2006.

A long term member of the AGO, Dick was one of the founding members of a chapter of the AGO on Long Island in New York, and for many years was active here in the San Francisco chapter.

He was employed in churches in the Bay Area for 37 years: St Bartholmew's Church, San Mateo, 1968–1975; All Souls Church, South San Francisco, 1975–1992; St Anne's of the Sunset Church, San Francisco, from 1992 until his retirement in January of 2005.

Services were held at St Anne's of the Sunset Catholic Church, Judah and Funston, on Saturday, June 24, with a Requiem Mass. 🌿

### **Richard Krueger, Owner of Arkay Records**

**I**t is with great sadness that I share news of the passing on July 8 of Richard Krueger, owner and recording engineer for Arkay Records. He waged a valiant fight against melanoma cancer ten years ago; the disease recurred late in 2005, and he again endured multiple surgeries and treatments in the past 6 months. He worked almost until the very end, spending Memorial Day weekend 2006 in recording sessions.

Mr Krueger has recorded in hundreds of venues in the U. S. and extensively in Europe, specializing in organ and choral music, and most recently, in classical harp. Artists who have recorded with him include Gwen Adams, David Brock, Angela Kraft Cross, Pamela Decker, Faythe Freese, Thomas Hazelton, Margaret Kvamme, and James Welch.

Interment was at Skylawn Cemetery on Thursday morning, July 13. A memorial service for Richard Krueger was held at the Presbyterian Church of Sunnyvale at 1:00 p.m. the same day. 🌿

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Martin Kvamme

## **Circle of Concern**

*James Aylward, Sub Dean*

**Y**ears ago, many fraternal organizations had a “sunshine committee” which offered a helping hand, word of encouragement, or prayers for sick and home-bound members.

Our AGO Chapter, at its last meeting, decided to revive this practice. If you know members who would like, or could benefit from such an outreach, please contact Jim Aylward by phone at (415) 333-5702, or via regular mail at 69 Benton Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112. 🌿

## **The Last Newsletter**

*Justin Kielty, Registrar*

**F**or those of our members who have not yet renewed their membership, this issue is the last newsletter they will receive. If you are among the procrastinators, you can guarantee receipt of your next newsletter by sending your renewal to the Registrar before August 10. 🌿

## **Editorial Change**

*Newsletter Editor*

**S**tarting with this issue of the newsletter, hyperlinks (i.e., clickable website and e-mail addresses) will no longer be active in the online edition.

The use of angle brackets to mark the start and end of every website and e-mail address is being discontinued, except when needed for clarity. This change applies to both the print and online editions. 🌿

## **AGO Barbecue and Social**

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Following lunch, Frances Nobert, Region IX Councillor, will install all officers from the North Coast Chapters during a brief ceremony.

Our special guest speaker, Richard Torrence, will present “Communicating Genuine Passion for the Organ to the General Public” in Olier Hall. Following Richard's talk, the organs in Olier Hall and the Chapel will be open consoles. Bring your music and enjoy the instruments.

This is a unique opportunity to meet and socialize, not only with our own chapter members but with members from adjoining chapters, in a beautiful, yet informal, setting. All chapters will have brochures available of their offerings for the 2006–2007 year. 🌿

## Classified Ads *Collected by Simon Berry*

This information is provided as a service to SF/AGO members and the employing institutions. Inclusion of information in this column does not imply endorsement by the SF/AGO. Send **Job Referrals** items, **Substitutes Available** notices, and **For Sale** items to: Simon Berry, 466 Duboce St, San Francisco, CA 94117; e-mail [berrysimon@aol.com](mailto:berrysimon@aol.com). Next issue deadline is **August 10**.

### Job Referrals

#### San Francisco

**Music Director (11am Mass): *St Ignatius Church, San Francisco.*** 4 M&P Swain & Kates / McNeil pipe organ, Steinway concert grand piano. The 11am Sunday Mass leans heavily toward congregational hymnody and of choral polyphony, while also open to a carefully thought-out blended style of worship.

Applicants should have proven skills and experience in organ playing, piano playing and choral conducting, be well-acquainted with Catholic liturgy. The position, with a salary range of \$17,500 to \$18,500, will be filled by December 1, 2006. Applicants should send a letter and résumé, by September 15, to: Jonathan Dimmock, Music Search Chair, St Ignatius Church, 650 Parker St, San Francisco, CA 94118; [Dimmock@usfca.edu](mailto:Dimmock@usfca.edu)

#### Peninsula

**Organist: *First Presbyterian Church, Burlingame.*** An active 1500 member church. 12–14 hours per week, salary range \$16,000–\$19,000. Two full services each Sunday and choral accompaniment at a third service. Moeller pipe organ and Allen electronic with recorder capabilities. Contact Rick Smith, Director of Music Ministry, [rsmith@burlpres.org](mailto:rsmith@burlpres.org) or 650.342.0875, ext 225.

**Director of Music Ministry: *Transfiguration Episcopal Church, San Mateo.*** Part-time position for person with Masters Degree (@ 13 hours/wk), available July 1. Responsibilities include: planning, playing and conducting music for 2 Sunday services and occasional other services. Salary: \$17,900. Reuter pipe organ. Résumés to The Rev. Chad Smith, [rector@transfig.sm-org](mailto:rector@transfig.sm-org), 3900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94402; 650.341.8206; fax: 650.341.5962; [www.transfig-sm.org](http://www.transfig-sm.org)

**Choral Director: *Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga.*** The parish is a large, thriving church and school with excellent opportunities. See <http://www.st-andrews-saratoga.org> for more details.

#### East Bay – Bayside

**Organist: *Hayward Christian Science Church, Hayward.*** Sundays at 10am. 2 M&P, 9 rank Moeller pipe organ. Salary \$100/service. Contact 510.537.3692 or [ideaphoria@aol.com](mailto:ideaphoria@aol.com)

#### Central Valley

**Organist/Accompanist: *Central Presbyterian Church, Merced.*** Primary responsibilities include accompanying the sanctuary choir and congregational singing. Degree in music and/or experience and proficiency required. 3 M&P 18 rank pipe organ. Part-time position. salary \$9,000–12,000. For more information, write or call David Bracerros, Minister of Music and Worship, at [dbracerros@cpccmerced.org](mailto:dbracerros@cpccmerced.org) or 209.723.0491. 1920 Canal Street, Merced, CA 95340-3747

#### Substitute Available

**Organist available** around the Bay Area for Saturdays and late Sunday morning services. Contact: Bill 510.589.0015 or [billyv32@msn.com](mailto:billyv32@msn.com)

#### For Sale

**Allen MDS-15 Electronic Organ.** 2 M&P, MIDI ready, card reader, crescendo pedal, reverb system, self contained speakers + 2 ext. cabinets, walnut finish, AGO standard. An excellent practice instrument, or perfect for a smaller house of worship, this instrument has been well cared-for. Pictures can be viewed at [www.VicFerrerProductions.com/AllenOrgan](http://www.VicFerrerProductions.com/AllenOrgan) \$9,995.00/OBO. Contact: Vic Ferrer, 415.334.4700. [AllenOrgan@vicferrerproductions.com](mailto:AllenOrgan@vicferrerproductions.com)

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2006–2007

## Bay Area Concert Calendar *Collected by Thomas A Herman*

Events, dates, times, and locations subject to change without notice. Compiled from flyers, press releases, and listings submitted by members and organizations. SF/AGO is not responsible for errors, although every effort is made to be accurate. Submission deadline for the next issue is **August 10**. Send event listings to [AGOCalendar@yahoo.com](mailto: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. Refer to pages 68–69 in the *2005–2006 SF/AGO Chapter Directory* for full information.

**CPLH:** Calif. Palace of the Legion of Honor

**CSMA:** Cath. of St Mary of the Assumption

**GC:** Grace Cathedral

**SME-B:** St Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley



### 29 Saturday

**Mark Bruce**, organ. "Organ Transplants: A Program of Musical Larceny." **4pm CPLH**

### 30 Sunday

**Robert Knupp**, organ (Clinton, MS). **3:30pm CSMA**

**Mark Bruce**, organ. (Repeat: see 7/29). **4pm CPLH**



### 2 Wednesday

**Instrumental:** The First International Youth Music Festival of San Francisco In Concert. Highly gifted young musicians from around the world meet to perform a gala program of string orchestra and chamber music. Tickets \$16/\$10 students & children under 16 with ID. Information: 510.595.9378 or [bachambermusic@yahoo.com](mailto:bachambermusic@yahoo.com), **7:30pm CSMA**

### 5 Saturday

**David Hegarty**, organ. Pops Concert, including light classics and favorites from Hollywood and Broadway. **4pm CPLH**

### 6 Sunday

**Don Auberger**, organ. **3:30pm CSMA**

**David Hegarty**, organ. (Repeat: see 8/5). **4pm CPLH**

### 7 Monday

**Instrumental:** The First International Youth Music Festival of San Francisco In Concert. (see 8/2). **7:30pm Mission Dolores, SF**

### 8 Tuesday

**Instrumental:** The First International Youth Music Festival of San Francisco In Concert. (see 8/2). **7:30pm GC**

### 12 Saturday

**Robert Gurney**, organ. Purvis, Berlin, Mouret. **4pm CPLH**

### 13 Sunday

**Robert Gurney**, organ. (Repeat: see 8/12). **4pm CPLH**

### 19 Saturday

**John Karl Hirten**, organ. Bonnet, Giazotto, Dubois, Falla, Gigout. **4pm CPLH**

### 20 Sunday

**John Karl Hirten**, organ. (Repeat: see 8/19). **4pm CPLH**

### 26 Saturday

**Keith Thompson**, organ. Pops Concert, including light classics, Broadway favorites, programmatic works and highlights from organ literature. **4pm CPLH**

### 27 Sunday

**Arvin Berner**, organ. **3:30pm CSMA**

**Keith Thompson**, organ. (Repeat: see 8/26). **4pm CPLH**

## Looking Ahead September

### 2 Saturday

**David Hegarty**, organ. Pops Concert, including light classics and favorites from Hollywood and Broadway. **4pm CPLH**

### 3 Sunday

**Brunhilde Engelhard**, organ (Boston, MA). **3:30pm CSMA**

**David Hegarty**, organ. (Repeat: see 9/2). **4pm CPLH**

### 4 Monday (Labor day)

**Multi-Chapter Barbecue & Social**, with mini-recital and open console. **St Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Info: Justin KIELTY, 621-5166. Reservations required. **All day event, 11am to 3:30pm**

### 9 Saturday

**Robert Gurney**, organ. Bach, Hollins, Gershwin. **4pm CPLH**

### 10 Sunday

**Ronald McKean**, organ. **3:30pm CSMA**

**Robert Gurney**, organ. (Repeat: see 9/9). **4pm CPLH**

**Richard Pilliner**, organ (London, UK). Second Sunday Series. Evensong 5:30pm; **Organ Recital 6:10pm SME-B**

### 16 Saturday

**John Karl Hirten**, organ. Johnson, Franck, Ibert, Verdi, Widor. **4pm CPLH**

### 17 Sunday

**Jackson Borges**, organ. Tom Hazleton Memorial Concert. Info: 408.356.6156 [www.pclg.org](http://www.pclg.org). **2:30pm Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos**, 16575 Shannon Rd Los Gatos.

**Ken Cowan**, organ. Reception to follow for AGO members. Co-sponsored with Grace Cathedral. **An SF/AGO event.** [www.sfago.org](http://www.sfago.org); [www.gracecathedral.org](http://www.gracecathedral.org) **4pm GC**

**David Brock**, organ (Incline Village, NV). **3:30pm CSMA**

**John Karl Hirten**, organ. (Repeat: see 9/16). **4pm CPLH**

### 23 Saturday

**Keith Thompson**, organ. Pops Concert, including light classics, Broadway favorites, programmatic works and highlights from organ literature. **4pm CPLH**

### 24 Sunday

**James Welch**, organ. (\$10 donation). **3 pm, First United Methodist Church**, 915 Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove, CA

