

Chapter Event Two November Programs

Bill Catherwood, Sub-Dean

What a rare treat this will be! Come to one or both of these programs featuring our own members who will play their own organ compositions. Each program will consist of approximately 45 minutes of music plus time for the composers to comment.

The stellar line-up follows, along with titles of some of their pieces to tickle your fancy:

Monday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Oakland

ROBERT ADAMS

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit

JOY CROCKER

Indigo Rag • In Celebration of Type A Personalities

RONALD MCKEAN

Dyads: Sun • Moon

KEN MANSFIELD

Syncopated Prelude • Prelude in Bb minor

JOHN STUMP

Elegy on "America" • Prelude on "Lauda Anima"

Monday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, San Francisco

JAMES AYLWARD

Promenade • Ceremonial Prelude • Te Deum

JOHN KARL HIRTEN

Play on "Royal Oak" • Adagio on "Beach Spring"


ANGELA KRAFT CROSS

Symphony of Peace (two movements)

MARK WINGES

In Quiet Joy

Don't miss this chance to hear new music that you will want to add to your repertoire. Some of the music will be for sale.

We thank Jim Aylward for coming up with this idea and doing the yeoman's work in putting it together. 

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SEASON PROGRAM

2005

Two Organ Recitals by
SF/AGO Composer-Members

Monday, November 7, 7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Oakland

Monday, November 14, 7:30 pm

First Unitarian Church, San Francisco

2006

Sunday, January 29, 4:00 pm

Fred Swann, Organist

Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

Monday, February 27

Members Piano, Duo Piano &

Harpichord Recital

Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek

Performers TBA

Monday, March 20, 7:30 pm

Play Something Quick

A Session of Sharing Favorite Easy Pieces

Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist, San Francisco

Saturday, May 20, 1:00 pm

Workshop - Body Mapping for Organists

Dr Roberta Gary

Location TBA

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 pm

Roberta Gary Recital

St John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley



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In Memoriam: Frank Taylor

May 10, 1916 – September 27, 2005

Eulogy – Memorial Service, October 9, 2005

Frank was born on May 10, 1916 in Yorkshire England. His parents were Percy and Louie Taylor.

He had memories of a winter in 1919, when he was only 3 years old, a cold winter, his parents skating on the ice at Buntzes Lake in the Bradford-Brighouse part of Yorkshire.

In October of 1920, when he was only 4 years old, the family migrated to the United States of America on the *Imperator* (which was later remodeled into the luxurious *Berengaria*). They traveled in third class in a cabin with 2 bunks. He and his mother had to share the lower bunk as his Dad slept in the top bunk. At the early age of 4-1/2 he still remembers seeing “the great lady with her outstretched hand as she appeared out of the mist!” From Ellis Island they traveled on the Erie Railroad in Pullman cars to their new home in Jamestown, New York.

Frank attended school in Jamestown, New York, through the 8th grade. It was in Jamestown that he first began playing the organ. The family then moved to Baltimore where Frank attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute from the 9th grade through the 13th grade and graduated in 1935. In Baltimore he was playing the organ for church services at St Bartholomew’s.

During the next couple of years he worked odd jobs, whenever he could find work. In 1937 he joined the Naval Reserve and served until 1940. He was stationed in San Diego during part of his tour and enjoyed California. A shipmate of his lived in Oakland and told him about the Bay Area and the great weather. Upon completion of his Naval Reserve obligation he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area.

He found work at Marchant Calculator Company, a rooming house in Berkeley and a position as an organist/choir director in Alameda, at Christ Episcopal Church. It was here in Alameda, as choir director/organist that he met, dated and ultimately married Jessie.

Because of the Pearl Harbor attack in December of 1941, Frank enlisted in the Army in May of 1942. He and Jessie were married on September 13, 1942, after basic training, while he was home on a weekend leave. He served in Europe with the 346th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. Frank’s first child, Louie-Jean, was born in October 1944, while Frank was still away in Europe. The war finally ended and Frank came home in November 1945. He continued his military service in the Army Reserve for 26 years and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer.

After returning home, Frank was able to return to work at Marchant and found a new organist/choir director position in

Oakland at High Street Presbyterian Church, where he stayed and played the organ for over 50 years.

Frank and Jessie initially lived in military housing in Richmond with their daughter. They located and bought a house they liked in East Oakland on 77th Avenue, just off East 14th Street. They were blessed with two more children. Kathleen was born in February of 1948 and David in December of 1952.

Now needing a larger house, the family moved to Crofton Avenue in the Grand Lake District in 1956. This remained the Taylor home for 36 years.

In the 1960’s Marchant/Smith Corona made the decision to move their plant to South Carolina. After visiting South Carolina, Frank and Jessie declined the offer to move there and Frank found a job in Oakland as an Industrial Engineer with Safeway Stores, Inc. He worked for Safeway until 1979, when he retired at the age of 63.

Frank and Jessie loved to travel. In addition to many shorter trips around the western states’ National Parks, they visited relatives in England and Scotland, drove across the US twice to visit east coast friends, cruised to Alaska and the Caribbean, flew to Hawaii several times and of course, paid their dues at least yearly at Lake Tahoe.

Frank has always been very active in the American Guild of Organists, including attending meetings and joining seminars and conventions. In his later years, Frank joined and played the organ and piano for both the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite in Oakland.

Jessie passed away in August of 1991.

In September of 1992, Frank sold the Crofton house and moved into Grand Lake Gardens retirement community in Oakland, just a few blocks away from the Crofton house, their home of so many wonderful years.

Frank Taylor passed away the morning of September 27, 2005.

He leaves us with many wonderful memories. Especially blessed with special memories are his three children, Louie-Jean, Kathie and David, their spouses Mike, Rick and Lori; three grandchildren Christine, Ty and Trea; two great-grandsons Nathan and Jacob; and, of course, all present here today who were touched enough by this gentle man to join us today to celebrate his life.

Thank you for being here.

[Ed] Frank Taylor joined the American Guild of Organists in 1936, was an active member holding numerous positions in the Guild over the years. He served as Dean of the San Francisco Chapter for the 1970–71 term.

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>. Next issue submission deadline is **November 10**.

Job Referrals

North Bay

Organist: All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato. For traditional worship and choir accompaniment. Sung liturgy and wide variety of hymns. Excellent choir. 2 M&P Allen organ, Yamaha grand piano. No salary quoted. Contact: Pr. Ronald M. Rentner, 415.892.1669 or <prrentner@hotmail.com>

S.F. Peninsula

Organist: Woodside Village Church (UCC), Woodside, California. Moeller pipe organ, 3/23, grand piano & electric organ (chapel). The congregation and choir desire a shift in music programming, utilizing as many English-language pieces as possible. Sundays 9:30am (8:30 rehearsal) Thursdays from 7pm–8:30pm. Position open immediately. Pay \$200/wk. Contact Mark Adams, Director of Music, Woodside Village Church, Woodside, 408.838.7400, <t3nor@aol.com>

Assistant Organist: Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga. Must know the Episcopal liturgy, including playing Anglican Chant, hymns; sight-reading skills a must. Plays approximately 8 full Sundays per year, the 5:30pm Saturday service (piano). Accompanist for the children's choirs (2). Weddings and funerals. 8–10 hours per week. Salary 12–14K/annum. For information about the music program, description of the organ, etc, click on "music" at <www.st-andrews-saratoga.org>. Contact Lynda Alexander for a complete job description. <hitkmus@aol.com>; 650.493.3088

East Bay – South

Organist / Pianist and Choir Director (Optional): St Peter's Lutheran Church, San Leandro. 10am Sunday morning service, also 7pm Lenten and Advent services. Werner Bosch

2 M&P 26 rank pipe organ. Yamaha Grand Piano. Choir sings 2 Sundays/mo. plus major holidays. Under 10 hours per week. Salary \$10,000+ / year. Position available in September. Résumé to <Office@StainedGlassChurch.org> or contact Pat Cassa, 510.638.7017. Church is located at 172 Breed Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577.

East Bay – Inland

Organist/Pianist: Hillcrest Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Pleasant Hill. 10:30am Sunday service, Thursday evening choir rehearsal. Choir sings 3 Sun/mo plus Christmas Eve, Holy Week, and occasional special services. Whaley & Spencer pipe organ and Boston Grand Piano. Music degree preferred; must be technically proficient on both organ and piano. Salary \$10,000–\$12,000 (negotiable). Position open as soon as possible. Send résumé to Cindy Durant, Hillcrest Congregational Church, UCC, 404 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523, <cdurant@berkeley.edu> or 925.256.6738. See: <www.hillcrestucc.org>

For Sale

Organ for sale: \$9,000. Zimmer Pipe Organ 1978 (opus 233) 2-M&P, all electric action pipe organ; 21 stops from 16' Gedeckt/Nachthorn, 8' Principal, 4' Gemshorn, Mixture (III Ranks), 8' Trumpet. It is built for installation in an organ chamber; there is no casework; detached console. Contact: Dee Anne Paron, Board of Trustees, Hope United Methodist Church, 115 El Campo Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080, Phone: 650.583.1702; Fax: 650.583.1797

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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 **November 10**. Send event listings to <AGOCalendar@yahoo.com>.

Recurring Venues

Churches and institutions offering programs on a regular basis are assigned abbreviations to save space in our calendar listings. Abbreviations are listed alphabetically with the full name of the venue. 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
- NSSF:** National Shrine of St Francis
- SJP-B:** St John's Presbyterian, Berkeley
- SME-B:** St Mark's Episcopal, Berkeley
- SMV:** St Mary the Virgin (Episcopal)



29 Saturday

Angela Kraft Cross, organ. "Scary Organ Toccatas." Works of Bach, Boellmann, Mulet, Gigout and Vierne. **4pm CPLH**

James Welch, organ. Halloween Concert. Info: 650.856.9700. \$10 at the door. **St Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. **8pm**

30 Sunday

Choral: Evensong, sung by the Schola of Grace Cathedral; and Organ Recital: **Thomas Murray**, Professor of Music and University Organist, Yale University. **Evensong 3pm, Recital 4pm GC**

David Hatt, organ. Vierne, *Symphonie No 6*. **3:30pm CSMA**

Instrumental: Music for flute, harp & viola, Daria D'Andrea, Anna Maria Mendieta & Gail Edwards. Music of Debussy, Ibert & Ravel. **4pm NSSF**

Angela Kraft Cross, organ. (Repeat: see 10/29). **4pm CPLH**



5 Saturday

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

6 Sunday

Choral: Requiem Eucharist. Gabriel Fauré setting of the *Requiem* sung by the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys. **3pm GC**

Raymond Gardner, organ. Vierne, *Pieces in Free Style*. **3:30pm CSMA**

Instrumental: Sarabande Ensemble, "1650–1750 The Era of Fraternity." A program of German Chamber Music. **4pm NSSF**

Choral: Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Vaughan Williams' *Song of Thanksgiving*. St Mary's Adult and Youth Choirs, Margaret Secour, soprano; Elisabeth Eliassen; alto, Eric Morris, tenor; Mitch Ashley, baritone; **Jonathan Dimmock**, organ; **Michael Secour** conducting. Free will offering. **4pm SMV**

David Hegarty, organ. (Repeat: see 11/5). **4pm CPLH**

7 Monday

Chapter Program: SF/AGO Composer-Members Robert Adams, Joy Crocker, Ronald McKean, Ken Mansfield, & John Stump perform their own works. **First Presbyterian Church, Oakland. 7:30pm**

12 Saturday

Robert Gurney, organ. Works of Karg-Elert, Bach, Gershwin. **4pm CPLH**

13 Sunday

Douglas Bruce, organ (Switzerland). **3:30pm CSMA**

Vocal: French Duets. Amy Cebrian, soprano & Jay Moorhead, baritone. **4pm NSSF**

Robert Gurney, organ. (Repeat: see 11/12). **4pm CPLH**

Ron McKean, organ (First Presbyterian Church, Oakland). Second Sunday Series. **Evensong 5:30pm, Organ Recital 6:10pm SME-B**

14 Monday

Chapter Program: SF/AGO Composer-Members James Aylward, John Karl Hirten, Angela Kraft Cross, & Mark Wings perform their own works. **First Unitarian Church, San Francisco. 7:30 pm**

19 Saturday

John Karl Hirten, organ. Works of Johnson, Vivaldi, Barber, Ibert, Mushel. **4pm CPLH**

Chris Fritzsche, countertenor (formerly of Chanticleer) & **Charles Rus**, playing instruments from his own collection. "The Extremes of Love, Praise and Devotion" – works by Andrea Gabrielli, Giulio and Francesca Caccini, Monteverdi, Sweelinck, Dowland, Philips, Blow, Lanier, Boehm, Bach, and Glass. \$10 suggested donation. Information: <charles@charlesrus.com> **The Episcopal Church of St John the Evangelist, S.F.** (1661 15th St., near 16th St. BART). **5pm**

20 Sunday

Susan Jane Matthews, organ. Music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Sweelinck, & Mozart. <www.stbedesmenlopark.org> **St Bede's Church, Menlo Park. 3pm**

Zygmunt Strzep, organ (Germany). **3:30pm CSMA**

Douglas Franks, organ. Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Franck, Ireland, Leighton. **Messiah Lutheran Church**, corner of Woodside & Valota Roads, Redwood City; 650.369.5201; free-will offering. **4pm**

Paul Tegels and **Dana Robinson** play solos and four-hands organ duets. **4pm SJP-B**

John Karl Hirten, organ. (Repeat: see 11/19). **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

Christoph Tietze, organ. **3:30pm CSMA**

John Karl Hirten, organ. (Repeat: see 11/26). **4pm CPLH**

