



# STOP

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Let's see what we know about organ stops! The first person to email/snailmail me ALL the correct answers receives a prize – The Quiz Game of Organ Trivia - ORGEL PROBE! (Thanks, Ruth Andersen for the donation.) Those who have earned AAGO or CAGO certificates are not eligible! We'll center in on organ stops for this game.

1. What name is given to an early Italian principal celeste?
2. What does "holz" mean?
3. What pitch levels are combined to form the "Glockenspiel"?
4. What is the German name for the French "Cor de Nuit"?
5. What stops from the positif are included in the "Grand Jeu"?
6. What is the function of "nicking" a pipe?
7. What is the Swell division called in Germany?
8. What is the stop name for one or more pipes in water?
9. What pitch levels constitute a cornet?
10. What electrical process allows stops to be shared between divisions?
11. At middle C, what length is the Hozgedackt 8 foot?
12. What was a positive organ with all reed pipes called?
13. What does "contra" or "sub" denote?
14. What does the term "spitz" mean?
15. What is the French word for reeds?
16. What is the Swell division called in Holland?
17. What type of pipe requires the most air to sound?
18. What is the oldest and most essential tonal element of the organ?
19. What term refers to the top part of a reed pipe?
20. What is the French nomenclature for the trombone stop?

As we enter into this high point of the Christian year – Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, let us explore the sounds on our organs. Let us carefully listen to the registrations, notes and rhythms we are learning to perfect the music which will bring the Easter message closer to our congregations.

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## BREAKING NEWS!

For the first time ever, our SJV/AGO now has its own website that has been fully customized and designed to our needs. We look forward to using this site not only as a means of communication, but also as a means of uniting the organ community in the San Joaquin Valley, drawing attention to the countless beautiful instruments in the area of which people may be completely unaware. The site has many features – we encourage you to visit it and check it regularly!

One of its most unique features is the “Local Organs” listing – that’s right, we are creating a database of ALL local organ installations, regardless of where it is or what type it is. We are requesting that all AGO members visit the website and submit their own organ instruments (both at home and at the churches they play) to the database. We want this to be as comprehensive as possible!

Our new website can be found at <http://www.sjvago.org>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Scott Davis, Webmaster

Editor’s note: Sincere thanks to Scott for the hours of hard work to produce this site.

## EVENTS TO ENJOY

**ORGAN EVENSONG** – Sunday, April 3, 2011 – 4:00 pm. Faye DeLong Organist, CAGO - Sub-Dean of the SJV/AGO, with Judy Knight, recorder. Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church – 3673 N. First St., Fresno

**PASO ROBLES – PIPES – PONIES** – Saturday, April 16, 2011. Leave Fresno 8:00 am, return 5:00 pm.

Car pool from parking lot NE corner Second Church of Christ Scientist – 280 W. Shaw at College.

Play the historic mechanical action organ at St. James Episcopal Church, visit Harris Stage Lines for an exhibition of “Real Horse Power” lunch and Stage Coach Ride.

Fee: \$10.00 includes all events and lunch – collected in CASH on April 16.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 10, 2011**

To attend contact Laurell Huber, 222-8114 or [laurellhuber@yahoo.com](mailto:laurellhuber@yahoo.com)

**SIX GUYS AND A DOLL ORGAN CONCERT** – Sunday, May 1, 2011. 3:00 pm

Second Church of Christ Scientist (address above)

Performers: Tyler Baker, Cactus Harris, Sheridan Haskell, Tyrell McKenzie, Luke Shrestha, Slaten Van Saun and Hannah Zentner.

Donations will go towards the Fresno Pipe Organ Academy pre-collegiate scholarship of the Central CA Youth Performance Awards Competition.

**A CLASSICS CONCERT** – Sunday, May 1, 2011. 3:00 pm.

Larry Belau, Oboe and Andrea Belau, Piano – Fowler Presbyterian Church, 408 E. Merced St.

Works by G.P. Telemann, R. Schumann, J. Brahms, C. Debussy, E. Ewazen

An offering will be taken to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

**OPEN CONSOLE AT WARNORS THEATRE** – Here’s YOUR chance to play the GREAT AND SWELL Morton Organ!

Saturday, May 7, 2011 – 10 am to 12 noon. Call Richard Cencibaugh to sign up – 559-349-5162 or just appear on that day! The Warnors Theatre dates back to 1928 and the Robert Morton pipe organ has a 4 manual console, with 14 ranks and 1,035 pipes.

Bring some music or improvise!

Warnors Theatre is at 1400 Fulton St. in downtown Fresno.

**CENTRAL CA YOUTH PERFORMANCE AWARDS COMPETITION (CCYPAC)** Sunday, May 22, 2011 - time TBA.

CSUF Concert Hall. An audience is welcome at this competition.

**SJV/AGO GUILD SUNDAY** – Sunday, June 5, 2011 – 3:00 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, 3973 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno. The winners of the above competition will play for us.

**TICKETS FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CATHERINE WALKER.**

Fresno Choral Artists Returns to Broadway – Saturday, April 16, 4:00 pm. Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall

Tickets \$20 includes Eddie’s Bakery Goodies! (\$12 for students)

Fresno Community Chorus present “The Legacy of Leipzig” – Saturday, May 14, 2011 – 8 pm and Sunday, May 15, 2011 – 2:30 pm. CSUF Concert Hall – Tickets \$15 (\$8.00 for students)