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American Guild of Organists

September 2011

## Executive Board 2011-2012

<p><b>Dean:</b> Catherine Walker 559-658-7376 home 559-906-3068 cell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Let's Begin Again!</b></p> <p>So – here we are at the beginning of a new season as members of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists. As a piano and organ teacher I often say, “Let’s begin again!” “Try again!” There’s always a feeling of excitement when we have a chance to play it better, try something new or different, or just participate in something that we have not previously been able to enjoy. I feel that excitement at the beginning of this year, and I’m hoping you do, too!</p> <p>Our mission statement is always printed in the Directory. Here it is again:</p> <p><i>The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members.</i></p> <p>Let’s begin again to encourage each other towards excellence in our church music position, whether as organist, director, pianist, hymn leader, singer, or teacher.</p> <p>Our first gathering on September 11 will be inspiring, I’m sure. Read about Kevin Memley and listen to his music on his website. Come and share in his inspiration in composing, and sharing church music with choirs and in his congregation. One experience Kevin will share is a remembrance of 9/11. In 2008 Clovis East performed one of his compositions near ground zero, inside a mall overlooking the emptiness. Questions will be welcomed. Please help to get the word out about this afternoon of music and sharing.</p> <p>I’ll be anxious to greet you. Please share in our activities for the coming year. Your AGO Board welcomes your participation, comments, and help with events.</p> <p>Catherine Walker, Dean</p>
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**San Joaquin Valley Chapter AGO  
Schedule of Events  
2011-2012**

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 3:00 pm - "Meet the Composer" with Kevin Memley  
Wesley United Methodist Church – 1343 E. Barstow, Fresno, CA

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 6:00 pm – Organ Recital – Tyrell McKenzie  
University Presbyterian Church – 1776 E. Roberts, Fresno, CA

Sunday, November 6, 2011, 3:00 pm – Organ Artists Series Recital – Ty Woodward  
First Congregational Church – 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA

Friday, January 6, 2012, 6:30 pm – Twelfth Night Social  
Elaine Johnson residence – 2258 W. Birch, Fresno, CA

Sunday, January 22, 2012, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Pipe Organ Experience  
CSUF Concert Hall, Fresno, CA

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 3:00 pm – Hymn Festival  
Fowler Presbyterian Church – 408 E. Merced St., Fowler, CA

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 10:00 am to 12:30pm - Open Console at Warnors  
1400 Fulton St., Fresno, CA

Sunday, April 15, 2012, 3:00 pm – Organ Artist Series/Keyboard Concert  
Allison Luedecke – CSUF Concert Hall, Fresno, CA

Saturday, May 19, 2012 Central CA Youth Performance Awards Competition  
CSUF Concert Hall, Fresno, CA

Sunday, June 3, 2012, 3:00 pm – Guild Sunday/Installation of Officers  
Place TBA

**Other Important Events**

Sunday, October 2, 3:00 pm – Bachtoper Pipe Organ Concert – Scott Horton, Organist  
First Congregational Church – 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno, CA

Other Pipe Organ Evensongs - TBA

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*The San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists*

*Presents*

**MEET THE COMPOSER**

**with**

**KEVIN MEMLEY**

*Sunday, September 11, 3:00 pm  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
1343 E. Barstow, Fresno, CA*

*Kevin Memley's skills as a composer have been largely self-taught. He is in demand as a commissioned composer and his music has been performed around the world, including the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. He is currently published with Pavane Publishing and Walton Music and established his own choral series with Pavane in 2011. Kevin's choral works have been programmed for ACDA National and Regional performances/reading sessions and have been featured in many All-State Choir concerts across the United States. He holds a Designated Subjects Credential in Multimedia and currently teaches Music Technology at Clovis East High School. He directs the Kingsburg Community Church Choir and accompanies several choirs in the San Joaquin Valley. He is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association.*

*THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*

THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER  
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS  
PRESENTS

**TYRELL MCKENZIE**

IN HIS SENIOR GRADUATION

**ORGAN RECITAL**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 PM

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1776 E. ROBERTS (NEAR CEDAR AND BULLARD) FRESNO, CA

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

Tyrell McKenzie of Mariposa, 17 years old, will perform an organ recital in recognition of his graduation from high school. Tyrell is now an enrolled student at Fresno Pacific University. Tyrell is a student member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, American Guild of Organists, and has performed many times during his teen years. He is a former organ student of Ed Wagner and Catherine Walker. He is a first place winner in the Central California Youth Performance Awards Competition, tying for first place in 2010 and winning first place in 2011. He is a past participant in Pipe Organ Encounters, Pipe Organ Encounters Experience and the Music Teachers Assn. Baroque Festival. He was invited to participate in the 2010 and 2011 Oberlin Summer Organ Academy for High School Students, studying with Dr. James David Christie and Dr. Jack Mitchener. Tyrell has studied other instruments, and plays piano, trumpet, French horn and guitar.

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First Congregational Church of Fresno  
Presents a

**BACHTOBER CONCERT**

FEATURING THE ORGAN WORKS OF  
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Sunday, October 2, at 3:00 pm

Scott Horton, Organist

Admission Free – Freewill Offering to Benefit the Pipe Organ Fund.

2131 N. Van Ness Boulevard

Information: 227-8489 or Pipesonvanness.com

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**ORGAN SCORES TO BORROW**

The family of Richard Dahlquist gave his large collection of organ music to FPU. It is all well catalogued by Richard himself in about eight boxes (and very much used). Valuable, vintage scores  
---a TREASURE TROVE ---awaits any interested organist.

The collection is available for AGO members to borrow and return. They can come to the FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY Music Office (453-2267) on campus in Sattler Building to get a key to the organ practice room. The latter is in the basement of Kriegbaum Building, which is wheelchair accessible. Please help yourself!

Contact Laurell Huber for further information at (559)222-8114 or [laurellhuber@yahoo.com](mailto:laurellhuber@yahoo.com).

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**INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FIRST ORGAN ARTIST SERIES PERFORMER**

TY WOODWARD, (on November 6, 2011)

WILL BE IN OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## FROM OUR REGION IX COUNCILLOR

The Committee on Membership Development and Chapter Support (COMDACS) is in the process of working on some projects that some of you might be able to assist with.

If anyone has information that they could share about Local Vendors related to the music fields that currently provide discounts to AGO members for printed and / or recorded music, COMDACS would like to create a list of these vendors. If you also know of a vendor that might be interested in offering a discount in the future that would also be useful. The hope is that we can create a vendor list that will attract more members to the AGO by offering additional benefits to membership beyond what we currently offer.

Please email me vendor names and contact information by September 6 so that I can compile the information and forward it to the committee.

Thanks!

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