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OVATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING ORGANISTS

Tyler Baker and Thomas Melton had a successful audition and will be attending the Advanced Pipe Organ Encounter at Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music. They will have lessons, workshops, and recitals with this faculty: Colin Andrews, Ken Cowan, Janette Fishell, Marilyn Keiser and others. There are 15 organs on campus! Our best to you!

Cactus Harris was awarded the Organ Historical Society E. Power Biggs Fellowship. He will be attending their convention in Chicago, and the award includes hotel, food, travel and a two year membership in the OHS. Congratulations!

Tyrell McKenzie received notice of his admittance to Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, and was granted scholarships and grants to cover all his tuition and board and room. He will be studying with Dr. James David Christie and others. We are proud of you, Tyrell!

Sheridan Haskell will be studying at the San Francisco Conservatory Baroque Music Festival this summer. Sheridan's specialty is harpsichord. What an opportunity, Sheridan!

The SJV/AGO is so proud of these students, and knows that there are others working hard and "waiting in the wings" for such grand opportunities. Congratulations to Laurell Huber, Richard Cencibaugh and Helga Medd for their inspiration, their teaching, and their encouragement of these organists and many others to come.

Catherine Walker

SJV/AGO COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the CSUF Concert Hall
CENTRAL CA YOUTH PERFORMANCE AWARDS COMPETITION (CCYPAC)

Pre-college Division – 3:00 pm
Collegiate Division – 4:30 pm

An audience is welcome at this competition.

SJV/AGO GUILD SUNDAY

Sunday, June 3, 2012 – 3:00 pm at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist
The winners of the CCYPAC will be featured.
Members, students and their families, and guests are welcome.

Hymn Festival CD Now Available

The joyful sounds of organ, brass, congregation and choir experienced at our February 26th Hymn Festival are available on CD to inspire again – or enjoy for the first time. Paul Irwin, Pastor of Fowler Presbyterian, host church for the event, has mastered the high-quality disc. SJV Chapter member Scott Davis will duplicate copies as orders are received.

These would make wonderful gifts, too, for anyone who appreciates the rich heritage of Christian hymns. To order, please call Andrea Belau (897-7076) or email request to landabelau@att.net. Cost for each disc is \$5, which includes mailing.

The Fresno Pipe Organ Academy presented "8 Guys and A Doll" on Sunday, April 29. The students played the organ at University Presbyterian Church with talented fingers and feet, great musicianship and great flair! The final piece was "Rubrics" by Dan Locklair. Five students learned one movement each. To quote the TAO – May 2012 issue, "Rubrics has enjoyed immense popularity and remains one of the most widely played of 20th-century American organ works. Its five contrasting movements capture the essence of Locklair's style. This work was heard at both the funeral of President Ronald Reagan and as part of the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. service during the inauguration of President Barack Obama." Presenting "Rubrics" were Cactus Harris, Tyler Baker, Tyrell McKenzie, Sheridan Haskell and Luke Shrestha. Teacher Laurell Huber can be most proud. Also participating in this concert was Alayna Clarno, Thomas Melton, Neal Ruperto and Ethan Peterson. Thomas Melton recently was a winner in the local Baroque Festival presented by the Music Teacher's Assn., and thus played in the Regional Baroque Festival concert. Congratulations to all. (Tyler and Thomas – do you know that one of your teachers at POE Advanced, Marilyn Keiser has recorded the music of Dan Locklair?)

Bringing the VISION into Focus! "The ABC Pedagogy of Orff Schulwerk" is an introductory program based on employing Carl Orff's active music-making through movement, speech, singing, playing, improvising and drama. This training program will be July 9-13, 2012, 9 am to noon daily at Fresno Pacific University. Course information from Helga Medd, 559-222-8348, musiclovinghelga@comcast.net.