



## DEAN'S MESSAGE

### Beloved Organists

Dear Colleagues,

We remember fondly those organists who have recently departed from our circle, namely, HOWARD LATTA on February 6 and ZELLA WOODS on March 6. We can be grateful for all the beautiful and healing music they brought to others in their many years of service. Our personal thank yous to members Cactus Harris and Susan Berg for their musical tributes at the respective memorial services.

The organ world mourns the loss of MARIE-CLAIRE ALAIN, who was such a guiding light for many of today's leading organ artists.

*WIDOR; A Life beyond the Toccata* is a wonderful biography by John R. Near, editor of the stellar A-R Published Widor Organ Symphonies (Univ. of Rochester Press, 2011).

This "most complete biography of Charles-Marie Widor" is a fascinating account of his many roles as "...organist, prolific composer, academician, administrator, journalist, conductor, music editor, scholar, correspondent, inspired visionary." It includes many informal photographs of Widor and reveals a complete portrait of this amazing personality.

(This book is in the Hiebert Library collection at Fresno Pacific University.)

I look forward to your presence at the upcoming Organ Artist Series Concert (with a Spanish accent!) of acclaimed organist James Welch on Sunday, April 7, 3 pm, at First Congregational Church, Fresno.

*Dean Laurell*

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## NEWS & ARTICLES

### Board Meeting

Next board meeting:  
 Tuesday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Home of Lynda Roberts  
 6032 North 6th, Fresno  
 (559) 439-2950  
 Members are welcome to attend.

### Congratulations

Two of our younger members deserve special recognition.

CACTUS HARRIS is the proud new owner of the beautiful two manual Wurlitzer theatre organ removed in early March from the Visalia home of Ruth Dresser to his family's ranch, Harris Stage Lines in Paso Robles. Upon its completed installation, we are anxious to hear, see, and play this well-maintained entertainment organ -- maybe on next season's event roster????

SHERIDAN HASKELL was recently accepted into the Early Music Studies graduate program at Boston University to study under Dr. Peter Sykes, who has been featured on our chapter's Organ Artist Series (several decades ago!).

### Transition to E-Mail

We ask that you encourage anyone you know who receives our SJVChapter postal mailings to please send their E mail address to Dean Laurell Huber:  
[laurellhuber@yahoo.com](mailto:laurellhuber@yahoo.com)

We need to update ourselves and also cut our communication costs! Thank you.

### Applications for SJV/AGO Colleague-Level Scholarship being accepted through May 1

Any organ student currently attending high school, college, university, or conservatory is eligible.

Applications for this year's \$1500 award must be received by May 1, 2013.

Two letters of reference from persons familiar with applicant's work are required, as well as audition -- by June 15, 2013 -- before the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. Repertoire must include 3 pieces of different eras and must be comparable to AGO-approved Colleague - level audition list, as published in the most recent July issue of *The American Organist* . . . or on the National AGO website, [<agohq.org>](http://<agohq.org>).

Application form -- with full details on requirements -- is available to download online at the Chapter website, [sjvago.org](http://sjvago.org). Or contact Andrea Belau at 897-7076 or [landabelau@att.net](mailto:landabelau@att.net).

### Hanford Hymn Festival Elicits Glowing Responses. . . .

This year's Sing-Along Hymn Festival, at Hanford First Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, March 17, continued the tradition in good form. A joyful time was had by all as we celebrated "Hymns for All Seasons" of the church year with choir, congregation, organ, brass ensemble and piano.

Director David Hensley, did a marvelous job of preparing the Festival Choir composed of members from the Presbyterian and Christian Reformed Church Churches (Hanford), as well as members of his own Porterville Congregational Church and Porterville College Choirs. Their rendition of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Gilbert Martin) accompanied by SJV/AGO member Catherine Walker, was a highlight.

Wayne Huber, Director, with members of Fresno Pacific Brass again added brilliance and definition to many of the hymn tunes.

AGO members Eleanor Friesen, Sheridan Haskell, A. William Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson, Janice Mills and Meredith Wing provided wonderful organ



accompaniments. Helga Medd joined in on piano. Richard Cencibaugh's postlude -- his own Improvisation on "The Solid Rock" -- was a moving dedication to the memory of two former deans, Howard Latta and Zella Woods. Sharon Massingill's scripture readings introduced each liturgical season fittingly.

Of special note: spoken and visual tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Hanford church's Moller pipe organ by Pastor Tony Winterowd, assisted by Kevin McCarty.

Deep appreciation goes to all of the above -- and to the staff and membership of Hanford Presbyterian Church -- for making the Festival the wonderful event it was. Special thanks to Janice Mills, organist at the church, for service "above and beyond" and to Jo Dull for her expert assistance in many areas.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will go to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

*--- Submitted by Andrea Belau, for the Festival Committee*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 6 at 4:00 pm

Ethnic Food Fair at 3:00 pm  
*Fresno Choral Artists*

Hope Lutheran Church -- 365 Barstow at Fresno St.  
"Ethnic Fusion" -- under the direction of Dr. Zachary Durlam

Choral settings of folk songs from Slovakia, Korea, Norway as well as new compositions based on Islamic and Australian aboriginal chants, Brahms' Liebeslieder waltzes and more

Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 students

Available at the door or online: [Fresnochoralartists.org](http://Fresnochoralartists.org), American Music Store or iTicket

### April 7 at 3:00 pm

*James Welch - Organ Artists Series Concert*

First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno  
Free Will Offering

James Welch, AAGO, DMA is the University organist at Santa Clara University. He has appeared in concerts world-wide and is a specialist in Latin American organ music, doing research and recitals in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

### April 14 at 2:30 pm

*Fresno Community Chorus*

Master Chorale, Dr. Anna Hamre, Artistic Director --  
Cherubini Requiem. Tickets & Info (559) 709-6245

### April 18, 7:30 pm

*Musica Pacifica Baroque Orchestra Concert.*

Dieter Wulfhorst, D.M.A., conducting.  
(SJVC, AGO member Sheridan Haskell, harpsichord continuo) Seminary Chapel at Fresno Pacific University,  
1717 S. Chestnut, Fresno. Free



**April 20 at 7:30 pm**

*Fresno Pacific University Concert*  
Choir Home Concert. Zachary Durlam, D.M.A., conducting.  
St. Therese Catholic Church, 855 E. Floradora, Fresno

**April 21 at 7:30 pm**

*Cameron Carpenter, Organ*  
Walt Disney Concert Hall  
111 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles

**April 26 at 8:00 pm**

*Cameron Carpenter, Organ*  
Cohan Center at Cal Poly Arts  
San Luis Obispo, CA

**Sunday, April 28, 7:30 pm**

*San Joaquin Chorale Concert*  
Roy Klassen, D.M.A., conducting. First Congregational  
Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno. \$10 general,  
\$5 seniors, students

**May 4 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

*Christoph Bull, Organ*  
Improvisation Experience  
CSUF Concert Hall, Fresno

**May 5 at 3:00 pm**

*Christoph Bull - Organ Artist Series -  
Phillip Lorenz Memorial Keyboard Concert*

CSUF Concert Hall, Fresno

**June 24-26, 2013**

*AGO REGION IX CONVENTION*  
Bakersfield, CA

June 23rd 7PM - pre-convention concert by Hector Olivera  
June 27th 10AM - post-convention concert by Dorothy Young Reiss

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FEATURED CONVENTION ORGANS Bakersfield is home to some very fine organs!