



## DEAN'S MESSAGE

San Joaquin Valley Chapter Organ Artist Series --  
 ONE MORE CONCERT--- THIS SUNDAY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

A big thank you to our Organ Artist Series chair Catherine Walker for her time in preparation of the April 7 Concert by Dr. JAMES WELCH. It was a wonderful program of variety and virtuosity. Dr. Welch played with such ease and was comfortable informing the audience about the music. There were brisk sales of his CDs and his new book RICHARD PURVIS; Organist of Grace. Thanks also to host Scott Horton, resident organist at First Congregational Church, Fresno and to the reception committee, Jo Dull and Lynda Roberts.

Our OAS Series, in collaboration with the Keyboard Concert Series finishes THIS SUNDAY, MAY 5 with UCLA organist CHRISTOPH BULL playing his own Variations on B-A-C-H and his German Folk Song Arrangement. In the second half he will present nine favorite and familiar organ fugues of J.S.BACH from "Little" G Minor to "St. Anne" E-flat Major. This is a return visit to Fresno. Dr. Bull is energetic (a marathon runner!) and very engaging in his interpretations.

He was the first to record an organ CD in Disney Hall. Tickets will be available the day of the concert at the box office in the entry of the CSUF Concert Hall or in advance by calling (559) 278-2337. See [www.keyboardconcerts.com](http://www.keyboardconcerts.com) for more information.

Dr. Bull is also a creative improviser, and will demonstrate his "secrets" THIS SATURDAY, MAY 4 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Concert Hall of CSUF. This IMPROVISATION EXPERIENCE is for ALL AGES and is FREE, made possible by the Reedley School of Music, Jacqueline Johnson, Director ( SJVCh member). Thank you Jacquie!!!!

A native of Germany, Dr. Bull will be a major presenter at the Bakersfield Region IX Convention in June.

See you at both events,  
*Dean Laurell*

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Stop & Reed editor Sheridan Haskell for successfully passing the AGO Service Playing Exam. Thanks go to Richard Cencibaugh, official exam proctor, for his important role behind the scenes.

## SJVChapter in AGO JOURNAL -- TAO

If you look through past issues this past year, you may see your face smiling at you! Thanks to member Mike Varlas, who has carefully recorded most of our events in text and camera. Richard's party, the Tribute to Aran Vartanian, and our Hanford Hymn Festival were published in recent issues of the THE AMERICAN ORGANIST. Look in upcoming issues for more under "AGO Chapter News (Region IX)." Good job, Mike!

## Scholarship Opportunities around the corner

Our chapter offers scholarship awards to young organists as they pursue their studies. The following are those events:

### *May 19 --- Central California Youth Performance Awards Competition*

- University Presbyterian Church 1776 E. Roberts, Fresno. (**different venue this year**)
- 1:00 p.m. for High School Division and
- 2:30 for College Division. (Exact start times are subject to change.)

A NEW Preparatory Division (grades 4-8) will be non-competitive and those participants will play their pieces for the audience of the High School Division as judges are away deliberating their decisions before awards are announced.

Adjudicators will be Faye DeLong and Michal Hembd.

Each division offers three monetary prizes. Applications are available online or call Dean Laurell Huber (559) 222-8114.

The public is invited and encouraged to come support our next generation of organists.

### *Colleague Scholarship*

- \$1500 prize
- Mid-June audition date.
- Contact Andrea Belau (559)897-7076; landbelau@att.net for more details.

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Home of Lynda Roberts

6032 North 6th, Fresno

(559) 439-2950

Members are welcome to attend.

## Guys & Dolls Organ Concert

This annual Fresno Pipe Organ Academy event was held Sunday afternoon, April 28 at the Second Church, Christ Scientist, Fresno. AGO Student members Tyler Baker, Cactus Harris, and Luke Shrestha (all are previous CCYPAC prize winners) performed along with younger organists Emily Booth, Devon and Taylor Samuelian, Noah and Samantha Tyler. Special guests who traveled from Merced were the Lee Family of string players-- Dr. Jun Ho (father) and children, ages 7-11, Vivienne and Andrew all on violin, and Dong Yoon (also a CCYPAC winner) on cello. The Fresno Pipe Organ Academy event was a success musically and financially, bringing in enough donations to cover the FPOA prize of the Central California Youth Performance Awards Competition. Teachers were Tina Carter, Laurell Huber, Jacqueline Johnson, Helga Medd, and Wendy Shrestha.

## Reminder - Guild Sunday - Early June!

Please invite your friends to Easton Presbyterian Church for our JUNE 2nd annual Guild Sunday afternoon of great organ music played by 2013 CCYPAC winners -- plus hymn singing. Donations toward our scholarship fund.



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**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

**May 19**

*Central California Youth Performance Awards Competition*

1:00 p.m. for High School Division and  
2:30 for College Division. (Exact start times are subject to change.)

**June 2 at 3:00 pm**

*Guild Sunday*

Easton Presbyterian Church 5825 S. Elm, Fresno

Two organs!

CCYPAC winners will be featured.

**June 24-27**

*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

[bakersfieldago2013.org](http://bakersfieldago2013.org)

GOLDEN SOUNDS FROM THE GOLDEN VALLEY  
FEATURED CONVENTION ORGANS Bakersfield is home to some very fine organs!

**June 29 at 3:00 pm**

*Margaret Licon, organ with instruments*  
*Benefit for SJVChapter Organ Scholarship Fund*

NEW PLACE -- First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street, Fresno  
Donations toward SJVChapter, AGO Scholarship Fund