

Stop & Reed

April 2018

San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists
a Member Organization of the Valley Cultural Coalition

From the Dean

Happy Easter....also known as time to start working on Christmas!

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and that those of us who played for multiple services during Holy Week had a rewarding time bringing joy to our congregations.

A few thank-you's are in order for those who played in our Wednesday Lenten Noontime Concerts at St. Agnes Hospital. Thank you to Lynne Rodriguez, Faye DeLong, Margaret Licon, Jean Hayes and myself. I did get a note from Chaplain David Klingensmith expressing his thanks to us for bringing the organ music to those who are in the hospital as well as to those who work there. I hope we can continue with our seasonal concert series, perhaps even expanding it.

Our annual Hymn Sing was held at University Presbyterian Church on March 4th and was as always a HUGE success. Thank you to Cactus Harris, Steve Vincent, Cathy Walker and Sharon Massingill for all the planning to bring this musical offering to the community. Thank you to the choir members for their time and talents. This year we had one of the largest choirs ever. Their voices added so much power to the message of the hymns. What a truly wonderful time we had coming together to lift our voices in songs of praise and inspiration.

Our next chapter event is this Sunday, April 8th, and features duo corgano, David Ball, organist and Trevor Nuckols, horn who will be presenting a rich program of organ and horn music. I would invite each of you to plan on being at the concert. I have listened to them on their Youtube features, and they are really two gifted musicians who will bring a beautiful program to us.

As we are coming to the end of our chapter year, we have one last event planned, our Guild Sunday service. We will be installing our new officers and board members as well as hearing from our student organists. Come and join us for this celebration. Congratulations to our newly elected Dean, Cactus Harris.

I do want to remind everyone that this is our chapter, and we offer a lot to every member as well as to our community. Please be an ACTIVE member, one who attends the events and supports the organ and choral musicians in our area.

**Blessings Always,
Dean Michael**

Call for an Accompanist-Fresno Choral Artists is seeking an accompanist. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. They have a Spring and Fall concert. Salary is negotiable. If interested submit your resume to fca@fresnochoralartists.org.

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Chapter Events

Organ Artist Series Duo Corgano Concert

David Ball, Organist Christ Cathedral, Orange County

Trevor Nuckols, French Horn

Sunday, April 8, 2018

3:00 PM

First Congregational Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Guild Sunday

Sunday, June 3, 2018

2:00 PM

University Presbyterian Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno



NEXT SJVAGO BOARD

MEETING:

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

10:00 AM

Lynda Robert's home

6032 N. 6th, Fresno

Elected Officer and Board Member Slate of the San Joaquin Valley AGO Chapter for 2018

Officers Terms expiring in 2020

Dean Cactus Harris

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2021)

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Duo Corgano

In concert Sunday, April 8th, 2018

First Congregational Church of Fresno

As colleagues at The Julliard School, organist David Ball and horn player Trevor Nuckols formed duo corgano in 2015. Both members of the duo are widely lauded performers in their own right; David currently serves as Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Christ Cathedral in the Diocese of Orange, California (formerly Crystal Cathedral), and Trevor has performed as soloist and orchestral performer across the globe, including a current fellowship at the Universität Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

David and Trevor nevertheless find, in collaborative performance, an experience that augments and surpasses the solo capacities of either musician alone. Combining the soaring melodies of the horn with the organ's sheer power and breadth of color, the duo has quickly established themselves as an ensemble of superior musicality and adventurous-yet appealing-programming.

duo corgano is committed to supporting new music and contemporary composers; the duo's repertoire is drawn largely from the 20th and 21st centuries, and included numerous newly-commissioned works and transcription. Find out more about the duo at duocorgano.com.

Program

Gabriel Fauré
Après un rêve Op 7, No 1

J. S. Bach
Sinfonia from Cantata 29

Michel Corrette
La Choisy

Paul Hindemith
Organ Sonata No. 2

Francis Poulenc
Élégie 'in memory of Dennis Brain'

Jonathan Dove
Dancing Pipes

Gabriel Fauré arr. Ryan Dodge
Pie Jesu

Herbert Howells
Psalm-Prelude Set 1, No. 1
"The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and delivered him."
Psalm 34:6

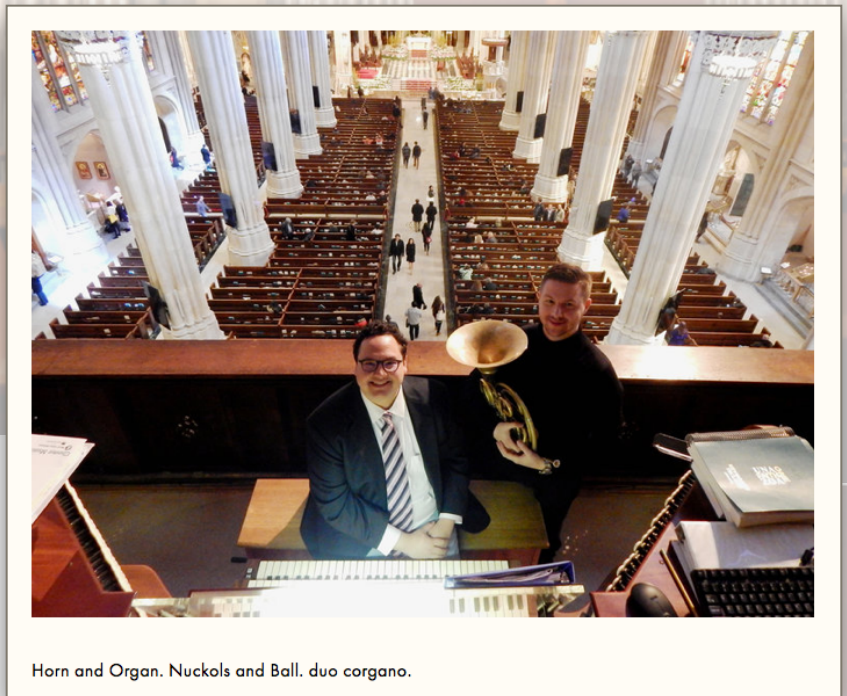
Lili Boulanger
Pie Jesu

Louis Vierne
Toccata from Pièces De Fantaisie, Suite No. 2, Op. 53

Bernhard Krol
Missa Muta

Organ Artist Series

The San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the First Congregational Church of Fresno present



Horn and Organ. Nuckols and Ball. duo corgano.

Duo Corgano

*In an Organ Artist Series
Concert*

Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3:00 PM
First Congregational Church of
Fresno
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.

Admission Free-Freewill Offering to
benefit OAS concerts

Kern County event

Kern County Chapter American Guild of Organists proudly presents...

Buster Keaton's "The General"

with Live Organ Accompaniment

by Bob Salisbury

**Friday, April 20th, 2018 at 7PM
First Presbyterian Church - 1705 17th Street**

Free Admission, Donations are welcome



*"The General" 1928 Color Tinted
silent movie written and directed by Buster
Keaton exploiting his comedic talents using
his favorite film prop—the train!*