

# Stop & Reed

August 2018

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

## *From the Dean*

What an honor it is to be the new dean for our AGO chapter! I remember less than a decade ago when I was brought into the fold of the SJVAGO and attended my first event at Warnors Theatre. I'll never forget being a college freshman, riding the Fresno FAX downtown, walking into the art deco movie palace, and hearing Richard Cencibaugh play away on the organ. I immediately found a community in our chapter that was willing to mentor me into the organ world, and for that I am extremely grateful! Now I am happy to give back and lead this group.

The board met this summer and planned another exciting year with a little something for everyone.

Be sure that all of your contact information is current so you can get the latest!

I hope to see everyone at our September social as we gather to share summer stories and look at the year ahead!

**In Harmony,  
Cactus Harris**

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# Chapter Events

## “Viva Mexico II” Family Potluck

Saturday, September 8th  
6:00 PM  
Faye DeLong’s home  
2504 16th Avenue, Kingsburg  
RSVP 559.269.4437

## Fourteenth Annual Bachtober Organ Recital

Scott Horton, performing  
Sunday, October 14, 2018  
3:00 PM  
First Congregational Church, Fresno  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

## Advent/Christmas Noon Organ Recitals

Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19, 2018  
12:00 Noon-12:30 PM  
St. Agnes Hospital Chapel  
Members invited to perform

## Mountain Area Advent/Christmas Noon Organ Recitals

Friday recitals  
Sierra Presbyterian Church, Oakhurst  
Details to follow

## “Twelfth Night Celebration” Family Social

Saturday, January 6, 2019  
1:00 PM  
Zentner Ranch  
13828 S. Academy Avenue, Kingsburg

## Organ Artist Series Concert

Nathan Laube, performing  
Sunday, January 7, 2019  
3:00 PM  
CSU Fresno Concert Hall  
Maple at Shaw, Fresno  
Ticket information to follow

## Choral Workshop

Saturday, March 9, 2019  
9 AM- 12:30 PM  
University Presbyterian Church  
1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno  
Dr. Roy Klassen, Directing  
Open to all choir members and directors. Massed choir will be singing at the Hymn Festival the following day.

## Hymn Festival

Sunday, March 10, 2019  
3:00 PM  
University Presbyterian Church  
1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno  
Dr. Roy Klassen, Directing

## Organ Artist Series

Richard Elliott, performing  
Date and time TBD  
First Congregational Church  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

## Officer Installation

Sunday, June 2, 2019  
Time and Location to be determined

# Other Events

## Choir, Brass and Organ

Sunday, October 28, 2018

4:00 PM

Hope Lutheran Church

364 E. Barstow, Fresno

Co-sponsored by Fresno Master Chorale and SJVAGO

## Central California Baroque Festival

Saturday, January 26, 2019

All Day event

University Presbyterian

1771 E Roberts Ave., Fresno

Dr. Kimberly Marshall will be presenting

## University Presbyterian 50th anniversary

Presenting Hans Hielscher, Organ concert

Thursday, May 23, 2019

University Presbyterian Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

## Editor's Comments

### "Allegretto ma non troppo"

Well friends, after a four year hiatus from this column, the editor's comments seem to be back. I have to admit that I missed writing this feature, but other duties prevailed and it was put aside. Now, the other tasks have been handed off to our new Dean, Cactus Harris, so, here I am, ready to go...again!

There are a couple of features that will be coming back. The first is "Organs and Organists," where we are introduced to the organists of our chapter and the instruments that they play. I am thinking about expanding this to include instruments and organists from outside the San Joaquin Valley. There are several organists that I know and they play some pretty incredible instruments. So, let's get to meet them. If you know any organists who you think would be interesting to showcase, either call or email me. The second feature that I would like to bring back is the "Favorite Composer's Corner." This column might require some pondering about not only who, but why the composer is your favorite. Again, if you choose to submit an article it doesn't have to be a dissertation length submission. As Sgt. Joe Friday used to say, "Just the facts, ma'm." And if you know who Joe Friday is... well, you have a few miles under your tires.

The Stop & Reed is our newsletter. That being the case, please feel free to contribute to it, or give me ideas for things you would like to see included.

I will leave with a quote to think on as we go about our musical endeavors. "The test of the artist does not lie in the will with which he goes to work but in the excellence of the work he produces."—Thomas Aquinas. Blessings to all as we seek to produce excellence in our musical art. With that, I am off to spend some time practicing.

Blessings...always,

Michael Varlas



### NEXT SJVAGO BOARD

MEETING:

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

10:30 AM

University Presbyterian

Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave.,

Fresno

*Please note the starting time is now*

*10:30 AM*

# Directory update



**I WANT YOU** ■ ■ ■

***Directory information to update:  
-any changes regarding address,  
email address, current organist  
position AND inclusion on the  
Substitute Organist list.***

***email or phone Sharon at  
[dmassingill@outlook.com](mailto:dmassingill@outlook.com)***

***(559) 924-4741***

**Well, technically... Sharon Massingill  
wants YOU... to update your Directory  
information!**

# Viva Mexico II

*Come and join your Amigos and Amigas  
for the SJV AGO Chapter's*

## September Viva Mexico Fiesta!

When: Saturday, September 8, 2018  
6 PM until the food and drinks are gone

Where: La Casa de Faye and Larry DeLong  
2504 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kingsburg

Who: Members, spouses and significant others



Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Main dishes and drinks will be provided.

- + Come and welcome new members as well as renew old friendships
- + Try out music on the pipe organ in the DeLong home
- + Share highlights of the summer's activities-AGO National Convention
- + Great Mexican Food....Great Margarita's....AND best of all GREAT Fun!



So hitch up the ole Burro and head..  
South of the Border to Kingsburg!!!

Please RSVP to Faye at: 559.879.2394 (home) or 559.269.4437 (cell)

# Warnors 90th



## SAVE <sup>the</sup> DATE

### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

For one night only, we invite you to experience the premiere documentary film, "WARNORS: A LEGACY," that showcases the theatre's rich history. Plus, we'll pay tribute to the theatre's pipe organist, Richard Cencibaugh, who has maintained and played the theatre's original Morgan pipe organ for more than 50 years.

This unique and enjoyable event supports the ongoing restoration of the theatre and will help continue to bring world-renowned entertainers to Fresno. Limited sponsorship opportunities are also available.

*October*  
**20**

— Location —  
**WARNORS THEATER**

— Time —  
**2:00 to 4:00 PM**

**TICKETS ARE \$10 PER PERSON. PURCHASE ONLINE AT ETIX.COM OR AT THE BOX OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10AM-2PM.**