

Stop & Reed

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

From the Dean

Recommended Reading-

No matter how many services and programs one might play, nerves will creep up every once in a while. Lately I have found that if I am performing something with a light registration and manuals only, my brain gets the best of me. I assume it is because there is freed up "thinking power" since I am not using my feet, and the fear of being so exposed. How do we not let that "free space" get filled with doubt and the little devil on our shoulder?

What about when you find yourself making mistakes in performance that went so well during practice time? I thought I would share a nice resource that has helped me overcome the ever sneaky performance anxiety. Written in 1986, Barry Green and W. Timothy Gallwey's book, "The Inner Game of Music", has become one that I regularly open when trying to combat these situations of self-doubt in my playing. Based on Gallwey's earlier books, "The Inner Game of Tennis" and "The Inner Game of Golf", the authors apply the same principles from their sports books, to music.

Describing the "outer game" as the actual activity being done (playing keys at the right time, pulling stops, pressing pedals, etc.) the "inner game" refers to the second game being played in your mind (mental obstacles, lapses of concentration, nervousness, etc.).

Green and Gallwey provide skills and exercises specifically designed for musicians, that can help the reader think about their playing in a different way, and perhaps improve musicality at the same time. I highly recommend this book finds a way on your shelf, or kindle!

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Chapter Events

Fourteenth Annual Bachtoper 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 November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2018

Sierra Presbyterian Church

39696 Highway 41, Oakhurst

"Twelfth Night Celebration" Family Social

Saturday, January 5, 2019

1:00 PM

Zentner Ranch

13828 S. Academy Avenue, Kingsburg

Organ Artist Series Concert

Nathan Laube, performing

Sunday, January 6, 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

Sunday, May 5, 2019

3 PM

First Congregational Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Officer Installation

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Time and Location to be determined



NEXT SJVAGO BOARD

MEETING:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

10:30 AM

**University Presbyterian
Church**

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

*Please note the starting time is now
10:30 AM*

Other Events

Choir, Brass and Organ

Sunday, October 28, 2018

4:30 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



Fox Hanford Theatre

Silent Movie Night

October 20, 2018

7:30 PM

Habeas Corpus—Laurel and Hardy

Phantom of the Opera—Lon Chaney

Featuring Dean Mora on the Fox Theatre Wurlitzer pipe organ

Donation General \$10

Seniors \$5

Editor's Comments

“Allegretto ma non troppo”

One thing that always helps me appreciate the work others do is to attempt to do the same task. I had that experience these past few months in which I gained a whole new appreciation for our Hymn Festival Committee.

Last Spring the Music Director at First Armenian Presbyterian Church asked me if I would consider playing for a Hymn Sing at the church. Having been the organist at the church since December, I was getting pretty comfortable with the organ and the congregation, so I said “sure...let’s make it happen.” I mean, “how hard could it be?” I know, our Hymn Festival Committee members are all saying...”He’ll find out!”

So off we went. The first job was the selection of hymns. How many do we want? Is there a theme we are looking at? After two Venti coffees at the local Starbucks we finally had our hymns. They were great hymns, the kind my mother likes to sing, and never has a chance to, since her church has one of those “Anti-organ” groups that stand and deliver the Sunday morning entertainment for the assembly. (OK that’s my rant for the month...sorry.)

Then we needed to add some other musicians just to give a bit of flavor to the program. Besides, since it was the first time the church has done this kind of hymn sing we thought it would be a good way to build our audience. After all, the more folks you have involved in the program, the more will actually attend! Just a little marketing idea!

Of course, what would it be without a twist? After getting the program all lined up, we found out that a couple of the key people were going to be out of town on the date we chose. No biggie...just pick another and hope the others are going to be there.

In our chapter Hymn Festival we always have a reader sharing about each hymn. I have always liked that, as it takes a hymn from the book and transports me into the writer’s mind for a few brief moments and personalizes the thoughts and words.

What a joy it was to be able to play with other musicians. I don’t often get to do that, so it was doubly wonderful! I did get to play a smashing postlude, Christopher Pardini’s “Tocatta on Amazing Grace.”

All things considered, it was really an enjoyable evening. I heard several members talking about when we should do the next one, which was really nice to hear.

So, I guess that what I am ultimately saying is, THANK YOU to our Hymn Festival committee. You always bring us a great afternoon of hymns and praise. I appreciate you so much more now! Oh, and by the way...my mother really liked the program!

Blessings...always,

Michael Varlas

Bachtober Concert

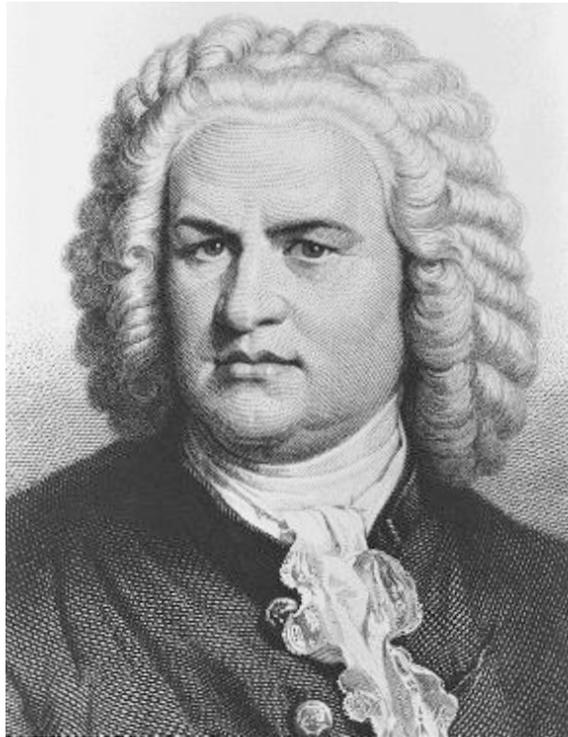
First Congregational Church of Fresno

presents a

BACHTOBER CONCERT

Featuring the Organ Works of

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sunday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m.
Scott Horton, organist

Admission Free - Freewill Offering to support the Casavant Pipe Organ

First Congregational Church of Fresno, U.C.C.
2131 North Van Ness Boulevard
Information: 227-8489

Warnors 90th



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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.

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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.

Dodson Concert

Dr. Phil and Jean Dodson, Family and Friends

In Concert

Sunday Evening , October 21, 2018 – 5:30 PM

Valley Baptist Church –Olive Drive Campus

5500 Olive Drive Bakersfield, California

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(559) 784-5340

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1776 EAST ROBERTS, FRESNO

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