

Stop & Reed

75th Anniversary edition-part three

July 2021
San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

From the Dean

As life starts to get back on track, the SJVAGO board is very excited to plan a new season of events. A big thank you to everyone who participated in our virtual recitals this past year! While it wasn't the same as being in the room with one another, it was a great opportunity to hear members play in a variety of spaces.

Dates are being finalized, and we have a tentative schedule of events for the year, so let's keep our fingers crossed that everything comes together smoothly!

You may have read in a recent issue of *The American Organist*, that this year's AGO initiative is to celebrate the "Year of the Young Organist". This year, all members under 30 are eligible for a free membership in the AGO. As a chapter, we will also be showcasing some of our younger members in recitals and bringing in young keyboardist Michael Delfin. Michael is a Fresno native, and in the May 2021 issue of *The Diapason*, was recognized as one of the "20 under 30" who are setting the pace for the future of the pipe organ, harpsichord, carillon, church music, and organ and harpsichord building.

Look for more information next month and plan to be at our kick-off September social event!

Stay cool and healthy,
-Cactus Harris

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Chapter Events

"Mexican Fiesta" Family Get-together

Saturday, September 25, 2021
6:00 PM
Faye DeLong's
2504 16th Ave., Kingsburg

Annual Bachtoper Organ Recital

Scott Horton, performing
Sunday, October 17, 2021
3:00 PM
First Congregational Church, Fresno
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

"Advent Chorale Preludes" Member Recital

Sunday, December 5, 2021
3:00 PM
St. James Chapel
4147 E. Dakota, Fresno

"Twelfth Night Celebration" Family Social

Saturday, January 8, 2022
1:00 PM
Zentner Ranch
13828 S. Academy Avenue, Kingsburg

Organ Artist Series Concert

Jaebon Hwang, performing
Sunday, January 9, 2022
3:00 PM
First Congregational Church, Fresno
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Richard Galloway Memorial Evensong

Sunday, March 6, 2022
3:00 PM
First Congregational Church, Fresno
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

Choral Workshop

Saturday, March 19, 2022
9 AM- 12:00 noon
University Presbyterian Church
1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno
Open to all choir members and directors. Massed choir will be singing at the Hymn Festival the following day.

Hymn Festival

Sunday, March 20, 2022
3:00 PM
University Presbyterian Church
1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

Philip Lorenz Keyboard Concert

Jack Mitchener, performing
Sunday, April 24, 2022
3:00 PM
CSU Fresno Concert Hall
Maple at Shaw, Fresno
Ticket information to follow

Bringing the organ to our community

Organ Artist Series concerts (1980-2019)

Throughout our 75 years the chapter has presented many outstanding organ artists in concerts for our community. In looking over the list it is apparent that some of the great organists of the 20th and 21st century have performed in the San Joaquin Valley.

- 1980-81- **David Hurd - First Congregational**
Lee Burtner and Aran Vartanian - First Congregational
Joyce Jones - University Presbyterian

- 1981-82 - **David Craighead - First Congregational**
John Pagett - University Presbyterian
Nicolas Kynaston - First Congregational

- 1982-83 - **Yuko Hayashi - St. James Episcopal**
Bernard Lagace - First Congregational
John Near - First Congregational

- 1983-84 - **Esteban Elizondo, Organ and Bernard Brauchli, Harpsichord**
St. James Episcopal
Catherine Crozier - First Congregational
David Chalmers - First Congregational

- 1984-85- **William Albright - First Congregational**
Margaret Irwin-Brandon - St. James Episcopal
Sharon Gorman - Hope Lutheran

- 1985-86- **Ronald E. McKean - Pilgrim Armenian Congregational**
Irmtraud Kruger, Organ and Edward H. Tarr, Trumpet
First Congregational
Christa Rakich - St. James Episcopal (Organ and Harpsichord)

- 1986-87 - **Richard Unfried - St. Luke's United Methodist**
David Dahl - First Congregational
Sandra Soderlund - University Presbyterian
Everhard Zwart - First Congregational

- 1987-88 - **Pamela Decker - First Congregational**
Thomas Murray - First Congregational
David Wolfe - First Congregational
Odile Pierre - First Congregational

- 1988-89 - **Burghardt Zitzmann - Hope Lutheran**
Samuel John Swartz - University Presbyterian
Peter Sykes - St. James Episcopal
John Fenstermaker - First Congregational

- 1989-90 - **Jim Riggs - Warnors Theatre**
James Walker - First Congregational
Kimberly Marshall - University Presbyterian

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- 1990-91 - Beth Zucchini, Harpsichord and Philip Manwell, Organ
 University Presbyterian
 Roger Nyquist - First Congregational (Dedicated to Dr. C. Wesley Bird)
 Philip Smith, Organ and Chris Price, Trumpet - First Congregational
- 1991-92 - Diane Bish - Evangelical Free
 Tom Hazleton - Hanford Fox Theatre, Hanford
 Aran Vartanian - Second Church of Christ, Scientist
 Kevin Calloway - University Presbyterian
 Joan Lippincott - First Congregational
- 1992-93 - Barbara Harbach - First Congregational
 Lew Williams - Warnors Theatre
 Alexander Frey - University Presbyterian
- 1993-94 - Colin Andrews and Janette Fishell - (Duo and Solo Organ)
 First Congregational
 Sharon Rose Pfeiffer - First Congregational
- 1994-95 - Larry Palmer - First Congregational
 Marilyn Keiser - First Congregational
- 1995-96 - Aran Vartanian - First Congregational
 David Higgs - CSUF (Inaugural Concert of Martin Ott organ)
- 1996-97- Sean Coburn O'Neal - First Congregational Church
 Douglas Cleveland - First Congregational
 Mireille Lagace - CSUF Concert Hall
- 1997-98- Heather Hinton - First Congregational
 Guy Bovet - CSUF Concert Hall
- 1998-99- Gillian Weir - CSUF Concert Hall
- 1999-2000- Ji-Yoen Choi - First Congregational Church
- 2000-2001- Douglas Cleveland - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2001-2002-
- 2002-2003- Timothy Olsen - First Congregational
 William Porter - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2003-2004-

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- 2004-2005- Paul Jacobs - First Congregational
Christopher Young - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2005-2006-
- 2006-2007- Kevin Kwan - First Congregational
Graham Barber - CSUF Concert Hall
David Higgs, CSUF Concert Hall
- 2007-2008- Mary Preston - CSUF Concert Hall
Elizabeth Lenti - First Congregational
- 2008-2009- James Welch - University Presbyterian
Gerre Hancock - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2009-2010- Christoph Bull - First Congregational
Carol Terry - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2010-2011- Angela Kraft Cross - First Congregational
James David Christie - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2011-2012- Ty Woodward - First Congregational
Allison Luedecke - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2012-2013- James Welch - First Congregational
Christoph Bull - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2013-2014- Jung-A-Lee - CSUF Concert Hall
James Walker - First Congregational
- 2014-2015- Samuel Soria - CSUF Concert Hall
Carol Williams - First Congregational
- 2015-2016 -
- 2016-2017 - Christoph Bull - First Congregational
Ken Cowan - CSUF Concert Hall
- 2017-2018 - Joy-Leilani Garbutt - First Congregational
Kimberley Marshall - CSUF Concert Hall
Trevor Nuckols, Horn and David Ball, Organ, First Congregational
- 2018-2019 - Nathan Laube - CSUF Concert Hall
Richard Elliott - First Congregational
- 2019-2020 - Monica Czausz - CSUF Concert Hall

Twelfth Night



Gathering in the living room of the Boro Home

One of our chapter's regular celebrations is our annual Twelfth Night Party, which marks the end of Christmas and the beginning of Epiphany. As is proper, the party is replete with great food, drink, fellowship and entertainment. Some of the homes in which we have celebrated are-

2006 - Elaine and Carey Johnson's - featured a chocolate fountain

2010 - Elaine and Carey Johnson's - four hand piano program - featuring Bea Fleming and Jacquie Johnson with Zenora Swanson

2011 - Johnson's - Featured Cactus on accordion

2012 - Johnson's - Feature Bill Thornbury and "Choir of Angels" from St. Helen's Catholic School.

2014-2018 Robert Boro's historic Fresno house

2018-2020 Zentner Ranch House (Eric and Anne) in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright

Chapter Election

Proposed Board Member Slate of the San Joaquin Valley AGO Chapter for 2021 Election.

Second Posting of the Proposed Slate of Member-At-Large Board Members:

Term expiring 2024:

Matthew Rye

Scott Horton

The second posting of this slate is hereby published in the July 2021 edition of the Stop & Reed. If there are no additional nominations the slate as it stands will be elected.

Procedures for making additional nominations are:

- The nominee must agree in advance of the nomination.
- The nomination must be signed by five (5) chapter voting members in good standing.

- The nomination must be submitted in writing to Michael Varlas, 1701 Riverview Drive, Madera, CA 93637 no later than August 1, 2021.

If there are additional nominations a ballot will be prepared and voting members will vote for their choice.

