

# Stop & Reed

75th Anniversary year

November 2021  
San Joaquin Valley Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

## *From the Dean*

As we return to a semi-normal AGO season, your board has been hard at work coming up with programs and concert artists. This year, the national AGO has been deemed as the year of the "Young Organist". With that said, we are excited to celebrate some of our younger members, and artists. A big congratulations to our young member Grant Smith, who won second place in the West Region AGO/Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists! You can read about the competition on page 72 of the October edition of *The American Organist*. Grant also had the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Bach Festival this summer, which you can read about in this newsletter.

As you prepare for the Advent and Christmas season, I encourage you to come and be a part of our upcoming member recital! See details on the following page, and sign up soon!

Musically,  
Dean Cactus Harris

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# Chapter Events

## “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  
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## 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

## **NEXT SJVAGO BOARD**

### **MEETING:**

**Monday, November 22nd at  
6:00 PM**

**Virtual meeting on Zoom. An  
invitation will be emailed with  
instructions for joining the meeting.**

# Young Member Spotlight



## *Grant Smith*

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically limited music programs in our communities, some organizations are making a remarkable effort to continue investing in young musicians. In the last several months, Grant Smith was privileged to participate in an organ competition and an organ festival.

Online competitions are difficult to manage, but the American Guild of Organists administered its Regional Competition for Young Organists professionally and fairly. The competition is structured so that AGO chapters across the country host local competitions, and winners of the chapter level competitions advance to the regional finals. The AGO strove to recreate live performances for the competition by requiring competitors to have their recordings proctored, which ensured that no competitors took multiple takes or edited their recordings. Repertoire for the competition totaled about fifty minutes and included a contemporary work for organ written by James Woodman titled “Sonata in Sea.” Grant was pleased to receive first place in the Los Angeles chapter competition in April and second place in the West Regional competition in May.

The Oregon Bach Festival usually attracts thousands of concertgoers to world-class concerts in Eugene, but this year, the concerts were delivered online. But one aspect of the festival took place in-person this July: the Organ Institute. Grant was selected along with three other young organists to participate in a week of organ instruction from performing artist and Juilliard professor Paul Jacobs. Daily masterclass were held at local churches, organ builders came and spoke about the instruments and their construction, and a student recital took place on the final evening. Grant was so thankful for the opportunity to learn from such an accomplished organist.

## *Congratulations Grant*

# Member Advent (+) Recital

## *The Music of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: An SJVAGO Member Recital*

Members are invited to play Advent, Christmas or Epiphany music (program will be in that order). While the instrument is limited, there is a lot of possibility with accompanying a soloist, or even a duet with the SJVAGO Continuo Organ. One suggestion would be to lead a congregational carol, then follow it up with an organ arrangement.

**When:** Sunday, December 5th at 3pm

**Fee:** Freewill offering

**Location:** St. James Episcopal Cathedral Chapel - 4147 E Dakota Ave, Fresno, CA 93726

**Rehearsals:** Scheduled through the church office - [info@stjamesfresno.org](mailto:info@stjamesfresno.org) (559) 439-5011

**Participate:** Contact Dean Cactus Harris ([cactus@upcfresno.org](mailto:cactus@upcfresno.org)) (805)591-9680

**Deadline:** Monday, November 29th.

**Instrument:** I Manual and Pedal Flentrop

Manual: C-g<sup>'''</sup>

Pedal: C-d<sup>'</sup>

Stopped Flute 8'

Prestant 4'

Flute 4'

Octave 2'

Terts (Bass) 1 1/3 (?)

Sesquialtera (Treble)II

Mixture III

\*Everything couples automatically to the pedal

