

# Stop & Reed

April 2022

San Joaquin Valley Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

## *From the Dean*

Happy Easter Everyone!

I hope that this season is filled with joy and renewal. Last month we had a wonderful return to choral singing and organ music with our Hymn Festival. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson led a choir of 34 singers, including his chamber choir from Fresno Pacific University. A big thank you to our organists Scott Horton, Hannah Zentner, and Michael Varlas for accompanying the singing. I'd also like to thank the committee members, Sharon Massingill, Matthew Rye, Jean Hays, and Catherine Walker, for organizing the event. I thought it was a very successful return!

We are rounding out our season with two fantastic recitals. Please note the change of time and venue for the Jack Mitchener recital! Due to scheduling conflicts and Fresno State, the Keyboard Concerts needed to move this recital to 4pm at the Big Red Church on Sunday, April 24th. In conjunction with the Fresno County MTAC, we welcome Michael Delfin to the stage on Sunday, May 22nd at 3pm. He will be performing a concert for Harpsichord, Piano, and Organ at University Presbyterian Church. Something for everyone!

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate one of our young members, Jeremiah Knudson, as he has accepted admission to St. Olaf College to study organ! Jeremiah will be graduating from Washington Union High School in May, and has been taking lessons with me for almost 3 years. He is passionate about the instrument and church music. Jeremiah will be studying with Dr. Catherine Rodland at St. Olaf. Good luck Jeremiah, and congratulations!

Musically,  
Dean Cactus Harris

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# Chapter Photos



Jeremiah Knudson pictured during an introductory lesson with Dr. Catherine Rodland on the Dobson Organ, Op. 29.



2022 Hymn Festival Choir, Accompanist and Organists

# Chapter Events

## Philip Lorenz Keyboard Concert

Jack Mitchener, performing

Sunday, April 24, 2022

4:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Fresno  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**

## Keyboard Concert- Renaissance to 21st Century

Michael Delfin, performing

Sunday, May 22, 2022

3:00 PM

University Presbyterian Church  
1776 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

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## **Chapter Election**

Proposed Officer Slate of the San Joaquin Valley AGO Chapter for 2022 Election.

First Posting of the Proposed Slate of Officers: Terms expiring in 2024

Dean	Cactus Harris
Sub-dean	Michael Varlas
Recording Secretary	Hannah Zentner
Treasurer	Michal Hembd

A second posting of this slate will be published in the May 2022 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:

1. The nominee must agree in advance of the nomination
2. The nomination must be signed by five (5) chapter voting members in good standing
3. The nomination must be submitted in writing to Michael Varlas, 1701 Riverview Drive, Madera, CA 93637 no later than June 1, 2022

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

## **NEXT SJVAGO BOARD MEETING:**

**Monday, April 25th at  
6:00 PM**

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

# Keyboard Concerts



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**www.keyboardconcerts.com**  
 Tickets: \$ 25.00 General • \$ 18.00 Seniors • \$ 5.00 Students

For more information, please call 278-2337.




# Chapter Event



## MICHAEL DELFÍN

PIANO ~ HARPSICHORD ~ ORGAN

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 at 3pm  
 University Presbyterian Church  
 1776 E. Roberts Ave. Fresno CA

Music from the Renaissance to the 21st Century!

~Donations at the door~

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