

# Stop & Reed

February 2023  
San Joaquin Valley Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

## *From the Dean*

### Dean's Message:

It was great to see so many faces at our annual "12th Night" event! A special thank you to the Zentner family for the hospitality and sharing their home. The tuba, bassoon, and oboe entertainment was a wonderful addition. Thank you Michal Hembd for arranging those musicians!

The MTAC Fresno Branch put on a wonderful Baroque Festival that brought students from around the valley. Michael Delfin presented a program of Bach on the Harpsichord, Piano, and Organ, along with violinists Erin Adams and Lianna Elmore. It was a treat! The students also had the opportunity to try out their pieces on harpsichord and the SJVAGO continuo organ with the assistance of Mike Varlas, Michal Hembd, and myself. I know the students enjoyed trying something new!

Be sure to attend our upcoming concert with organist Nicole Keller at Fresno State! It will be nice to be back and hear the Martin Ott organ again!

Cactus Harris, Dean

### **Call for Substitute Organists**

Are you available to sub for services? Let us know! We would like to publish an accurate list of substitute organists in the Stop and Reed Newsletter. Please let Michael Varlas know at [mvarlas@yahoo.com](mailto:mvarlas@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to the list. Provide contact information and availability parameters (e.g. not available Sunday mornings, funerals or weddings only, willing to accompany choir, etc.)

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# Chapter Events

## Philip Lorenz Keyboard Concert

Nicole Keller, Organist

Sunday, February 5, 2023  
3:00 PM at Fresno State University  
See Flier page 3

## Choral Workshop

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9:00 AM  
– 12 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 on Sunday).

## Hymn Festival

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.  
Jeffry Wilson, Director  
University Presbyterian Church  
1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

## Organ Artist Series Concert

Joy-Leilani Garbutt, Organist

Sunday, June 4th, 2023 at 4:00 pm  
First Congregational Church  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

## **NEXT SJVAGO BOARD MEETING: NOTE THE DAY**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023  
6:00 PM on ZOOM.**

**Details will be sent out about joining the meeting a little closer to the meeting date.**

# Keyboard Concerts



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# Galloway organ Evensong



## *Galloway Memorial Organ Evensong*

**Scott Horton**

organist

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**3:00 p.m.**

Admission Free - Freewill Offering to Benefit  
the Casavant Organ Fund

*First Congregational Church of Fresno*

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.

(559) 227-8489



# Hymn Festival

## Annual AGO Hymn Festival

Festival Choir Rehearsal | March 18th 9am-12pm  
Hymn Festival | March 19th at 3pm

**Save the date!**