

# Stop & Reed

June 2023

San Joaquin Valley Chapter  
American Guild of Organists

## *From the Dean*

As we wrap up the 2022-2023 SJAGO season I'd like to thank the board and our members for another wonderful year of organ events. While much has changed since coming out of the pandemic, we have done an excellent job of jumping back into our annual programs, and have even grown some of them! This year alone, we have brought two outstanding female organists to perform and share their talents with the community. Many comments from our Hymn Festival was that it had been the best yet! Of course, we also enjoyed fellowship and great entertainment at our 12th Night luncheon, hosted by the Zentner family.

While there have been some great joys for our chapter, our organ community has also suffered some great loss; Past Dean, Secretary, and Organist, Catherine Walker; Organ Technician, Joe Cardoza; and Organist Ron Titus. I know that we are all grateful for their many contributions to our craft, and they are deeply missed.

As we look forward to the season ahead, we welcome any thoughts or suggestions on how our chapter can better serve you, and grow an interest and appreciation for the organ, and its music.

Musically,

Cactus Harris, Dean

### **Keyboard player needed**

Keyboard player needed for Sunday morning worship service.  
Contact Father Andy Ainley about specifics.

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# Organ Artist Series

## Organ Artist Series Concert Dr. Joy-Leilani Garbutt

Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 4:00 PM  
First Congregational Church, Fresno  
2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.  
-Free-will offering-



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Dr. Joy-Leilani Garbutt is an organist and passionate advocate for gender-equity in music. She co-founded the non-profit organization Boulanger Initiative, which supports music composed by women through education, performance, and commissions. Joy-Leilani holds a Ph.D. in musicology and has studied with renowned musicians such as Douglas Cleveland and Christa Rakich. She is currently the Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

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# Chapter Events

## Organ Artist Series Concert

Joy-Leilani Garbutt, Organist

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

Reception following in the courtyard

## NEXT SJVAGO BOARD MEETING:

**To Be Determined**

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

*‘If you are called upon to play a church service, it is a greater honour than if you were to play a concert on the finest organ in the world... Thank God each time when you are privileged to sit before the organ console and assist in the worship of the Almighty’*

*-Albert Schweitzer*

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