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The Dean's Corner

Vernon Mouw, Chapter Dean

Greetings from my desk to your home on Thanksgiving Day.

It seems very surreal that November is almost over and it's only a month to Christmas. Reminds me again that life passes by so quickly and we have to take time to experience what is going on around us.

A week ago the guild sponsored a wonderful program at California Heights United Methodist

Church in North Long Beach. Sean O'Neal was the organist performing with the Southern California Brass Consortium. This was a great combination of organ and brass, about as good as it gets. For those of you who were there, you heard a program that the guild was proud to sponsor. However there were far too many empty seats. The dinner before the concert was excellent. Thanks go to James Petri, organist of the church and a member of LBAGO, and the staff of Cal Heights UMC who so graciously granted us use of the facilities.

On December 4 we are holding our Christmas Holiday Concert at Covenant Church in Long Beach. See more information later in this issue. For those of you who are familiar with the work of Tom Mueller, organist at Concordia University, you know what is in store. If you have not heard Dr. Mueller perform you are in for a real treat. He will be giving the Aeolian-Skinner organ at Covenant a good workout. *Don't miss it.* The youth of Covenant will be serving a pre-concert dinner. Invite your congregations and friends to this free concert.

Merry Christmas everyone and may 2019 be a Wonderful Year for all of us.

Vern Mouw, Dean



This Month's Meeting

Tom Mueller, of Concordia University, Irvine and St. James Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, will present an organ recital on Tuesday, December 4th at 8 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 607 E Third St., Long Beach. The concert will be preceded with dinner at 6:30 pm. Come, greet friends, and get inspired for the Holidays. For dinner reservations, please contact Elaine Elliott ASAP. bobelaine@bobelaine.com

Looking Ahead

Save the date, Tuesday, January 8th at 8 pm, for a Hymn Service, Spirit, Sound, and Silence, at First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia St. Whittier. Music, readings, and quiet will reflect the traditions of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The organ, built by David Harris of Whittier, has four manuals and 54 ranks. A dinner at 6:30 pm will precede the service.

From The Press Room

James Lampert, Typesetting and Printing

This month's issue is a bit thin; it seems that at the last minute, I've had to do serve as acting Editor.

I will second Vern's assessment of the Cal Heights recital. Every one of those empty seats represents somebody who missed a marvelous concert, and even with brass and organ in a relatively confined space, I *didn't* wind up wanting earplugs.

As I type this, I've spent the full day at work, mainly to avoid setting foot in a retail establishment on "Black Friday," and downloaded a fresh (and presumably free of at least *my* typos) Tri-Chapter Calendar.

And I'm finishing my Christmas "CD of the Year" auditions. For those unfamiliar with my tradition, every year since 1998, I've selected a CD for the clergy and church musicians on my Christmas list. See <https://tinyurl.com/JHHL-CD-of-the-Year> for the past winners. I highly recommend all of the winners (and runners-up), although some are almost certainly out of print by now.

James Lampert, Printer and Typesetter



Southern California AGO Tri-Chapter Calendar

Sun Dec 2, 2018

5:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

All Saints' Choir presents this seasonal favorite, including music of Marlow, Archer, Palestrina, Howells, Mendelssohn, Chilcott, Phillips and Stanford. Craig Phillips, director

Mon Dec 3, 2018

6:30 pm LA Chapter Christmas Party [LAAGO]

Where: Church of Our Saviour, 535 W Roses Rd, San Gabriel, CA 91775

Sun Dec 9, 2018

7:30 pm Thomas Mellan, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor

Stan's Music Parlor Private residence in MidCity Los Angeles To receive address. please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com. Cost: donation.

7:30 pm Advent Procession of Lesson & Carols

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

Fri Dec 14, 2018

7:30 pm Christmas at the Cathedral

Where: Christ Cathedral Aboretum, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Celebrate the season with the choirs of Christ Cathedral

Sun Dec 16, 2018

4:00 pm Winter Concert

Where: La Canada Congregational Church, 1200 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

La Cañada Congregational Church presents Persichetti's "Winter Cantata" for women's chorus, flute, and marimba, and carols of the season by the full choir accompanied by Joseph Klice. Dr. Harold Daugherty conducts. Free will offering.

Sat Dec 22, 2018

7:30 pm Ethan Haman, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor

Stan's Music Parlor Private residence in MidCity Los Angeles To receive address. please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com. Cost: donation.

Sat Jan 12, 2019

10:00 am Masterclass with Alexander Frey [LAAGO]

Where: St. Edmund's Episcopal Church and School, 1175 S San Gabriel Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107,

7:30 pm Nambee Han, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor

Stan's Music Parlor Private residence in MidCity Los Angeles To receive address. please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com. Cost: donation.

5:00 pm John West, Organist

Where: Glendale City Church 610 E California Avenue Glendale, CA 91206

Freewill donation.

Sun Jan 13, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

6:00 pm Kevin Duggan, Organist

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Free.

Mon Jan 14, 2019

8:00 pm Alexander Frey, Organist [LAAGO]

Where: Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101

Sun Jan 27, 2019

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

All Saints' Choir sings music of Byrd, Reading, Murrill and Adams. Craig Phillips, director

Sat Feb 2, 2019

7:30 pm Curt Sather, Organist

Where: Stan's Music Parlor

Stan's Music Parlor Private residence in MidCity Los Angeles To receive address. please send your email address to seh52@yahoo.com. Cost: donation.

Sun Feb 10, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

6:00 pm Benjamin Straley, Organist

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010

Free.

Tue Feb 12, 2019

7:00 pm Benjamin Straley, Organist

Where: St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 47535 Highway CA-74, Palm Desert, CA 92260
\$20 at the door.

Sun Feb 17, 2019

4:00 pm Adam J. Brakel, Organist

Where: The Neighborhood Church, 415 Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Annual organ recital in beautiful church sanctuary located on a 30' cliff overlooking the entire Santa Monica Bay. See www.concertartists.com for more information. Free parking at both ends of the church. Tickets available at the door or by mail to the church. For info, call 310/378-9353, ext. 1005. \$20.

4:00 pm Nicholas Schmelter, Organist

Where: St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 47535 Highway CA-74, Palm Desert, CA 92260
\$20 at the door.

Mon Feb 18, 2019

9:00 am Presidents' Day Organ Festival [LAAGO]

Organist of Redondo Beach. Exact times and locations to be announced.

Sun Feb 24, 2019

7:30 pm Compline

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Schola Cantorum of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

Sun Mar 3, 2019

5:00 pm Choral Evensong

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
All Saints' Choir sings music of Purcell, Ayleward, and Briggs. Craig Phillips, director

Sat Mar 9, 2019

5:00 pm Gedymin Grubba, Organist

Where: Glendale City Church 610 E California Avenue Glendale, CA 91206
Freewill donation.

Sun Mar 10, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director.
Free.

6:00 pm David Higgs, Organist [LAAGO]

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Free.

For the most up to date listings, go to the Los Angeles Chapter web site

<https://www.laago.org/calendar>

Sun Mar 17, 2019

5:00 pm Craig Phillips, Organist and Composer

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 3202, 504 N Camden Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Celebrating 30 years of making music at All Saints'. This musical retrospective will include Phillips' music for solo organ, organ & instruments, and choral works with members of All Saints' Choir & Jason Klein-Mendoza, organist. www.allsaintsbh.org.
Suggested donation \$20

Sun Mar 24, 2019

7:30 pm Compline

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Schola Cantorum of St. James', James Buonemani, director. Free.

Wed Apr 3, 2019

7:30 pm The Tallis Scholars, London

Where: Christ Cathedral Arboretum, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Help us welcome The Tallis Scholars back to Southern California, and again to the Christ Cathedral Arboretum.

Sun Apr 14, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director.
Free.

6:00 pm Tom Mueller, Organist

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Free.

Mon Apr 22, 2019

7:30 pm David Ball and Friends Play Bach & Friends

Where: Christ Cathedral Arboretum, 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Christ Cathedral organist David Ball presents a program of the most beloved organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach and his contemporaries – from the flashy pedal work of Nicolaus Bruhns to the monumental Passacaglia of J. S. Bach. The concert will feature performances by Dr. John A. Romeri, Dr. Ricardo Soto, and the Organ Scholars of Christ Cathedral.

Sun May 12, 2019

4:30 pm Solemn Evensong

Where: St James Episcopal Church, 3903 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Choir of St. James', James Buonemani, director.
Free.

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Application
Organ Study Scholarship Program
Long Beach Chapter
American Guild of Organists
Saturday, February 16, 2019
Bayshore Community Congregational Church
5100 The Toledo, Long Beach, CA 90803

Applicant Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Number of Years: of piano study _____ or organ study _____ with current teacher _____

I will be auditioning on: _____ Piano _____ Organ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Name of Current Piano/Organ Teacher _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Current Teacher _____ Date _____

Requirements for both piano and organ students:

Demonstrate competence in hymn playing by selecting a hymn (from the approved list – see attached) suitable for congregational singing, and by playing the hymn with introduction and two stanzas in an appropriate style.

Perform a piece suitable for a prelude or postlude.

Perform a piece of a different style suitable for offertory.

Total performance time not to exceed 15 minutes.

A \$20 fee must accompany applications from students who are not members of the Long Beach AGO Chapter.

Make checks payable to: LBAGO

Send to: Jana Shields, Scholarship Chairperson
562-773-9727

6444 E Spring #181
Long Beach, CA 90815

Applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2019. The first 5 applications received will be eligible for the scholarship competition.

Organ Study Scholarship Program

Guidelines

Long Beach Chapter American Guild of Organists

The Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is offering an organ study scholarship competition to promote the development of new and continuing organ students.

The following guidelines apply to this competition:

The scholarship applicant must be currently studying organ or piano with a teacher who is a member of Long Beach AGO.

Applicants must be 24 years old or younger.

For piano/organ students who meet the qualifications, \$250.00 per winner will be awarded. The student will be given a list of approved organ teachers, and the scholarship award will go to the teacher of their choice to pay for lessons.

Three adjudicators will be provided, who will give both written and oral comments to the students. The adjudicators' decision as to which students are qualified for scholarship awards will be final.

A \$20 application fee will be assessed from those students who are not members of the Long Beach AGO chapter.

The enclosed application form gives the performance requirements.

Previous scholarship winners who have claimed their award are not eligible.

Approved List of Hymns

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

How Great Thou Art

It is Well With My Soul

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Trust and Obey

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Be Thou My Vision

Come Thou Almighty King

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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