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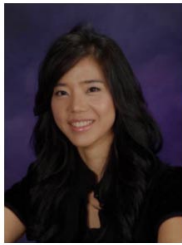
NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CHAPTER
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The Dean's Corner

Welcome to the 2023-2024 season of the Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists! We are gearing up for another exciting year with wonderful musical, learning, and fellowship events.



Please mark your calendars for our Kickoff Party on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. This event is open to all members, and we encourage you to bring along your friends. It will be a potluck dinner, so remember to bring your favorite dishes to share. I want to thank our gracious host, Sean O'Neal. (Location: 1119 E. 46th Street, Long Beach, CA 90807)

On a bittersweet note, I want to share the following news. Giuseppe D'Eliseo, our former Sub-Dean, has recently returned to Italy. He will be sorely missed, and we hope the best for him in the future.

Lastly, I am honored to continue serving as Dean for another year. I am also thrilled to be working with our new Sub-Dean, Kyle Black. Further, I want to extend a warm welcome to Robert Gaylord, who will be joining our board as a Member-at-Large. Finally, I also want to extend a heartfelt thanks to those continuing in their leadership roles this season. Your dedication is what keeps our chapter vibrant and growing.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events throughout the year!

Regards,
Dr. Hyunju Hwang
Dean, Long Beach Chapter of AGO

Thank you, Robert

Robert Bottoms surprised us this past June, with a \$1000 donation to the Chapter. Thank you very much.

LBAGO Program 2023-2024

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - 5:00pm

Kick-Off Party: Potluck Dinner

Sean O'Neal, Host

1119 E. 46th St., Long Beach

Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 10:00am

Workshop with Scott Dettra

Covenant Presbyterian Church

607 E. Third Street, Long Beach

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 4:00pm

Scott Dettra in Concert

Covenant Presbyterian Church

607 E. Third Street, Long Beach

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 7:00pm

Transcriptions at the Organ - Member's Recital

Bay Shore Community Congregational Church

5100 E. The Toledo, Long Beach

No Meeting in December

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 4:00pm

Repertoire Ideas for Pentecost and Trinity

Sunday- Member's Recital

Bethany Lutheran Church

4644 Clark Avenue, Long Beach

Monday, February 19, 2024

President's Day Organ Festival

Los Angeles

Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 10:00am

Workshop With Hanan Yacub And Fran

Johnston: "Can't We All Just Get Along?"

Venue TBA

No Meeting in April

Sunday, May 12, 2024 - 4:00pm

Guild Service And Installation Of Officers:

Evensong

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church

6201 E Willow St, Long Beach

Scholarship Winner

Kyle Black, the current chair of the LBAGO Organ Study Scholarship Program, is pleased to announce Winston Bickhardt as this year's recipient. Our chapter recently increased our annual award level to \$500. Winston is a Los Angeles based music student and accompanist. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Music at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) with a concentration in Instrumental Performance, studying piano with Dr. Wojciech Kocyan, and organ with Dr. Hyunju Hwang. He studies other subjects outside of his keyboard studies, enjoys serving as a resident advisor in a freshman residence hall, singing with Consort Singers - the premier choral ensemble at LMU, and spending time with friends.



For more than three decades "Al" was the much beloved organist/choirmaster at Bay Shore Congregational Church. In addition to his work at Bayshore church, Al was an executive in the funeral insurance industry, which afforded him the opportunity to be extremely generous to various organizations that were special to him.

Al and Joe (Hix) his partner, acquired and restored the Loynes house at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Lindero, where he hosted several AGO fall picnics as well as his annual festive Christmas parties benefiting the Hillside Homes for Children. The engraved invitations to the Christmas parties were greatly anticipated. Invitees were asked to provide an unwrapped toy for a child. Toys were placed at the foot of a 20' Christmas tree positioned in front of the living room window. Arriving guests to the catered affair were met with klieg lights and valets to park their cars; and entertainment was provided by David Koehring and the choirboys from St. Luke's church's well known choir of men and boys.

Over 35 years ago, Al and Joe moved to and restored the now 100 year old "Surfside Cottage", just one-block west of the Loynes house, at Kennebec Avenue, where Al assisted Joe in his business, "Bluff Park Rare Books", made famous by Oprah Winfrey; and ultimately retired from Bay Shore Church, but he continued his connection with the church until illness precluded his attendance.

He is survived by his husband/partner of 58 years, Joe Hix. At his request, there were no services. Al's body was interred during a private ceremony in his crypt at Forest Lawn Sunnyside.

Good-Bye to Al Hess

Peter Bates

Alton C. Hess, a long-time Long Beach chapter member passed, in his sleep, from this life on August 5, 2023 at the age of 90. For several years he has suffered the effects of dementia, which precluded his attendance at public events.



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Mary Pabst has announced that Leroy's piano is available to anyone who is able to pick it up from her house in Bellflower? It is a Sohmer, in good condition though in need of tuning.



Anyone who wants it can call or text Mary at 562-221-8524 or email her at mpabst1964@gmail.com.

Submission Guidelines

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is *your* newsletter. I just put it together, and add my own comments at the end.

Remember, this is not an M\$-Word-based operation, and hasn't been since I took it over. So if you submit articles, announcements, job postings, and so forth in DOC or DOCX format, you're just making more work for me (and possibly causing a delay, if I don't have access to either my office or my Chromebook). I don't expect anybody here to be able to send me materials in the ideal format for my (WP5.1) WordPerfect/Xerox Ventura Publisher workflow, but sending it as either plain text, RTF, or the body of a plain text email would save me a great deal of time.

Likewise, if you have a full-page insert, such as a flyer, a PDF would be a good choice.

Pictures can be in JPEG, PNG, TIFF, or *any other format* that GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program) can read; ideal width for a column-wide image is 487 or 650 pixels; ideal width for a page-wide image is 1050 or 1400 pixels. And please, if you send me something that's more than a megabyte or two, warn me before I start downloading something huge through a limited-bandwidth connection.

And finally, remember that a column-inch is one column wide, by one inch high. This entire article, including the header, is about 5 column-inches.

From the Convention

A number of our members attended the Convention, which included a workshop and recital by Pamela Decker. The recital included a work by her husband, Ken Yukl.



Left to Right: Frances Johnston, Emma Yim, David York, Ken Yukl, Pamela Decker, Hyunju Hwang, Patricia Hannifan, Rich Metzler, Kyle Black, and Sean O'Neal

From the Press Room

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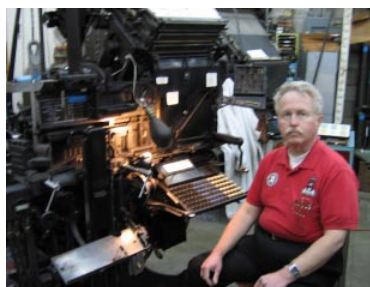
July 21, 2023:

As I type this, the Los Angeles Philharmonic is now in the third week of the Hollywood Bowl subscription season, and I've been through a week in which Dudamel conducted a Tuesday evening program of music I'd never heard before, by Francisco Cortés-Álvarez, Arturo Márquez, and Alberto Ginastera, followed by a Thursday evening program of familiar favorites by Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky. Both programs were absolutely magnificent, and the former illustrates the value of *not* rejecting a concert out-of-hand simply because the music is unfamiliar.

August 23, 2023:

As I finally get this newsletter together, the Bowl season has continued with one remarkable performance after another (with the storm thankfully arriving *after* the Tchaikovsky Spectacular).

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