

## Lights on for Summer 2013

### International Organ Festival Starts Monday, June 24

**Superb musical artists appear in concert on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. this summer:**

- June 24 - In a "Feast of Music," San Diego Civic Organist Carol Williams will be joined for some selections by Kengo Ito, a marimba player who was among the scholarship winners in the recent Musical Merit Foundation competition. The bagpipes of the House of Scotland Pipe Band will also appear.
- July 1 - Cheryl and Wayne Seppala, local favorites offering great organ entertainment.
- July 8 - English Organist Richard Hills, a favorite of the American Theatre Organ Society.
- July 15 - Rising Star Daryl Robinson, outstanding performer at the 2012 American Guild of Organists National Young Artists Competition, will be joined by outstanding young violinist Annelle Gregory.
- July 22 - Jane Watts, leading British concert organist.
- July 29 - Barbara Dennerlein - German-born Hammond organ virtuoso who specializes in jazz.
- Aug 5 - Robert Plimpton, Civic Organist Emeritus and co-founder of Spreckels Organ Society.
- Aug 12 - English Organist Keith Hearnshaw .
- Aug 19 - Dennis James plays for the Silent Movie *The Eagle*, starring Rudolph Valentino.
- Aug 26 - Carol Williams headlines the "Blues and Bells" finale concert featuring the unique participation of the Ona May Lowe Carillon from the California Tower.



#### From the President ...

I am very pleased to report that the last three months have been busy and productive at the Spreckels Organ Society. The Board of Trustees has been hard at work updating our bylaws and making small adjustments to our committee structure. (Remember, we would love to have more members involved in our committee work.) We have secured the services of pro bono legal assistance to make certain all of our dealings with our summer artists are legally correct. (Artists with foreign passports need appropriate visas, as you might imagine.) And, I am pleased to say that we are on track with our memberships, our donations, and our sales at the gift shop. Our Sunday afternoon concerts have been well attended, and have featured great special events such as Family Festival Day, Bark in Balboa Park, and World Organ Day. And our balance sheet looks quite healthy as we prepare for another Summer Organ Festival.

But, I'd like to share some very exciting news! When we announced our "Drive to 5000" late last year, you'll recall that we hoped to achieve the funding for a rank of new pipes (the Centennial Tuba) by mid-2013 in order to have them purchased and installed for our 100th birthday party on Dec. 31, 2014. Through the great generosity of many of you, WE ARE VERY CLOSE to reaching this interim goal on the way to regaining the title "World's Largest Outdoor Pipe Organ." If you are considering making a donation and sponsoring a pipe, or several of them, please let us know as soon as possible. WITH JUST A LITTLE MORE HELP from you, on Dec. 31, 2014, we will unveil the Centennial Tuba pipes as part of our birthday bash.

I hope you enjoy our Summer Organ Festival! Remember, together we make it happen.

*George*

## Welcome back, Frank!



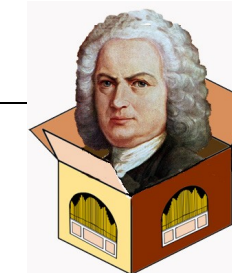
**Hoop de Do!** Another great Family Festival Day was held April 14. Our next fun Family Day is October 27 — dress for Halloween!  
 Photo: Bob Lang, Spreckels Organ Society

**Kozak is back!** Wearing our favorite lavender windbreaker, Frank Kozak returned to the Organ Pavilion in May after recovering from a fall. Sunday regulars know Frank as the Head Greeter. He is a volunteer extraordinaire, pianist *par excellence*, and among the healthiest people we know!

# BACH'S SUPPER

## MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

Launch the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Organ Festival with the traditional "Bach's Supper" on the lawn across the street from the Spreckels Organ Pavilion!  
**\$32.50 per person**  
 (\$25 for children 12 and under).



**BUFFET DINNER, WINE, BEER, AND SODA SERVED AT 5:30 P.M.** Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. – Carol Williams, Organist

Please reserve for \_\_\_ adults at \$32.50 each. Total: \_\_\_\_  
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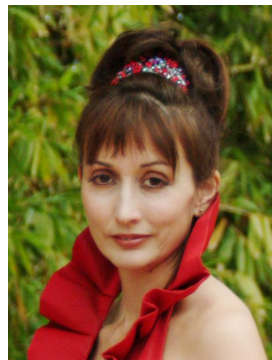
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### Dear Music Friends,

Amazing isn't it? Another festival on our horizon in beautiful San Diego. We have an excellent line up of fine organists for you to enjoy - such a variety and such a great menu of music to be performed. If you are in town, you have to drop by for one of our Monday nights and capture the delightful atmosphere at the Organ Pavilion.

We are also sailing fast to the Centennial in Balboa Park and this will be a monumental event in our history. We have much planned for our Spreckels organ and we will certainly celebrate in style. New music planned to honor our organ - it is an exciting time.

I recently played a concert at St. Paul's Cathedral here in San Diego on the newly rebuilt instrument. This instrument will be a wonderful addition to the organ world and will provide many years of great concerts.

Kerry and I are doing a TourBus DVD with the instrument and Cathedral and have already captured many aspects of the Cathedral's musical life.

So, if you are in town, drop in and say hello at a concert. Take care and bye for now, **Dr. Carol**



### Young Organists brighten up Sunday Concert

On June 2, the weekly Sunday afternoon concert featured the playing of eight young organists who were outstanding performers at this spring's scholarship competition sponsored by the Spreckels Organ Society and the American Guild of Organists, San Diego Chapter. The young artists pictured, from left to right, are: Shane Cowell, Trinity Schulz, Nevaeh Carino, Heidi Fleischbein, Sam Rudenberg, Suzy Webster, Michèle Eggleston, and Sam Buse.

Scholarship winners Suzy Webster, Ben Kazules, and Trinity Schulz will receive their checks onstage during the organ concert on the night of Monday, August 5. Thanks to adult volunteers Leslie Wolf Robb, Martin Green, Christopher Cook, Lea Schmidt-Rogers, and Kimberly Bedell; and Jack Lasher for making this program possible.

### Webcasting from Pavilion Coming Soon

New, greater connectivity to the internet throughout Balboa Park, including the audience area of the Organ Pavilion, will soon be added and thereby enable the webcasting of Sunday organ concerts.

Thanks to City Council President Todd Gloria, District 3, more than \$10,000 in city funds will support the expansion of internet bandwidth in Balboa Park. The Balboa Park Online Collaborative will oversee construction, slated for this summer. The project received advocacy support from the Balboa Park Conservancy.

### More Pipes, Bigger Sound for Centennial



At press time, the 2013 "Drive to 5,000" fundraising campaign was more than three-quarters of the way to funding the Centennial Tuba rank of pipes — the most expensive rank envisioned in the overall expansion project. Thanks to donors giving in amounts of all sizes, the "Drive to 5,000" will soon move to a new phase of funding additional pipe ranks and the curators will soon build and install the Centennial Tuba in time for 2015.

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### State of Play: Plaza de Panama

Late in May it was learned that the judge's ruling that killed the "Jacobs Plan" for the Plaza de Panama in February was appealed to a higher court. Further appeals and court action make it likely that any long-term changes to the Plaza along the lines of the Jacobs plan will likely occur after the 2015 Centennial.

Meanwhile, Mayor Filner has announced a series of short-term and for the most part easily reversible changes to reclaim the Plaza de Panama primarily for pedestrian use. Details, including more diagrams, are online [here](#).

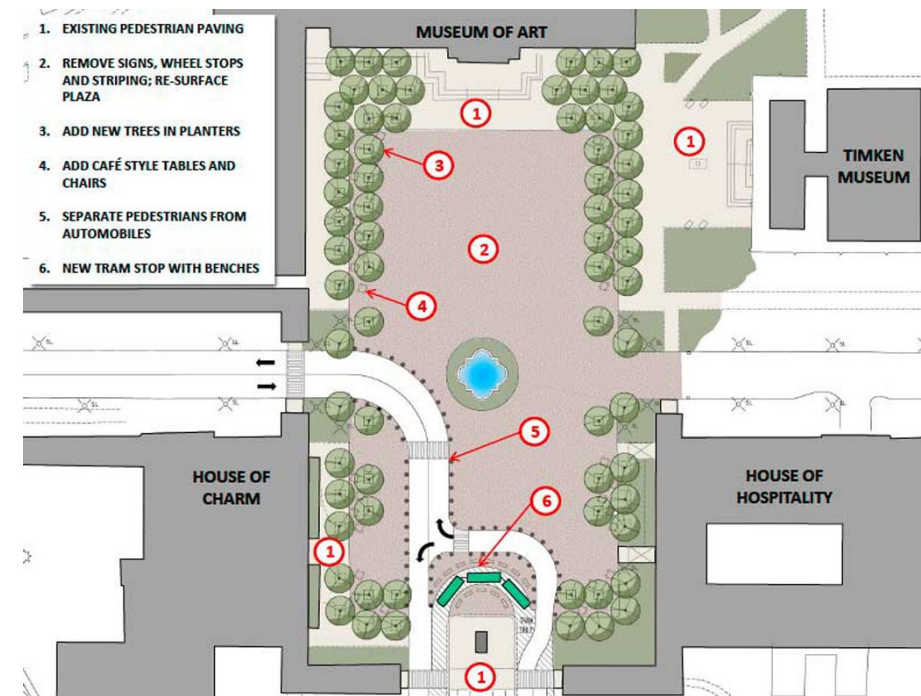
Some highlights: The Plaza de Panama face-lift will start as early as June 10, when old parking signs and berms are removed and new bollards placed to restrict traffic and reclaim most of the Plaza for pedestrians.

The trolley will stop immediately north of the statue of El Cid, and U-turn back down the Esplanade.

The Cabrillo Bridge will not be closed on a regular basis until after Labor Day.

Valet parking will soon be found behind the Casa de Balboa, accessible from Park Blvd behind the Reuben H Fleet Science Center.

Handicapped parking will eventually move to the parking lot that is south of the Alcazar Garden, but in May some new Handicapped spaces were added to the center of the Organ Pavilion parking lot.



Above: Carol Williams plays for attendees of the special brunch, concert, and insiders' tour of the Spreckels organ on May 18. The [spectacular photos](#) by Bob Lang at [www.sosorgan.org](http://www.sosorgan.org) attest to the great weather and the fascination of the wind chest and other music-making elements of the organ.