

STOPTAB

SUMMER 2010

THE TWENTY-THIRD INTERNATIONAL

SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL



June 21 - ROBERT PLIMPTON
Civic Organist Emeritus
"Bach's supper" prior to concert



June 28 - ISABELLE DEMERS
"Dazzling" Canadian Organist



July 5 - WALT STRONY
American Theater Organist



July 12 - DAVID SANGER
Famous British Organist



July 19 - CHELSEA CHEN
"San Diego's Own" Concert Organist



July 26 - KALEVI KIVINIEMI
Amazing Finnish Concert Organist

August 2 - JELANI EDDINGTON
2001 Theater Organist Of The Year

August 9 - JAMES DAVID CHRISTIE
Acclaimed U.S. Concert Organist

August 16 - KEENAN BOSWELL & NICOLE COCHRAN
"Rising Stars" from Juilliard

August 23 - DENNIS JAMES' MOVIE NIGHT
Concert Theater Organist

August 30 - CAROL WILLIAMS' JAZZ NIGHT
San Diego's Civic Organist
With Dave Scott and Friends



FREE ADMISSION

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30PM

JUN 21 - AUG 30, 2010



From the President

Summer in San Diego includes beaches, outdoor concerts, dining "al fresco" and a host of outdoor activities that make living here so enjoyable. We are ready to add to the fun!

Very shortly we will commence our twenty third International Summer Organ Festival featuring a sterling array of artists planned by our Artistic Director, Dr. Carol Williams, and our Program Committee. We will enjoy picnic dinners before the programs, and see old friends once again who have come to hear "music under the stars".

In this issue is information about our traditional "Bach's Supper" before the Opening Concert on June 21. Our Special Events Committee, chaired by Randy Ward, assures us that this year will be new in every way, and I hope you will join us for good food and fun. You can make your reservation now.

The Young Organists competition has concluded and the winners of our scholarships have been selected. They will play at the pavilion on Sunday, June 20th, and in November for our enjoyment. They will receive their scholarship awards at the Rising Stars concert in August. For further information, please see the article elsewhere in this issue by our Scholarship Chairman, Jared Jacobsen.

Our twenty four trustees and I look forward to greeting you at the pavilion this summer. Bring your family and friends to share in these special Monday evenings.

Happy Summertime!

Ronald De Fields

Pictured left top to bottom: Robert Plimpton, Isabelle Demers, Walt Strony, David Sanger, Chelsea Chen, Kalevi Kiviniemi. Pictured right top to bottom: Jelani Eddington, James David Christie, Keenan Boswell, Nicole Cochran, Dennis James, and Carol Williams.

AGO / SPRECKELS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TO BE FEATURED ON JUNE 20TH

by Jared Jacobsen, Chair, Education Committee

On Saturday, May 8th, scholarship auditions were held at the Mission Hills United Church of Christ as a joint project of the Spreckels Organ Society and the San Diego Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Twenty-seven students auditioned; judges Carlene Befort, Dale Sorenson, and Gary Toops selected three students to receive our annual scholarships and three other students to receive special merit for their playing. All six winners have been invited by our Civic Organist to perform on the Sunday afternoon concert on June 20th. Your Society feels strongly that encouraging young people to study the king of instruments is an integral part of our mission to promote the great Spreckels Organ "for all the peoples of the world". We thank SOS Trustee Lee Phelps for his unstinting financial support of this scholarship program, and we congratulate the following young people:



THOMAS MELLAN (1st place)

A French-born pianist, organist, and composer, Thomas is fifteen years old and a freshman at Dehesa Charter School. He studies piano with Katalin Lukacs, organ with July Collier, improvisation with Christopher Cook, and composition with UCSD's Richard Snow. For the past two years he has been awarded mention as an Emerging Composer at the New York Art Ensemble's young composer competition. He has studied martial arts for six years and "hopes to be organist of the Grand Orgue at Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral"

JEANINE WALTER (2nd place)

Jeanine is graduating from University City High School this June, and already has great adventures ahead: this summer she will be attending the AGO's Advanced Organ Encounter for teens in New York City and working as a substitute organist; then she's off to St. Olaf College in Minnesota where she has received academic and musical scholarships as a Music and Nursing double major, and has been accepted into the famed St. Olaf Choir. Her hobbies include learning sign language, yoga, and watching the television show "Glee"



SUZY WEBSTER (3rd place)

At eleven years old Suzy is a sixth grader at Christian Elementary School. She has been studying piano and organ with Leslie Wolf Robb since she was five, and "loves to play the Spreckels Organ because of its huge sound!" She loves her family, math, reading, writing, club basketball and her golden retriever Buddy.

FROM THE CIVIC ORGANIST

Carol Williams

Dear Music Friends

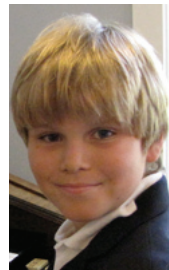
We are quickly approaching our International Organ Festival and all the artists are listed on our website. It really is going to be a great season and, I can also tell you that the programs are amazing. If you can come to all the concerts you will certainly develop a great understanding of the wonderful organ compositions.

I have returned from a superb concert tour of the UK where I played six concerts. Much traveling over there but it was a rewarding time. I played some stunning instruments but the one that gave me the most joy was the organ at Gloucester Cathedral. Plus, the Cathedral is a fascinating building and has been filmed on many occasions including a Harry Potter film. Of the six concerts, five of them had a film projector so the audience could see my hands and feet during a performance. This is certainly becoming standard equipment at organ concerts and this really does help the audience to know more about what is going on.

I am just about to embark on a new CD on the Spreckels Organ called "Spreckels on the March!". It will feature the famous marches by Sousa, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Schubert plus, some more obscure but delightful pieces. I have been working on the program for quite a while and am now just about to record the repertoire.

With all good wishes and I look forward to seeing you during the summer.

Dr. Carol Williams



PETER BULLARD

Peter is ten years old and a fifth grader at Francis Parker School where his favorite subject is science. He has studied organ and piano with Lea Schmidt-Rogers for three years. He likes reading adventure stories and building ever-more-challenging Lego designs, when he's not swimming, camping at the beach, and riding his bike, or practicing on his keyboards.

MARGARET CAMPBELL

Margaret attends St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach and is, at nine years old, in the fourth grade. She started playing organ in March, and has been playing the piano since first grade. She enjoys reading, softball and tennis, and her younger sister

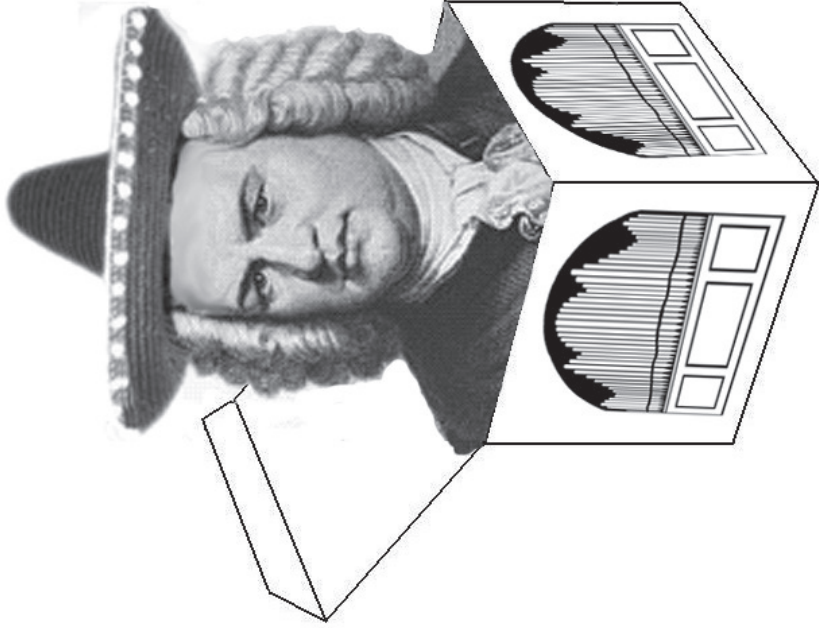
Kathryn.



KATLYN GRAVES

Katlyn is nine years old and has just completed the third grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School. She is in her second year of piano and organ study with Leslie Wolf Robb, and was a finalist for the AGO/Spreckels Scholarships in 2009. She was recently awarded an Honorable Mention at both the 2010 MTAC Sonata Contest and the Southern California Junior Bach Festival. A prize-winning Regional Spelling Bee participant, she is very active in Christian Youth Theatre in her school when she's not swimming at the beach or playing with her chihuahua Hazel.





BACH'S SUPPER TACO FIESTA MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010

Help us fire up the 23rd Annual International Organ Festival with the traditional "Bach's Supper" at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion!
- \$30 per person (\$25 for children 12 and under).

Taco buffet and beer served at 5:00 p.m.
Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Bob Plimpton, Organist

For more information contact Jack Lasher:
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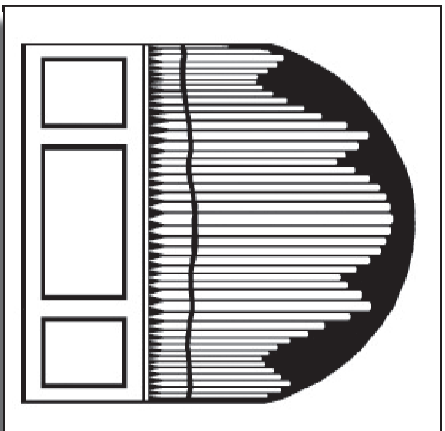
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Spreckels Organ Society - c/o Jack Lasher - 2756 Ariane Dr. #131 - San Diego, CA 92117

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I cannot attend, but here is my tax-deductible
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Free to members - please attend!



Spreckels Organ Society
Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2010 from 6-7 p.m.

(before the Summer Organ Festival concert)

Balboa Park Club - Santa Fe Room



Please RSVP to: (619) 702-8138 and leave a message.

Questions? Contact memberships@sosorgan.org



Enjoy coffee and dessert while Trustee Frank Kozak plays Great American Songbook favorites on piano! Greet Dr. Carol Williams, Civic Organist. President Ron DeFields will offer news and previews of coming events.



PROFILE

S NACKS O PERATING S YSTEM

by Julie Hudson

SOS means something different in various places. An SOS call can mean HELP. For readers of the STOPTAB the initials, SOS stands for Spreckels Organ Society. SOS also stands for SNACKS OPERATING SYSTEM.

SNACKS OPERATING SYSTEM is that wonderful available service of snacks etc during the concerts of the Summer Organ Festival (SOF). Volunteers not only staff the tables, some bring the snacks. and prepare for serving attendees. This is one of the few places you can buy a Cup of Coffee for a Dollar.

The Snacks Operating System has been on site at the West entrance to the Pavilion for several years. Attendees expect to find the cookies, sandwiches, soft drinks and coffee -- coffee for a dollar! Some patrons are regulars and well known to the volunteer staff. One patron is partial to one kind of doughnut that is offered. Knowing this patron well, the staff set one aside so the favored pastry is available.

Payment has been \$1.00 for all items making change rather convenient. However if a Sacagawea coin is offered for payment, confusion can happen. Considering the dim light and the size of the coin, that coin maybe mistaken for a quarter. Costs remain minimal with only slight increase in some items this season. The coffee at only \$1.00 remains a bargain.

A parade of volunteers over the years has made SOS the friendly place it is. Volunteers arrive early to assemble the area for customers; arrange items, fill coffee urns etc. The customers receive more than bags of cookies or peanuts; they also receive friendly exchanges and courteous service. At the close of the concert, volunteers prepare all equipment for removal. Only volunteers and hours they dedicate make Snacks Operating System possible. Attendees can depend on this convenience - Coffee is still \$1.00.

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP**



TODAY

**TOSSD
PRESENTS**

Leo Williams
IN CONCERT

Saturday Afternoon
June 19th at 2pm

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SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977

check the TOSSD
website for details
<http://www.tossd.org>

**MEMBERSHIP GAINS IN 2009
AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION DROPS**

Membership in the Spreckels Organ Society rose in 2009 to an all-time high of just over 1000 members. That is a significant development, given the current economic situation faced by many in the greater San Diego community. It also points to the pride with which so many San Diegans view their outdoor organ and the many concerts on it.

However, the anemic economy brought about many circumstances in which SOS members who had previously chosen higher levels of membership chose in 2009 to renew memberships at lesser levels with a resultant drop in revenues with which to carry out the programs of the Society.

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2010, we seek your renewal. We also hope that your renewal will be at the highest level of membership possible within your budget.

As always, we appreciate the support of all who treasure great pipe organ music.

SOS Membership Committee



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Spreckels Circle	2,500	Great	60
Bombarde	1,000	Coupler (Duo/Family)	35
State Trumpets	500	Solo (Individual)	25
Pleno	250	Full-time Student	10

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Calendar
LOOKING AHEAD
SUNDAYS at 2



JUNE 6 - Carol Williams
with the
San Diego English
Country Dancers

JUNE 13 - Carol Williams

JUNE 20 - Young Organists
Concert

JUNE 27 - Carol Williams