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**Christmas and Holiday Sing-along
with Carol Williams**

2:00PM AT THE SPRECKELS ORGAN PAVILION



From the President

Welcome to the Holiday Season at The Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Music of the Season will be heard weekly in our organ concerts and throughout Balboa Park, beginning with "December Nights" programs on December 4. Check our website periodically for the latest news. Dr. Carol Williams will be listing pavilion programs elsewhere in this issue. We hope you will join us for as many of these special concerts as you can.

During this Christmas Season, I am reminded of how so many of you have stepped up to help us financially, and with your services, during the past year. Because of you, we are managing to cover our expenses with minimal depletion of our reserves. Next year will be even tougher for non-profits like us, as evidenced by the 40% cut in our San Diego City TOT grant for 2010. This makes it even more important that we increase Membership and Sponsorship donations to fund the summer festival and many other programs we offer year-round. We are hopeful that those of you who are able, will consider stepping up your support a bit to help us get through 2010 financially. We will take care of the artistic excellence you are used to receiving.

On behalf of our SOS Trustees, we THANK YOU for your support in 2009. We wish you and your families a meaningful and joyous Christmas and Hanukkah season. May 2010 be a good year for us all.

Ronald De Fields

From the Civic Organist

Carol Williams

that this started way back in 1988. This is pretty amazing that this has carried on for so long!

When I started here in 2001, I performed many of these concerts. However, with concert travels I have been fortunate to have some super organists who keep the program alive. Christopher Cook organizes the Friday concerts with Lea Schmidt-Rogers, Gary Toops and sometimes myself playing. These performers take great skill in their approach to the students – often this is the first time the children have heard such a big musical instrument. Plus, Lyle Blackinton or Dale Sorenson gives a wonderful description of how the organ works demonstrating with various different organ pipes.

So why not “Meet the Friday Team” and learn more about these fine organists who take great care with these Friday concerts! Also, if you are in the Park on a Friday at 11am, you can always sit back and enjoy these tailored concerts for children.

Christopher Cook, Director of Music and Worship at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, has served many years as Youth Concerts Organist for the Spreckels Organ Society. Taking over duties from Bob Plimpton, Chris developed a variety of strategies and musical games to engage the weekly audience of fifth grade students from all over the San Diego Unified School District. He commissioned composer Daniel Burton to create the ever-popular narrated organ demonstration piece, “Rex, the King of Instruments.” Since then, it has been published nationally, and is recognized as one of the best ways to introduce the organ to general audiences of any age. He also published an article in The American Organist describing his philosophy of audience interaction for youth concerts. Today, he also coordinates the schedule of organists and keeps the lines of communication open between the Society and the school district.

MEET THE FRIDAY TEAM!

Fifth
Grade
in the
Park

Lea Schmidt-Rogers is one of three organists who plays for the Fifth Grade in the Park program and a substitute organist for the greater San Diego area. Ms. Rogers has been active in the Music Teachers Association of California and the American Guild of Organists, with which she is currently the Coordinator for Professional Development. During the past ten years, she has published three volumes of French composer Marie Jaëll’s music with Hildegard Publishing Co. and recorded a CD of Jaëll’s music. Presently Ms. Rogers is working on a compact disc of Scarlatti sonatas. She has a private piano and organ teaching studio.

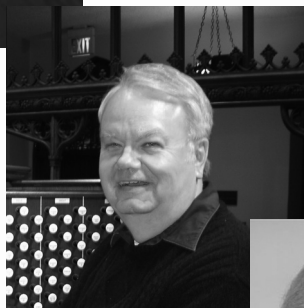
Gary Toops earned a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He also holds the degree of Choir Master awarded by the American Guild of Organists, and is listed in The International Who’s Who in Music and Who’s Who In American Keyboard Music.

He is Professor of Music Emeritus at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California where as College Organist he produced and performed in the school’s annual Halloween concert, which has become a popular college tradition. He is the Interim Director of Music and Organist for St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Long Beach, and the Artistic Director and Conductor of The Festival Singers of Orange County, which has performs throughout Southern California.

Gary has performed twice at Carnegie Hall in New York City, once under the direction of English composer and conductor John Rutter. He tours regularly with his presentation of “Meet the King of Instruments,” a multimedia recital/demonstration of the pipe organ, and has appeared as guest organist at many of the Sunday organ concerts in Balboa Park. He enjoys playing for the fifth grade concerts where the children are attentive, enthusiastic and fascinated by meeting “Rex, the King of Instruments.”



Christopher



Gary



Lea

PROFILE- SPRECKELS by Edward Barr, Historian

CLAUS SPRECKELS- (Father of John D.)

Born July 9, 1823, Lamstedt, Germany.

Died December 26, 1908, (age 85) San Francisco, CA.

JOHN D. SPRECKELS

Born August 16, 1853, New York.

Died June 7, 1926, (age 73) Coronado, California.

Oldest of 12 children born to Anna.

Only five survived to adulthood.

John D.

Adolph B.

Claus Jr.

Rudolph

Emma

1856

Family moved to San Francisco

Historic family name

Von Spreckelsen (½ Norwegian, ½ German)

(Viking blood) Name shortened to Spreckels before emigrating to USA, Charleston, SC, 1846.

CIVIC ORGANISTS / CURATORS

SPRECKELS ORGAN

BALBOA PARK.

CURATORS:

Edward Crome- (Installer) 1914

Anton Rokos- 1914-1916

Roy W. Tolchard- 1916-1932

E.A. Spencer- 1932-1947

Leonard Dowling- 1947-1974

Lyle Blackinton- 1974-

ORGANISTS:

Humphrey J. Stewart- 1915-1932

Royal Brown- 1932-1954

Charles Shatto- 1954-1957

Douglas Duncan- 1957-1978

Jared Jacobsen- 1978-1984

Robert Plimpton- 1984- 2000

Dr. Carol Williams- 2001-

PROFILE

RANDY TRUAX TREASURER, SOS

by Julie Hudson



photo by Robert Harrington

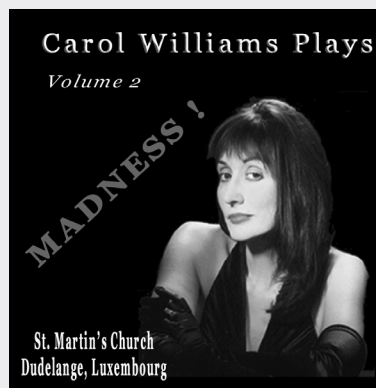
Randy Truax was drawn into Spreckels Organ Society (SOS) by Bill Valverde. Music or pipe organ did not attract Randy to SOS; it was personal connection. Bill and Randy shared mutual interests elsewhere in the community. Talking with Randy, Bill thought he would be an asset to SOS. Bill was right!!!

Randy was born in San Diego, graduated from Crawford High School; then, graduated from Cal State Long Beach. He returned to San Diego where he has lived for most of his professional life. Randy is a Vice President of the Union Bank. The Bank expects employees to "give back" to the community in individual volunteer services. Randy states the "most interesting part of the job" are the community connections he has had. In addition to trustee responsibilities with SOS, Randy works with other agencies such as: Junior Achievement and Chamber of Commerce. With the completion of two terms as a trustee, Randy has served SOS as treasurer and financial advisor. SOS is benefited by his dedicated volunteer services.

When work and meetings allow, Randy enjoys reading. Recently, he is rereading some Hemingway; later may look to Machiavelli. He enjoys sports, both as a participant and as a fan. He speaks of auto racing as his passion. He has been a driver in auto races; always an enthusiastic and supportive spectator.

In comments about SOS, Randy recognizes SOS as a structural centerpiece in Balboa Park. The Board is strong because of the variety of opinions and perspectives of the Trustees. All non-profit agencies face the challenge of a secure financial base; this is especially so in these times. Growing a sound financial base is a reasonable aim for SOS while keeping the vision of the Spreckels brothers alive and foremost. Randy has been a significant support in maintaining the viability of the program and function of SOS. His volunteer efforts are outstanding. Bill Valverde was right; Randy is an asset to SOS.

**CAROL'S
NEW
CD**



IT FEATURES THE COMMISSIONED WORK
BY OUR SPRECKELS ORGAN SOCIETY
"THE MADNESS OF MORION"
BY KARL JENKINS

AND OTHER WORKS SUCH AS

"THE DANCE OF THE HOURS"
BY PONCHIELLI
"GYMNOPIEDIE NO 1"
OF ERIK SATIE
"ALLIGATOR CRAWL"
BY FATS WALLER
"THE HEBREW CHORUS"
BY VERDI

AND THE FAMOUS
"TOCCATA"
BY WIDOR

Recorded on the fabulous organ of St. Martin's Church
Dudelange, Luxembourg
Details from my website www.melcot.com

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN OUR GIFT SHOP

If you want to find unique gifts for your family and friends this holiday season, just come to our Gift Shop on any Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. There is a wonderful Spreckels Organ CD of special arrangements of Christmas music recorded by Robert Plimpton that is sure to please. Brass Christmas ornaments will adorn your tree. Tote bags, note cards with a drawing of the organ on the front, pictorial beverage coasters, T-shirts and sweatshirts, visored caps, an array of wonderful CD's of the Spreckels Organ, an "organ mouse" children's book which explains the Spreckels organ, coffee mugs, and a new Spreckels Organ History book that shows the organ being built back in 1914 and progresses through today are just some of the special items one can ONLY find at the pavilion. If you want something DIFFERENT to give loved ones, come look in our Gift Shop.

YEAR END GIFTS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Year end gifts and memberships may be made until December 31 for 2009 tax deductions. Early membership gifts will be for 2010. Withdrawals from IRA's may be directed to SOS as gifts without the usual taxation. Consult your tax advisor for directions.

GIFTS TO GROW OUR ENDOWMENTS

Gifts to grow our endowments are especially appreciated. Mr. Herb McPherson's recent bequest became the foundation for our new MISSION ENDOWMENT which will support our ongoing operations when it has grown enough to produce income.

Other endowments support the Summer International Organ Festival, and the maintenance of the organ and Civic Organist's salary as needed.

A sincere THANK YOU to all who have made gifts to our society in 2009.

SOS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2010

is now underway. Your renewal will help the organization to forestall future cuts as a result of the economic downturn and subsequent revenue shortfall.

You may also wish to consider a membership as a gift for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions.

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## SPRECKELS ORGAN SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

*Our mission is to preserve, program and promote  
the world's largest outdoor pipe organ.*

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL ENSURE.....**

- ✓ MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENTS OF THE ORGAN.
- ✓ 52 SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS.
- ✓ ENRICHING AND EDUCATIONAL CONCERTS FOR FIFTH-GRADERS.
- ✓ SUMMER MONDAY EVENING ORGAN FESTIVAL CONCERTS.
- ✓ SPONSORSHIP OF ORGAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.....**

- ✓ DISCOUNTS IN OUR GIFT SHOP.
- ✓ STOPTAB NEWSLETTER.
- ✓ INVITATIONS TO SPECIAL EVENTS.
- ✓ FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION.

*You will ensure the future of San Diego's treasure for generations to come.*

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| Tutti ( <i>Lifetime</i> ) | \$ 5,000 | Magnaton             | \$ 100 |
| 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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## TOSSD

### ANNOUNCEMENT

THERE IS ONE CHANGE  
IN THE THEATRE ORGAN  
SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO'S  
2010 WINTER SCHEDULE

**Dave Wickerham** was originally scheduled for a concert on February 27, 2010 but has been rescheduled for May 1, 2010.

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

PLEASE  
RENEW  
YOUR  
SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP



TODAY

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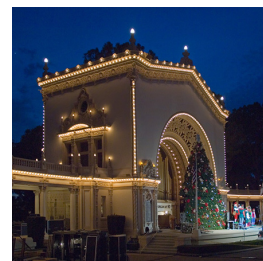
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*Calendar*  
LOOKING AHEAD  
SUNDAYS at 2



**DECEMBER 6 - Dr. Carol Williams**

San Diego Civic Organist  
San Diego Children's Choir

**DECEMBER 13 - Dr. Carol Williams**

San Diego Civic Organist

**DECEMBER 20 - Annual Christmas / Holiday  
Sing-along with Dr. Carol Williams**

**DECEMBER 27 - Dr. Carol Williams**

San Diego Civic Organist

**JANUARY 3 - Dr. Carol Williams**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPRECKELS ORGAN