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Dr. Emma Whitten at San Dieguito United Methodist Church.

A Note from the Dean



Dear AGO Palomar Chapter Members,

It was nice to finally meet together on Saturday, September 25th to hear Emma's lecture on Central and South American organs, organ music, and composers. A number of us came to hear and enjoy some time together in the lovely garden area outside the Sanctuary at San Dieguito United Methodist Church. I met Lois Sivert, a new chapter member (although not new to the AGO) for the first time. We all enjoyed chatting and catching up a bit as we ate lunch.

My wife Kristine and I did go down this past Monday to hear Alcée Chris play the Spreckels organ. He played very well. His program was very eclectic, from Boëly to Bach to Monk to Reger to Wagner. If you haven't had a chance to see the documentary on the Canadian International Organ Competition he appears in, please take a look if you are able. (https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/pipe-dreams/)

Next up is the fundraiser. I still have some printed flyers. If you would like some, please let me know. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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The Palomar Chapter of The American Guild of Organists

Student Scholarship Fund Concert

"Organist's Potpourri"

Featuring special music for Halloween

Including the Dance Macabre, The Bach Toccata in D Minor and The Phantom of the Opera Also Including a performance by the San Luis Rey Chorale



October Scholarship Concert Fundraiser

October 17, 2021, 4:00 pm Student Scholarship Concert

The annual, except for last year, concert to raise money and awareness for the AGO and our students will again take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Escondido. The date is Sunday, October 17th at 4:00 with a wine and cheese reception following outside around the fountain. This year's theme is "An Organist's Potpourri" featuring music for Halloween. This will include the Bach *D Minor Toccata*, the Saint-Saëns *Danse Macabre* and the *Phantom of the Opera*. The San Luis Rey Chorale will again close out the program with several, recent works for choir that feature the organ. Stay tuned for more details in the October newsletter BUT...save the date now!

David Lewis Palomar Chapter Program Committee Co-Chair

Odds and Ends

By Carol Graham, AGO Palomar Chapter Secretary

Did you know? http://agopalomar.org our chapter website is Fabulous! There you will find the past and present issues of the Titulaire, Videos of concerts by members, Members directory and MUCH more. Check it out. It's so easy. Thank you Bonnie and Jason Rex!

The 3 manual restored Mason & Hamlin organ at the Rancho Guajome Adobe in Vista has the "split keyboard" feature to which Emma referenced in her talk last Saturday. If you would like to have a tour of the Rancho Guajome and play the organ, contact our member Dr. Jerry Colling who is a docent. jerry@colling.com

Dr. Emma Whitten's Lecture/Recital



Dr. Emma Whitten

Many thanks to Dr. Emma Whitten for her outstanding presentation of "Organ Music for the New World," a slide presentation lecture and performance of many charming and interesting pieces from Mexico and South America on the three-manual Schantz organ at San Dieguito United Methodist Church.—Carol Graham

Organ Music for the New World Emma Whitten, organ September 25, 2021 - 10:00 AM San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024

Emma Whitten presented a lecture/recital tracing early organ music of Spain and the Americas to the present. She performed works from Spain, Italy, Mexico, and the United States, including selections from the keyboard manuscript *Sones mo Órgano* discovered in the mission of San Rafael de Chiquitos, Bolivia. Composers included José de Torres, Domenico Zipoli, Manuel de Elías, Ramón Noble, and Pamela Decker. Emma concluded with Hans-André Stamm's *Toccata Mexicana*, a festive toccata derived from Aztecan drum rhythms, commissioned by the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. (Photos by Carol Graham)

Introducing

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A new way for early-level organists of any age to improve their skills with the help of their AGO chapter

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Choose one, contact your chapter, and start learning!

For more information, visit agohq.org/new-organist

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