

VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA GAMBA NEWS

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Pacifica Play Day, 5-14-2016

Please join us for the ninth and final coached play day of our 2015-2016 season which will be on Saturday, May 14th at Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church, 1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The Church's website is <http://hillsideswedenborg.org>. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please try to arrive by 9:00 am for coffee/tea and conversation until about 9:15, to be followed by morning playing events beginning at 9:30 until lunch around 12:30. After lunch, there will be un-coached afternoon playing sessions from about 1:30 pm until about 3:00 pm.



We are extremely pleased to once again have Julie Jeffrey and Peter Hallifax coaching us for this play day. They would like to share with us the fun that they have been having with a Rameau opera arranged for viols. They will talk a little bit about Ludwig Christian Hesse's arrangement for two viols and then we'll work through one or two of these pieces, from Rameau's opera-ballet "Les Sybarites", further arranged by Peter Hallifax for three or four viols, with the whole group.

Our early morning group session with Julie and Peter will be followed by a coffee/tea break at about 10:30 am. After the break, consort playing sessions (mostly one-on-a-part) in assigned groups using Pacifica Library music selected by each group will continue until the lunch break at about 12:30 pm. Coaching will be provided by Julie and Peter on a time-shared basis depending on how many groups we have. You may go out for lunch or bring a lunch to eat in the beautiful Hillside Church Sanctuary view. If you can, please plan to stay for un-coached consort playing in the afternoon after lunch, beginning about 1:30 pm until about 3:00 pm.

Please respond to our consort coordinator, Dalton Cantey, if you plan to attend the morning and/or afternoon sessions. For the morning sessions, tell him what size gamba(s) you will bring. If you would prefer to double a part in our normal "one-on-a-part" consort playing please indicate that. The un-coached consort sessions in the afternoon will include a group in the Sanctuary where part doubling is encouraged. Sign-up sheets will be provided in the morning for those who would prefer to organize one-on-a-part consorts on their own in the two downstairs playing spaces for the afternoon. Please respond before the end of the day on Thursday (May 12th) so we will know how many music copies are needed and to expedite

formation of assigned groups for the following Saturday morning. Note that merely replying to this email will not deliver an email to Dalton. Use this email address – <mailto:dcantey@att.net> to send him a message. If the hyperlink in this file does not work on your system, please email Dalton using your own email procedure at the email address above.

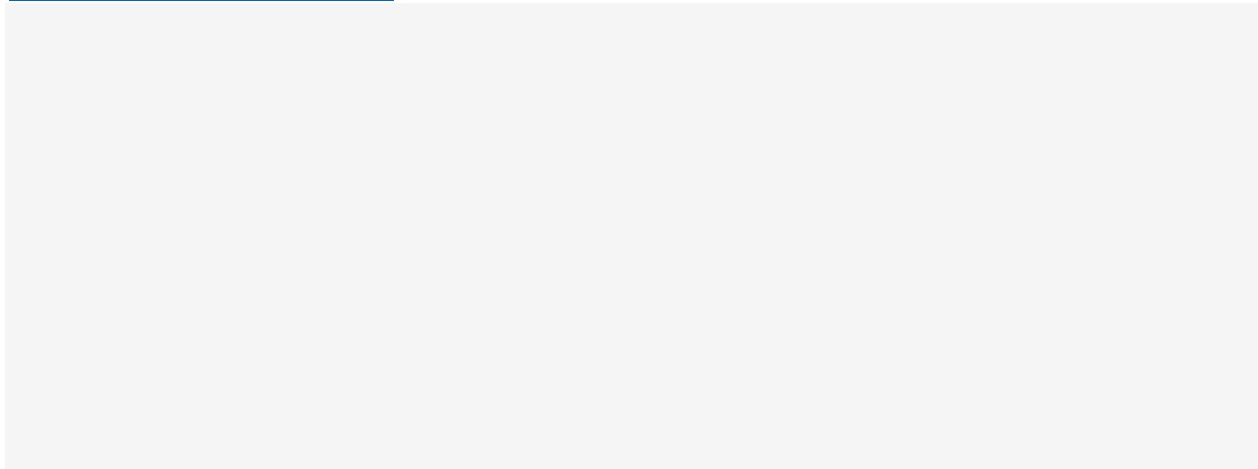
Here is an Updated List of Pacifica’s 2015 – 2016 Season Play Day Dates and Coaches!

If you have not already done so, update your calendars now

September 12	David Morris	.
October 10	Marie Szuts	.
November 14	David Morris (Voices and Viols)	.
December 12	Frances Blaker	.
January 9, 2016	Shira Kammen	.
February 6	Stanford Workshop: Director John Dornenburg, Mary Springfels, Julie Jeffrey and David Morris	.
March 12	Amy Brodo	.
April 9	Pat O’Scannell	.
May 14	Peter Hallifax and Julie Jeffrey	.
June 4	Pacifica Chapter Party & Concert for Friends/Family	.
July 24-31	2016 VdGSA Conclave at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon	.

ELECTION REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, please let your Nominating Committee know whether you approve of the slate of nominees which we submitted to you a short time ago: Cindi Kazarian Olwell, President; Ricardo Hofer, Vice President; Ellen Fisher, Treasurer; Lynn Tetenbaum, Secretary. Send an email message or letter to Ellen Farwell at email to: Leonardfarwell@comcast.net or 1807 Butte Street, Richmond, CA 94804 before May 31, 2016.



Tenor Viol Crafted by Lyn Elder for Sale:



Large Jaye model tenor viol made by Lyn Elder in 1997. Curly maple with purfling around the front and back edges; dark rosewood fingerboard and pegs; open scroll.: \$5000. Email mary.elliott@pineground.com. Excellent instrument with even sound throughout its range. Price with Kingham MTM hard case.

Bass Viol Crafted by Judith Kraft and Bass Bow by Ralph Ashmead for Sale:

We are pleased to announce the sale of the following two items from the collection of John Mark, one of the founding members of the Pacifica Chapter. The proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase new viols for our successful rental program and for programs to encourage emerging players. For more information, please contact Lynn Lipetzky at <mailto:lynnlipetzky@sbcglobal.net>.

7-String Colichon model Bass Viol made in 1989 by Judith Kraft in Paris



4-piece spruce top; 2-piece maple back; maple ribs and neck; decorated lion's head pegbox, decorated hookbar; painted belly rose; ebony veneered fingerboard and tailpiece; mechanically geared tuning pegs (pegheads); 69.5 cm string length. All new strings and frets, with a new bridge made by Sarah Peck. Price is \$11,000, and includes fiberglass case.

Bass Viol bow made by Ralph Ashmead



Fluted octagonal snakewood (or possibly ironwood) stick with ivory frog and screw; 79 gms, 75.2 cm. Price is \$1,500.

Opportunity for Viol Playing in Ashland Oregon:

Pat O'Scannell, gambist, Pacifica coach for our April 2016 Play Day and former Early Music director at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, will, together with the *Rogue Consort of Viols*, sponsor a monthly Play Day for gambists on the final Saturday of each month, beginning in January. You are cordially invited to attend if you are coming through Ashland, or to schedule your theatre-going to align with the "Salon du Viol" event. Each month will highlight renaissance music from a different country, and each session will begin with a half-hour coaching session before the group forms consorts and reads. There will be a morning and afternoon reading session with luncheon served in between. The cost is \$20 per 'Salon', lunch included. Contact Pat for more information, or to reserve your space. All levels are welcome, with guided sessions for beginners. Music will be provided, but your additions are welcome! Add this new event to your calendar. All sessions will be held at a private home in the scenic hills of Ashland, Oregon. Contact: (541) 482-9757 / pato@opendoor.com. For more information on Ms. O'Scannell, visit patoscannell.weebly.com. See Flyer below:



Salon du Viol **2016**

Hosted by Pat O'Scannell and the *Rogue Consort of Viols*
A structured Play Day on the last Saturday in each month.

Music provided, or bring something to share!

All levels welcome. Guided session for beginners.
Intermediate & advanced players form consorts and read.

All events in Ashland, Oregon \$20 per session
10:00am-1pm and 2-5pm Luncheon included

January 30: **England** February 27: **France** March 26: **Spain**

April 30: **Germany** May 28: **Italy** June 25: **Wildcard!**

for reservations contact: pato@opendoor.com (541) 482-9757

Donations to VdGS-Pacifica

Donations to VdGS-Pacifica are welcome and received gratefully. If you itemize your deductions and want a tax deductible donation, make a check payable to SFEMS (San Francisco Early Music Society) and put "VdGS-Pacifica" on the memo line. If you do not itemize deductions, make your check payable to VdGS-Pacifica. Send all checks to our Treasurer, Ellen Fisher, 8635 Thors Bay Rd, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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