

# VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA GAMBA NEWS

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## **BASH ANNOUNCEMENT AND SIGN-UP FOR PERFORMANCES.**

### **Please Join Us For Pacifica's Annual Pot-Luck Lunch, Party, and Playing For Each Other and Friends, 6-4-2016**

Pacifica's annual party and playing event for the 2015-2016 Season will be on Saturday, June 4th at Hillside Swedenborgian Community Church, 1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530. See the Church's website at [Hillsideswedenborg.org](http://Hillsideswedenborg.org) for directions on how to get there. We will meet in the Sanctuary around 9:00 am for coffee/tea, conversation and to set-up for group performances and the pot-luck lunch. Groups who plan to perform for us can rehearse downstairs in the class rooms during this time. At 10:30 all performances begin upstairs in the Sanctuary. During performance time please feel free to dine on the wonderful potluck lunch provided by everyone. Wine is allowed but please take home your bottles. Even if you are not part of a preformed group you can still enjoy consort playing in the early afternoon using music from the Pacifica Library. We will continue playing until 2:15 when we clean up. We must be out of the church by 3:00 pm.

Please email Robin Easterbrook at [reasterbrook@mac.com](mailto:reasterbrook@mac.com) if you and/or your group plans to perform. Let her know what music you will be performing, the names of your players and their instruments. Deadline for sign-ups: May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 [Leonardfarwell@comcast.net](mailto:Leonardfarwell@comcast.net) or 1807 Butte Street, Richmond, CA 94804 before May 31, 2016.

## **INFERNO THEATRE SEEKING STRING PLAYER FOR SHAKESPEARE'S THE TEMPEST IN BERKELEY**

Inferno Theatre is seeking an adult string player (violin, cello, viola da gamba, or lute) to be part of Inferno Theatre's physical ensemble production of Shakespeare's THE TEMPEST at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park, weekends of July 23, July 30 and August 6. Small stipend. Rehearsals will take place in a Berkeley location near the Ashby BART station. If interested, send an email expressing your interest and your resume to: [infernotheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:infernotheatrecompany@gmail.com). Subject line should have: Tempest Musician. We will be reviewing submissions on a daily basis and hope to make our selection by May 21.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:pato@opendoor.com). For more information on Ms. O'Scannell, visit [patoscannell.weebly.com](http://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](mailto: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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