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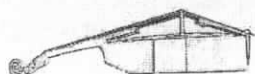
GAMBA NEWS

For Your Playing Pleasure:

			
<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
			
<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>May</i>

Pacifica Play Day Schedule 2006-2007

DATE	COACH
September 9	Elisabeth Reed
October 14	Amy Brodo
November 11	Joanna Blendulf
December 2	Shira Kammen
January 13	Roy Whelden
February TBD	John Dornenburg at Stanford
March 10	Julie Jeffrey
April	~ no play day ~
May 12	William Skeen
June TBD	Our Party



Each month, as soon as you receive your Gamba News (or before), please call or email John Mark, our peerless consort arranger, to tell him you will attend the upcoming play day and what size(s) you will bring. (510) 531-1471; mark_bach8@hotmail.com.

All play days except those at Stanford are held at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Boulevard, Oakland. The church is just west of the Park Boulevard exit off Highway 13. We meet at 9:15 am for the coached session.

Sheet music, coffee and tea will be supplied. Please bring either a sack lunch for yourself or a dish or drinks to share at our customary potluck. The church has a microwave we can use. There is also a Mexican restaurant close by.

Please bring a music stand and any consort music of your own you'd like to play. Consorts are formed based on the information you provide to John Mark. Newcomers and rank beginners are welcome.

For Sale

Visit Your Local Viol Builder! 7-string bass, Bertrand model, rich sound. 6-string bass, Jaye model, bright and delightful to play. Treble, Hoskins model. Tenors and other bass models also available. Soft and hard cases custom-fitted to your instrument. Repairs. Come by to try an instrument, take a shop tour and learn about building viols, or for idle chit-chat. **Alexandra Saur**, (510) 558-6927; (510) 559-9563, in Albany.

Bow Rehair Alexandra Saur is now offering rehairing for both modern and early bows. Top quality hair and quick turnaround! 510-559-9563, bowrehair@alexandrasaur.com.

Lazar's Early Music

Moeck (recorders and early winds), Kueng, Mollenhauer, Yamaha, Aesthe, Dolmetsch Millenium Recorders, and others in the near future. Competitive prices, instruments sent on approval, personalized service and advice. **Bill Lazar**, (408) 720-1247.

Bass viol, Karl Roy. Heavy viol with very good continuo bass tone, with rich, strong sound. Free string length 66 cm. Very good condition. Hard case, no bow. Asking \$1900.

Bass viol, Wolfgang Uebel, Celle, Germany, 1977. With carved rose on sound board; 64 cm free string length. Very nice condition. Asking \$2500 with unpadded soft case. Bows available separately.

Bows (2): William Monical, octagonal stick, ebony frog/nut, 60.5 cm free hair length, 59 gms (treble/tenor,) new hair, asking \$650; **Unknown**, well made, ivory frog/nut, nice balance, 60.5 cm free hair length, 70 gms (tenor/bass,) frog crack is repaired, \$500.

Pictures of all are available on my website (www.bill-lazar.com) on the 'used instruments' page. Contact **Bill Lazar**, jblazar@aol.com, (408) 730-2238 for more information.

Ruby Instruments

The world's first production model of a 7-string solid body electric viola da gamba! Play traditional and crossover music on one instrument! Coming soon! The Ruby dock, an attachment to hold the Ruby conventionally as well as to play on a stand! To hear and play the Ruby, contact **Kirby**, (510) 317-0834 or (510) 332-0834 (24-hour message); gambaguy@msn.com.

Treble Viol Available to Rent

Treble viol by Michael Plant available for rent at reasonable price. Contact **Lee McRae**, (510) 848-5591, LmcR@aol.com.

GAMMA NEWS

Gamba News is published 10 times a year by the Pacifica chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society. It vacations in July and August.

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Classified Ads

Short classified advertisements in Gamba News are free to VdGS-Pacifica members. For non-members, ads are \$5 per issue. Please mail your check made out to VdGS-Pacifica to Julie Morrisett, Editor, 1148 Norwood Ave. #1, Oakland, CA 94610.

www.pacificaviols.org

Our VdGS-Pacifica chapter website is maintained and regularly updated by Helen Tyrrell. It contains the Viol Player's Calendar, along with a list of local teachers, sources for music, supplies, inexpensive viols, repairs, and travel tips. The VdGSA (national) website is www.vdgsa.org.

Rent a Viol

Pacifica has trebles, tenors and basses to rent. Donations of viols and bows to our rental program are extremely welcome—we'll accept them in any condition. Rental fees range from \$15 to \$30 per month. In charge of rentals is John Mark, 10 Holyrood Manor, Oakland, CA 94611; (510) 531-1471; mark_bach8@hotmail.com.

Donating to VdGS-Pacifica

The Pacifica Chapter is an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society (SFEMS), and along with other privileges this affiliation confers, we can receive tax-deductible donations. These include not only cash but viols, bows, musical scores, method books, tuners, stands and other viol paraphernalia. Especially since we now have a Youth Project working to teach young people the viol, please remember the chapter when you are cleaning out your music room.

Cash donations can be used for new rental instruments and bows, new music for the chapter playing library, the Pacifica Youth Project, or our scholarship fund.

To ensure that your donation will be tax-deductible, please make out the check to SFEMS with a note on the lower left corner: "for VdGS-Pacifica." Then send your donation check to Penni Savage, Treasurer, VdGS-Pacifica, 436 Hudson Street, Oakland, CA 94618. She will forward your check to SFEMS.

SFEMS will accept and record the donation, then transfer the funds to us. You will receive an acknowledgment letter from SFEMS for your tax records.

When you donate a viol or other materials, you will receive a letter citing the estimated value of the instrument or materials for your tax records.

Treasurer's Report

It has been an exciting year for Viola da Gamba Pacifica. Below are the totals from our income and expense report. If anyone wishes to see the monthly summary, please let me know. You will find that we overspent our income by \$546.21. There are several reasons for this: we bought \$666 of NEW music this year; our Fresno expenses were higher than expected and our rental income has dropped substantially.

Income and Expense Report

8-1-05 to 7-31-06

Income

Donations	325.00
Fresno - Income	3,277.00
Member Dues	1,020.00
Member Newsletter	350.00
Stanford Coaching	160.00
Viol Rental Program	1,320.00
Youth Program	1,290.00
Total Income	\$7,742.00

Expenses

SFEMS Membership	40.00
Coaching	1,350.00
Fresno	3,907.72
Miscellaneous	10.00
Music Library	666.39
Newsletter	734.60
Rental Space	100.00
Scholarship	100.00
Website	119.50
Youth Program	1,260.00
Total Expenses	\$8,288.00

— Over expenditure of \$546.21

— Current bank balance of \$2,817.40



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Playing Opportunities, Concerts and Workshops

Saturday, September 9

The first play day of the season! Elisabeth Reed will ease us gently and sonorously into a new year of coaching.

9:15 am, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd, Oakland. (510) 531-1471; mark_bach8@hotmail.com

Wednesday, September 20

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra (MPRO) bimonthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Please bring music stand. Future meetings: October 4 and 18, November 1, 8 and 29.

8:00 pm, Jane Lathrop Middle School, Music Room #060, 480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Contact Frederic Palmer (650) 591-3648; www.sfems.org/mpro

Saturday, October 7

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra (MPRO) presents "From the Palazzo to the Proscenium: Late Renaissance madrigals and the theater music of Henry Purcell," a workshop by David Morris. Bowed and plucked string players, as well as recorder players, are invited.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Union Church of Cupertino, 20900 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. \$41/\$39, \$2 discount when for registering by September 30. Contact Mary Carrigan (415) 664-9050; www.sfems.org/mpro

Viol Talk

Another Rave Review

John Dornenburg's Solo Viola da Gamba CD continues to garner praise: "(The C.F. Abel) Prelude is melting, luscious and emotional stuff. Behind the eccentricities of the much earlier Simpson work is an inquisitive and experimental musical mind, and Dornenburg actualizes this aspect of Simpson's rare music with aplomb...A Chaconne by Marin Marais rounds off this gamba recital with a virtuosic wallop." — allmusic.com

The complete review is available at:

<http://www.allmusic.com/cg/amg.dll?p=amg&token=&sql=43:125904~T1>

Saturday, November 11

SFEMS presents Fretwork: "L'Dor Va Dor," Jewish Composers in the English Court. Featuring music by Lupo and Bassano.

8:00 pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College at Garber, Berkeley. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org

Sunday, November 12

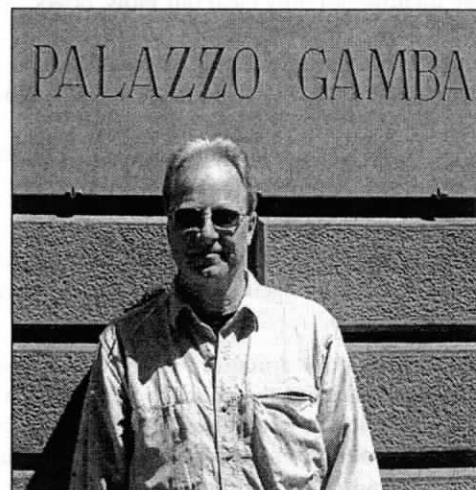
Fretwork repeats program of November 11.

3:30 pm, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa, San Francisco. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org

Monday, November 13

Fretwork repeats program of November 11.

8:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer at Webster, Palo Alto. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; www.sfems.org



Where in the World?

World-traveler John Dornenburg finds a home away from home in Florence, Italy this past June.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Friday, September 29 at 7:30 pm. All are invited! President Ellen Farwell will host as well as preside: 1807 Butte St., Richmond. (510) 524-3327.

Membership News

Renew Your Membership! Fall is in the air, summer workshops are fond memories and a new season of viol playing is just ahead. Please renew your membership in VdGS-Pacifica as soon as possible so you will be kept informed as to upcoming play dates and interesting events that you won't want to miss. Please make checks out to VdGS-Pacifica and mail to Pj Savage at 436 Hudson Street, Oakland, CA 94618.

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to:

- Offer a \$100 scholarship to Med/Ren this year
- Purchase over \$600 of new, exciting music to play at our play days
- Strengthen our youth program – we are considering enlarging it to a second group of young players this year

If you have early music colleagues who would like to try a Viola da Gamba, please encourage them to contact John Mark for a rental. We have trebles, tenors and basses just waiting to be rented. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this Fall and hearing about your musical summers. — Pj Savage, Treasurer

Please Note!

On September 13, an email will be sent to all members of the Pacifica Viola da Gamba society.

If you, i.e., a member of the society and receiver of the newsletter, do not receive this email, then please send a message to pacificagambasociety@mac.com with your correct contact information.

Thank you.

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