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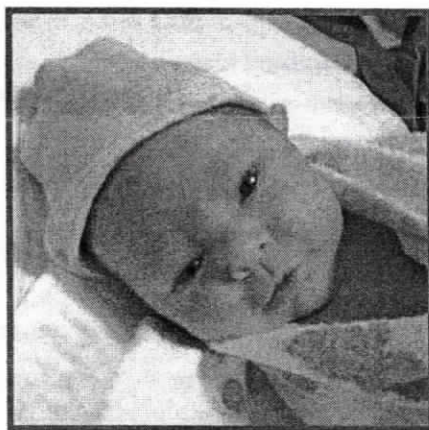
GAMBA NEWS

"If you want to have happy holidays, then play your
viola da gamba as often as possible."

—Ancient Belgian saying

The World Begins Anew

Congratulations to Elisabeth Reed and Andy Luchansky on the birth of their daughter, Leah Reed Luchansky. Look for Leah at a play day in a decade or so.



Leah Reed Luchansky
Age, not very old

Vice Presidential Correction

The November *Gamba News* mistakenly noted that Ricardo Hofer, World Traveler and VdGS-P Vice President, had recently returned from travels to Turkey and South America. Hofer was not in South America. He was, however, spotted in Greenland.

January Board Meeting

All are invited! The next board meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, January 30, at the home of Ellen Farwell: 1807 Butte Street, Richmond.

Dates for SFEMS 2007 Workshops

Baroque Music and Dance Workshop, June 17 -23
"The Crossroads of the Baroque: Dresden, Prague & Vienna"

Medieval and Renaissance Workshop, June 24 - 30
"Tales of the Cities"

Absolutely last chance to renew

Check your address label; if you see an asterisk next to your name then we have not yet received your renewal by press time. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is included for your renewing convenience. If you have already sent your renewal in, thank you!

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) 734-4920.

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) 734-4920 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.

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Classified Ads

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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.

Pacifica Play Day Schedule 2006-2007

DATE	COACH
December 2	Shira Kammen
January 13	Roy Whelden
February 17	John Dornenburg at Stanford
March 10	Julie Jeffrey
April 20-21	~ Fresno Meet ~
May 12	William Skeen
June 9	Our Party at St. Alban's

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Playing Opportunities, Concerts and Workshops

Friday, December 1

The East Bay Chapter of the American Recorder Society (ARS) monthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Guest conductors will be Tish Berlin and Frances Blaker. Please bring music stand.

7:30 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. (510) 483-8675 or (415) 472-6367 for more information

Saturday, December 9

Music of Purcell and Schutz, presented by Cecily Graburn, mezzo-soprano. With Jennifer Torresen, soprano; Sarge Gerbode, lutes; Julie Morrisett, viola da gamba; and Esther Criscuola de Laix, organ.

8:00 pm, St. Joseph of Arimathea, 2316 Bowditch Ave. at Durant, Berkeley. \$5 suggested donation. Contact cgraburn@sbcglobal.net for more information

Wednesday, January 10

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra (MPRO) bimonthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Please bring music stand. Future meetings: January 31st.

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

Friday, January 12

SFEMS presents **Musica Pacifica: "Jacaras;" The Spanish Baroque and the New World.** A rousing program of folk music from Spain, the Spanish New World, and North Africa, presented alongside "rustic" pieces by Vivaldi, Corelli and Rameau. Musica Pacifica is: Judith Linsenberg, recorder; Elizabeth Blumenstock, violin; David Morris, cello & viola da gamba; Charles Sherman, harpsichord; with guest artists Stephen Stubbs on lute and guitars and Maxine Eilander on harp.

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

Saturday, January 13

Musica Pacifica repeats program of January 12.

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

Sunday, January 14

Musica Pacifica repeats program of January 12.

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

Saturday, January 20

Flauti Diversi presents "Bach to Bach," Cantatas, sonatas and suites by J.S. Bach. With Karen Clark, mezzo-contralto; Frances Feldon, baroque flute & recorder; Yuko Tanaka, harpsichord; and Roy Whelden, viola da gamba.

8:00 pm, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. \$18/\$15. (510) 527-9840; franfel@aol.com

Sunday, January 21

Flauti Diversi repeats program of January 20.

4:00 pm, Davis Community Church, 412 C St., Davis. \$18/\$15. (510) 527-9840; franfel@aol.com

Saturday, January 27

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra Winter Workshop: "Musical Treasures from North and South of the Equator," presented by Aldo Abreu. Featuring music by Gabrieli, Sweelink and J.S. Bach, among others. All sizes of recorder and other early instruments are welcome.

9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. \$41/\$39 by January 19. Make checks payable to MPRO. For further information, contact Mary Carrigan at (415) 664-9050

Saturday, February 10

Healing Muses presents "La Vie en Rose," a cross-over concert of German high baroque and contemporary music, including works by J.S. Bach, Telemann, Ellington, Piaf, van Nieuwkerk and Piazzolla. Hanneke van Proosdij, recorder; Andrew Levy, recorder; Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba; Katherine Heater, harpsichord. This concert is part of a weekend-long series of concerts and workshops presented by Healing Muses.

8:00 pm, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. \$20/\$15. Call (510) 524-5661 *3 for more information.

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Mark Your Calendar, cont'd

Saturday, February 17

The SFEMS Medieval/Renaissance Workshop will hold an "Orlandissimo" Collegium Afternoon. Directed by Louise Carslake and Hanneke van Proosdij, with music by Orlando di Lasso. All- singers, recorder players, violinists, viola da gambists, cellists, lutenists, early brass and low renaissance reed players -are invited! All proceeds will benefit scholarships to the Medieval Renaissance 2007 Workshop.

2:00 - 5:00 pm, the choir room of St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. at Garber, Berkeley. Asking \$40 donation. Please register in advance: (510) 530-3202, jdllac@got.net, <http://www.sfems.org/mendrenfr07.htm>

Saturday, February 24

The Sacramento Recorder Society presents "Music from the Cold North," a workshop exploring sacred and secular music from Scandinavia, Scotland, Ireland and the Baltic Countries of Latvia and Estonia. The workshop is open to voice, recorder, viol, flute, lute, harp, early brass and low reeds.

9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Central Methodist Church, 5265 H St., Sacramento. \$45/\$40, registration deadline January 24. Overnight accomodation for out of town participants is available. For more information contact Billie Hamilton. billieham@maxnexus.org, (916) 451-7614



Membership Updates

Renewals

Tracy Achtman, Peter Ballinger & Leslie Gold, Carolyn Butler, Jim Denton, Gary Digman, John Dornenburg, Mary Elliott, Stuart Elliott, Ellen Farwell, Ricardo Hofer, Kristin Righetti, Alexandra Saur, Peter Stewart, Roy Whelden

Updates

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_____ Playing Member (\$25): You can attend monthly consort meetings free; you get a free subscription to Gamba News, and you get a discount on consort-coaching sessions.

_____ Two-person membership (\$35): Two playing members in the same household. You share all the rights and privileges of a Playing Member.

_____ Newsletter-Only Membership (\$10)

_____ Donation to VdGS-Pacifica will help us buy sheet music and rental instruments and fatten our scholarship fund.

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

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