

VIOLA DA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA VOLUME 20, NO. 7 MARCH 2007

GAMBA NEWS

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Playing Opportunities, Concerts and Workshops

Sunday, March 11

Chattanooga Chamber Concerts presents **Ensemble Vermillion**: "Italian Music of the Later 17th Century by Vitali (father and son), Bassani, Merula and others. Frances Blaker, recorders; Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, baroque cello; Gail Ann Shroeder, viola da gamba; Jonathan Rhodes Lee, harpsichord. Please reserve seating in advance; space is limited. Wine and cheese reception to follow concert.

3:00 pm, at the home of Kathy and Mark Perl, 152 Chattanooga Street (between Dolores and Church), San Francisco. \$15. Reservations: Kathy or Mark Perl (415) 641-0940

Friday, March 16

SFEMS presents "Mensa Sonora: Biber and his Contemporaries," performed by **Ensemble Masques**: Sophie Gent, Chloe Meyers, baroque violins; Elin Soderstrom, Mélisande Corriveau, bass viols; Josh Cheatham, violone; Olivier Fortin, harpsichord.

8:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer at Webster, Palo Alto. \$22/\$25. www.sfems.org

Saturday, March 17

Ensemble Masques; repeat of March 16 performance.

8:00 pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College at Garber, Berkeley. \$22/\$25. www.sfems.org

Sunday, March 18

SFEMS presents **Ensemble Masques**. Repeat of Friday, March 16 performance.

3:30 pm, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa, San Francisco. \$22/\$25. www.sfems.org

Friday, March 23

John Dornenburg and Brent Wissick, violas da gamba, perform with **American Bach Soloists** in BWV 106, Gottes Zeit ist die allbeste Zeit. Also featuring cantatas 12, 18, 132 and 196.

8:00 pm, St. Stephen's Church, 3 Bay View Avenue, Belvedere. \$10-\$42. (415) 621-7900; <http://americanbach.org>

Saturday, March 24

John Dornenburg and Brent Wissick, violas da gamba, perform with **American Bach Soloists** in repeat of Friday, March 23 performance.

8:00 pm, First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way at Dana, Berkeley. \$10-\$42. (415) 621-7900; <http://americanbach.org>

Sunday, March 25

John Dornenburg and Brent Wissick, violas da gamba, perform with **American Bach Soloists** in repeat of Friday, March 23 performance.

7:00 pm, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street at Franklin, San Francisco. \$10-\$42. (415) 621-7900; <http://americanbach.org>

Monday, March 26

John Dornenburg and Brent Wissick, violas da gamba, perform with **American Bach Soloists** in repeat of Friday, March 23 performance.

8:00 pm, Davis Community Church, 412 C Street at 4th, Davis. \$10-\$42. (415) 621-7900; <http://americanbach.org>

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Save the Dates!

May 18-20, 2007

Marin Headlands Workshop for Recorders and Viols, sponsored by East Bay Chapter, American Recorder Society, at Pt. Bonita YMCA. Sixteen playing sessions, featuring conductors David Barnett, Annette Bauer, Tish Berlin, Tom Bickley, Frances Blaker, Louise Carslake, Frances Feldon, Eileen Hadidian, Fred Palmer, and one other. Entire weekend or partial attendance.

For information contact Susan Richardson: (510) 526-7861, susanvrichardson@yahoo.com; or Anna Lisa Kronman: (925) 258-9442, nnalisakronman@gmail.com

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Lazar's Early Music

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Bass viol, Wolfgang Uebel, Celle, Germany, 1977. With carved rose on sound board; 64 cm free string length. Very nice condition. Asking \$2100 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.

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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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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
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, cont'd

Wednesday, March 28

The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra (MPRO) bimonthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Please bring music stand. Future meetings: April 11 and 25.

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, March 31

Voices of Music presents "Young Artist Concert." Directors Hanneke van Proosdij and David Tayler invite talented rising stars in Early Music performance to present a concert. Including **Lisa Nicole Silberman**, viola da gamba.

8:00 pm, St. Alban's Episcopal Church Sanctuary, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Wheelchair accessible. (510) 236-9808

Friday, April 6

Collegium Evening presented by the East Bay Recorder Society, with **David Morris**, conducting. All early instruments and singers welcome! A=440, but it will be worth it!

7:30 pm, Rockridge United Methodist Church, 303 Hudson St., Oakland (2 blocks from Rockridge BART, plenty of parking there.)