

# Gamba NEWS

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## Wanted: A President

### *Update on VdGS/Pacifica business*

The VdGS/Pacifica board met on February 1 to discuss plans for the April Fresno North/South Viol Meet and the June Berkeley Festival (see stories below), and to nominate candidates for some of the board positions to be elected in June.

Pacifica's board represents the members; this means you. And remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty! Please let the board know your ideas on play days, coaching, dues, the quality of the coffee at Zion Lutheran, etc. Most important, send in your nominations for new officers for a two-year term beginning in June. (Nominations should go to President **Peter Ballinger**, 963 Peralta Ave., Albany, CA 94706-0722; (510) 527-4763; prbprdns@aol.com.)

The current elected officers, whose terms will end in June, are: President, **Peter Ballinger**; Vice-President, **Lyle York**; Secretary, **Penni (P.J.) Savage**; Treasurer, **Helen Tyrrell**. These officers appoint several Members at Large and a Newsletter Editor to serve on the board.

Current Members at Large are **Cindy Share** (coaching liaison), **Annette Barnett** (keeper of the membership list), **John Dornenburg**, **Julie Jeffrey**, **Al Roper**, **Lee McRae** (chapter representative for the Viola da Gamba Society of America), and **John**

**Mark** (Zion Lutheran Church liaison, librarian, music coordinator, rental program coordinator).

### PLAY DAY SCHEDULE

**March 11, 2000**

**PLAY DAY COACHED BY AMY BRODO** at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. Brodo is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and mistress of the viola da gamba and of modern and Baroque cello. Among the Bay Area groups with which she plays are Music's Muse, El Mundo and Yatan Atan, devoted to Ladino music.

The church is just west of the Park Blvd. exit off Highway 13. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for the coached session. Lunch break is at 12:30; players can go to nearby restaurants or bring lunch from home. Uncoached afternoon playing goes on till 4:00 p.m.

Coffee and tea will be served. Please bring a music stand and any music of your own you'd like to play. Consorts are formed based on the information you provide on the enclosed postcard. **Please mail it in immediately!** Or e-mail your data to **John Mark**, mark\_bach8@hotmail.com.

Newcomers and rank beginners are welcome. If you're coming for the first time, Please phone ahead: (510) 531-1471.

**April 28-30, 2000**

**FRESNO MEET** with coaches **Lynn Tetenbaum** and **Tina Chancey**

**May 13, 2000**

**PLAY DAY** with coach **Lynn Tetenbaum**

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Newsletter Editor for the last two years was **Oliver Iberien**. **Lyle York** was appointed Newsletter Editor at this meeting.

Please nominate yourself or a friend for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you nominate another person, you must first get his or her permission. Any member can make any number of nominations. Exercise your power.

- **Peter Ballinger**, having served a graceful two years as President, wants to retire. We need nominations for a new President.
- **P.J. Savage** also wants to retire as Secretary. **Cindy Share** has been nominated for Secretary. Please send in further nominations.
- **Lyle York** has been nominated for a second term as Vice-President. Please send in further nominations.
- **Helen Tyrrell** has been nominated for a second term as Treasurer. Please send in further nominations.
- A newly created position of Rosin Boy or Rosin Girl is open to any children of members.

All nominations will be announced in the June newsletter and voted on by the membership.

## Warm up your bow for Fresno

**Cindy Share**, organizer of the upcoming 26<sup>th</sup> annual North/South Viol Meet in Fresno, April 28-30, has secured two wonderful coaches: **Tina Chancey** of Arlington, VA, and our own **Lynn Tetenbaum** of Oakland. The Pacifica chapter and the Viols/West (Southern California) chapter, which co-sponsor this annual workshop, want to thank the VdGSA for its financial help this year with Tina's travel expenses.

This is a small, informal workshop offering coached large-group and small-group playing, faculty lectures and performances, warm Central Valley weather, lolling by the Picadilly Inn pool, and restaurants catering to all appetites and pocketbooks. Saturday evening will feature a demonstration on the pardessus by Tina with bass continuo by Lynn. Registration forms have been mailed. Contact Cindy with any questions, or for a form if you didn't get one: (925) 939-3551; [cynthia\\_share@peoplesoft.com](mailto:cynthia_share@peoplesoft.com).

## Heads-up on the Berkeley Festival

It's not too soon to start planning for the Berkeley Festival and Exhibition, June 4-11. Among the viol-related activities will be a master class conducted by English gambist **Erin Headley** in Morrison Hall on Friday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. Erin will be appearing with the ensemble Tragicomedia (with **Paul O'Dette**, **Stephen Stubbs** and **Alexander Weimann**) in several Festival programs. This master class is co-sponsored by VdGSA and Cal Performances, as was the session with **Jordi Savall** at the last Berkeley Festival. **Brent Wissick**, beloved North Carolina teacher of cello and viol and newly elected president of the VdGSA, has promised a mini-concert at the Festival.

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The Festival's Exhibition will be held from Thursday through Sunday that week (June 8-11) in the Pauley Ballroom of the M.L. King Student Union building, where mini-concerts and instrument makers' demonstrations will also take place. A number of bow and viol makers will set up shop there, as will PRB Productions and the Boulder Early Music Shop.

If you are interested in participating in Headley's master class, giving a mini-concert, or helping at the VdGSA Exhibition booth, please contact **John Mark** at (510) 531-1471, or by e-mail at [mark\\_bach8@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_bach8@hotmail.com).

Again this year, an Elderhostel program for out-of-towners will be tied to the Festival. (People over 55 qualify.) The program offers lodging at nearby International House, plentiful food and good company. For information, contact **Bethann Johnson**, (510) 642-2664. For a festival brochure, contact the Cal Performances Ticket Office, P.O. Box 40190, Berkeley, CA 94704-4190. (510) 642-9988.

— *John Mark*

## A day with bowmeister David Douglass

**David Douglass**, of The King's Noyse, popular viol workshop teacher and master player of just about anything with strings, will conduct a one-day workshop in Sunnyvale on Saturday, March 18, for up to 12 people in two or three ability-matched consorts. The exact format will be decided by the participants, but some form of intensive consort coaching seems likely.

The day will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions of 2½ hours each. The cost will be \$40 per person. Contact **Bill Lazar** at [jblazar@aol.com](mailto:jblazar@aol.com), (408) 737-8228, for more information or to apply. Space is limited, so please respond promptly.

— *Bill Lazar*

## Mark your calendar

### Saturday, March 11

**PLAY DAY AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH.** **Amy Brodo**, coach. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. *See Page 1.*

**HAUSMUSIK** presents **DISTANT OAKS.** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Celtic music and dance performed by **Deborah White**, vocals, guitar, citole, dulcimer; **Jared White**, recorder, whistle, Scottish smallpipes, bodhran; **Shayne White**, Celtic harp, step dancing; **Julie Jeffrey**, viola da gamba; and **Peter Maund**, percussion.

*St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington at Curtis, Albany, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17 and \$14. (510) 559-4670.*

### Sunday, March 12

**YATAN ATAN** (including **Amy Brodo**, viola da gamba) presents a program of Ladino music, "The Bride Unfastens Her Braids."

*Temple Sinai, 2808 Summit, Oakland, 4 p.m. (510) 451-3263.*

### Saturday, March 18

**ONE-DAY WORKSHOP** with **David Douglass**, held in Sunnyvale. \$40 fee for five hours of coached consort playing.

*For information, see story above or contact **Bill Lazar**, [jblazar@aol.com](mailto:jblazar@aol.com), (408) 737-8228.*

**AMY BRODO**, viola da gamba; **Rob Diggins** and **David Wilson**, violins; **Linda Berman-Hall**, harpsichord, will perform the "Apotheosis of Lully" by Couperin.

*UC-Santa Cruz Recital Hall, University of California at Santa Cruz, 8 p.m. (831) 459-2292.*

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## Random notes

**Contributors wanted:** Send *Gamba News* your stories, opinions, CD reviews, concert listings, drawings, photos, poems, jokes and recipes. We'll publish anything not libelous. Send all contributions to **Lyle York**, Editor, 1932 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Berkeley, CA 94707, or via e-mail: [ly@sfgate.com](mailto:ly@sfgate.com). Phone (510) 559-9273. Short classified advertisements in plain text to be placed in *Gamba News* are free to VdGS/Pacifica members. For non-members, ads are \$5 per issue. Please mail your check for \$5 to **Lyle York** (address above), made out to VdGS/Pacifica. Deadline for calendar submissions, classified ads and all editorial contributions for a given month's newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month (e.g., the deadline for the April issue is March 15).

**Newsletters by e-mail:** If you'd like to receive your monthly *Gamba News* on-line, please e-mail **Lyle York** at [ly@sfgate.com](mailto:ly@sfgate.com). Your reply postcard will take e-mail form as well. Of course, we will continue to mail postal newsletters to members for the foreseeable future, or until every man, woman and child in VdGS/Pacifica asks for e-mail. No staff member will be laid off, and no animals will be harmed, as a result of your choosing e-mail. But the more members request electronic delivery, the more Pacifica will save on postage and labor.

**Information, please:** Look at our VdGS/Pacifica chapter Web site: [home.pacbell.net/hesuome](http://home.pacbell.net/hesuome). The site is regularly updated by the able **Helen Tyrrell**. The VdGSA (national) Web site: [www.enteract.com/vdgsa](http://www.enteract.com/vdgsa). Need a list of local teachers? Sources for sheet music, supplies, inexpensive viols, repairs? Travel tips? We have extra copies of a back issue full of information. We also welcome contributions and corrections to our store of knowledge. Contact **Lyle York**, Editor, *Gamba News*, 1932 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Berkeley, CA 94707, (510) 559-9273; or via e-mail: [ly@sfgate.com](mailto:ly@sfgate.com).

**Join VdGS/Pacifica!** The annual membership rates are: Playing Members, \$25 (can attend regular coached consort meetings free, receive *Gamba News*, and get a discount on special consort-coaching sessions); Two-Person Memberships, \$35 (two playing members in the same household); Newsletter-Only Members, \$10. For a membership form, contact **Annette Barnett**, 2502 Hearst Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602; (510) 482-8649; [annette.barnett@esis.com](mailto:annette.barnett@esis.com).

**Classifieds:** I have a new (unopened, bought in Jan. '00) Damian Dlugolecki roped gut bass C-string. I would be willing to sell it for a discount.  
— *Bill Lazar*, [jblazar@aol.com](mailto:jblazar@aol.com), (408) 737-8228.

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