



## Newsletter of the Pacifica Chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society of America

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### Happy New Year!

Along with our best wishes to all, comes an apology for the lateness of this newsletter: your editor was felled by flu for over a week and has been struggling to catch up ever since. Please try to get your reply cards in the mail as soon as possible.

### January Workshop

We are back at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Bl., Piedmont, on **Saturday January 11** for this regular meeting. (Not Sunday 12th as given in the SFEMS Calendar!). Plan to arrive at 9:30 am for coffee and socializing. Playing will begin at 10:00. Send in your card!

### December Workshop

Lucy Bardo gave an enthusiastic workshop to 17 of our members on December 14. After coaching our four ensembles, spread around in various rooms at MusicSources, Lucy played two solos - Walsingham and a piece by Tobias Hume, followed by two settings of Sephardic Hymns by David Loeb. We were all entranced by the immediacy of the performances, and I think a number of attitudes towards contemporary music for viol were favorably altered. After lunch members adjourned to Peter Ballinger's nearby home for more consort playing, while Lucy went off to a rehearsal for the Benjamin concert.

### Forthcoming Events

**Workshop in Renaissance Music:** MPRO presents "Off the Beaten Track" — a workshop exploring

the freedom of rhythm in renaissance music, directed by **John Tyson** (recorder soloist: Boston Camerata, Court Dance Company of New York etc.) Open to all early-instrumentalists. \$20, space limited. February 1, 1992, 9 AM — 4 PM, Duveneck School. Mr. Tyson will also be available for private individual lessons and ensemble coaching on February 2. Information: (415)857-0827.

### Pacifica Performs at Zion

A viol consort coached by **Julie Jeffrey** performed a pavane by Jenkins and a canzona by Merulo for the Sunday services at Zion Lutheran Church on December 8. Despite the cold environment (heating system breakdown) the intonation and ensemble were good. **Cecilia Doris, John Mark, Lee McRae, Mary Prout** and **Peter Ballinger** formed the music in partial recompense for Zion's generous provision of their facilities for several of our monthly meetings.

### North—South Meet

Preparations are in hand for this event, to be held at the Piccadilly Inn, Fresno, on the weekend of April 24-27. We shall be sending a special brochure to West Coast players. Please keep this weekend free.

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