



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

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February Workshop

We are very pleased to announce a lecture and workshop given by Larry Dreyfus, whose subject will be *"The Gamba and Bach's Gamba Suites"*. Playing will begin at 10:00 AM (but plan to arrive at 9:30) in the Braun Music Center, Stanford University, February 8. We'll play together in groups in the morning; after a lunch break (brown bag or Stanford's nearby eating places), Larry will address us from 1:30—approx. 2:30 PM. He will then coach our groups for the remainder of the afternoon. Fee for this special event will be \$15 (playing members \$10). Please send in your card as soon as possible.

January Meeting

About 16 members enjoyed this meeting, with three groups of 4 - 7 viols playing at Zion Lutheran Church. Julie Jeffrey arranged the groups for the morning and afternoon sessions with her usual expertise and tact. A new feature of our meetings is the encouragement of "one size only" players to try a different size of viol. This will improve our members' technique and acquaintance with the literature, as well as making Julie's job easier!

Forthcoming Events

San Francisco Consort: February 15, 8:30 PM Renaissance music for voice and viols, with Judy Frankel, singer, Kit Robberson, Lee McRae and Todd Wetherwax, viols. Kit, who has worked with Jordi Savall, will be the soloist in *Recercada Primera e Segunda* of Ortiz. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana (between Durant and Bancroft), Berkeley: \$8/\$5. Info: (510)848-5591.

Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet: February 22, 8 PM. Phenomenal recorder consort: First Congregational

Church, Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Call SFEMS (510)528-1725 for information.

SFEMS Evening Classes: Spring Term runs February 12 — April 1, Wednesday at 7 PM and 8:30 PM, at Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin), Berkeley. *Beginning Viol* at 7, *Viol Consort* at 8:30 with John Dornenburg. Enrol now: (510)530-3202 or 528-1725.

Marin Headlands Workshop

Make a note in your calendar to attend this annual weekend event at Marin Headlands Institute. Viol players will be able to play in viol consorts, either separately, or with recorder players. Eight conductors will provide opportunities for all kinds of group playing. May 15-17: for registration forms and information, please call Britt Ascher (510)283-7134 or Billie Hamilton (916)451-7614.

March Chapter Meeting

We will be repeating our joint meeting with the Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra, March 14, in Palo Alto. Last year this event was very successful, with a number of recorder players trying viols for the first time, and several of our members joining in on recorder for a change. Further information in the March *Gamba News*.

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North—South Meet

Soon you and our fellow gambists in the Viols West chapter will receive registration forms for the **Annual N-S Meet**, held by long-standing tradition in Fresno, approximately midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. This year we shall be at the Piccadilly Inn again, where our invaluable member **Kathryn Bumpass** has reserved our quietly located rooms and conference room. This year our coaches will be **Shirley Marcus** from the South and **John Dornenburg** from the North. Dates: *April 24—26*. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new players and renew long-standing friendships.

San Francisco Early Music Society

Pacifica Chapter is not affiliated with SFEMS, and not all of our members belong to it. Many advantages to music lovers, including viol players, flow from its existence. SFEMS provides a nurturing environment for early music's performers, teachers and instrument builders in the Bay Area: without it, a significant number of them might not be able to remain here, with a consequent impoverishment of the musical scene for all of us. I urge all of our chapter's playing and newsletter members to become members of SFEMS. Individual memberships are \$30 per year (plus \$10 for additional household persons; \$20 for seniors and students. In addition to the Newsletter, SFEMS membership provides a Directory of Early Music, Summer Workshops, Master Classes and the Evening Classes held at MusicSources. A membership form is enclosed with this month's *Gamba News*.

Quotation of the Month

Maria: (of Sir Andrew Aguecheek). . .he's a very fool and a prodigal.

Sir Toby: Fie, that you'll say so! He plays o' th' viol-de-gamboys . . . and hath all the good gifts of nature.

Shakespeare, Twelfth Night I.iii

Pacific Consort well received

The West Coast premiere of George Benjamin's *Upon Silence* (December 18) gained favorable notices in two Bay Area newspapers. Wrote David Gere, Oakland Tribune music critic: "There was plenty of personality in the new Benjamin piece, a brief setting of a Yeats poem, *Long-Legged Fly*, for five Renaissance viols (played by Lucy Bardo, John Dornenburg, Patricia Halverson, Michael Sand, and Roy Wheldon) and an extremely agile mezzosoprano (Rachel Louis). The most contrapuntal of the 31-year-old British composer's works, three of which have been played by the [Berkeley] symphony before, *Upon Silence* is both technically complex and ingeniously pictorial. The insect squiggling was made quite audible in the fibrillating, non-vibrato viol lines, which were teeming with life (the viol consort presented a pavan by William Byrd before the Benjamin for contrast). A repeat performance, please."

The San Francisco Chronicle's Joshua Kosman: "Music for groups of viols was a fixture in England throughout the Renaissance, and it was a deliberately archaizing touch on Benjamin's part to write this contemporary piece for the consort. His intention seems to have been to create a counterpart in the musical texture to the image that recurs in Yeats's poem...that effort was successfully achieved. The five viols skittered in rapidly moving contrapuntal lines, but the instruments' dark, vibratoless sonorities blended more seamlessly than even a modern string quartet could. The Pacific Consort of Viols preceded the Benjamin piece with a short, winning account of a pavan by William Byrd."

Fretwork at Conclave

VdGSA members will know by now that the superlative **Fretwork** viol consort will be teaching and playing at the August Conclave in Troy, New York. An opportunity to hear live a group that has mesmerized many of us with its CDs of Gibbons, Lawes and Dowland. As if to emphasize my remarks in a preceding paragraph, there is a good possibility of a Bay Area appearance by Fretwork in November, sponsored by SFEMS! More anon.

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