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January Meeting

First of all, Happy New Year! We start the year with a Workshop with John Dornenburg, to be given at Braun Music Center, January 9 at 9:45 AM. John's topic will be "A Survey of Bowing Techniques: Historical and Modern." The remainder of the day will consist of ensembles to be coached in rotation by John. Fee for the Workshop will be the usual \$20 (\$15 for Playing members). Please send in your reply card promptly, as the holiday has caused delays in getting this information to you. If you can come for only part of the day, please state which part on the card, so we can schedule John's talk at the optimum time for the majority of attendees.

Getting there: from highway 101 N, take Embarcadero Rd (from 101 S take University Av) west to Campus Drive. Turn left and pursue Campus Drive until it *becomes* Campus Drive *East*. Turn *right* on Mayfield Av and park in the large lot opposite Braun Music Center.

From Highway 280 N take Alpine Road easterly (from 280 S take Sand Hill Rd easterly), turn *right* at Junipero Serra Road or Santa Cruz Av respectively (Santa Cruz meets Junipero Serra at Alpine, so be ready for the *left* turn there). Continue on Junipero Serra, taking the left fork onto Campus Drive *East* (i.e., skip Campus Drive *West*!) and turn *left* on Mayfield Av to the parking lot.

Viols by the Sea

Thanks to all our gracious hosts and the perfect weather, December 12 and 13 marked a wonderful pre-Holiday weekend for Pacifica Chapter Members at Carmel by the Sea. Counting several spouses, sixteen were in attendance. Our Saturday consort

sessions and rehearsal at the Church of the Wayfarer extended from 10 to 5:30, but allowed adequate time for lunch in town, shopping, and/or a walk on the beach. In the evening, an elegant dinner party was hosted by the parents of Greg and Annette Barnett, followed by further group playing in the serene atmosphere of their lofty Carmel Highlands home. As before, Corliss and Herb Myers not only provided for several overnights, but served everyone a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning, insuring that we would play well for the two services at the church. It was a fitting conclusion to a festive weekend for one and all.

— John Mark

Tous les matins du monde

As usual with cultural events, the Bay Area seems to be the last to see this movie that everyone in the early music world is talking about. Lee MacRae and others are preparing material to accompany the showing of the film, correcting misconceptions about the viol (in the media, not in the movie itself!) and talking up our chapter, among other possibilities. More about this in our next Newsletter. Recently, local non-commercial radio stations aired an enthusiastic review, with musical excerpts. The Early Music News (UK) reports that the music has become so popular that three of the pieces played in it have been issued as piano solos!

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North—South Meet Update

The plan to hold this event at a Greek Orthodox monastery near Fresno has fallen through, and the probable venue will be the Piccadilly Inn once again. Coaches will be Carol Herman (S) and Hazelle Miloradovitch (N). Weekend of April 23-25.

Forthcoming Events

January 22 and 24: String Fantasies, Dances and Sonatas, a program of music of the 17th and 18th centuries, with Cynthia Koppelman, baroque violin, Julie Jeffrey, gambas, Luciana Lombardi, gambas and baryton, Karen Andrie, cello and Joel Schaefer, gamba. Santa Cruz, First Congregational Church, 900 High St. (8 pm: 22nd);

Felton, First Baptist Church, 7301 Highway 9 (3 pm: 24th). Info: (408)-476-2447 or -426-3238.

January 31: Trinity Concert Series presents Musick's Re-creation performing Baroque music from Paris. Holy Trinity, 330 Ravenswood Av, Menlo Park 3 pm \$10.00

February 5: Musick's Re-creation: French music from the time of Louis XIV. St. James by-the-Sea, La Jolla, 8:00 pm \$15.00

March 6: Emma Kirkby, Soprano and Anthony Rooley, lute. Same location, time and admission. Information: SDEMS, (619) 291-8246

The above two items were submitted, along with their excellently produced Newsletter, by Evelyn Lakoff. The Newsletter is now in its fourteenth issue!

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