



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

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What's the Hurry?

This must be a record: to receive the newsletter more than three weeks before the meeting. Reason: to allow preformed consorts to prepare something if they wish to perform informally at the Stanford workshop. Read on:

February Meeting

This is our annual workshop, coached by **John Dornenburg**. It will be held at Braun Music Centre, Stanford University, on February 17. Since this is a coached meeting, the fee will be \$15 for playing members, \$20 for newsletter and non-members. Coffee, room assignments, socializing etc. at 9:30 AM, followed by:

- 10 AM** Consort playing. Pre-formed groups (3 or —12 more participants) are encouraged to play together (morning *only*). Others will be assigned to groups as usual. John will coach each group.
- NOON** Lunch: bring your own, or eat at one of the —1 PM on-campus eateries.
- 1 PM** Informal, coached performance(s)— —[?] solos, duos, consorts. Followed by:
- [?]- Coached consorts, all participants to be 5 PM assigned to new groups.

John points out that the afternoon consort session will be an excellent opportunity for more advanced players to play on a different size viol. Please bring additional viols with you, so that others can have the experience of a playing a 'new' instrument.

The informal, coached performance should be a valuable learning experience for participants and auditors: please notify Peter Ballinger by phone (510/526-0722), fax (510/527-4763) or e-mail (PRBPrdns@aol.com) (any time up to February 16) of your intention to participate in this activity. We need your name and the names of the other participants. We also need the same information if you are planning to play in a pre-formed group during the morning, even if you do not intend to perform at 1 PM. [So far, we have been informed of a duo (Schenck) for the informal performance and a five-part consort (Jenkins) for the morning and possibly for the performance].

Please send in your return cards as soon as possible.

Getting to Stanford

From highway 101 (Northbound) take the Embarcadero Road exit, proceed West, crossing El Camino (hwy 82) and continuing on Galvez to Campus Drive. Turn left and stay on Campus Drive, turning right on Mayfield [Φ]—

From highway 101 (Southbound), take University Avenue exit, drive West, crossing El Camino (hwy 82) and continuing on Palm Drive to Campus Drive, turning left. Stay on Campus drive to Mayfield, then turn right [Φ]—

From highway 280 (Northbound) take the Alpine Road exit, drive East and turn right on Junipero Sera [dal§] From highway 280 (Southbound) take Sand Hill Road exit, drive East to Santa Cruz Avenue, take a right then a fairly immediate left on Junipero Sera.

§ Ignore Campus Drive West but fork left on Campus Drive East, then turn left on Mayfield—

Φ From Mayfield, unload vehicle near Braun (on the right), then park in capacious lot (on left) in a public zone.

Acting President

For the first time, our chapter has 'lost' its president, Dalton Cantey having moved to Florida. Julie Jeffrey, our vice-president, is therefore our new president: a board meeting has been called to discuss the forthcoming North-South meeting.

Forthcoming Concerts

February 9: The Sex Chordæ Consort of Viols, led by John Dornenburg, with Susan Rode Morris, soprano. Music from the time of James I. 8:00 PM (pre-concert talk by John at 7:30). Holy Cross Church, Mission at Emmet, Santa Cruz. \$15/\$12/\$8. Information: 408/457-9693.

Please send me information on your concert activities by the 1st of the month for the Newsletter which precedes the month of the concert. Next Newsletters: March, May.

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