



The Sacramento Recorder Society

A place for early music of all kinds in Sacramento

A chapter of the American Recorder Society
An affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society

December 2009

For more information about the Sacramento Recorder Society, visit our website at www.sacreorders.org

December Meeting

6:45 pm

December 1, 2009

at the Friends Meeting House
890 57th Street
between J St. and H St.

**Conductor for the Evening
Jerry Schwartz**

Please join us on Saturday, January 9th for a hot bowl of soup, bisque or chowder at the winter party. This year the theme is Soupe & Musick.

See you there!

Robert Foster, SRS President

About Our Conductor,

Jerry Schwartz

One of our favorite Recorder Society members is Jerry Schwartz. Jerry has been playing the trumpet for almost half a century (Wait! how can that be—he looks so young) and he still plays it today. He even proclaims it on his license plate. Every month, sometimes more frequently, Jerry drives the fifty miles from Stockton to the Friends Meeting House to meet and play recorder. He's always on time, doesn't leave early, and our Treasurer tells me that he even pays his annual dues on time - and without prompting. When we have an early-music specialist as conductor, Jerry's ability to change instruments at a moments notice, and his cogent comments on the music and composers indicate his extensive studies at the UOP Conservatory of Music and his experience playing with the Stockton and Lodi Symphonies. When he is conducting SRS, his patience and ability to put up with our shenanigans refer to skills he learned from teaching the kids of Manteca for three and a half decades. His good-naturedness and his professionalism are qualities we admire. In the past, Jerry has quite ably conducted us at our winter event, and I am happy to announce that he will do so again at December's SRS meeting and also in January. Huzzah Jerry Schwartz!

Renew Your Membership!

It's time to renew your membership (if you haven't already done so). Please fill out the membership form, attach a check for dues (and maybe a donation to SRS), and mail it to the address on the form. Benefits of membership: professional conductors, newsletter, new music, a winter party, playing with other early music enthusiasts.

A Word from Your President

Dear Recorders Society Members,

Musick! The perfect part of any celebration! At our Winter party, which perhaps might be better titled "Musick and Soupe," we will hear from the SRS Recorder Orchestra and from member ensembles. We look forward to hearing what you have been working on when the rest of us aren't around to appreciate you. Treat us to ten minutes of your best! And please let the SRS Secretary know who's in your group and what you'll be playing by January 2.

Soupe! If any food seems inherently calming, and even consoling, it is soup. Soup feels good when the weather gets cold. It restores our spirit and our vigor. The first *restaurants* were eighteenth-century Parisian establishments that served rich soups to restore, or *restauration*, the hungry citizenry. In the old days, when a "soup bunch" of vegetables and herbs cost a nickel and bones were free from the butcher, American home cooks routinely made soups from scratch. Today, the smell of soup simmering still symbolizes home cooking.

Soup is known by many names: bisque, bouillon, broth, burgoo, consommé, mulligatawny and potage among others. An old Spanish proverb: *Of soup and love, the first is the best.*

Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

December 1, 2009: Jerry Schwartz

January 5, 2010: Jerry Schwartz

February 2, 2010: Hanneke van Proosdij

March 2, 2010: Frances Feldon

April 6, 2010: Judy Linsenberg

May 4, 2010: Robert Dawson

June 1, 2010: Annual Report from SRS Board, Member Play-In

Recorders Out and About

Saturday, Dec. 5: Sine Nomine will play for an open house celebrating the first anniversary of the new location of the Elk Grove Library.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Kathy Canan and Alex Ives will be featured at "Christmas Renaissance," a concert of seasonal early music with recorders and harp at Westminster Music at Noon.

Always Looking for New Members!

As of November we have 21 members, so we're closing in on last year's number of 25 members. Where can you find a new member? Your musician friends, audiences at music performances, former SRS members and "I-used-to-play-the-recorder" folk, handing out SRS business cards and posting SRS flyers.

Refreshments at Monthly Meetings-Yum!

Please sign up to help with refreshments at our monthly meetings. Cookies, fruit, crackers, cheese, juice, tea...it doesn't need to be complicated. Thanks to Carol for all the delicious treats she brought to the November meeting and thanks in advance to those who have signed up for December!

About the Recorder Society

The Sacramento Recorder Society, founded in 1982, is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It is a chapter of the American Recorder Society and an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society. We welcome recorder players of all ages and abilities as well as players of other early music instruments such as lutes, viols, sackbuts, shawms, curtals, krummhorns, and percussion. Beginners are urged to study privately and learn fingerings and become comfortable reading music before joining the recorder orchestra.

We meet monthly from September through June, from 6:45pm to 9:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Friends Meeting House, 890 57th Street, between J St. and H St. Most of our meetings are conducted by a professional early music specialist who teaches recorder technique and relevant music history and theory while exploring music of many eras.

Many of our members also play in smaller groups in members' homes during the rest of the month.

Recorder lessons with Greta Haug-Hryciw

Want to improve your ensemble skills? Or your articulation, intonation, and ability to stay in tune with other players? San Francisco Bay Area teacher, Greta Haug-Hryciw, who has come to conduct and is now a member of SRS, has offered to travel to Sacramento to teach. She is available for private as well as group lessons. Individual (private) lessons are \$50 / hour, with a minimum of two and up to four students scheduled consecutively on the same day. Group or ensemble lessons are \$100 / 90 minutes, with no requirement to schedule additional lessons on the same day.

Contact Greta: gr8asf@yahoo.com or (415) 377-4444.



Sine Nomine playing at the Folsom Library on October 17.

2009-2010 *Early Music Concerts*

Saturday December 5: Farallon Recorder Quartet performs works by English composers from the Middle Ages to the Baroque, and Vivaldi, Bach, and Blaker. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 9: "Christmas Renaissance," featuring the ensembles Absent Minded Women and Simply Renaissance, seasonal early music with recorders and harp at Westminster Music at Noon, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th and N St., Sacramento

Saturday Dec. 19: American Bach Soloists perform Messiah at the Mondavi Center, 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 20: A Chanticleer Christmas at the Mondavi Center, 5 pm

In the new year...

March 17, 2010: The legendary viola da gamba player Jordi Savall will perform a solo recital at the Mondavi Center in Davis.

For more concert information see these websites:

San Francisco Early Music Society: www.sfems.org

UC Berkeley's CalPerformances:
www.calperformances.org

UC Davis: www.mondaviarts.org

Voices of Music: www.voicesofmusic.org

Les Graces: www.lesgraces.com

Upcoming Workshops Etc.

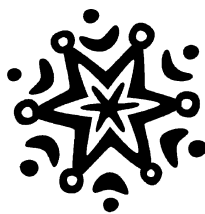
Saturday, December 12: Early Music Musician's Bazaar, CD's, concert tickets, sheet music, and other musical delights, 10am-3pm, Music Sources, 1000 The Alameda (at Marin Ave.), Berkeley

Saturday, January 23: "Serious Fun," a workshop with Ken Andresen, sponsored by the Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra, 9:30am-4:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto. More information at: www.sfems.org/mpro

Consider joining one of the larger organizations which make our own SRS possible:

San Francisco Early Music Society, with whom we are affiliated, offers excellent workshops and concerts in the Bay Area. Their website: www.sfems.org

American Recorder Society, the national organization which promotes recorders. Their website: www.americanrecorder.org



Helping to Insure the Future of the Sacramento Recorder Society

Like all organizations, it takes money to support the various functions of the Sacramento Recorder Society. In addition to your yearly dues, there are further ways you can help the chapter pay for its excellent conductors and other activities and financial obligations. Since SRS is a not-for-profit organization, some members choose to make monetary donations directly to our chapter. Other individuals have donated gently-used recorders and music to the chapter, and those items then find new homes with other SRS members in return for a donation. Do you have an idea for how SRS can raise additional funds? Let a Board member know.

Listening to Early Music

Here are 2 possibilities:

Harmonia is a terrific showcase of early music that can be heard on KXPR (88.9 FM) on Saturday afternoons at 4:00 pm.

www.recorder-radio.com streams recorder music 24 hours a day. Google can translate the German into quaint English for you. The music covers a broad spectrum from very old to very modern.

Sacramento Recorder Society Board 2009-2010

President: Robert Foster

Vice President: Mark Schiffer

Secretary: Patricia Johnson

Treasurer: Doris Loughner

Members-at-Large: Steve Sherman, Dorothy Orolin

For information on SRS, please contact the following board members by email:
rfoster@saclibrary.org or marschif@gmail.com

Judy Linsenberg has openings for recorder students of all levels at her Palo Alto studio.

Judy is one of the premiere recorder virtuosos in the country, and lives in the East Bay. She is the director of the Baroque ensemble Musica Pacifica and holds a doctorate in early music from Stanford. She has extensive teaching experience. Private or group lessons and coached ensembles are offered, on a bi-weekly or monthly schedule. Please contact Judy for more information: judy@sbcbglobal.net

Sacramento Recorder Society presents...

“Soupe and Musick”

Our 2010 Winter Party

Saturday, January 9th, 2010

from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

at

Friends Meetinghouse

890 57th St., Sacramento

Featuring music played by the SRS Recorder Orchestra and
SRS member ensembles
and delicious soup provided by our best SRS chefs.



Here's what you need to know:

- There's a \$4 charge per person for paper goods, bread, and cider. Please pay by the January 5 chapter meeting.
- Please let us know how many people you will be bringing (including yourself). Email Patty Johnson at kpsjohnson@frontiernet.net by January 2.
- If your ensemble is planning to play (and we hope you are!) please email Patty Johnson by January 2 to let her know the names of group members and what you'll be playing. Please plan on a ten-minute playing time.