

San Francisco AGO POE Video

THE SAN FRANCISCO AGO CHAPTER'S 2005 Pipe Organ Encounter was a huge success and is a proud highlight of that chapter's recent history. S.F. Chapter member Vic Ferrer has carefully documented the event on video and is putting the finishing touches on a short film which will be used as a promotional tool to encourage young people to participate in future POEs throughout the country. This video will stream from the SF/AGO website and possibly the AGO National's website.

It is a film about young organists FOR young organists and speaks volumes as to the importance these POE events hold for the future of our instrument.

In finishing up his video, Vic shot additional footage at the Stanford Theater in Palo Alto. On November 18, Edward Millington Stout III was kind enough to open up the Stanford Theater for Vic and his crew to shoot footage with a small group of young organ students who were given a terrific lecture by Ed Stout and demonstration of the instrument played by David Hegarty. Vic got some superb footage of the kids' enthusiasm for the Mighty Wurlitzer theater organ

and some fine shots of the interior of the beautifully restored movie theater.

In upcoming months, find more information about this video on Vic's website, <www.vicferrerproductions.com>.

There you can also view the trailer for Vic's recently completed documentary, *The Senator's Masterpiece*. This piece is a very popular and successful film about the grassroots movement to guard, restore, and return to public use the great Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

On his website you can also view other of his video creations related to the king of instruments. ♣

(information from Justin Kielty, SF/AGO Registrar, and Vic Ferrer)



Vic Ferrer with Ken Cowan, viewing a clip of the upcoming documentary, Pipe Organ Encounters (photo credit: Ben Ferrer © 2007 Vic Ferrer Productions)

Organ Composition Competition

"PIPES IN THE DESERT," THE 2008 AGO REGION IX Mid-Winter Conclave, is pleased to announce a competition for new organ music: A composition for organ of 3-5 minutes duration on a desert theme

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Andover Educators Workshop in May: To Be or Not To Be

THE PENINSULA AGO CHAPTER IS PROPOSING TO HOST AN "ANDOVER EDUCATORS" BODY-HEALTH workshop on May 5, 2007, to be led by Peggy Johnson. The class is limited to 15 individuals, and the cost would be \$110 per person. Cost includes lunch and a textbook. The whole focus of the workshop is body awareness—body mapping, body core, places of balance, arm joints, breathing, leg joints, etc. The "Andover Educators" workshop was discovered by Paul Rosas, past Peninsula Chapter Dean, when he attended the Regional AGO Convocation in Las Vegas a year ago. Very favorably impressed by it, he viewed the rather high tuition as a "good investment" for maintaining our "aging" bodies! Because the workshop involves advance planning and costs to the chapter as well as requiring a significant out-of-pocket fee from those who wish to attend, **we would like to ask Chapter members to let us know by February 15 if it is something they would definitely like to participate in.** If the number of people who respond warrants it, we will hold the class; if not, we will cancel it and plan a different program for May. Please help us make this decision by contacting Dean Phil Winters at (650) 366-2502 or <wintersdds@sbcglobal.net>) and letting him know if you are interested in attending the workshop. **Remember, we need your response by February 15.** Thank you! ♣