

## **President's Message**

Every time I receive a new edition of the *IAMA Notes* I feel more connected with other Adventist musicians who are working for the Lord in these last days. It is great to get caught up on what former classmates, students, and friends are doing now. In addition to people I have known and been acquainted with throughout the years (such as Peter Mathews, Lily Pan Diehl, and Craig Mohr), there are new names listed whom I look forward to hearing more and more about. The *Music Position Listings . . .* and the *Segue* sections are especially helpful in letting us know where positions are open and who has been hired.

We want to wish the very best to the Oakwood University Aeolians choir as they travel to Riga, Latvia, in July. You will want to read the article about them in the *News* section, where you can also read about Lily Diehl's students winning so many awards.

If you have not already received your copy of *The Adventist Musicians Biographical Resource* dictionary, you will want to order your copy right away. This is an historical volume of encyclopedic nature including the names and biographies of musicians associated with Adventism from our earliest beginnings up until 2013. Every school library as well as each of us who receive this mailing should own this as a resource. Kudos to Dan Shultz, who has dedicated many years to amassing this information and has done us all a great service by publishing it. And all the best to each of you as you share the joy of music.

C. Lynn Wheeler, President

## **Adventist Musicians Biographical Resource**

**-Update -**

**The *Adventist Musicians Biographical Resource* dictionary was delivered by the press on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> and mailings started the following Monday to prepaid buyers. The response has been excellent with a large number of you placing orders. In addition to personal sales, most of the SDA school libraries and music departments have now purchased copies. Non-Adventist schools (Westminster Choir College of Rider University; the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Brigham Young University) have also purchased copies for their libraries.**

**Announcements will be appearing in the June issues of both the *Pacific Union Recorder* and the *North Pacific Union Gleaner*. Since a limited quantity was printed we will not advertise further until we see what the response to those ads is. The reaction from those who have seen the book is very positive - with appearance, breadth of coverage, readability, and amount of information being singled out for praise.**

***“This is an amazing book . . . I was pleased to find your new *Adventist Musicians Biographical Resource* on my desk on my return from a recent trip and was amazed at how many friends and acquaintances are represented among the entries. It was rewarding to peruse the wide array of entries, pausing here and there to renew my memories of great people and extend my knowledge about them.*”**

***“I especially appreciate the breadth with which you have defined “Adventist musician,” including entries about people like Sunny Liu and John Thurber along with those about Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse and Herbert Blomstedt. This makes the volume a true treasure trove of information about that wondrous and wide variety of people who have contributed to the world of Seventh-day Adventist music.*”**

***“Thank you for countless hours needed to produce a volume that, if my first minutes with it are any indication, promises rich blessings.”***

**Dr. John McVay, President, Walla Walla University**

***“The book arrived today. What a thrill it is to see it, hold it, and page through it! It's a source of information that fills an incredible gap that***

*would have remained just that except for your dedication with this lifelong project. Yes, a lot of this information is on the Web site, but there is a difference having it in a book, complete and readily available. Somehow I look through a book differently than when I browse online and I find things I wouldn't otherwise."*

Dr. Peter Mathews, composer, conductor, and teacher, University of North Florida

*I opened the package after arriving home from my book club meeting about 8:30 and read in the book till nearly midnight! There are SO many people there whom I know [or knew]. I can't believe the dedication and perseverance it must have taken for you to be able to complete this book.*

Catherine Brown Lang Titus, retired music teacher (all levels) in the SDA school system, and retired lawyer, Glendale, California.

We are now able to mail the book the day the payment arrives. If you haven't sent your payment for the book put it in the mail today and once it has arrived we will take it from there! Earlier fundraising commitments may also be sent at that time. (Book order details: \$50 payable to IAMA, send to Box 476, College Place, WA 99324)

Thanks!

P.S. We are shipping the book as a billed item if it is for use in a school, department, or conference office.

## **News**

*The Oakwood University Aeolians choir will participate in the 2014 World Choir Games (known as the "Choral Olympics) July 9-19 in Riga, Latvia. This will be their second participation in the biannual event, the first being in 2012 in Cincinnati where they were part of a competition that included 362 choirs and 15,000 choristers representing 64 countries and 22 states in the U.S.*

*At that time they won gold medals in three categories; music of religions, music contemporanea, and spiritual. In the latter they*

*won the coveted world championship. This year they will compete in four categories: gospel, mixed chamber choir, music of faith, and Negro spirituals.*

*The Aeolians are the 2011, 2012, and 2013 national HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) choral champions. They are ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 1,000 internationally ranked choirs and 2<sup>nd</sup> in that group in the pop/jazz/gospel/spiritual categories.*

**Jason Max Ferdinand**, conductor of the Aeolians since 2008, attended Caribbean Union College, now the University of the Southern Caribbean, and then transferred to OU where he graduated in 1999. He completed an M.A. with high honors at Morgan State University in 2001 and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland. Additional biographical information at IAMA website and AMBR, 248

*Students from **Lily Diehl's Studio** in Loma Linda, California, successfully competed in April's Southern California Junior Bach Festival held in San Bernardino, claiming 7 of the 12 top winners and 3 of the 4 alternate winners positions. Additionally, 5 of her students received 7 of the honorable mentions that were awarded. Students from her studio which has had as many as 125 students have done exceptionally well over the years in competitions and festivals.*

**Lily Pan Diehl**, who opened her studio in 1975, was a child prodigy who subsequently completed master's degrees at Andrews University and the University of Michigan and a D.M.A. at the University of California. The daughter of Philippine Union College, now Philippine Adventist University, professor and Mrs. L. L. Pan, she graduated from PUC academy and then Isabel College at age eighteen with highest honors. In that same year she won first place in the Manila Symphony's Society national Young Artist competition and was featured as soloist with the Filipino Philharmonic Orchestra.

Additional biographical information at IAMA website and AMBR, 202

***Music Position Listings . . .***

(Descriptions provided by the schools in some instances)

## ***Monterey Bay Academy*** <sup>(9)</sup>

### ***Music*** (Closed)

Live on the beach at MBA! Full time music position includes responsibility for bands, choirs, and private lessons. Join a group of wonderful professionals who have the glory of God uppermost at heart.

We would want the candidate to have a master's degree with five years of experience and an outstanding track record of service.

**Resumes Due: May 31, 2014**

Contact: David Gillham, V.P. for Education

Contact Address: 2820 Willow Clovis, CA 93612

Phone: 559-347-3051 Email: [dgillham@cccsda.org](mailto:dgillham@cccsda.org)

## ***Skagit Adventist Academy*** <sup>(10)</sup>

### **K-12 Music Teacher**

Skagit Adventist Academy, a K-12 school with 118 students, is seeking a teacher for K-12 music for the 2014-2015 school year. Music responsibilities will include high school band and choir, grades 6-7 intermediate band and choir, grade 5 beginner's band, and K-4 classroom music.

They are also searching for Spanish and PE teachers. They are willing to consider combining two of these three needs to create a conference subsidized full-time position. The school board, parents, and constituency are very supportive and the church is very generous and involved. SAA is a K-12 school with 118 students located in the

beautiful Skagit Valley, situated halfway between Seattle and British Columbia, and the gateway to the San Juan Islands.

## **Qualifications/Experience**

Denominational certification (or able to obtain) is required. Experience is preferred, but an outstanding new teacher will be considered. Salary and benefits are based on the denominational wage scale and policy.

The candidate should be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist church; with a willingness to model Adventist beliefs, traditional Adventist life style values and standards. If interested in being considered, please send a copy of a current resume with references.

Please include: name, position, address, phone number and email address for each reference. Send resume information to Doug White, Principal at Skagit Adventist Academy, or email your resume to [dwhite@skagitadventist.com](mailto:dwhite@skagitadventist.com).

**Resumes Due: Jun 15, 2014**

**Contact: Doug White**

**530 N Section St Burlington, WA 98233**

**(360) 755-9261, or cell (425) 985-9555**

**Contact Email: [dwhite@skagitadventist.com](mailto:dwhite@skagitadventist.com)**

***Sacramento Adventist Academy***<sup>(11)</sup>

## **Music and Spanish**

Sacramento Adventist Academy is looking for a part-time high school music and Spanish teacher. Duties include high school general and advanced choir, band, and Spanish 1 and 2 classes.

## Qualifications/Experience

NAD credentials required, experience in teaching in upper grades preferred.

The candidate should be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist church; with a willingness to model Adventist beliefs, traditional Adventist lifestyle values and standards. If interested in being considered, please send a copy of a current resume with references.

Please include: name, position, address, phone number and email address for each reference. Send resume information to John Soule, Principal, at Sacramento Adventist Academy, or email your resume to [jsoule@sacaa.org](mailto:jsoule@sacaa.org)

**Resumes Due: June 16, 2014**

Contact: John Soule

Sacramento Adventist Academy

5601 Winding Way

Carmichael, CA 95608

(916) 481-2300,

[www.sacaa.org](http://www.sacaa.org)

*(The next two listings have been covered by one teacher more recently. They chose one teacher on May 21 who will teach music at both schools*

***Hoodview Junior Academy*** <sup>(12)</sup>

**Music** (Filled)

Hoodview Junior Academy is looking for a part-time music teacher. Duties include high school general and advanced choir, band, and Spanish 1 and 2 classes.

### **Qualifications/Experience**

NAD credentials required, experience preferred. The candidate should be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist church with a willingness to affirm Adventist beliefs, traditional Adventist lifestyle values and standards. If interested in being considered, please send a copy of a current resume with references to Brian Gang, Principal, or email your resume to [bgang@hvja.org](mailto:bgang@hvja.org)

Please include: name, position, address, phone number and email address for each reference.

### **Resumes/Information Due: ASAP**

**Contact: Brian Gang  
Hoodview Junior Academy  
26505 SE Kelso Rd,  
Boring, OR 97009**

503-663-4568 (Ext. 203)

## ***Tualatin Valley Academy*** <sup>(13)</sup>

### **Music** (Filled)

Tualatin Valley Academy is looking for a part-time music teacher. Duties include direction of choir and band.

### **Qualifications/Experience**

NAD credentials required, experience preferred. The candidate should be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist church with a willingness to affirm Adventist beliefs, traditional Adventist lifestyle values and standards. If interested in being considered, please send a copy of a current resume with references to Ed Tillotson, Principal.

Please include: name, position, address, phone number and email address for each reference.

## **Resumes/Information Due: Jun 16 2014**

**Contact: Ed Tillotson**  
**Tualatin Valley Academy**  
21975 W Baseline Rd.  
Hillsboro, OR 97123-6240  
Phone: 503-649-5518  
E-mail: [tvja@tvja.org](mailto:tvja@tvja.org)

## ***Hinsdale Adventist Academy*** <sup>(14)</sup>

### **Music**

Hinsdale Adventist Academy has an opening for a music teacher with primary responsibilities in instrumental and choral music. HAA is a PreK-12 School located in Hinsdale, Illinois, a suburb about 20 miles west of downtown Chicago.

HAA is an Alumni Awards Foundation Network School with a focus on excellence in spirituality and academics. A vibrant school of about 270 students in kindergarten through grade twelve, HAA enjoys a collaborative faculty and staff team of about 33. HAA also has a vibrant Hand Bells program.

Applicants must possess the following: 1) an understanding of and appreciation for the mission of Adventist Education and a growing love for the Lord Jesus; 2) a solid knowledge of band and choral music 3) a passion for teaching and for guiding diverse learners in their intellectual development; and 4) the ability to establish and maintain a vibrant classroom program for the diverse learners.

### **Qualifications/Experience**

Bachelor of Music degree or Bachelor of Music Education degree with an instrumental or choral emphasis. Ability to oversee a handbells program is a plus. Teaching certification endorsement expected. The music teacher also has the benefit of a teacher's aide.

**Resumes/Information Due: Jun 15, 2014**

**Contact: Dr. Ruth Horton  
Hinsdale Adventist Academy**

**619 Plainfield Road, Willowbrook, IL 60521**

**630.856.2890 [edsec@illinoisadventist.org](mailto:edsec@illinoisadventist.org)**

## ***Foothill SDA Elementary*** <sup>(15)</sup>

### **Kindergarten/Music Teacher**

Foothill SDA Elementary School is looking for a Kindergarten/Music teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. The ideal candidate will teach Kindergarten and one period of elementary music per day. A teacher's assistant is provided. Foothill SDA Elementary is a thriving K-8 Seventh-day Adventist School located in Milpitas near San Francisco, CA. Foothill shares the campus with a pre-school and one constituent church. The school has an excellent faculty/staff and a very supportive church constituency. Please check out our web site at [www.foothilladventistschool.org](http://www.foothilladventistschool.org).

### **Experience/Qualifications**

Applicants should have the following qualifications for the position: 1. NAD Elementary Education Basic, Standard, or Professional Teaching Certificate. 2. Spiritual presence and commitment. 3. Ability to communicate and work effectively with students, parents, school staff, and school board members. 4. Showcase high academic standards for student learning. 5. Able to use technology as a tool for student learning. 6. Willingness to help in extra-curricular activities and programs.

**Resumes Due: Jun 30 2014**

**Contact: Ken Bullington,  
Associate Superintendent of Schools**

**2820 Willow Avenue, Clovis, CA 93612**

**FAX: 559.347.3054**

Website: <http://cccedu.adventist.org>

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[kbullington@cccsda.org](mailto:kbullington@cccsda.org)

## ***Loma Linda Academy*** <sup>(16)</sup>

### **Choral Program** (Closed)

Not listed with IAMA or at the GC site.

## **Segue**

### **Ashley Dollar**

Music, Tualatin Valley Academy and Hoodview Junior Academy,  
Hillsboro and Boring, Oregon, respectively

### **Laurence (Lance) Downing**

Music, Monterey Bay Academy  
Biography at website and AMBR, 215

### **Jill Gnobaga**

Music, Pine Hill Adventist Academy, Auburn, California

### **Kristian Leukert**

Choral program, Loma Linda Academy  
Biography at website and AMBR, 466

### **Craig Mohr**

Kirkland SDA School, Kirkland, Washington  
Biography at website and AMBR, 563

### **Adam Pardy**

Music, Fraser Valley Academy, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

### **Kathryn Ross Schaffer**

Music, Meadowglade Elementary School, Battleground, Washington  
Biography at website and AMBR, 752

### **Terri Taaffe**

Music Orangewood Academy, Garden Grove, California

**Naomi Woods**

Music, Central Valley Christian Academy, Ceres, California

## **Obituaries**

**Felix A. Lorenz, Jr.**

1922 - 2013

Biography at [www.iamaonline.com](http://www.iamaonline.com) & AMBR 479

**Garland C. Peterson**

1927 - 2014

Biography at [www.iamaonline.com](http://www.iamaonline.com) & AMBR 649

## **BulletinBoard**

### *Free Organ*

Ogden Music in Portland, Oregon, has sold its building and needs to quickly remove the remaining inventory. One of the items is a ***Johannus Excellent Organ that includes cathedral speakers*** (The two Speakers alone retailed at \$22,000). It is a digital instrument that was on display at a National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) convention in Anaheim, California, when it was purchased by Ogden Music and has been on display in the store since that time.

**It will be given free to a school and/or church that will facilitate its removal and arrange for and cover shipping costs - must be done by June 30.**

**Contact: Alice at 503-933-8105 (PDT) for additional information**