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Dear Members,

A new calendar year has begun as has the Spring semester. It also means that the Annual Meeting of members of the Women's Faculty Club is upon us. I invite you to attend the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

I would like to thank current Board members for their hard work. In particular, I would like to thank Bob Middlekauff, who is stepping down from his role as Treasurer. Bob has been instrumental in ensuring that the Club's investments are on a sound footing. Through his efforts, we find ourselves in better shape to weather the unsure economic times ahead.

A big thank you to Tina Gillis for heading up the Election Committee this year. She was ably assisted by members Carol Soc and Paola Timiras in that endeavor. Thanks to the work of the Election Committee, I am pleased to report that the votes have been tallied. Current directors that were re-elected are Lawrence Grossman, Charles McClain, Tom Reynolds, Rita Sobolev and Judey Miller. Sally Fairfax is also newly elected to a two-year term. I appreciate the willingness of members to participate in the guidance of the Club and I particularly welcome the fresh ideas of new Board members.

Judey Miller

President, Board of Directors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 4:00 p.m. –

“Academic Lives” – Reception and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 4:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting and Reception

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – “Arts in the Afternoon” – Pianist Sarah Cahill

Friday, February 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – “The Pope, The Emperor, and the Grand Duke: Music and

**Politics in
Renaissance
Florence” –
Davitt Moroney**



ANNUAL MEETING

Board President Judey Miller urges Club members to attend the Annual Reception and Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, beginning at 4:45 p.m. Members will enjoy a brief reception which will be followed by the business meeting. In addition to committee reports, new Board members will be installed and we will bid a fond farewell to retiring Board member Bob Middlekauff.

This is a complimentary event for members – so come join us and learn more about the current state of the Club. The business meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m. (Terence P. Speed)

SPRING PROGRAMS

Christina Gillis, Chair of the Program and Membership Development Committee, will debut two new programs for the Club in February. “**Academic Lives**,” arranged in collaboration with the Association of Academic Women, features two panel discussions that will take up the unique challenges facing women in academia as they juggle career demands, family obligations and personal lives. Each discussion will be preceded by an informal reception.

In the first panel, scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 4:00 p.m., Professors Margaret Conkey (Anthropology), Mary Ann Mason

(Social Welfare and former Dean of the Graduate School) and Kate Van Orden (Music) will focus on “academic lives” in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. They will discuss their own career paths and choices, and address the question of finding both personal and professional support. Please join us on this date and on Wednesday, March 12th for the second edition.



A second new program “**Arts in the Afternoon**” will also debut in February. On February 20, 4:00 p.m., pianist, writer and producer Sarah Cahill, described as “that redheaded new music force of nature” will perform recent piano works that explore the connections between music and poetry and music and the natural world.



Specific works include Mamoru Fujieda's *Patterns of Plants*, Kyle Gann's *On Reading Emerson*, Terry Riley's *Fandango on the Heaven Ladder*, and selections from Hans Otte's *The Book of Sounds*.

Cahill has performed at the Club before. She makes the Steinway "sing" and the room vibrate with her energy and passion for the music. The concert is dedicated to the memory of long-time Women's Faculty Club member Helene Brewer. A reception will follow the concert.

A second "**Arts in the Afternoon**" program is scheduled for April 8, 2008 and will feature Daisy Newman and members of the Young Musicians Program.

"**Arts in the Afternoon**" and the "**Academic Lives**" programs are complimentary events and are open to the campus community. These will be wonderful opportunities to introduce friends and associates to the Club. Reservations are not necessary. Please call the Club office (510) 642-4175 with any questions. (Nancy Pietrafesa)

SPRING MUSICAL EVENT

We are delighted that **Davitt Moroney, Professor of Music and University Organist** will be returning to the Stebbins Lounge on Friday, February 29, 2008. Moroney's talk, with music, titled "**The Pope, the Emperor, and the Grand Duke: Music and Politics in Renaissance Florence**" will focus on his decades long research to discover Alessandro Striggio's 40-part Mass which had been missing for centuries. His research not only uncovered the missing manuscript but also a tale of intrigue, power, ambition, politics and

sex. The missing musical mystery was revealed as an extraordinary musical art work that was composed in Florence for the Medici family and was initially performed in 1567.



Cosimo de' Medici commissioned the Striggio Mass

Moroney completed his research in 2007 while on a U.C. President's Research Fellowship in the Humanities. He transcribed the Mass into modern musical notation and conducted the first modern performance at London's Royal Albert Hall last July. The performance was sold out and over seven million more listeners from around the globe tuned in to listen as the BBC Singers and the Tallis Scholars performed this extraordinary work.

Come join us for an exciting evening as Professor Moroney takes us on a "guided tour" of the politics and intrigue of 16th century Italy that produced a musical masterpiece. A buffet dinner completes our evening. Price per person is \$55 and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the University Baroque Ensemble. Wine reception begins at 5:30 and the program at 6:00 p.m. Please call for the Club office at (510) 642-4175 for reservations and information.





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