

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT

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BERT KUNTZ AT FAIR OAKS
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
2:00PM

Bert Kuntz is a very popular Sacramento theatre organist and he always thrills the audience with his "big band" arrangements. He is a member of the American Theatre Organ Society and a former staff organist at the old Arden Pizza & Pipes.

Admission for this event will be \$10.

Bert's last Sacramento appearance in concert was at the California Auto Museum in 2008. After moving to Quincy, Illinois, that same year to be closer to his two sons, he hadn't performed at all in the first five years there until he attended an organ concert in St. Louis. After the concert they announced open console, upon which he took his turn. He was then asked to do a concert a few months later at a home installation. A year later he performed a concert at the Party on the Pipes event for the St. Louis Chapter. Now other concerts are in the works for next year as well. "It's good to be back on the bench again", said Bert, "but now let's back up a bit." While living in Sacramento he was staff organist for Pizza and Pipes for about six years until it closed. Also he has performed many concerts at various venues including Grant Union High School, The Stockton Fox, California Auto Museum, Ironstone Vineyards, Harmony Vineyards and the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse. He looks forward to coming back to Sacramento to perform once again at Fair Oaks for the Sierra Chapter members, friends, and relatives.

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Pipe Organ Spectacular! Walt Strony, Theatre Organist

**Sunday, October 4
4:00 P.M.**

All Saints Episcopal Church in association with the American Guild of Organists presents **Walt Strony** on the All Saints 3 Manual 58 Rank Organ. What more could you ask for. A world class artist on perhaps the finest sounding classical organ in the Sacramento area.

Walt will be accompanying a silent movie, playing some lighter fare and classics, too.

This should be fun for all ages.

Suggested donation is \$15 at the door.
Children under 12 are free.

Child care is provided. Free overflow parking available across Sutterville Rd at Sac City College.

**All Saints Episcopal Church
2076 Sutterville Rd.
Sacramento**



2015 ATOS Convention Photo
Once again, Sierra Chapter was well represented.



Pictured L-R: Gary French, Dave Moreno, Jeanne Paquette-French, Terry & Sherry Clifton, Gary and Joan Grootveld, Mark Sammut, Bill Coale, Bob Wilcox, Tom Norvell, Craig Peterson, Dave Schutt, Bob Suffel, Randy Warwick, Carol Zerbo, Adele Warwick, and Dick Taylor.

Photo by Gary French

Frank Fuson Birthday Party at Grant Union

On Sunday, June 28th, long time Sierra Chapter member **Sondra Fuson** gave an 80th birthday party for husband **FRANK FUSON** at the Grant Union High School Auditorium featuring **Dave Moreno** at the *Grant George Wright Memorial Pipe Organ*.



Dave did an excellent job accompanying the Silent Movies. Also featured were two vocalists with a piano accompanist. Approximately 200 attended and everyone had a great time. Those in attendance donated \$361.00 toward the organ which Sondra has presented to the Chapter for the organ restoration project fund.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Many of us lament the lack of theatre organ music on broadcast radio or its availability in the few remaining record stores. Ah, for the days when even the major LP labels in the mid-fifties to late sixties were turning out theatre organ LP's. But in reality, there is truly a lot of recorded theatre organ music available whenever you want it. Unless you had a huge collection of LP's back then, there is more now and you can hear at any time of your choosing than, say 1962, during the "golden era" of theatre organ music high-fi.

Today there are several sources, starting with our own Chapter website where **Dave Sauer** has posted 136 sound files. Of course, you can still buy CD's. Then there is the

24-hour stream "Theatre Organ Radio" hosted on the ATOS website. Also, consider Steven Ashley's very fine "Hot Pipes" podcast service that gives you typically three to five, one-hour, themed podcasts a month for about \$3.40 a month. At a dollar or less per recorded hour, that beats the typical \$4.95 per 40-minute LP in the mid-sixties, not even adjusting for inflation!

Having worked in radio for many years, I admit to a curiosity of recent music; as a Spotify user, I put George Wright into the search box on their site and wow, over 30 albums, both LP and CD, popped up. Admittedly, his name yielded the most theatre organ music. I found five Jesse Crawford's, two Jelani Eddingtons, and one each of Dick Liebert and Buddy Cole. So all in all, there is a lot of recorded theatre organ music available, at any time of your choice, even if not on AM, FM, or in a record store.

Nominating Committee

It is the time of the year to start thinking about how YOU can become a more active member of Sierra Chapter.

Four Board positions are available for 2016:

If you are interested, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee:

- Joanie Grootveld** 916/635-4160
- Craig Peterson** 916/682-9699
- Carol Zerbo** 916/624-9182



BOARD MEETING
Saturday Sept 12
10:00AM
East Lawn Memorial Park
43rd and Folsom
Sacramento

Theatre Organ Magazine Collection

If you joined ATOS in the last ten - fifteen years and always wished you had an extended history way back before you joined, we have a large collection of the *Journal* donated by member **Pete McCluer**. All issues are included back to January of 1982.

And as a bonus that looks way back to almost the beginning, also included is a group from June 1959 to December 1973. **First donation of at least \$20.00 gets them all.**

Contact **Randy Warwick** if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members:

Paul Motter
Chuck Mitchell



Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Susan Fredericks & Earnest Hartley
Charles Lindquist
Edward Millington Stout III

Renewing at the Contributing Level:

David & Linda Dewey



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Theatre Organ Concert



Sunday
September 27th
2:00 P.M.

Bert Kuntz

\$10.00 Admission

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter via Stage Door

Theatre Organ Concert

Sunday
October 11th
2:30 P.M.



John Atwell

\$15.00 Admission

Sierra Chapter Members
and their friends are welcome!

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

242 East Main Street
(Bob Hope Theatre)

Classic Movie

Sunday, September 20

Preshow concert 1:30PM

*"Rebel Without
a Cause"*

Artist:

**Dave
Moreno**

**On the
Mighty Morton**

\$8/Adults



The Chapter was organized in 1968 as a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of California and is recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. It was organized for the purpose of preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music. Membership in the local Chapter also encourages membership in the National Organization, American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS.) www.atos.org