

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Hot August Pipes

August 2018

GREG DE SANTIS AT FAIR OAKS
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 2:00 PM



HOT AUGUST PIPES

Come on down to the Fair Oaks Community Club-house and enjoy a mini-concert featuring **Greg De Santis** and indulge in some ice cream with all of the toppings.

This is our annual fundraiser.
\$5 minimum suggested donation

About the Artist



Greg De Santis is a San Francisco native now living in Greenwood (East of Cool, CA) and a Sierra chapter Board Member through 2019. Greg was introduced to both popular and classical organ music by his father, also an organist, at a young age. Early classical organ studies led to a 1st prize at the 1981 San Francisco A.G.O. Chapter Young Organist's Competition. After hearing a Theatre Pipe Organ for the first time 'in-theatre' he contacted the late James C. Roseveare for coaching at the Oakland Paramount from 1986-1988. With the help and encouragement of the Sierra chapter, he has mentored with Jonas Nordwall and coached with Lyn Larsen. He has previously performed for the Sierra chapter on the Fair Oaks chapter organ, Hunter Hall in Rio Vista, and on the McCluer WurliTzer formerly in Shingle Springs. Greg retired from P.G.&E. with 30 years of service at the end of 2014.

Sierra Chapter Member Recognition at the ATOS Convention

ATOS 2018 Member of the Year:

William Coale, Ph.D.



Hall of Fame Award:

Richard Taylor

Edward Millington Stout III





Charley Blatchford (Charles Hammond Blatchford III) died peacefully on June 9, 2018, after a prolonged degenerative pulmonary illness.



Charley was a great enthusiast for theater organ music. He joined ATOS a few years ago and enjoyed attending several events. It was his very specific wish to have his memorial in the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse and to have the organ played there.

Sierra Chapter Members are invited to attend on Friday August 17 at 1:00PM.

Pump Organ Needs a Home

The Fair Oaks Historical Society ran across this Organ while researching the history of a home. The organ needs work on the pedal bellows. The owner is willing to accept the best offer to move it along.



Contact Marsha Marchand for details. marshamarchand@gmail.com

ATOS 2018 Convention Northern CA Attendees

(N) NorCal Chapter (S) Sierra Chapter

Front Row: Joan Grootveld (S), Jeanne Paquette-French (S) Ed Stout (S)
 Next Row: Gary Grootveld (S) Gary French (S) Tom Sebo (S) Gail Frey (N)
 Next Row: Tom Norvell (S) Bill Coale (S) Art Woodworth (N) Esther Joseph (N)
 Next Row: Craig Peterson (S) Terry Clifton (S) Neal Wood (S) Carol Zerbo (S) Dick Taylor (S) Gail Porto (N) Wayne Joseph (N)
 Back Row: unidentified unidentified Randy Warwick (S) Dean Combs (N) Bob Suffel (S) Bob Wilcox (S) Rudy Frey (N) Jeff Porto (N) Greg De Santis (S)

Sierra Not Pictured: Neil & Kathryn Morefield, Dave Moreno, Mark Sammut, Dave Sauer, Cheryl Young

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Many kudos and thanks are in order for our two David Gray events. First, I wish to thank **Bill and Anna Trabucco** for hosting the David Gray piano concert. It is very much appreciated that Bill and Anna allowed use of their beautiful

Il Tempio di Musica Hall with its mighty Mason & Hamlin, outside of Grass Valley. The hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and wine made for a delightful way to showcase David's incredible piano artistry.

The next event occurred the following Saturday when **Geoff Hansen** made available his now 3/16 Wurlitzer at Hunter Hall in Rio Vista for David Gray to show his skills and artistry in a medium with

tunes more familiar to us in the theatre organ world. The Brass Saxophone rank from the late *Ye Olde Pizza Joynt* organ made its re-debut after years of repose and added the warm, yet powerful sonic flavor to the Wurlitzer similarly to what actual saxophones add to a big band. **Dave Moreno** had the Hunter Hall Wurlitzer sounding likely the best it has ever been.

In August I hope to see everyone at our annual Ice Cream Social. Greg has been promised that this is very casual and not a concert, but I know you will be pleased with his playing. Plus, even if you are not normally much of an ice cream fan as I am not, one day a year of gorging on ice cream is not going to endanger your health; I am told.



Saturday Sept 15
10am to 6pm
Old Fair Oaks

- Join the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District for the 13th annual Fair Oaks Chicken Festival. General admission and parking is free! Festivities include:
- Live music
- pancake breakfast,
- Craft brew tasting
- 100+ vendors,
- SactoMoFo food court
- kid's park
- cluck n' crow contest and so much more.

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA



Presents *the incredible* **Brian Holland** with the *fantastically talented* **Danny Coots** for
 Early Jazz, Stride and Ragtime,
 Piano and Percussion.

\$30 suggested donation

7:30 pm August 17th

Near Grass Valley, CA

More info and RSVP, at email billtrabucco@saber.net

Or phone 530-273-4252

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members:

Jim & Marilyn Pearce
Tom Sebo & Cheryl Young



Welcome Back:

Walt Strony

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Jam Hunter
Edward Millington Stout III
Dick Taylor
Carol Zerbo

Renewing at the Patron Level:

Neal Wood

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

Frank & Sondra Fuson



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave
Fair Oaks, CA

Hot August Pipes
Ice Cream Social

Sunday,
August 5th, 2018
2:00PM

Featuring: **Greg De Santis**

This is our annual Fundraiser

\$5 Donation
Includes Ice Cream with
all of the fixin's

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave
Fair Oaks, CA

***HALLOWEEN
SILENT MOVIE***

Sunday
October 28, 2018
2:00PM

Dave Moreno

More information in
the next Spiel

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

***SMOKEY
AND THE
BANDIT***



Sunday
August 12, 2018
1:30PM

Dave Moreno

**Pre-Show On the Mighty Morton
Theatre Organ**

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