

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER

OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Hot August Pipes



August 2022

AT THE JACOB
Music Room
48 COLLEGE PARK IN DAVIS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 2:00 PM

**HOT AUGUST PIPES
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



Come on out to the Fabulous Music Room of the late **Wendell Jacob**. Enjoy a mini-concert featuring **Jim Jordan** and indulge in some ice cream with all of the toppings. **Bring a prospective new member.** **This is our annual fundraiser.** \$5 minimum suggested donation

About the Artist



Jim Jordan -

Musical Director, Performer and Accompanist

Jim was honored to be Music Director at the Birthday Extravaganza for Denny Mangers and Mayor Darrel Steinberg. Jim has served as Music

Director at the former Garbeau's Dinner Theatre in Sacramento, the Woodland Opera House, Eldorado Musical Theatre in El Dorado Hills, The Elly Awards, Sacramento, City Lights Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and others.

Jim has provided music for three recent films: *The Sacramento Picture*, *Behind Your Radio Dial* and *Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy*, all directed by Jim's dear friend, Matias Antonio Bombal. But his greatest joys have come from being Music Director for 16 years for the late Queen of Cabaret, Miss Gayiel Von.

Jim has been playing the piano for 60 years, a

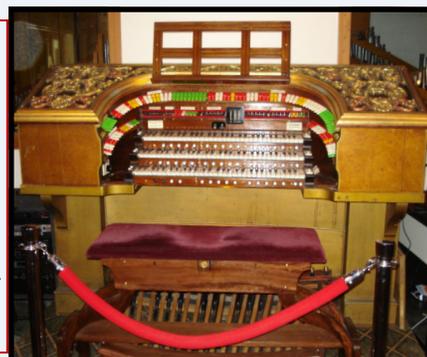
church organist for 54 years and has been a full-time professional musician since the age of 22.

Jim retired, last December, as Minister of Music & Media at Pioneer Congregational United Church of Christ where he built one of the area's finest music programs. He has developed the sellout Holiday concert, "Songs of the Season", the moving Good Friday work "Season of Love" and six years ago began the monthly concert series "Performances at Pioneer" showcasing the area's finest talent in one of the most beautiful performance venues in all of California.

One of Jim's most fun events is the annual SPOOK-tacular. A large screen is put up in Pioneer Church and Jim improvises to the silent classic Lon Chaney's *Phantom of The Opera* complete with introductions and a short history by the one and only Matias Bombal.

Jim recorded the music for Matias Bombal's *Hollywood* on this very instrument and is delighted to be playing it again today.

If you have not yet attended one of our events at the Jacob Music Room, here is another chance. Wendell built a large music room on his property to house his collection of musical instruments, including a Calliope, a Merry-go-round band organ, a Honky-tonk piano, and numerous electronic organs. Of course, the centerpiece of the room is the restored 3/14 Moller Pipe Organ from the Lobby of the former San Francisco Fox Theatre.



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ATOS Archive News

At the ATOS Convention Membership Meeting, one of the subjects was the ATOS Archive. The administration of the **University of Oklahoma closed the American Organ Institute in 2020** which left the ATOS Archives in jeopardy.

ATOS is in the process of moving and cataloging the archive now located in Pennsylvania at the Organ Historical Society. However, the portion of the digital archive containing **all issues** of the ATOS Journal beginning with Volume 1 Number 1 (Fall 1955) through September 2016 remains intact at OU and can be accessed here:

journals.shareok.org/theatreorgan/issue/archive/14

Within each issue, there are separate PDF's for each article or you can download the entire issue. Here are a couple of fun things from the very first issue.

Journal Index

If you are looking for something specific, the late Jack Moelmann published a comprehensive index of all of the Journals that can be accessed and downloaded here:

www.atos.org/tojournal/master-index

Once the index has pointed you to a specific issue, you can then find and download it at the OU website.

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**San Diego ATOS 2022
Convention
NorCal and Sierra
Attendees**

Sierra Chapter members that attended are listed more or less from front to back.

- Cheryl Young and Tom Sebo
- Jeanne Paquette-French
- Sherry & Terry Clifton
- Esther & Wayne Joseph
- Carol Zerbo & Dick Taylor
- Gary French
- Bob Suffel
- Randy & Adele Warwick

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New or Returning Members:

- Shelley Antilla (contributing)
- Christopher Booras (sustaining)
- Jim & Tina Riggs

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

- Anonymous
- Alan Ashby
- Terry & Sherry Clifton
- Tom Norvell
- Jim & Marilyn Pearce
- Bob Suffel
- Dick Taylor and Carol Zerbo
- Randy & Adele Warwick



Renewing at the Patron Level:

- Stuart Boyer
- Joan & Gary Grootveld
- Jeanne Paquette-French
- Bill Trabucco

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

- Frank & Sondra Fuson
- Bob & Linda Jarvis
- Steve Restivo
- Neal Wood

Renewing at the Contributing Level:

- Sam Holsinger
- Irene Wilper



Free to a good home

Irene Wilper is on hospice and hopes someone will want her organ.

Vintage Rodgers Organ

It's a 3/21. Condition unknown.

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SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Jacob Music Room
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Hot August Pipes Ice Cream Social



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2:00PM**

Featuring: Jim Jordan

This is our annual Fundraiser

\$5 Donation

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SIERRA CHAPTER/ GRANT UNION ALUMNI EVENT



Grant Union High School
1400 Grand Ave
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**Sunday,
November 13
2:00PM**

Walt Strony

**More information
to come in a future
*Organ Spiel***

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave
Fair Oaks, CA

CLOSED

**The Fair Oaks
Community Clubhouse
is currently Closed
for renovation.**

**Stay tuned for an expected
re-opening in late 2023.**

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