

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

## Silent Movie Night



January, 2014

### Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents:

**Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer  
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse



Dave Moreno has had an extensive background in playing the theatre organ, beginning when he was just 13. He's equally comfortable with the 1950's, and jazz organ. Over

the past 30 years he has played in many of the great remaining vintage theatres and organ restaurants like the Pizza and Pipes in both Sacramento and Fresno. His style at the console is as uniquely his own as his fashionable appearance. Moreno is an avid collector of vintage platform shoes, most from the 1970's, and his collection is currently over 600 pairs! You'll likely see his favorite pair of the day, busy on the organ's pedal board during his performance!



**The Finishing Touch**  
(1928) -  
Laurel & Hardy

January 31, 2014



**Race for Life**  
(1913) -  
Barney Oldfield

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.  
Event starts at 7:00P.M.  
\$5/Presale,  
\$7/General  
(if not sold out)

**Lizzies of the Field**

Purchase advance tickets at  
F.O. Park & Rec office or at  
[www.fairoakspark.org](http://www.fairoakspark.org) or call  
(916) 966-1036



Mark your calendar for  
*Walt Strony*

At Berkeley Community Theatre  
Sunday, February 16 2:30PM

NorCal members and their guests only

Memberships available at the door

Admission \$12 advance or \$15 at the door

Visit [sierrachapterATOS.org](http://sierrachapterATOS.org) and scroll down to the Amtrak special offer for info on 50% discount tickets on the Capitol

Corridor trains to Berkeley.

BCT is located at 1930 Allston Way



## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



First, I want to wish that everyone's New Year is off to a good start and that any of our individual New Year's resolutions are fulfilled. Next, I need to make a correction in this article for a big mistake that I made in November's article in that I stated that **Donna Parker** was the first woman to play the George Wright Memorial Concert. In fact, the first woman was our own **Joyce Clifford**, who played the first concert in the series. Not only was Joyce the first, but she was an alumna of Grant High and took lessons in the late eighties from none other than George Wright. Wow, what a faux pas that was on my part. I sincerely apologize to Joyce. My excuse, though not relieving the responsibility to get things correct, is that even though a member, the roughly fifteen years of my inactivity in the Chapter until about 2005 blurred my increasingly faulty memory about Chapter events during those years.

Here are a few thoughts on what 2014 may hold for our Chapter. The probable completion of the George Wright biography by **Bill Coale, Ph.D.**, and backed by **Wendell Jacob** would be a landmark event. With George Wright having been born and raised in Northern California, it is so appropriate that two of our Chapter members have taken on this project. This year we will take further steps toward improving the condition and playability of the Fair Oaks organ and coordinating with Grant High officials on the Grant High Wurlitzer. **Craig Peterson** is working on a lineup of fine concert and silent movie events. The initiation this year of **Dick Taylor** and **Ed Stout's** multiyear restoration of the New York Paramount studio Wurlitzer will be a local project followed with interest by the theatre organ world at large. In addition, we will have opportunities to hear and/or play at least some of the residential instruments of **Pete McCluer**, **Geoff Hansen**, **Bob Hartzell**, and **Wendell Jacob**.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Member:  
**Walt Strony**

Renewing at the **Benefactor** Level:  
**Randy & Adele Warwick**

Renewing at the **Sustaining** Level:  
**Bob & Linda Hartzell**  
**Bill & Alice Kutzer**  
**Jim Leach**  
**Bill Trabucco**

Renewing at the **Contributing** Level:  
**Barbara & Beverly Harris**  
**Howard Triebwasser**  
**Irene Wilper**



For Sale or Possible Donation: Conn 651 Theatre Organ. Good cabinet and operating condition; recently tuned. \$500 or will consider donating to an organization that supports the preservation of

Theatre Organ music. Buyer is responsible for moving organ. Contact Gary French, [gary.french@comcast.net](mailto:gary.french@comcast.net).

### BOARD MEETING

**Saturday**  
**January 25**  
**10:00AM**  
**East Lawn**  
**Memorial Park**  
**43rd and Folsom**  
**Sacramento**

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