

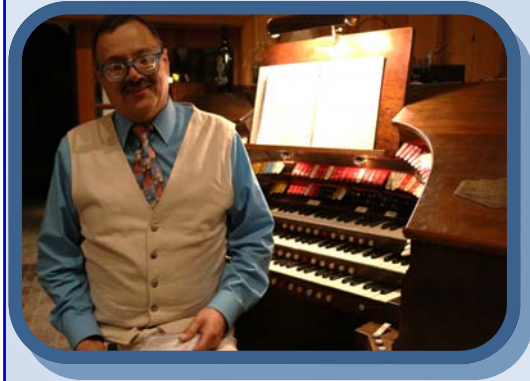
The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT



January, 2018



Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents: Buster Keaton night at Fair Oaks

With **Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Friday, January 26

Dave Moreno has had an extensive background in playing the theatre organ, beginning when he was just 13. He's equally comfortable with silent movie accompaniment, solo music of the 1920's -1950's and jazz organ.

Over the past 30 years Dave has played in many of the great remaining vintage theatres and organ restaurants like

the Pizza and Pipes in Sacramento. As unique as his style is, so is 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! *He's quite the showman!*



Peter Pan (1924)

Peter Pan is such a well-known story that most

English-speaking 20th-century people know it by heart. Motion pictures and television productions have helped keep the James Barrie story alive. But it was in December 1924 that the first big-budget *Peter Pan* classic was released by Paramount Pictures. All of the necessary elements were there: the flying Pan, the Darling children, Tinker Bell, the pirates and Indians, Captain Hook, the crocodile, even Nana the nursemaid dog. And it all came together admirably.

Betty Bronson turns in a charming performance as Peter Pan, holding her own in cinematic history against other Pans including Mary Martin's. One of our favorite character actors, Ernest Torrence, excels in a comparatively low-key performance as Captain Hook (that is, low-key when compared to latter-day Hooks such as Hans Conreid and Dustin Hoffman). And a young Mary Brian shines as Wendy. Animal impersonator George Ali is a standout as Nana. We suspect that it also is Ali as the crocodile that terrorizes Hook. The film's cinematography by James Wong Howe is also very good. The film gives the viewer the impression that it is somehow a result greater than the sum of its parts. So many things could have gone stale, so many aspects could have gone wrong in the translation of a beloved stage play to a motion picture, but the film comes off well, with a glow and a spirit that extinguishes cynical expectations. — *Carl Bennett*

This would be a GREAT Venue to **invite friends** to join you! Any age can truly enjoy the silent pictures accompanied by the *Mighty Wurlitzer!*

Purchase advance tickets at
F.O. Park & Rec office
or at www.forpd.org
or call (916) 966-1036

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Event starts at 7:00PM
\$6/Presale,
\$8/General

January 26, 2018



ATOS 2018 - HOME IN PASADENA

Where the Grass is Green-a

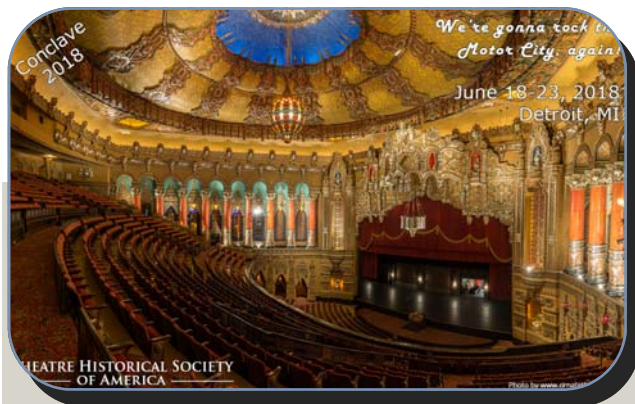
Visit the scenic city of Pasadena, California, home of the 2018 ATOS Annual Convention, hosted by the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society.

Starting with an Orange County Overture, and ending with an Encore in the San Fernando Valley, mark Friday, June 29 to Tuesday, July 3rd on your calendar for this summer!

We will be based at The Pasadena Hilton (special convention rate of \$125), just steps away from countless restaurants, shopping, and of course, the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, with its famous Reginald Foort Touring Organ, the 5-manual, 28-rank Moller.

Visit www.atos2018.org for details. Special Early Bird Convention price ends January 31!

Northern California residents are invited to travel as a Group on Amtrak departing Sacramento Station at 6:35AM, arriving in Bakersfield at Noon with a quick connection to an Amtrak Motorcoach to the convention hotel, arriving at 2:10PM. This will give us plenty of time to check in, register, and have dinner prior to the Friday evening concert by Richard Hills. **The round trip group discount fare is \$69 per person.** Our Webmaster, **Dave Sauer** (see below), can assist anyone who wants to travel with the group.



THEATRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Conclave 2018 Detroit Michigan

June 18 - 23 More information at historictheatres.org

Our 2018 host hotel will be the historic Doubletree Fort Shelby Hotel in downtown Detroit. Special Convention rate - \$139 Book Now!

In the heart of the Motor City, DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Detroit Downtown – Fort Shelby is a historic gem that is a renowned property for its numerous visitors. Dating back to 1917, the hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has remained a premier destination for travelers looking to immerse in Detroit Michigan's historical splendor.

Boasting 203 suites, the historic Michigan hotel promises spacious accommodations, onsite activities, and plentiful dining options for its visitors to enjoy during their stay. Guests are only steps away from Detroit's coveted destinations, including sports stadiums, historic attractions, museums, and iconic music venues. With an intriguing story behind its name, the hotel leaves a legacy that can still be enjoyed today by guests who long to hear the tale.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Greetings to everyone for the new year!

As we start 2018, I invite you to think of events or concerts that the Sierra Chapter might host for this year. While we have the Fair Oaks Silent Movie in January, the Ice Cream Social in August,

the George Wright Tribute in November, and the Christmas Party in December, we still have eight months open for possible activities. If you have any suggestions for future events, please contact any Board member or officer by the January 20th Board meeting.

Factors like artist, venue availability and costs would have to be considered, but we can certainly use and invite member input.

I need to correct my prior statement about **Geoff Hansen** and the Ye Olde Pizza Joint Brass Trumpet which he has put on indefinite loan to the Chapter. This was not a permanent donation as I had stated in *The Spiel*. We thank Geoff for the loan of that gleaming brass rank of pipes.

Finally, once again (as in every year since the beginning of the George Wright Tribute), I wish to extend a big thank you to **Sondra Fuson** of the Grant Alumni Association. Sondra is the person that makes this event happen. Thank you Sondra & Frank!



THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ESTABLISHED 1956

2018 Convention
Rochester New York
July 28 - August 4

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa

199 Woodcliff Drive
Fairport, NY 14450

Convention Rate \$124

This convention will feature 17 beautiful venues. 18th-century instruments include an anonymous Italian Baroque Organ in the Memorial Art Gallery, just a few blocks from the Craighead-Saunders Organ at Christ Church (the latter a process reconstruction of a 1776 instrument by Adam Gottlob Casparini). In the same building, one can hear a 19th-century Hook & Hastings with original pipes from 1862 and

1893. Early 20th-century organs include a 1909 Hope-Jones at First Universalist and a 1928 Skinner at Church of the Ascension. A short trip forward in history brings us to the 1964 Holtkamp at Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word and the 2008 Fritts in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

These instruments represent only a sampling of what is in store for the 63rd annual convention of the Organ Historical Society. Please visit organhistoricalsociety.org/2018/ for convention details and registration.



IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA PRESENTS

IVORY AND GOLD

JEFF AND ANNE BARNHART

JANUARY 20TH, 2018 3:00 PM At the ranch near Grass Valley

Jazz, Stride, Ragtime and MORE. Piano, Flute, Vocals.

<http://www.ivoryandgold.net/aboutus.html>

Contact Bill Trabucco at billtrabucco@saber.net

or call 530-273-4252 to RSVP

Directions upon RSVP, Donation (suggested \$30) at the door.





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FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

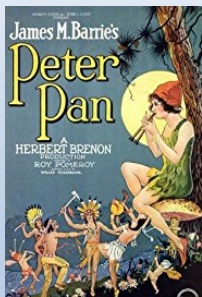
Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Friday,

January 26th, 2018

7:00PM

Silent Film: *Peter Pan*



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On the
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**\$6 Advance
\$8 at the Door**

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

Concert & Annual Mtg

Sunday

January 28

2:00PM

Free

**NorCal Members & their
Guests**

Featuring
Rob Richards

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

Airplane

Sunday

Jan. 21

1:30PM

**\$8/Adults
\$4/Children**



Featuring

*Dave Moreno
On the
Mighty Morton*

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