

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT



JANUARY, 2020



Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents: *The Navigator at Fair Oaks*

With **Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Friday, January 24

Doors open 6pm. Film starts at 7pm.

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!*



The Navigator (1924)

Rollo decides to marry his sweetheart Betsy and sail to Honolulu. When she rejects him he decides to go alone but boards the wrong ship, the "Navigator" owned by Betsy's father. Unaware of this, Betsy boards the ship to look for her father, whom spies capture before cutting the ship loose. It drifts out to sea with the two socialites each unaware of there being anyone else on board.



January 24, 2020



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
Advance tickets highly recommended as this event has sold out in past years.

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Event starts at 7:00PM
\$8/Presale,
\$10/General (cash only)

ATOS Convention - 2020

Visit Indianapolis, Indiana, home of the
2020 ATOS Annual Convention,
hosted by the Central Indiana Chapter.



Starting with a PreGlow including Firehouse Pipes and a silent movie at the Dayton Art Institute and ending with AfterGlow stops at the Wehmeier Residence, the Cincinnati Music Hall and a Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River.

Mark **Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 11th** on your calendar for this summer!

We will be based at the Westin Indianapolis (special convention rate of \$125),
located in the heart of Downtown Indianapolis.

Visit www.atos.org/convention for details.



The announcement at last year's conclave indicated that the 2020 gathering would take place in Boston. However as of this date, there is no information on the Theatre Historical Society website other than:

“Stay tuned for an exciting announcement about our 2020 event!

More information at: <https://historictheatres.org/theatrecon/>



THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ESTABLISHED 1956

2020 Convention Columbus, Ohio July 26 - July 31

The 65th annual convention will feature 28 landmark organs in beautiful venues including the Ohio Theatre. Columbus is a dynamic cosmopolitan center spanning three counties and transcending the boundaries of the settlements established at the nexus of the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers. Pipe organs of the capital city range from new-to-old and represent a broad cross-section. Our convention will trace antique influences along with recent modern contributions of the 21st century. Cultural surprises await as we trace musical history throughout the Capital City and greater Central Ohio. From rural towns to major urban centers, we'll explore many key pipe organs and venues representative of significant moments in organ building history. We'll enjoy many culturally iconic organs that can be

described as “oldest extant,” “last built,” and “magnum opus.” Local Ohio shops are represented with restorative work and care by Muller Pipe Organ Company, Peebles-Herzog, Inc. and JC Wilson & Associates Pipe Organs. No two organs alike –small-to-large, strategically chosen for performance diversity and representing the rich musical history of the region. Please visit 2020.organhistoricalsociety.org for convention details and registration starting in February.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope that the holiday season held a lot of joy and minimal stress.

The Fair Oaks organ is playing again due to the craftsmanship involved in rebuilding the regulators from Villemain Pipe Organ

Service in Porterville and the efforts of **Dave Moreno** with help from **Terry Clifton** to get the regulators installed and the organ back to playing for the Christmas Party. Thanks much to these folks for getting wind back to the pipes.

Dave will be doing some more work before the movie at Fair Oaks, plus we have planned further improvements and refinements to the organ.

In addition to our usual annual events, we have at least a couple of other interesting events in the works. More will be shared on those when finalized. If you have any ideas for events, please pass them along to me or any Board member. All ideas will be given serious consideration.

Finally, I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Dave Sauer**. He is missed.



Saint-Saëns Thundering “Organ Symphony”

Fremont Presbyterian Church
5770 Carlson Drive in Sacramento
March 13-14 8:00PM

Organ Recital with James Jones

Tickets: www.sacphilopera.org/production/saint-saens-thundering-organ-symphony/



Closing Chord



With the passing of **Dave Sauer**, Sierra Chapter has lost the last of the original charter members since Sierra became an ATOS Chapter in January 1967. Dave had remained active in the Chapter the entire time. For many years he was taking care of the maintenance of the Grant High organ before relinquishing those tasks about twenty years ago. Dave served on the Board and was Treasurer, organized the Amtrak trips to the Berkeley concerts and bus trips to Morton Madness. He also performed many Sunday afternoon concerts at the California Auto Museum. Dave created and maintained our excellent website since 2001. We consider it to be among the three or four best of any ATOS chapter!

The Chapter sends condolences to Dave's family and friends.

Organs Seeking New Homes

Chico State University Centennial Organ (6 tons and 27 feet tall!)

<https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/news/Chico-State-University-seeks-new-home-for-Centennial-Organ-565477791.html>

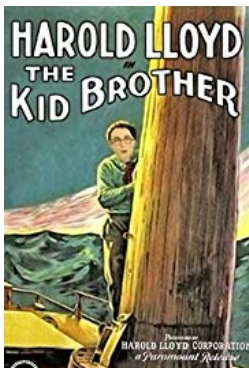
Lowery D500 Organ— Free

Contact Bob Puryear
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ORGANS FOR SALE.....MAKE OFFER

1. CONN 2-manual Theatre Martiniue #644 with Conn external speakers (#150 & #250)
2. CONN 3-manual Theatre Organ #651 with 2 sets of Conn speakers (#150 & #250)
3. RODGERS 3-manual Theatre 33-E with external speakers (4-cabinets)
4. REPRODUCO 2-manual, 3-rank Pipe organ with roll player pipes are self contained inside horse-shoe Console.

Contact: Dave Moreno (916) 606-2451
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**Silent Movie
Feb 16th 4PM**

Harold Lloyd in *The Kid Brother* - 1927
Accompanied by Walt Strony
Preceded by organ solos
828 W. Main St., Grass Valley

Volunteer Webmaster Needed

The Sierra Chapter seeks a volunteer to maintain our website. It is written in native HTML. This would be an excellent opportunity for a student or Sierra member to get involved with the chapter. We anticipate only a couple of hours per month to keep it up to date with scheduled events and the newsletter archive.

Call or text **Terry Clifton at 916-501-4045** if you are interested..



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Friday,

January 24th, 2020

7:00PM

Silent Film: *The Navigator*



Featuring

Dave Moreno
On the
Mighty Wurlitzer

\$8 Advance

\$10 (Cash only)
at the Door

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

Concert & Annual Mtg

Sunday

January 12

2:00PM

Free

NorCal Members &
their Guests

Featuring
David Gray

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

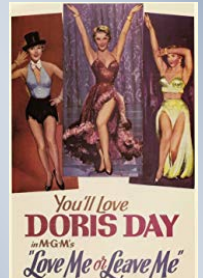
Love me or leave me

Sunday Feb. 23

1:00PM

\$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