

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER

OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Hot August Pipes



July 2021

AT THE HOME OF
WENDELL JACOB
48 COLLEGE PARK IN DAVIS
Sunday, August 8 2:00 PM

HOT AUGUST PIPES
ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come on out to the Fabulous Music Room of Sierra Chapter Member **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

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

Jim's "day job" is being the Minister of Music & Media at Pioneer Congregational United Church of Christ where he has 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.

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

If you have not yet attended one of our events at the home of **Wendell Jacob**, here is another chance.

Wendell has 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.



The Oroville State Theatre Presents

A Patriotic Pops Concert

Including marches of Sousa and famous American Composers as well as music from the movies and Broadway

Walt Strony - a premier organist who has performed in venues around the world.



Featuring the Laurel and Hardy silent film "Liberty" accompanied by the mighty Wurlitzer organ

When **Saturday - July 3, 2021**
Performances at 1 PM and 4 PM

Where **The Oroville State Theatre**
1489 Myers St - Oroville, CA

Tickets **\$10.00**
Advance Tickets can be purchased at <https://orovillestatetheatre.com/cart/>

This will be the premier performance of the completed restoration of the 3/17 Wurlitzer. This organ was previously installed in the Towe Auto Museum in Sacramento. In 2011 the California Vehicle Foundation terminated its agreement with Sierra Chapter and the organ was subsequently donated to the State Theatre Arts Guild.

ATOS Unconventional Convention July 8 - 11

Beginning on Thursday, July 8, videos will be released each day from Thursday through Sunday, July 11. Since we are unable to attend the theatre together to hear the organ, it was decided that none of the organs in the Unconventional Convention will be in theatres! We have six concerts in the works, with four being in private collections, one in a store, and one in a warehouse! Most of these organs will most likely be new to everyone, which also makes this more fun. For more information, visit www.ATOS.org/convention

Free Bourdon Rank and Chest

Sierra Member Bill Trabucco (530) 273-4252 from near Grass Valley reports the following:

I have a beautiful, redwood 16' bourdon the bottom octave (12) that's been sitting in my barn ever since we moved up here. CCC is 9" wide, straight, not arched, upper lips. As they are heart redwood, I'm guessing they might either be Wurlitzer or Murray Harris since both used redwood. The leather and padding on the stoppers is, of course, shot but otherwise the pipes are in good condition. They're free to anyone who wants them. My little pipe organ already has four 16' ranks so there's no point in adding any more to the bottom, particularly as my 16' open wood is a belly rattler. I also have two pedal offset chests, covering 27 pipes from 16'.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – Randy Warwick



Welcome back to events by your Sierra Chapter ATOS!

Hopefully, we will see many of you making the drive to Oroville to hear **Walt Strony** at the premiere concert of the former auto museum organ. I know that **Dave Moreno** has put in many hours installing and preparing the organ over the last eight years, but also local Orovillian **David Dewey** deserves huge credit. Not only did he help Dave, but he started the project and shepherded it through from start to finish. While the installation received much local support, I do not believe the organ would be in the building and playing without **David Dewey**.

In addition to the Ice Cream Social featuring **Jim Jordan** at the Moller, we have plans for the George Wright Tribute at Grant High with **Walt Strony**, who was to have played last year. Also, as of now, we have an unconfirmed artist and date for a concert at Hunter Hall, Rio Vista.

Even though we will not be back to Fair Oaks until well into next year, we intend to stay active with a typical number of events. We may have to use an electronic or two but hey, many of us have one of them made in the last 15-20 years that sounds way better than the typical ones we were happy with 50 odd years ago. We will look forward to seeing you at several of our newly scheduled events!

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA



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

7:00 pm Friday, August 20th

Near Grass Valley, CA

More info and RSVP, at email

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Or phone **530-273-4252**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As we announced in the December 2020 Newsletter, all members including those who let their membership expire in 2020 were extended for another 12 months.

Please review your current expiration date above your mailing address on this newsletter. The format is MM/YY.

If your membership appears to be expired, we invite you to renew! Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, it allows us to bring you new concerts and events.



NOTE;

Your membership can now be renewed online. Go to SierraChapterATOS.org and click on **Membership**. Select your Membership Option and click on Add to Cart. You will then be directed to pay either by Credit Card or PayPal.

Or you can renew by mail. Send a check payable to:
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Regular or Friend	\$20





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Wendell Jacob's Music Room
48 College Park
Davis, CA

**Hot August Pipes
Ice Cream Social**



**Sunday,
August 8th, 2021
2:00PM**

Featuring: Jim Jordan

This is our annual Fundraiser

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

OROVILLE EVENT

State Theatre
1489 Myers St
Oroville, CA

*Organ Concert
And Silent Movie*

**Saturday
July 3,
1:00PM 4:00PM**

Featuring:
Walt Strony

Admission \$10



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 2022.

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