

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

3 SILENT FILM SHORTS

OCTOBER 2008



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OCTOBER 24

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ABOUT THE FILMS



**SPOOK
SPOOFING**
OUR GANG
1928

Spook Spoofing is a Hal Roach comedy short, and is the seventy-first in the "Our Gang/Little Rascals" series. Superstitious Farina carries a special charm on him to ward off goblins. This was quite a thrillingly funny short once the gang wound up at a cemetery during an eclipse.

Paul Quarino is from Portland Oregon. He joins us once again to accompany our Halloween Season silent movie. Paul is a versatile artist that can do it all, from Bach to rock, to gospel. Most recently, Paul was well received as our featured artist for

Morton
Madness
XIII .



**HABEAS
CORPUS**
LAUREL & HARDY
1928

This film begins with a truly balmy professor paying Stan and Ollie to do a bit of grave robbing. So the greedy boys head to the graveyard and spend most of the film being scared out of their wits over a drunk who has gotten wrapped up in a sheet.

PAUL QUARINO

GUEST ARTIST

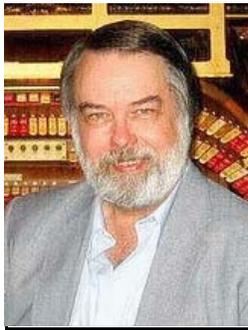
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**HAUNTED
SPOOKS**
HAROLD LLOYD
1920



This plot-packed and enjoyable, Harold Lloyd short gained some unexpected notoriety when the great comedian was seriously injured in an explosion during a publicity stunt for the film which cost him the loss of two fingers and necessitated the installation of prosthetics. It starts off with frequent Lloyd co-star (and future wife) Mildred Davis inheriting an estate - on the condition that she's married and that she stays on the premises for a whole year.



Dan Bellomy (1951 - 2008)

On August 29th of 2008, Dan left this world to play the Mighty Theatre Organ in the sky. We who are left behind will miss him much. The Theatre Pipe Organ community is now less one more highly talented player and enthusiast, who will be remembered as one of the greats. He was a favorite of your Spiel editor. I first heard him at the Warnors Theatre in Fresno, back in 1994 and was blown away. His deep knowledge of the nuts and bolts of musical structure helped make him a master of improvised chord progression.

Stan Kann (1924 - 2008)

St. Louis (KMOX) -- St. Louis personality Stan Kann has died. Well known for his organ playing at the Fox Theatre, Stan was still performing at the age of 83. He appeared on The Tonight Show 77 times and often was the center of jokes for his vacuum cleaner collection. Kann died at St. Louis University Hospital. Friends said he was being admitted for breathing difficulties and fell from a gurney while being transported into the hospital. He suffered head injuries and later died from complications during a cardiac catheterization.



Nominations needed for Vice President

It is once again time to line up candidates for officers and board members. So far the nominating committee has people lined up for every position except Vice President.

If you are interested in being Sierra Chapter's V.P. please contact Craig Peterson, Dave Sauer, or Irene Wilper. See below for phone numbers.

If you have been a member of ATOS and not yet gotten involved at the chapter level...this is your opportunity.! Ask not what Sierra Chapter can do for you...ask, what can I do for Sierra Chapter? It takes a lot of people to keep the chapter machinery running...and we have a lot of fun doing it!

The success of every nonprofit organization depends on its volunteers.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.



For Sale — Baldwin TO Compact organ, Model CT2. Walnut finish, with rhythm box. Great condition.

Contact Betty Masters at phone number **916/487-3544** for more information.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — CAROL ZERBO

Goodness - here we are at Fall, **HALLOWEEN**, and the scariest event of all, **ELECTION DAY**. For the record and because I'm tired of hearing about it, I'm a die-hard Green LiberPubliCrat. I vote the issues not the Party. Whoever will give the Arts equal billing with sports, put music back in our schools and emphasize culture over competition has my vote. A pipe organ in every worthy venue and a plug-in in every home! Yeah -- that's what I'm talkin about! Hmm. Too much? Okay but the point is unless a young person is regularly exposed to all forms of music, even the most musically inclined child will not have the option of developing his or her talents. With musical tastes shifting so radically in each generation, the organ is in danger of becoming downright irrelevant. Any competent music teacher, assuming you can find one, will tell you that. On my personal wishlist is a space in the Spiel for our organ teachers to put their names and phone numbers. No more of this "best kept secret in music" stuff.

Both AGO and ATOS are to be commended for their attempts to reach young people with workshops. A stellar example of

AGO's Pipe Organ Encounters can now be seen on our website. Thank you Mr. Dave Sauer.

This one happened in San Francisco so you will see some Bay Area organ luminaries sharing their wisdom with the fascinated young people. Now that webmaster Dave has discovered YouTube, I'll bet our website will regularly feature organ videos. Those of you who receive the Spiel via computer have probably already trolled YouTube for organ videos and it is gratifying to see that many of our artists recognize its value and regularly post their music for all to see. This is likely the best way we can remain relevant to the music world. Today's child views YouTube as a window to all things musical and there might just be a youngster or several who happens on Jelani, or Riggs, or Mark Herman and, as his mouth drops open in amazement, the hook gets set. Watch out, Mom and Dad. There could be an organist in your future. All you must add is encouragement and support.

This just in! NorCal ATOS will have an overhead video system up and running for Jonas Nordwall's concert on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Now, we can

all see how our artists do it! The concert starts at 2:30 at Berkeley.

Remember, you can take AmTrak and let the train do the work.



Also, it's not too early to remind everyone of our yearly George Wright Memorial Concert at Grant High School. The date is Sunday, November 9th and our artist is Mark Herman, only in his early twenties but already creating quite a name for himself in our world. Many thanks to Craig Peterson for grabbing the kid early in his career. I have heard him in concert a couple of times and you will be quite impressed. Contact a board member for tickets and come be a part of preserving theatre organ music for the future!

**HOPE TO SEE
Y'ALL
SOON!**



Carol Z



Members of our Sierra Chapter ATOS have been involved, over the past 6 months, with updating and cataloging our "**Music Library**." Thanks to Librarian, **Alice Kutzer**, Computer Tech, **Jim Leach**, and Librarian Advisor, Cathy Peterson, organizing and filing over 2000 pieces of sheet music and music books has evolved. Sierra Chapter members, from the past, have donated piano-organ books and sheet music to our library which became a great lending resource.

However, the "Music Library" became somewhat dormant over time and its recent revival has been a prime objective. There is still more cataloging, data entry and filing to attain a fully functional "Music Library." **To speed up this process, we're asking for volunteers who will assist with cataloging and updating.** Please contact our Library Staff, via Chapter Officers Listing posted in this newsletter, for more information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to new members: **Manual & Alice Viera**

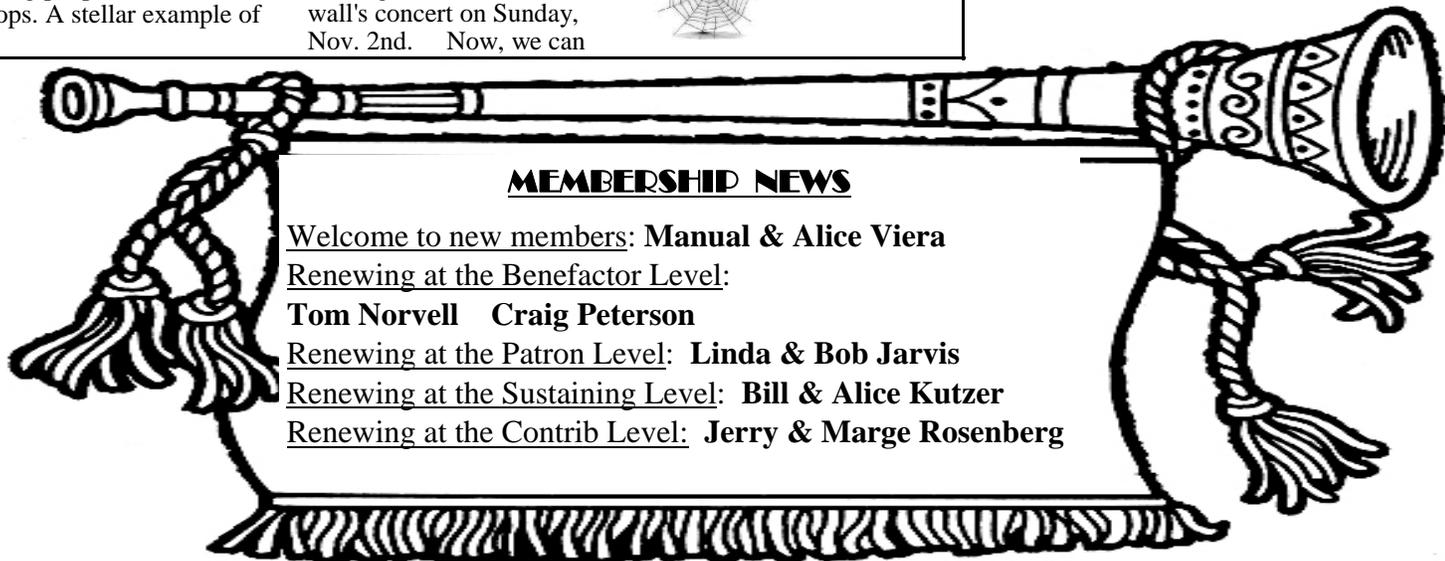
Renewing at the **Benefactor Level**:

Tom Norvell Craig Peterson

Renewing at the **Patron Level**: **Linda & Bob Jarvis**

Renewing at the **Sustaining Level**: **Bill & Alice Kutzer**

Renewing at the **Contrib Level**: **Jerry & Marge Rosenberg**

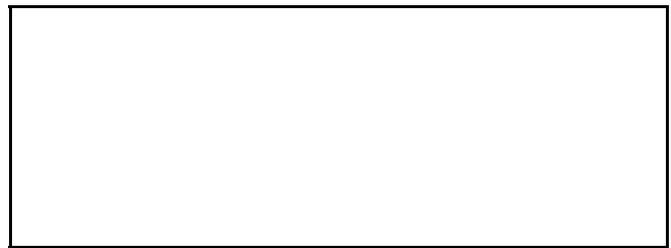




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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENTS

Towe Auto Museum
2200 Front Street

Friday Oct 24th
8:00 PM

Paul Quarino
3 Silent Shorts

\$10/General
\$8/Members
\$5/Students
\$20/Family

GEORGE WRIGHT MEMORIAL CONCERT

Grant Union High School
Sunday Nov 9 - 2:00 PM

Mark Herman
\$10/General Admission
\$8/Advance Admission

PHOENIX EVENT DESERT WINDS

Nov 28-30
9 concerts at 5 venues
For more info, e-mail:
desertwinds2008@cox.net

NOR-CAL TOS EVENT

Berkeley Community Theater
Sunday Nov 2 - 2:30 PM
Jonas Nordwall
\$15/General Admission



VISALIA EVENT

Fox Theatre
Sunday Nov 2 - 3:00 PM
Paul Roberts

308 W. Main St
Visalia, CA 93291
Tickets: 559-625-1369

Sierra Chapter

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.)