

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

PIANO CONCERT (YES - PIANO!)

OCTOBER 2017



DAVID GRAY
AT THE TRABUCCO RANCH
NEAR NEVADA CITY
14328 BARR RANCH Rd
SATURDAY, OCT 28 3:00 PM
SEE PAGE 2 FOR DIRECTIONS
\$20 DONATION AT THE DOOR



Bill & Anna Trabucco have agreed to host a **Sierra Chapter event** at their **IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA** music building. They have a varied collection of instruments including a 2/13 eclectic "American Classic" pipe organ, a 7 rank baroque tracker pipe organ and a harpsichord. But the instrument featured at this event will be the 1940 Model BB Mason & Hamlin Concert Grand Piano.

About the Artist

You probably think of **David Gray** as a Theatre Organist and may have heard him last year at Harmony Wynelands and at the Berkeley Community Theatre. But, the roots of his career go back to Piano.



David was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1990. He first showed an interest in music at the age of four. The majority of David's musical work has been piano studies; at the age of 13 he attended St Mary's specialist music boarding school in Edinburgh, intensively studying classical music performance all five years of high school. In 2008, David was admitted to the Royal Academy of Music in London on a full scholarship to study piano with Professor Hamish Milne. He completed his undergraduate degree in 2013 with first class honors and the highest mark in his year for his final recital. Immediately, he continued his postgraduate studies at the Academy, also on a full scholarship. During that time, he won many of the school's biggest prizes and again graduated with the highest marks in his year for his concerto and final recital exams. He performed in numerous, important British concert halls and garnered prizes in international piano competitions. In 2015-16, David was a fellow of the piano department at the Academy and this year he runs a small class coaching the piano students.

Bill was told some years ago that if he could find an old Mason & Hamlin, it would be better than a Steinway. So Bill asked John Callahan what he thought about Mason & Hamlin's and John said a pre-WWII Mason BB would "blow the doors off" a Steinway B. The Mason BB is massive, and at 7' 0" weighs nearly half again as much as a 6' 10" Steinway.

Bill found a 1940 Model BB in a warehouse in up-state New York. He purchased it and sent it directly to Callahan Piano for restoration; it went through a complete, concert performance ready restoration, including the action having gone through the Stanwood Action Balancing process which produces a really INCREDIBLE dynamic range and touch sensitivity. Only two restorers use this system. It's an incredible piano: The bass on it easily equaling or exceeding a 9' Steinway and with the Stanwood action, is capable of a pppp whisper to a wall rattling forte. This is a concert you will not want to miss!

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA



Reported by David Dewey

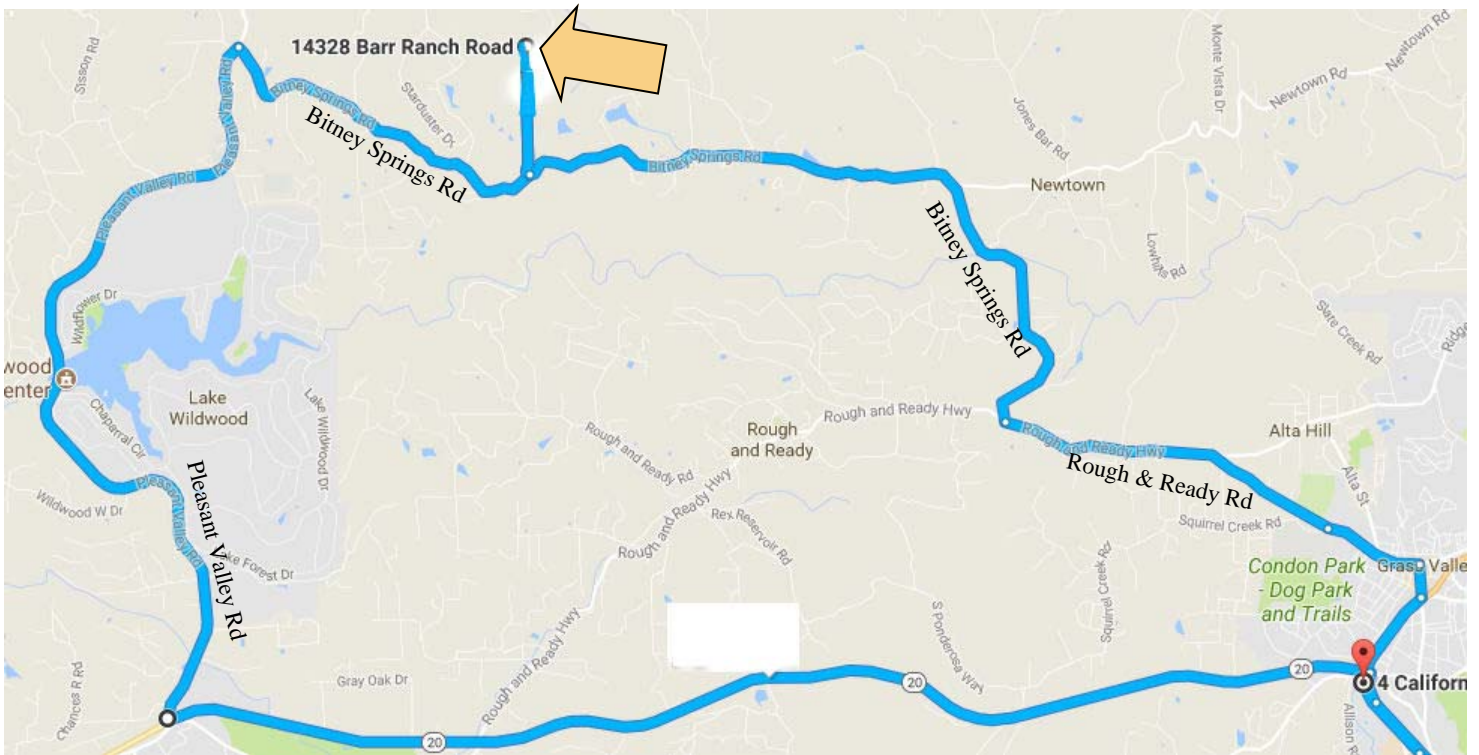


Progress continues here in Oroville. The Diaphone chests we brought back from Portland are fast on their way to becoming functioning chests. Wet storage has made these chests a real challenge, but we are overcoming the cracked wood, desiccated leather, etc.

The main chamber is almost ready for parts to be installed, two more inspections to go (sheetrock screws & then the final when it's taped and painted). The workshop is in full swing and we can't wait to get to the main chests soon! Meantime, it's diaphones and percussions!



Directions to: IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA



The map above starts at the bottom right corner.

It assumes you are coming from Auburn on Hwy 49 towards Grass Valley.

At the intersection of CA-20, south of Grass Valley, you have two options for routes to the ranch.

Option 1:

Continue north on CA-49 from CA-20 towards Grass Valley.
 Take exit 182A (Colfax CA-174) to S Auburn St in Grass Valley
 Turn left on to S Auburn St. Go north 4 blocks.
 Turn left on to W Main St.
 W. Main becomes Rough & Ready Hwy. Continue 2.2 miles.
 Turn right at stop sign on to Bitney Springs Rd. (not marked)
 After 4.7 miles turn right at the tall wooden sign on your right for Linden Lea.
 You are now on Barr Ranch Road. Proceed straight north .6 mile (no turns) to the ranch.
 The paved single lane will turn to gravel at the entrance to the ranch.

Option 2: this option adds about 7 miles, but is a bit simpler and avoids traffic in Grass Valley.

Exit Hwy 49 to CA-20 West towards Marysville.
 Continue west on CA-20 for 7.6 miles to Pleasant Valley Road (traffic signal)
 Turn right on to Pleasant Valley Road.
 After 5.5 miles take a hard right on to Bitney Springs Rd. (it is not marked)
 After 2.3 miles turn left at the tall wooden sign on your left for Linden Lea.
 That is Barr Ranch Road. Proceed straight north .6 mile (no turns) to the ranch.
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Admittedly, having two major events, only two weeks apart is not ideal, but we are offering up two entirely different events and venues with two terrific artists.

First up, I hope to see everyone at our member **Bill Trabucco's** neat music hall for an event entitled "Il Tempio di Musica" on Saturday, October 28. If you have not been to Bill's music hall, you have a surprise when you enter this very elite building in the "middle of nowhere" outside of Grass Valley. Scotland's **David Gray**, whom

we heard last year at Harmony Wynelands, is coming all the way from the U.K. to play a piano concert on the wonderful 1940 Mason & Hamlin grand.

David may present a surprise of sorts too.

On November 12, we and the Grant High Alumni will present the 2017 American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year **Jerry Nagano** for the George Wright Tribute Concert at Grant High. Jerry, who lives in the Bay Area and is the regular staff organist at the magnificent California Theatre in San Jose, has been presenting excellent concerts for many years around the country.

I hope to see you there

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA PRESENTS DAVID THOMAS ROBERTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 3PM

Contemporary Classical composer-pianist, painter, poet and long-established recording artist, David Thomas Roberts, will perform an ambitious program of his original piano compositions, reflecting a composing and concertizing career spanning 4 decades. More info on the artist at:

www.davidthomasroberts.com

As always, please

Please RSVP: Bill Trabucco
If attending. (530) 273-4252
billtrabucco@saber.net



George Wright Tribute Concert Grant Union High School Sunday: Nov 12 - 2PM

Advance Tickets on sale NOW!
\$10 Advance or \$12 at the door

Mail Checks payable to Sierra Chapter ATOS
with a self-addressed stamped envelope to
P.O. Box 2017
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

3/21 Rodgers Organ needs a home

Long time member **Irene Wilper**
reluctantly needs to find a new
home for her organ.

Contact her directly at:
(916) 967-5386

Nominating Committee

It is the time of the year to start thinking about how you can become a more active member of Sierra Chapter.

Available positions for 2018:

Four Board positions are available
Three of them have incumbents that will run for re-election

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If you are interested, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Carol Zerbo - 916/624-9182
Joan Grootveld - 916/635-4160

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members:

Dick Eriksson
Gary & Annabell Tuck

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Craig Peterson
Tom Norvell

Renewing at the Patron Level:

Linda & Bob Jarvis

Renewing at the Contributing Level:

David & Linda Dewey
Gregg Isett





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SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA
14328 Barr Ranch Rd
Nevada City, CA

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WITH
DAVID GRAY**



Saturday October 28

3:00 PM

\$20.00 Donation at the door

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NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

Sunday, Nov 5
2:30PM

Zack Frame
in Concert

NorCal members only.

Join NorCal at the door for
\$20 and receive
free admission for yourself
and a guest.

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

242 East Main Street
(Bob Hope Theatre)

Classic Movie

Sunday, Nov 5

Preshow starts at 1:00PM

"YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"

Artist:

**Dave
Moreno**



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Mighty Morton

\$8/Adults

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