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Sunday, February 5th at 2:30pm

Jonas Nordwall

in concert at the Mighty Wurlitzer

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

**Join us for an exciting program of theatre pipe organ music
that you are sure to enjoy!**

Tickets: Only \$17 in Advance or \$20 at the Box Office

Visit www.LATOS.org for more information and advanced ticket sales. OR Call LATOS' Info Line and Message Center at 1-888-LATOS22 (1-888-528-6722) for recorded event & ticket info, or to order advanced tickets on the phone.

Tickets will be available at the Box Office one hour before the concert.
No discount tickets will be sold at the Box Office

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The annual LATOS business/elections meeting was held on Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 PM in the auditorium at South Pasadena. We thank the members who attended this meeting and made it a success.

The meeting was called to order and three candidates were available to fill the three board positions. The members approved the three candidates for the board. The three newly elected board members are: Dorsey Caldwell, who is serving his second term; Steve Asimow, who is again serving after a year of absence; and Angie Hougen, who is a new member and serving her first term. We welcome Angie to LATOS and thank her for serving on the board.

After concluding the business meeting, it was time to enjoy the Mighty Wurlitzer. Member Bill Campbell treated us to a variety of Christmas favorites. Then it was time to open the console to courageous members who wished to entertain. About six members took their turn at console.

After the organ was put away, several members retired to a local Mexican restaurant to visit and enjoy dinner.

Bob Kambeitz

JONAS NORDWALL AT SAN GABRIEL

The next LATOS concert is scheduled for Sunday afternoon February 5 at 2:30 PM. The location is the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 South Mission Drive in San Gabriel. The organist is Jonas Nordwall.

Jonas Nordwall is an internationally renowned virtuoso organist equally skilled in both traditional classical and modern/popular schools of musical performance. He has performed in North America, Japan, Europe, and China and has made eight concert tours to Australia. In 1999, he was an adjudicator and guest recitalist for the Swiss International Organ Competition in Geneva, Switzerland.

Nordwall has performed numerous programs on the world-famous Spreckels outdoor pipe organ in San Diego's Balboa Park for their International Artist Series. He has more than 30 highly acclaimed recordings on a variety of labels. His recordings are frequently heard on the syndicated radio show, "Pipedreams." Notable national television appearances include the "Today Show" and "Good Morning Australia."



Jonas Nordwall

A Portland, Oregon native, Nordwall's first musical studies began at age 4 on the accordion. His studies expanded to piano and organ at age 10 with Portland teacher Goldie Pos. In 1970 Nordwall graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Portland. His piano, organ and orchestration studies were with Arthur Hitchcock, a former staff pianist and organist for 20th Century Fox Studios. Nordwall's additional classical organ studies were with Richard Ellsasser, Canada's Frederick Geoghegan and Richard Purvis (of San Francisco's Grace Cathedral).

Appointed in 1971, Nordwall is the organist for Portland's First United Methodist Church and assumed the Director of Music position in 1990. There he oversees one of the finest music ministries in the U.S. He has played for United Methodist Church General Conferences, other international church gatherings, the American

Choral Directors Association conventions, and regional conventions for the American Guild of Organists.

As organist for the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Nordwall was a soloist for several concerts and recorded with the orchestra conducted by James DePriest on the Delos label. Other solo orchestral appearances include the Vancouver, B.C. Symphony Orchestra, Portland Festival and Chamber Orchestras, Vancouver, Wash. Symphony Orchestra, the Peter Britt and Cascade Music Festivals. Most recently he was the featured soloist with the Silicon Valley Symphony (former San Jose Symphony).

Beginning in the mid '60s, Nordwall was one of few organists professionally playing theatre pipe organs. He was the organist for Howard Vollum Estate (co-founder of Tektronix) and later was the Senior Staff Organist for the Organ Grinder Corporation, performing in both Portland and Denver, Colo. on custom designed Wurlitzer theatre pipe organs in lavish restaurant settings. Since 1966 he has been a featured artist for many ATOS national and regional conventions. The societies' "Organist of the Year" Award was presented to Nordwall in 1987. He is the principle coordinator for the ATOS Youth and Adult Educational theatre organ Summer Camp Programs.

In addition to his performing career, Nordwall has been a major influence in the latter 20th century design and manufacturing of both pipe and electronic organs. He was with the Rodgers Organ Company for more than 30 years and presently an artist for the Allen Organ Company.

RON RHODE AT OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL

Ron Rhode will perform his annual concert on the Old Town Music Hall 4-manual/26-rank Wurlitzer pipe organ Sunday January 15th at 7 PM. This concert is often a sell out so advance ticket purchase is recommended. You can contact Old Town Music Hall at their web site www.otmh.org or by phone at 310-322-2592. They are located at 140 Richmond Street in El Segundo.

JOHN LEDWON AT THE ARLINGTON

Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 2:30 PM, the Santa Barbara Theatre Organ Society will present a concert featuring renowned organist John Ledwon. The concert will be at the Arlington Theatre on the Wonder Morton.



Arlington Wonder Morton

2012 CONVENTION

Just a reminder that the 2012 National Convention in Southern California is approaching.

The ATOS event will run from July 2nd (Overture) through July 7th (Encore).

We will need volunteers to help staff the convention, and your help will be appreciated. Please contact Convention Chairman Don Near if you would like to help so we can include you in our planning. You can reply to donnear@cox.net or 800-539-8944.

Don Near, Convention Chairman

LATOS BOARD MEETINGS

LATOS board meetings have been held the second Saturday of each month in the South Pasadena High School cafeteria. Unfortunately, LATOS has lost the Saturday use of the cafeteria and is looking for a new meeting place.

The next board meeting will be held Saturday, January 14, 2012. A venue has not yet been determined for the meeting so if you plan to attend, please contact one of your board members to determine where the meeting will be.

A convention planning meeting will follow the board meeting.



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SO-CAL COMING EVENTS (LATOS Events are in Bold Text)

Jan 13, Friday 8:15 PM, Jan 14, Saturday 2:30 & 8:15 PM, Jan 15, Sunday 2:30 PM – “Rubber Tires” 1927
Silent, Bessie Love and Harrison Ford - \$8 – Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Jan 15, Sunday 7:30 – Ron Rhode at the Mighty Wurlitzer - \$20 reserved seats – Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Jan 22, Sunday 2:30 PM – Scott Foppianno and Scot Stedman, organ and piano – Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS

Jan 22, Sunday 2:30 PM – John Ledwon at the Wonder Morton – Arlington Theatre, 1317 State Street, Santa Barbara – SBTOS – Adults \$11, children under 12 with adult free

Jan 29, Sunday 3:30 PM Lecture, 4 PM Concert and silent movie – Christoph Bull – Concordia University, Irvine Center for Worship and Performing Arts, 1530 Concordia West, Irvine – Sponsor AGO Orange County – <http://members.cox.net/ocago>

Feb 5, Sunday 2:30 PM – Jonas Nordwall at the Mighty Wurlitzer – San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel – Tickets \$17 advance, \$20 at the box office

Feb 10, Friday 8:15 PM, Feb 11, Saturday 2:30 & 8:15 PM, Feb 12, Sunday 2:30 PM – “Mysterious Lady” 1928
Silent, Greta Garbo - \$8 – Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

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