



Theatre Organ Society
ORGAN LOG

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Back by popular demand...

Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 3rd, 2010

at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

Featuring

Christoph Bull in Concert

Highly acclaimed pipe organ artist Christoph Bull will perform a pipe organ concert on the mighty Wurlitzer that will include a spectacular integrated laser light show by Nu-Salt Laser Light Shows. **See article inside for info.**

Catered German Style Pre-Concert Luncheon/Fundraiser

A special separately priced pre-concert luncheon will be catered in a large covered patio with a variety of authentic German dishes. You will also be entertained live by a keyboard artist during the luncheon, and you will receive free admission to the concert!

2:30pm Concert Tickets: \$20 each for Pre-Paid/Advance Sale Tickets (ordering info below)

Group Rates: For Groups Over 10, please leave a message on the LATOS info line. You will be called back promptly.

At the Box Office the Day of the Concert: \$25 each.

1:00pm Luncheon & Concert Combo Ticket: \$45 each. Reserve before Sep. 23

Includes German-Style Oktoberfest Luncheon, Entertainment and Admission to the Concert!

Order online at www.LATOS.org or call 1-888-LATOS22 (1-888-528-6722)

Program subject to change.

CHRISTOPH BULL at the MISSION PLAYHOUSE ON OCTOBER 3rd

I am excited to tell you about our upcoming Oktoberfest event at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse on Sunday, October 3rd, especially about our featured artist, Christoph Bull. He will perform a refreshing and exciting concert that will include a spectacular integrated laser light show. A number of people I know attended a similar concert Christoph performed with the light show, and every one of them thoroughly enjoyed the concert, and was very impressed with the laser light component of the performance.

Before I cover the Oktoberfest event and concert, I would like to share something important about LATOS that you may or may not know. LATOS is a "non-profit" organization which basically means that donations to LATOS are "tax-deductible" on the donor's income tax returns. No organization can spend money for events, etc., if it doesn't have the money in the bank! In the case of a non-profit, that money comes from dues, donations, events, and out-and-out "fund raising" efforts. Ticket sales seldom completely cover the cost of event or concert, and that difference has to come from somewhere! LATOS finds itself in a tough spot with shrinking membership and attendance, and rising production costs (venue, artist, printing, insurance, etc.). We are not alone; as many if not most non-profits are finding themselves in similar circumstances in this economy.

If LATOS is to survive and continue to fulfill the LATOS mission of preserving the theatre pipe organ and promoting its use, LATOS must work even harder at attracting new members, and increasing attendance at events. Oktoberfest is an example of this effort with a well known artist, combined with something out of the usual! Thrown in for good measure is the Catered German Style Pre-Concert Luncheon/Fundraiser where everybody will be able to have some fun, and our wonderful organization will be able to raise some additional funds. The entire Oktoberfest event

on Sunday, October 3rd is going to be a wonderful experience for anyone who comes. **NOW, about Oktoberfest:**



Christoph Bull our Featured Artist: Born and raised in Germany, Christoph Bull now resides in Los Angeles where he has been the University Organist and Organ Professor at UCLA since 2002. He is a highly acclaimed artist who performs concerts internationally. Christoph studied at top conservatories in Germany and the U.S., and holds degrees in performance, music, and songwriting (B.M., M.M., DMA). He has won numerous international awards in Performance and Composition. Equally versed in classical and popular music, Christoph has performed a wide range of music around the world, including top Los Angeles such as the Walt Disney Concert Hall.; Royce Hall at UCLA--and also at clubs like the Viper Room and the Roxy in L.A. (to name a few). He also accompanies Silent Movies on the pipe organ. Among others, he's worked with Steven Spielberg, Harry Connick Jr., George Clinton, Bootsy Collins, Lili Haydn and Nishat Khan. Dr. Christoph Bull's latest endeavor is the premiere recording of the pipe organ at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

About The Light Show: Nu-Salt Laser Light Shows International's Tim Anderson and his amazing and ingenious light show will be integrated with Christoph Bull's concert. Nu-Salt has been featured in shows by clients such as The Grammy's, Warner Bros., Golden Voice, Fox, and MTV to name a few. They have performed internationally and throughout

the United States.

About the Catered German Style Pre-Concert Luncheon/Fundraiser at Oktoberfest:

This special luncheon will be catered in a large covered patio area at the Mission Playhouse by a wonderful chef who will create a variety of authentic German dishes including Liverwurst on Pumpernickel Bread, assorted German Sausages, German Potato Salad, Braised Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage as well as assorted Pickles and Breads, and delicious German Chocolate Cake. Regular and Decaf Coffees and Sodas, as well as Beer and Wine is included in the price of the luncheon. You will also be entertained live by a keyboard artist during lunch, and receive free admission to the concert.

Please join us --- and bring a friend --- or even two! Every additional person who attends, and the contribution they make (buying a concert ticket, attending the luncheon, donating) --- any and all of it helps LATOS to survive. Equally important, you will have a wonderful time at Oktoberfest! I hope to see everyone there.

Respectfully,

Tony Wilson
V.P. and Vice Chairman
LATOS

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Mark November 13th 2010 on your calendars. There will be an open house for LATOS members at Jack Gustafson and Richard Quigley's beautiful home in Rancho Mirage, CA (Palm Springs area). Jack Gustafson's 3/14 Kimball theatre pipe organ is the only residential theatre pipe organ in the Coachella valley.

The organ was created by Jack in **1955** and installed in his parent's home in Elmhurst, Illinois and was at that time 2 manual/5 ranks, later enlarged to 3/8.



Jack and Richard's Music Room



Another View of the Music Room

Jack moved to Los Angeles in 1967 and then to Santa Clara in 1968 to play for the new Cap'n's Galley Pizza & Pipes. Jack moved the pipe organ to its new home in San Jose in **1979** and the organ was once again enlarged to 3/13. There it was played by many fine organists for the Shakey City Organ Club over the 22 years at that location.

In **2001**, Jack and Richard purchased a home in rancho mirage that would accommodate the Kimball pipe organ which is now three manuals and 14 ranks.

The most recent recording of the organ with Jack playing is "Do I Hear a Waltz" (available from Pipe Organ Presentations) will be available for purchase on Nov 13th. Many other recordings were also made. The recording "The Best of Times" made in **1985** featured an earthquake as the song "Memory" from "Cats" was being recorded. Feature stories about the organ are in the theatre organ magazines **May/June 1995 vol.37, #3** and **Sept/Oct 2008 vol.50, #5**.



A View of the Pipe Chamber



Pipe Chamber Detail

Jack will play a short program and explain some more of the organ's history. Following that the organ will be available for open console.

More details of the open house will be in following Organ Log news closer to the date in the month of November.

FROM THE ORGAN LOG STAFF

As you may have noticed, the August and September issues of the Organ Log have been combined. Your Organ Log editor, Donn Linton suffered a cardiac issue during the July board meeting at the Rosen's and went directly to the hospital. He is at home recovering but unable to continue with his duties as editor at the moment. This is the reason there was no August issue of the Organ Log. We are converting the Organ Log to a format which should be less labor intensive to print and mail to members. This will also permit another staff member to move forward with publishing the Organ Log

should a situation like this occur again. We are certain that all members wish Donn a speedy recovery.

Bob Kambeitz

ATOS CONVENTION 2012

Just a reminder. LATOS has accepted the American Theatre Organ Society's invitation to host the 2012 National Convention. It will be a new concept in that rather than being a single chapter event, it will be a Southern California event. As such it will be co-hosted by LATOS, Orange County, San Diego and Inland Empire chapters. Events will take place at venues in each of the chapters area, with each chapter handling the events in its area. Don Near will chair the event. If you would like to help, you can contact Don at 800-539-8944. We will have more information in the coming months. This promises to be a great convention.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Periodically, LATOS singles out persons who have furthered the cause of the theatre organ by naming them an Honorary Lifetime Member. This year, at the July 10th picnic, we bestowed the honor on Ken and Jenice Rosen. Ken and Jenice have shared their home and organ studio with LATOS for the annual summer picnic for many years. The Rosen's have provided hamburgers, hot dogs and the trimmings for the picnic. We thank the Rosen's for their continued support of LATOS.

ELECTIONS

Elections are on the horizon for our nine-member LATOS Board of Directors. The election and membership meeting is Sunday, December 12. LATOS is a volunteer organization and without volunteers, we don't exist. So please consider doing your part to further the endeavors of the theatre organ world. Run for the Board. The Board meets at 11 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month at South

Pasadena High School. The term of office is three years and you must be a full LATOS/ATOS member to hold office. Contact any Board member if you would like to offer your services. In addition, three volunteers are needed to serve as the nominating committee. If you would like to serve, please contact Maureen Fuller at (805)991-6000 or e-mail her at maureenpaula@aol.com .



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SO-CAL COMING EVENTS

Sep 12 – Sunday 2:30 pm Ken Double for
OCTOS. Plummer Auditorium
Chapman at Lemon Fullerton
– info www.octos.org

**Oct 3 – Sunday Afternoon – OKTOBERFEST
A Lunch and a Concert
San Gabriel Mission Playhouse
See article on page 4**

Oct 8 – Bob Salisbury accompanies “Phantom of
the Opera for OCTOS.

Nov 13 – Jack Gustafson Open House
(additional details later)

**Dec 12 – Member Meeting, Elections and Open
Console, Time and location to be
announced**

Jan 14-17 – Wurlitzer Weekend 2011

Valley Organ Society concert on the 3rd
Wednesday of each month at the Little
White Chapel in Burbank.