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*Mark your calendars for a*  
**Free Mini Concert**  
**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**

**Followed by the Annual Membership Meeting**  
*at South Pasadena High School, 1401 Fremont, South Pasadena*

Help to influence the future of your Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society and have some fun at the same time! In addition to a meeting for members and nominations for the board, there will be a free mini-concert by Jerry Nagano.

***See article inside for important info about the meeting.***

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### **Save The Weekend**

## **Wurlitzer Weekend 2011**

### **January 14, 15 and 16**

#### **Friday Evening – 8:00 pm**

Orpheum Theatre - 842 South Broadway, Los Angeles

#### **Saturday Morning – 8:00 am**

El Capitan Theatre – 6834 Hollywood Boulevard

#### **Saturday Evening – 8:00 pm**

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse – 320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel

#### **Sunday Afternoon – 2:30 pm**

Plummer Auditorium – 201 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton

#### **Sunday Evening – 7:00 pm** – *(Not a Wurlitzer Weekend event)*

Old Town Music Hall – 140 Richmond St., El Segundo

***See article inside for additional information***

## OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

On November 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 there will be an open house for LATOS members at the beautiful home of Jack Gustafson and Richard Quigley in Rancho Mirage, CA (Palm Springs area). See the article in the August/September issue of the Organ Log.

Arrival time for the open house is around 11 AM. There will be a light lunch at noon followed by a short concert by Jack. The organ will be available for open console following the concert.

If anyone plans to spend the night in the area and needs motel accommodations, contact Jack at 760-321-7919 and he will help make the arrangements. We recommend that you contact Jack and Richard if you plan to attend the open house so that they have a head count of attendees. Since it is a 200 + mile round trip to Palm Springs from Los Angeles, you might consider carpooling with a friend.

The Gustafson/Quigley residence is located at 70779 Jasmine Lane, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-2317. From the Los Angeles area, take the I-10 east toward Palm Springs. Exit the I-10 at the RAMON ROAD exit, EXIT 130, and take the ramp toward RANCHO MIRAGE/PALM DESERT/BOB HOPE DR merging onto RAMON RD. Turn LEFT onto BOB HOPE DR. After about 2 miles, turn RIGHT onto GERALD FORD DR. After about 1 mile, turn LEFT onto LOS ALAMOS RD. Turn RIGHT onto CYPRESS LN. Turn LEFT onto JASMINE LN. 70779 JASMINE LN is on the RIGHT. Travel maps can be obtained on line from MapQuest or Google Maps.

## GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The LATOS annual Membership meeting and Elections are scheduled for Sunday afternoon December 12 at 2:30 PM. The location is the South Pasadena High School Auditorium. After the General Meeting and Elections, there will be a short **concert by Jerry Nagano**. There is the

possibility that there may be enough time after the concert for a short open console so bring your music just in case. This is a Membership meeting so there will be no charge.

Following the meeting, there will be an optional holiday dinner at a nearby restaurant. Prices for the dinner are in the \$20 per person range and include a non-alcoholic beverage. Alcoholic beverages are available at additional cost.

There will be a \$15 per person reservation charge for dinner, which will be applied in full against your individual dinner check. Reservations should be made no later than Wednesday, December 8. You may secure your dinner reservations by calling our hot-line, 1-888-latos22, on the web site, [www.latos.org](http://www.latos.org) or by check payable to LATOS and mailed to LATOS, 2721 W. 182<sup>nd</sup> St., Torrance, CA 90504-5228. **DO NOT send to the Glendale Post Office Box.**

## WURLITZER WEEKEND 2011

Plans are well under way for another exciting Wurlitzer Weekend beginning Friday evening, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and concluding on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. A variety of artists will perform at various Wurlitzer installations throughout the Los Angeles area during what has become an annual event attended by locals as well as many from out of town and out of state. Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 is again co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society and the Orange County Theatre Organ Society.

Completing the three days of organ events, the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo will present Ron Rhode at their 4 manual Wurlitzer. While this is not part of Wurlitzer Weekend, and not a LATOS presentation, you can purchase tickets through LATOS. Or you can contact Old Town Music Hall at their web site [www.otmh.org](http://www.otmh.org) or by phone at 310-322-2592.

Complete information including ticket prices will be published in the December Organ Log and will be available on line at the LATOS web site, [www.latos.org](http://www.latos.org).

## REMEMBERING DIANA STONEY

A memorial service for Diana Stoney was held on Aug. 31 at 7 PM at the Meridian Iron Works Museum in Pasadena. The program was very moving and thoughtfully done, featuring live music, and remembrances by her brother, Dick Stoney, and friends. Also presented was a videotaped speech by the Mayor of South Pasadena, who expressed appreciation for Diana's active participation in the civic affairs of her hometown, particularly in the movement to prevent the proposed 710 free extension from cutting the community in half. A slide show followed, featuring pictures of Diana in different periods in her life, all with her familiar broad smile.

I was privileged to know Diana for only the last few years, when we both served on the LATOS Board of Directors. She was a very good friend and I often relied on her wise advice. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Respectfully,  
Steve Asimow

## PIANO FOR SALE

From Diana Stoney's estate, I have a 5' reproducing player grand piano available for sale. The piano has been in storage for many years and will need rebuilding. Because it is a reproducing piano it is the perfect piano to be converted into a theater organ piano. For more information, photos, etc. contact Dick Stoney at 626-332-3772 or dstoney@dslextrême.com.

## OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL Personal Notes from a Reunion

In my late teens and early twenties, I performed on a pipe organ at Pipes & Pizza (aka The Great American Wind Machine). It was through that job that I met Bill Field and Bill Coffman, owners of the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo.

While helping to maintain the "pizza organ", Bill Coffman patiently taught me how to rebuild pipe chests, regulators and many other critical components of a pipe organ.

Bill Coffman later invited me to visit the Old Town Music Hall, an original movie theater that was built in 1921. First impression when entering the building and walking through the lobby was that it was a relatively small theater. The theater itself was charming with a lot of period décor (probably original). But I was awestruck when I saw the enormous four manual Wurlitzer console that adorned the stage. The console and much of the organ's 26 ranks of pipes were rescued from the Fox West Coast Theater in Long Beach. Bill Field invited me to play the organ, and what a fun experience that was!



I was able to visit with Bill Field a few times over the next couple of years. He shared many music tips and encouraged me as an organist. Unfortunately I lost touch with him due to career changes and moving in and out of state.

This last October, I was able to revisit Bill Field **for the first time in over thirty years!** Bill's warm spirit had not changed, and it was as though we had only chatted yesterday. I was also pleased to see that the organ now has a computerized relay control system, and the theater has broadened their scope with modern projection (in addition to their original equipment).

This gem of a theater is a wonderful place to take a step back in time to enjoy the mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ, join in a sing-along, see a classic film, enjoy a show and experience what many cannot in today's world of high-tech entertainment. (Visit OTMH.org for more info).

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Wilson



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## SO-CAL COMING EVENTS

(LATOS Events in Bold Text)

Nov 13, Saturday, 11:00 AM – Jack Gustafson Open House – See article in this Organ Log

Nov 14, Sunday, 2:30 PM – John Ledwon “Hooray for Hollywood” - Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS

Nov 17, Wednesday, 7 PM – Maureen Fuller & Ralph Wolf for VOS at the "Little White Chapel"  
1711 N. Avon St. in Burbank

Dec 5, Sunday, – OCTOS Elections, Christmas Party, Open Console - Plummer Auditorium

**Dec 12, Sunday, 2:30 PM – Free Mini Concert, Member Meeting & Elections at South Pasadena High**

**Jan 14-16 – Wurlitzer Weekend 2011!**

Jan 16, Sunday, 7 PM – Ron Rhode at Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Apr 10, Sunday, 2:30 PM – Chris Elliott – Full length silent movie (tba) – Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS

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