



# *Theatre Organ Society*

## **ORGAN LOG**

October 2010

**Last Chance** for an

# **Oktoberfest Concert!**

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm**

***at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse***

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

## **Featuring Christoph Bull in Concert**

Acclaimed pipe organ artist, Christoph Bull will perform an 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 concert & ticket info.***

*Program subject to change.*

***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***

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 a well known artist (to be announced in November).

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

## **OKTOBERFEST REMINDER** **SUNDAY OCT 3<sup>RD</sup> at 2:30PM**



**Please don't forget about our Oktoberfest concert** at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse **on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm.** Our featured artist, Christoph Bull will perform an exciting and refreshingly diverse concert that will include a spectacular integrated laser light show. This is a must-see event that you will not want to miss.

You are probably receiving this Organ Log very close to the Oktoberfest date, but **the good news is that it is not too late to come to this concert.** You can order Advanced Sale Tickets online for \$20 at our website, [www.LATOS.org](http://www.LATOS.org) or call 1-888-LATOS22 (1-888-528-6722) up to 6pm on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets will also be available for \$25 at the box office one hour before the concert.

Please support **your** LATOS by joining us -- and bringing a friend - or even two! The concert will be a wonderful and memorable experience. We hope to see you there!

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING,** **ELECTIONS & FREE CONCERT**

Each December our bylaws require us to elect three persons to our nine-member Board of Directors. Directors serve for three years and are limited to two consecutive elected terms. Candidates are selected in three ways: by a Nominating Committee, by submitting a petition signed by two LATOS members, or from the floor at the December Membership Meeting. This year's Nominating Committee is Wayne Flottman, Bob Salisbury and Bill Peterson.

Membership Meeting, Elections & Free Concert, continued;

Our election and a brief Membership Meeting will be held at South Pasadena High School on Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 PM. As part of the afternoon you will be entertained by a noted theatre organist, and you may hear some surprising new sounds from the Wurlitzer. There is no charge to LATOS Members, Friends Of Theatre Organ and their guests, but the event is not open to the general public. We may also schedule a dinner at a nearby restaurant following the program.

Two Directors, whose terms expire this year, have served for two terms and may not run again, so we need at least two new LATOS members to stand for office. LATOS is an all-volunteer organization, and volunteer organizations cannot exist without volunteers. So please consider running for office. Any LATOS member is eligible to run. We are a chapter of ATOS and ATOS requires that to be a chapter member you must be a member of both LATOS and ATOS. If you are a member please consider doing your bit for LATOS, by contacting any current board member and toss your name in the hat.

### **A LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

Like many non-profit organizations, our membership is down, and has aged, as well. Both factors have made it increasingly difficult to find members who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors. It becomes a greater problem in that Directors are limited to two consecutive three-year terms. Last year two Directors were termed-out, but fortunately Maureen Fuller and Tony Wilson stepped forward and agreed to run. As noted above, again we have two Directors completing their second term. Indications are that this may be an on-going problem.

Two solutions have been suggested, either reduce the size of the Board, or do away with the term limitations. Either action would require amending our bylaws which requires a 2/3 vote of all our LATOS members. Have any of you other solutions?

## FIRST NEWS IN FOR WURLITZER WEEKEND - JANUARY 2011

We are in the final stages of planning the LATOS part of Wurlitzer Weekend 2011. This will be a joint event put on by LATOS and OCTOS (Orange County) for Friday, January 14 through Sunday, January 16. There are details still being worked out that will be finalized in the month ahead.

The weekend will kick off on **Friday night, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Orpheum Theatre with Bob Salisbury accompanying the 1927 silent film comedy, "Her Wild Oat" starring Colleen Moore.** Bob will accompany the film on the Orpheum's 3-manual/14-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. This long-thought-lost comedy has been recently restored by the Academy Film Archive, from a print found at the Czech National Film Archive.



In this Marshall Neilan comedy *Her Wild Oat*, the 1920s prototypical flapper, Colleen Moore, plays the owner of a small lunch wagon who falls for a duke's son, who pretends to be his own chauffeur. With her savings, she pursues him to a resort hotel, where she's mistaken for a duchess. It is claimed that Colleen Moore was the top box-office star of 1927, and well known that Moore was indeed a superstar at the end of the silent era.

Bob Salisbury accompanied the film at the Avalon Theatre and received wonderful reviews for his performance. This will be the first time that the film is accompanied on a theatre pipe organ in **Los**

**Angeles** since its restoration, and will be your opportunity to have an unforgettable experience viewing the film just as you would have when it was first released in 1927!

Work is currently under way to lock in events for **Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, including a tentative for the **morning at the El Capitan Theatre** to hear their 4-manual/37-rank theatre pipe organ originally installed in the fabulous Fox Theatre in San Francisco; the **afternoon performance** is still being planned; and in the **evening**, you will be treated to wonderful sounds of the recently restored and upgraded Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the **San Gabriel Mission Playhouse**. The evening show is almost locked in, and should be announced in our November issue of the Organ Log. Information about Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> should also be posted at the same time.

Respectfully, Tony Wilson - V.P. & Vice Chairman

## 2012 CONVENTION UPDATE

Our 2012 Convention Planning is moving along as scheduled. The dates are July 1 through July 7<sup>th</sup> including the before and after events. We will be centered at the LAX Marriott where we have obtained an unusually favorable room rate. One of the highlights will be a day in San Diego where we will experience two organs in movie places that are brand new or never seen at a National Convention. The day will conclude at the Spreckles Organ in Balboa Park. The Los Angeles area will include several new organs, never seen at a National Convention as well. And we will spend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Hollywood Bowl with music and fireworks. As time draws nearer, we will require volunteers to help staff the convention.

We need to find an official name for our Convention. In 2005 our convention was titled "Golden Greats". Please send me your ideas for a name and the winning entry will be awarded a free Convention Registration, valued at \$400.00. The contest will end Oct 31, 2010. Winning entry will be determined by postmark or email date. Send entries to Don Near, 9700 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841. Email address is [Donnear@cox.net](mailto:Donnear@cox.net)



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

**Oct 3 – Oktoberfest – 2:30 PM Sunday - Lunch & Concert at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse**

Oct 3 – Bob Salisbury – The Hunchback of Notre Dame 1:30 PM – California Theatre, San Bernardino

Oct 8 – Bob Salisbury – Phantom of the Opera 8 PM - Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS

Oct 24 – Tony Wilson – 2:30 PM – Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Oct 24 – Bob Salisbury – Concert 4 PM - Barnum Hall, Santa Monica

Nov 13 – Jack Gustafson Open House (additional details in the November Organ Log)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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