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WURLITZIA!

Sunday, May 22, 2pm at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

A musical extravaganza with ATOS President Ken Double as MC

Chris Gorsuch at the Wurlitzer and a special Steinway Concert Grand Piano

The Temple City High School Jazz Band

and a Silent movie with Russ Peck at the Wurlitzer

This will be a presentation of the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

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**July 2012
Southern California**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 has come and gone. The event was better attended this year than last year but not as well attended as we had hoped. Those of you who did not attend missed some wonderful performances.

The event began Friday evening at the Orpheum Theatre with the showing of "Her Wild Oat" starring Colleen Moore. Bob Salisbury accompanied the film and presented a musical score that fit the action on the screen very well.

Saturday morning we were treated to a pleasant surprise at the Disney El Capitan Theatre. Rob Richards presented a wonderful and varied program, which included two of Disney's early Mickey Mouse silent cartoons. Rob was joined by pianist Alex Zsolt for numerous duets. Rob and Alex have worked together on many prior occasions throughout the country.

LATOS extends it's sincere thanks to the Disney organization, El Capitan manager Ed Collins and artist Rob Richards for their efforts in helping to introduce the wonderful sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer to new generations.

Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 continued Saturday evening at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse with a stellar performance by Jelani Eddington on the Wurlitzer and the 7-foot grand piano.

The weekend was completed Sunday afternoon at Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton with an organ and orchestra program presented by the Orange County Theatre Organ Society.

Though technically not part of the Wurlitzer Weekend event, the Sunday evening Ron Rhode program at Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo is always enjoyed by the Wurlitzer Weekend participants.

Our next scheduled event is the annual picnic at the Chatsworth home of Ken and Jenice Rosen in July. There is an article about the picnic in this Organ Log.

Bob Kambeitz

YOUR LATOS BOARD

Board elections were held at the December meeting at South Pasadena High School. Shirley Burt and Neal Kissel were elected to fill positions previously held by Steve Asimow and Jim Dawson who had served two terms and were not eligible to run for the Board again. We thank Shirley and Neal for stepping forward to serve on the Board.

At the January Board meeting, Tony Wilson resigned from the Board because of scheduling difficulties between LATOS and priorities with his own company. At the February Board meeting, Jim Dawson was appointed to fill the Board position left vacant by Tony Wilson. Also, Maureen Fuller resigned from the Board as she is moving out of the Los Angeles area. At the March Board meeting, Bill Peterson offered to serve on the Board and was appointed to fill the position left vacant by Maureen Fuller.

Please be aware that some of your Board members travel a fair distance, at their own expense, to attend Board meetings. Neal Kissel drives from Bakersfield and Bob Kambeitz and Bill Peterson drive from San Diego.

The next Board elections will be held at the membership meeting in December. There will be three positions to fill and volunteers are needed to run for these positions. If you are able to spend one Saturday morning a month to help your organization, please consider running for the Board. Thank you.

POORMAN'S PIPE ORGAN CONVENTION

The 2011 Poorman's Pipe Organ Convention will be held Saturday April 30th and Sunday May 1st 2011. If you play, or just think you can play or just like to listen, this will be the place for you. There will be an almost 48 hour open console. Silent movies will be shown, we will have an "open to the public" silent movie show during the convention in case someone

wants to play a real theatre pipe organ in a real theatre before a live audience. That can be a dream come true for some lucky fellow or gal. This will be our 5th annual convention.

The convention location is the Granada Theater (661-326-1308) located at 616 Kentucky Street in Bakersfield CA 93305. Doors open at 8am April 30th and the event runs through Sunday May 1st. The organ is a 4/24 Robert Morton. The Snack and Beer Bar will be open.

There is no charge for the convention and no registration is required. Refreshments are on you. For those who don't desire a motel, you are invited to bring your sleeping bag and find a place in the theatre to crash. Playing and enjoying adult beverages will go till the wee hours. We do not discourage audio or video recording as long as there are no wires running around on the floor, by order of Fire Marshall. In some cases we can provide power. No lights for video will be allowed. The auditorium is dark and will stay that way. For a peek at last year's web page go to: www.Theatreorgans.com/SpohnGranada. Call 661-330-6733 if you have any questions.

Jim Spohn

ANNUAL LATOS PICNIC

The annual LATOS picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th, 2011 at the home of Jenice and Ken Rosen. The Rosens supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and fixings while LATOS members supply the rest of the food. The picnic starts at noon on the 9th with live entertainment at Ken's Wurlitzer to follow at approximately 2:00 p.m. The organist of the day is Dr. Leslie J. Deutsch.

Dr. Deutsch, the organist for the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) began his music studies on the trumpet at age seven but quickly moved to organ. He studied privately with Dr. Norman Wright, who was also George Wright's classical organ teacher, and with Dr. Thomas Harmon. Les enjoyed a very successful second career as a church and synagogue organist in Los Angeles, playing and conducting

choirs until he decided to leave all that to play piano in a professional Dixieland band. He has since worked with several of the country's most popular Dixieland bands--despite having never had a piano lesson. Les has also continued his trumpet playing and has taught himself many other wind and percussion instruments. He performs professionally on many of these.

Please contact Bill Campbell via e-mail, williamcampbellit@yahoo.com or home phone 714-563-9638 by June 30th and tell him what you plan to bring. We need to give the Rosens a head count. Please bring a dish to serve 6 to 8 people or soft drinks.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

2012 CONVENTION

Planning is moving along well for our 2012 National Convention in Southern California

The ATOS event will run from July 2nd (Overture) through July 7th (Encore) and will include 14 venues. Our host hotel will be the LAX Marriott with a very special room rate of \$99.00 per night. We will celebrate the 4th of July at the Hollywood Bowl with an evening of music and fireworks. A box dinner will be included.

We will spend a full day in San Diego hearing both new and rebuilt organs that our friends to the south have to offer.

We will need volunteers to help staff the convention, and your help will be appreciated. If you have never attended a national convention, here is your chance to meet a lot of theatre organ people and have a great time.

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



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

- Apr 9**, Saturday 7:30 PM – “From the Manger to the Cross”, 1912 Olcott film (B/W tinted) 70 min. filmed on location in Palestine and Egypt. Dr. Timothy Howard plays the pipe organ. Ascension Lutheran Church, 1600 E. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks 805-495-0406 www.alcto.org Free – offering taken to build series.
- Apr 10**, Sunday, 2:30 PM – Chris Elliott – “For Heaven’s Sake” – Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS
- Apr 15**, Friday, 7:00 PM – Bob Salisbury – “King of Kings” – EV Free main Sanctuary, 2801 Brea Blvd, Fullerton. 714-529-5544 Evfreefullerton.com
- May 14**, Saturday 1 PM – Bob Salisbury – Silent Film Festival, Avalon Theatre, Catalina Island. Details later.
- May 15**, Sunday 2 PM – Chris Gorsuch – Trinity Church, Spring Valley (San Diego)
- May 22**, Sunday – Ken Double – San Gabriel Mission Playhouse
- Jun 4**, Saturday – William Campbell – “College” Buster Keaton, Santa Ana Old Court House, 4th floor Exhibit Room, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. 714-834-2536

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