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Wurlitzer Weekend 2011!



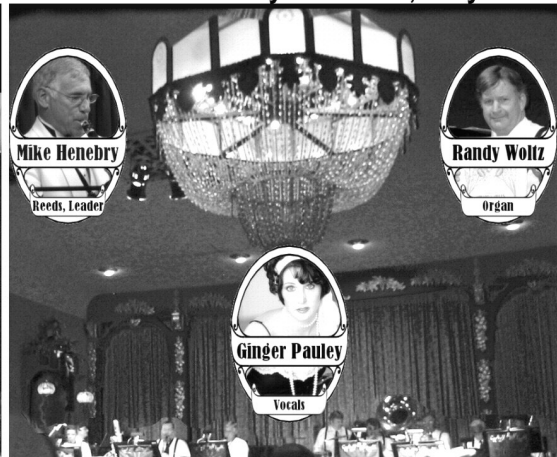
Rare Silent Comedy with Bob Salisbury
Friday, Jan 14, 8pm - Orpheum Theater
842 S. Broadway, Los Angeles



Concert & Movie with Rob Richards
Saturday, Jan 15, 10am - El Capitan Theatre
6838 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood



Theater Organ Concert with Jelani Eddington
Saturday, Jan 15, 7pm - The Mission Playhouse
320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel



Crazy Rhythm Hot Society Orchestra
with Randy Woltz on the Wurlitzer
Sunday, Jan 16, 2:30pm - Plummer Auditorium
201 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton

For Info & Tickets Visit LATOS.org (Website ready soon) or Call 1-888-LATOS22

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Our membership meeting and elections were held on December 12th at South Pasadena High School. Although there were articles about the meeting in two previous Organ Logs, I am sure many of you noticed that our December Organ Log was late in being delivered to remind you about this date. Recent conversion of the Organ Log to an electronic format has allowed us to easily incorporate more images and pictures for you to enjoy, and allows us to send it to the printer through the internet. However, we are still working out kinks associated with promised-versus-actual delivery time by the U.S. Postal Service; and shoring up timing with our own printing/distribution resource. Please accept my apology for the delay in the December Organ Log. We believe that we've made corrections in scheduling and deadlines so that this shouldn't happen again.

Tony Wilson has a small write-up on this page about Jerry Nagano's concert that we gave to you our members as a small token of our appreciation for your continued support.

While the crowd was small and not enough for a quorum, they were an enthusiastic group. I called the meeting to order and then had Tony Wilson present an overview to the membership about the upcoming milestone event, Wurlitzer Weekend on January 14, 15 and 16 (see info in this issue). Jim Dawson (our Treasurer) followed with an overview of 2010 financials. Other topics were discussed and then the floor was opened to questions by our members.

Finally, I asked for nominations from the floor. Shirley Burt and Neal Kissel formally submitted their names to run for positions on the board. They along with a nomination to reappoint Don Near were sufficient to fill the three vacancies on the board. All were unanimously appointed. We will have a special article in the February Organ Log to introduce you to Shirley and Neal, as they both have impressive backgrounds that could be beneficial to the membership and the goals of LATOS.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your President & Chairperson in 2010. I look forward to seeing you at Wurlitzer Weekend. My best wishes to you for a happy and healthy new year.

Yours, Maureen Fuller

CONCERT BY JERRY NAGANO

Personal Notes by Tony Wilson

LATOS members were treated to a concert by Jerry Nagano at the December 12th meeting at South Pasadena High School.

Jerry's program included 20's, 30's and 40's music; "Fiddle Faddle" by Leroy Anderson; popular music; holiday songs; and numerous pieces by well known composers that are rarely heard. Throughout the program, Jerry shared some interesting and light hearted insight and information about a number of the songs that he performed. Jerry's performance was enthusiastically received by the audience.

Jerry's performance was wonderfully refreshing, and gave me a chance to hear just about everything that the organ is capable of. I was able to appreciate how fantastic the LATOS' organ is at South Pas. High... a true gem!

About Jerry Nagano: Born and raised in Los Angeles, Jerry began his musical training at age ten. During his college years, Jerry was the organist at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, playing their fabulous Moller Pipe organ. Friendships were made which led to instruction with Gaylord Carter, Gordon Kibbee, and much later with the late Tom Hazleton.

For ten years Jerry was the featured artist at the famed Ye Olde Pizza Joynt in the Bay Area, home of the "Wurlitzer in a Pizza Parlor" concept. He is currently a staff member of the Stanford Theater in Palo Alto where Classic Hollywood is screened nightly with intermissions performed by Jerry on the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Thank you Jerry for a wonderful concert!

Tony Wilson

WURLITZER WEEKEND 2011!

It is **finally** here! In response to LATOS member feedback from previous events and concerts, an amazing weekend of music and entertainment has been lined up for Wurlitzer Weekend beginning Friday evening, January 14th, 2011 and concluding on Sunday, January 16th. Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 is co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society and the Orange County Theatre Organ Society.

Orpheum Theater: Friday, January 14th at 8pm, Bob Salisbury will accompany 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 was recently restored by the Academy Film Archive, from a print found at the Czech National Film Archive. The Orpheum Theater is located at 842 S. Broadway in Los Angeles. This landmark event has been planned in cooperation with the Los Angeles Conservancy.

El Capitan Theater: Saturday, January 15th at 10am, Rob Richards will perform a concert. A movie will be included as part of the program. The Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at El Capitan is the famous instrument that was originally installed in the Fox Theater in San Francisco and used for many recordings. The El Capitan Theater is located at 6838 Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood.

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse: Saturday, January 15th at 7pm. Jelani Eddington will perform a concert on the recently restored Wurlitzer that will include a wide variety of theatre pipe organ music. As many already know, Jelani is a popular organist who has performed throughout the USA for local theatre organ chapters and ATOS. The Mission Playhouse is located at 320 South Mission Drive in San Gabriel.

Plummer Auditorium: Sunday, January 16th at 2:30pm, the Crazy Rhythm Hot Society Orchestra will perform with Randy Woltz on the Wurlitzer pipe organ. The Crazy Rhythm Hot Society Orchestra is a 1920's Dance

Orchestra. They play Big Band music of 1920 to 1934, using note-for-note transcriptions from the original 78 rpm recordings of the "Roaring Twenties." Plummer Auditorium is located at 201 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton

Old Town Music Hall: Sunday, January 16th at 7pm; Ron Rhode will perform a concert on the 4-manual/26-rank Wurlitzer pipe organ. While this concert at Old Town Music Hall 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 or by phone at 310-322-2592. They are located at 140 Richmond Street in El Segundo

TICKET PRICES

You can obtain one “Passport” (PP) for all Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 events (excluding Old Town Music Hall) for only \$71.00, a savings of \$9.00 over individual tickets. The Passport or individual tickets are available by advance sale. Individual tickets are also available at the box office. Individual ticket prices are as follows:

| | <u>Box Office</u> | <u>Advance</u> |
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| Orpheum | \$20.00 | \$18.00 |
| El Capitan | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| San Gabriel Mission Playhouse | \$20.00 | \$18.00 |
| Plummer Auditorium | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| Old Town Music Hall add on (not inc. in PP) | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |

The Passport price (PP) plus the Town Music Hall add on is \$91.00. **You can obtain Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 Passports and/or individual tickets by calling our hot-line at 1-888-latos22; or by visiting our website at www.latos.org or by check payable to LATOS and mailed to Wurlitzer Weekend 2011 c/o 2721 W. 182nd St., Torrance, CA 90504-5228. DO NOT send to the Glendale Post Office Box.**



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SO-CAL COMING EVENTS

(LATOS Events in Bold Text)

Jan 14-16 – Wurlitzer Weekend 2011! (see article and information inside)

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

Jan 21, Friday, 8:15 PM, Jan 22, Saturday 2:30 & 8:15 PM, Jan 23, Sunday 2:30 PM – “The Thief of Baghdad”, 1924 silent with theatre organ - Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Jan 22, Saturday 2 PM – “Safety Last”, silent comedy, Scott Foppiano - Arlington Theatre, Santa Barbara

Feb 11, Friday 8 PM, Feb 12, Saturday 2 & 8 PM – Silent Movies; Dean Mora, Organ; Joe Rinaldo, Projectionist – The Nethercutt Collection, Sylmar

Mar 11, Friday 8:15 PM, Mar 12, Saturday 2:30 & 8:15 PM, Mar 13, Sunday 2:30 PM – “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”, 1923 silent drama with theatre organ - Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo

Mar 19, Saturday 8 PM – “Girl Shy”, silent comedy, Dennis James – Trinity Church, Spring Valley (San Diego)

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