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LATOS Member Meeting and Concert!

Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 PM

Pasadena City College – Sexson Auditorium

1570 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91106

- **Concert by Ken Rosen at the Wurlitzer**
- **Short Member Meeting**
- **Open Console to Follow Meeting**

This event will be open to Members, Friends and Guests

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CHARLOTTE HOPWOOD IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday May 22, 2011 a category 5 tornado destroyed a large portion of Joplin, Missouri. As of this writing in excess of 132 souls are confirmed lost as rescue personnel continue their painstaking search for more survivors and for those who perished in this horrible storm.

Charlotte Hopwood was for many years a loyal member of LATOS who served most of that time in the capacity of club secretary. Her skills were honed during her career with the Los Angeles Times newspaper. We could always count on her to keep an accurate account of LATOS' board meetings and help us put our other writings in proper order before being published. This however was only a small part of who she was. To all those who knew her, "Char" was a dear friend, always having a kind and cheerful word along with a positive attitude.

A few years ago Char sold her little house on Keystone Avenue in Burbank and moved with her brother to Joplin to be near their sister. The house she bought was a nice place with a beautiful shade tree out in front. Life was good but Char missed southern California and all of her friends here. She kept in regular contact with the members of LATOS by describing her life and the climate in Joplin, which alternated between, beautiful, to hot and muggy to cold and icy. One winter a couple of years ago there was a severe ice storm which paralyzed the area and knocked out the power for nine days. During this time Char had to live in a Motel. It was during these times of extreme weather conditions that she would say in her communications that she wished she could move back to southern California where the climate is far less severe. One of Char's favorite things in these messages was forwarding materials circulating around the Internet pertaining to animals and their behaviors and interactions. It was great fun to receive these notes and reciprocate with like kinds, which came our way from other sources while relaying news of LATOS' activities.

Char's luck ran out on Sunday evening May 22, 2011. We awoke Monday morning to news of the tornado, which had touched down in Joplin creating a path of destruction 1-mile wide by 6 miles long. Immediately, attempts were made to make contact with Char by phone and email only resulting in silence. Evidently, a friend of hers who lives nearby picked up her messages and emailed a brief but sketchy account of what had happened. Along with it he sent three photos taken at Char's address. The first photo depicted the scene from the curb, which was just a pile of splinters where Char's house had stood. The second showed just one wall left standing of Char's brother's bedroom. Finally, the third photo was of a blue velveteen chair found in the driveway. On the chair lay Char's bible on a wet cushion but otherwise intact as if to tell all that she is in God's hands now and in a much better place.

Further information has since been received regarding what actually took place in the residence during this tragic event. Char, along with her brother and sister were all in the living room. First there was torrential rain followed by a failure of the electrical utilities. Char got up and went to another room to obtain a flashlight. At that instant and without any warning the twister came through the house. The force collapsed the roof and blew Char's brother out into the driveway. The roof fell in on Char and her sister who miraculously escaped with only minor injuries, but leaving Char unaccounted for. The rubble was searched a total of three times over a one and one half day period before Char's body was finally located under that same collapsed roof. Char's brother and sister are now safe with relatives in Tennessee and Indiana, respectively.

We in Char's LATOS family extend our deepest sympathy to her remaining family members. Rest well dear friend, your work is done here and we will miss you.

Dorsey Caldwell
LATOS Board Member

LATOS BOARD MEETINGS

The next LATOS board meeting will be at 11:00 AM, Saturday June 11, 2011. The location will be the South Pasadena High School cafeteria. Members and Friends are encouraged to attend and provide input to your Board. The Board needs to know what types of events and activities the members want.

If you plan to attend a board meeting, please contact one of the board members to be sure that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled for some reason.

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

There will be a 2012 ATOS convention-planning meeting following the LATOS June board meeting. The board meeting typically runs from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to make this convention run smoothly so please consider making the commitment to assist with the convention.

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 call 800-539-8944.

Don Near, Convention Chairman

LATOS MEMBER MEETING, CONCERT *and* OPEN CONSOLE!

Sunday June 26 at 2:30 PM, we will have a member meeting and concert at Pasadena City College. We will begin with an **informal concert by Ken Rosen**. A brief member meeting will follow Ken's concert after which the Wurlitzer will be available for **open console**. Someone will be available to assist members with registration during this time. This meeting is open to Members, Friends and their guests and is not open to the public. There is no charge for the concert and open console but donations are welcome to help with auditorium charges. Please remember that there is a \$2 fee to park at PCC. Machines in the parking lots will issue a parking permit, which should be placed on the dashboard of your vehicle.

KEN ROSEN

Ken Rosen's lifetime devotion to the preservation and performance of Theater Organ started at 9 years old when he was inspired by the recordings of George Wright, Johnny Duffy and Leon Berry.

Ken has a degree in Music and English from C.S.U.N. and is a member of the California Bar Association. He is an avid record collector and has transcribed organ arrangements by Dick Leibert, Jesse Crawford and Reginald Foort for Bradley Publications. This summer, Ken's Vinyl Gold Records will release never before available Theater Organ recordings of Buddy Cole, George Wright and others as online downloads.

Ken has performed for LATOS at Pasadena City College, the Orpheum and Wilshire Ebell Theaters, the Casino Theater (Avalon) and at Dodger Stadium. He is a regular artist for V.O.S.

Ken owns and maintains the historic Hollywood Pig 'N Whistle Wurlitzer Opus 474 in his home studio. He performs for public and private events throughout the year on this 2/12 Wurlitzer. Ken hosts silent film evenings, playing the score for comedy shorts and full length feature films, as well as the annual ATOS picnic.

ANNUAL LATOS PICNIC

Remember that the annual LATOS picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, July 9th, 2011** at the home of Jenice and Ken Rosen. The picnic **starts at noon** on the 9th with live entertainment at Ken's Wurlitzer to follow at approximately 2:00 p.m. An article with details about the picnic ran in the April Organ Log and will be repeated next month.



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

- Jun 12, Sunday 2 PM – Wayne & Cheryl Seppala, Piano & Organ Duets – Trinity Church, Spring Valley (San Diego)
- Jun 17, Friday 8:15 PM, Jun 18, Saturday 2:30 PM & 8:15 PM, Jun 19, Sunday 2:30 PM – “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea” (1916) – Old Town Music Hall, El Segundo – 310-322-2592
- Jun 17, Friday 8 PM, Jun 18, Saturday 2 PM & 8 PM – Jonathan Ortloff – The Nethercutt Collection, Sylmar – Call 818-364-6464 May 18 between 4 PM and 6 PM
- Jun 19, Sunday 2:30 PM - Jonathan Ortloff – Plummer Auditorium – OCTOS
- Jun 26, Sunday 2:30 PM – LATOS Member Meeting, Informal Concert with Ken Rosen and OPEN CONSOLE at Pasadena City College** (an opportunity for members to play the mighty WurliTzer)
- Jun 27, Monday 7:30 PM - Jonathan Ortloff – Spreckels Organ Pavilion Balboa Park (San Diego)
- Jun 29, Wednesday 8 PM – “Safety Last” (Harold Lloyd) – Robert Israel and Stage Show with Dean Mora – Orpheum Theatre, Last Remaining Seats – www.laconservancy.org, 213-430-4219
- Jun 30 to Jul 4 – ATOS Convention – Providence, RI
- Jul 9, Saturday 12 Noon – Annual Picnic at the Rosen’s home. Live entertainment on the Wurlitzer pipe organ!** (Details in April Organ Log and in upcoming July Organ Log)

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