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WURLITZIA!

**Sunday, May 22 at 2 PM
at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse**

**A musical extravaganza with ATOS President Ken Double as MC
Chris Gorsuch at the Wurlitzer & special Steinway Concert Grand Piano**

**The Temple City High School Jazz Band
and Silent movie with Russ Peck at the Wurlitzer**

A Presentation of the Mission Playhouse

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this, the Poorman's Organ Convention in Bakersfield will be but a memory. We ran an article in the last Organ Log about the convention. I was not able to attend this year but have attended in past years and wanted to share my enjoyment of these past conventions.

The Poorman's Organ Convention takes place at the Granada Theatre in the old section of Bakersfield. The convention is the brainchild of Jim Spohn, who owns the Granada Theatre. He wanted to create an inexpensive venue where theatre organ fans could come to listen and play if he or she wished.

The Granada is a small neighborhood theatre built in the late 1920's. The theatre did not have an organ but had a place for a piano. Provision was made for a sound system, as they knew that "talkies" were on their way. Jim removed some of the seats and built chambers on each side of the theatre.

The organ is a hybrid containing 24 ranks of Wurlitzer, Morton and other makes of pipe work. The console is an early Robert Morton 3 manual which has a fourth manual added. In addition to the interesting and varied music, many technical discussions occur over the weekend. Jim Spohn and his wife Lucy are gracious hosts and attendees enjoy their hospitality.

Bob Kambeitz

LATOS BOARD MEETINGS

The next LATOS board meeting will be at 11:00 AM, Sunday May 22, 2011. The location will be the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. The meeting is prior to the Wurlitzia event at the Mission Playhouse. This is a different time and location for the meeting.

LATOS board meetings are usually held the second Saturday of each month in the South Pasadena High School cafeteria. The meeting time is 11:00 AM. 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 800-539-8944.

Don Near, Convention Chairman

AN ELECTRONIC ORGAN LOG?

LATOS has three fixed costs: accounting, casualty and liability insurance, and the Organ Log. These three expenses alone exceed our income from annual dues.

As a not-for-profit organization, LATOS does not pay taxes, but we are required by law to have our books audited by a registered CPA who prepares an annual report to the IRS and State of California. Casualty insurance covers damage to the organs, while liability covers injury by those attending our events. The venues that we use require us to carry liability before we can set foot on their property.

Our greatest single fixed expense is the Organ Log. It now costs us the bulk of your annual dues to print and mail the Log.

We are now preparing the Organ Log

electronically, which means it could be transmitted directly to you in PDF form via email, reducing the cost of printing and postage. Aside from saving LATOS money, you would receive your Log sooner, and those who file your Logs for future reference could do so by downloading to a CD and store years of Logs on one small CD.

If you would be interested in receiving your Organ Log via email, please contact one of your board members.

Donn Linton

ON LOCATION: SILENT FILMS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Between 1910 and 1930, Orange County might well have been called “Hollywood’s back lot.” Hundreds of films, ranging from comic shorts and newsreels to full-length silent movies were made during this period. “The Two Brothers,” filmed in 1910 at Mission San Juan Capistrano under the direction of legend D.W. Griffith, was the first motion picture filmed in Orange County. Movie greats Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton and native Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle all appeared in movies here, as well as Gilbert Roland, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Lon Chaney and Rudolph Valentino. This exhibit includes photographs, artifacts, props, movie posters, and a replica costume from Theda Bara’s “Cleopatra,” filmed on location in Orange County. The exhibit runs May 5 through August 5, 2011.

As part of this historical exhibit, Bill Campbell will be accompanying the silent film, *College*, with Buster Keaton, on Saturday, June 4th, 2011 at 2:00 pm. The movie will be shown at the old Santa Ana Courthouse building, located at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd in Santa Ana. Admission is free. Contact Bill Campbell for any further details.

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SO-CAL COMING EVENTS

(LATOS Events in Bold Text)

- May 14, Saturday 1:30 PM – Bob Salisbury – “Sea Hawk”, Avalon Theatre, Catalina Island
May 15, Sunday 2 PM – Chris Gorsuch – Trinity Church, Spring Valley (San Diego)
May 22, Sunday – Ken Double – San Gabriel Mission Playhouse – ATOS Event
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
Jun 4, Saturday 7:30 PM – Bob Salisbury – “The Mark of Zorro” Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long
Beach
Jun 12, Sunday 2 PM – Wayne and Cheryl Seppala, Piano and Organ Duets – Trinity Church, Spring
Valley (San Diego)
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 30 to Jul 4 – ATOS Convention – Providence, RI

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