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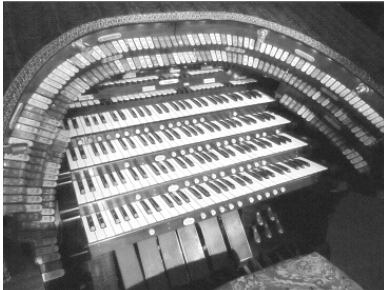
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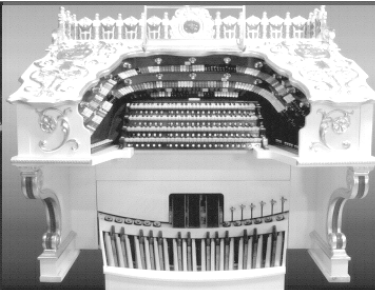
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ATOS 2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION NEXT MONTH!

July 2nd to July 8th



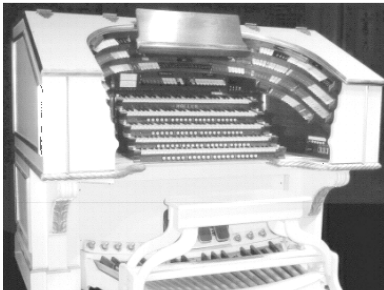
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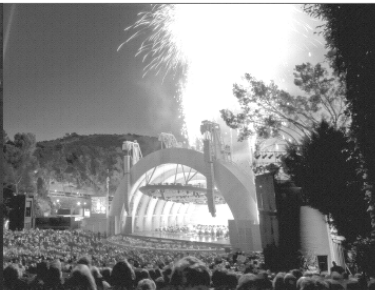
Balboa Theatre



Balboa Park



Pasadena Civic Auditorium



Hollywood Bowl



Barnum Hall



Trinity Church



San Gabriel Mission Playhouse



First Congregational Church (L.A.)



Plummer Auditorium



The Nethercutt Collection



Trousdale Castle

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EXCITING NEWS!
Bob Ralston Concert and Show
for LATOS on September 30!

CONFIRMED!

We are thrilled to announce that on Sunday, September 30 at 2:30pm, Bob Ralston will perform a concert and show at the Founders Center in Los Angeles on their fabulous 4-Manual/32-Rank Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ! Bob Ralston is best known for his long tenure as a featured organist and pianist on the Lawrence Welk Show, and for many concerts and shows across the USA that have received rave reviews! Look for info and a feature article about this exciting event in upcoming issues of the Organ Log and on the LATOS website.

LAST CALL

2012 ATOS ANNUAL CONVENTION
Here in Southern California!

This month of June will be your last chance to sign up for the 2012 ATOS National Convention that will be held right here in southern California, and promises to be one of the best yet! The Convention will run from Monday, July 2nd (Overture) through Sunday, July 8th (Encores on Saturday and Sunday) and will include 12 different venues (cover picture).

The convention will be a **very rare opportunity** to hear top artists from across the nation (and abroad) perform on some of southern California's finest theatre pipe organ installations, as well as a few very unique venues – all in one week!

Our host hotel will be the LAX Marriott with a very special room rate of \$99.00 per night. **For LATOS members, this could be a fun way to have a mini getaway with the convenience of shuttles that will run to and from all of the events, and to socialize with artists and members afterwards.**

MONDAY, JULY 2nd:

Scott Foppiano will perform on the magnificent pipe organ at the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles. The organ boasts 5-manuals and approximately 346 ranks and 265 stops.

Lyn Larsen and Chris Elliott will perform on the 3-manual/26-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the Trousdale Castle in Placentia.

Tony Wilson will perform on the 4-manual/27-rank theatre pipe organ (mostly Wurlitzer) at the Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo.

TUESDAY, JULY 3rd:

The day will start with performances on the 3-manual/19-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at Barnum Hall in Santa Monica by **finalists in the Young Theatre Organist Competition**. These top finalists will be from the flagship competition of the American Theatre Organ Society. It is the premier showcase for young theatre organ musicians and is an essential part of ATOS's role in assuring the future of the entire theatre organ movement. **You will truly enjoy these very talented artists.**

A **Membership Meeting** will immediately follow at Barnum Hall after the performances.

The **ATOS Marketplace and Record Shop will officially open this day**. There will also be a **No-Host Reception**.

The evening will bring you **Walt Strony** and **Mark Herman** in concert on the 5-manual/28-rank Moller theatre pipe organ at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. This is the legendary touring organ that travelled throughout the United Kingdom with organist Reginald Foort.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th:

Seminars and **performances will be held simultaneously in multiple large rooms throughout the day by top artists**. A schedule of these events will be provided to attendees when they arrive at the convention, and will also be seen in signage at the hotel.

The evening of July 4th will be celebrated at the famous **Hollywood Bowl** where American pop icon **Barry Manilow** will join the Bowl's popular tribute to our nation's birthday. The evening will include Barry's many hits as well as traditional patriotic music, and of course, fabulous fireworks. Transportation and a box dinner will be included for 2012 ATOS conventioners who attend this concert.

THURSDAY, JULY 5th:

A day in San Diego will start with a performance by **Dave Wickerham** on the 4-manual Austin pipe organ at the Spreckles Organ Pavilion.

At noon, there will be box lunch followed by **Jerry Nagano** performing on the 4-manual/ 24-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at Trinity Church.

In the mid afternoon, **Jelani Eddington** will perform on the 4-manual/24-rank "Wonder Morton" theatre pipe organ at the Balboa Theatre.

Everyone will then return to the LAX Marriott Hotel for an evening to socialize, or to see instruments at the hotel, or to simply relax.

FRIDAY, JULY 6th:

The day will start off with a performance by **Chris Elliot** on the 4-manual/35-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton.

Attendees will be treated in the afternoon to a performance by **Tony Fenelon** on the 3-manual/17-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel.

An Awards Banquet will occur in the evening (an optional event).

SATURDAY, JULY 7th (Optional Afterglow #1):

Morning/Afternoon– Lunch will include a tour of the famous Nethercutt Museum, followed by a concert with popular organist **Simon Gledhill** performing on the 4-manual/73-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the Nethercutt Collection.

Evening– Free Time

SUNDAY, JULY 8th (Optional Afterglow #2):

Morning/Afternoon will include an excursion boat tour to Catalina Island, Lunch at the Galleon Restaurant, a tour of the famous Avalon Casino and a demonstration of the **Avalon Theatre's 4-manual/16-rank Page theatre pipe organ.**

Convention Info & Registration Forms can be found in the January/February issue of the Theatre Organ magazine (the Journal of the ATOS), and in subsequent issues. Info is also available on-line at <http://www.atos.org/conventions/2012>

DONNIE RANKIN

A Successful Evening at Barnum Hall

By Jim Dawson

The evening of April 28 found an eager audience present in the beautiful Barnum Hall on the campus of Santa Monica High School for an evening of organ music and silent films. Donnie Rankin, a winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Organist Competition was the featured artist and he did not disappoint!

The event, billed as a benefit for the Santa Monica High School Music Program and an opportunity to display a brand new projection system, was supported with the donation of Mr. Rankin's fee from the LATOS Education Fund.

The Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ was donated to the school by LATOS member Gordon Belt. The installation was completed over a year ago but the instrument has not been heard by the general public since the dedication concert, although the organ is apparently used for school classes and events. LATOS member Henry Hunt has worked closely with the school and the music program over the years.

Donnie scored two silent film comedies, "Their Purple Moment" starring Laurel & Hardy, and "One Week" starring Buster Keaton. In addition to a program of music on the theatre pipe organ, Donnie performed a number on the drums - accompanying the pipe organ as it played back music that he pre-recorded before the concert.

The crowd might have been larger but many of the Santa Monica High School music students were attending a music competition in Las Vegas. Those students who could attend were overheard commenting that they wished that the concert could be repeated because they had many friends that they would like to bring back to hear the theatre organ and to see silent films.

LATOS is looking forward to utilizing this fine theatre organ in the beautifully restored Barnum Hall for future events.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMING EVENTS *(LATOS Events are in larger/bold text)*

June 10, Sunday at 2:00pm – **Paul Roberts** performs on the Wurlitzer at Trinity - 3902 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley (San Diego area) – Visit <http://tossd1.webs.com>

June 15, Friday at 8:00pm and June 16, Saturday at 2:00pm and 8:00pm – **Paul Roberts** performs at The Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar - Tickets will be available by calling on May 16th from 4:00 to 6:00pm

June 20, Wednesday at 7:30pm – Concert for the Valley Organ Society (artist to be announced) on a Rodgers theatre organ (electronic) at the Little White Chapel Social Hall, 1711 N. Avon St., Burbank Admission \$5 at door.

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POSTPONED: July 22, Sunday – Summer Pot-Luck Picnic & Concert at Ken and Jenice Rosen's Organ Studio. The picnic will occur on a different date/different location. Look for info in upcoming Organ Log issues.

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