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Scott Foppiano In Concert

Including Two Short Silent Comedy Films!

Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 2:30pm

at the historic San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776



Scott Foppiano at the console of the West Point Chapel Organ

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The Los Angeles Theater Organ Society presents a unique and exciting concert event featuring artist Scott Foppiano performing on the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse's fabulous Wurlitzer pipe organ. The program will include a variety of popular songs, some selections from the American Songbook, as well as a few seasonal favorites for Halloween. Scott will also accompany two short classic silent film comedies including "Get Out and Get Under" starring Harold Lloyd; and "Habeas Corpus" starring Laurel & Hardy.

Scott Foppiano discovered his love of music during his earliest years when he studied organ and played for weekday church services. When he discovered the exciting sound of the theater pipe organ at the Memphis Orpheum Theatre, he immediately began studying theatre pipe organ techniques. Scott later entered the University of North Carolina School of the Arts as an organ performance major with Dr. John and Margaret Mueller. He also studied with Dr. David Lowry at Winthrop University, Donna Robertson at Mars Hill College, Dr. Robert Glasgow at the University of Michigan, and privately with William Whitehead; and studied theatre and classical organ privately with the late Thomas Hazleton. Scott holds a B.Mus and M.Mus.

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Scott Foppiano In Concert, continued:

Scott performs concerts and recitals on theatre and classical organs, and accompanies silent films throughout the U.S. and abroad. After his solo recital at the Cadet Chapel of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in July 2007, Scott was named the ATOS Organist of the Year.

Don't miss the chance to hear a unique musical performance by Scott Foppiano, and see two hilarious silent comedy films at the hidden treasure of the San Gabriel Valley, the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Advance Tickets \$15; Day of the Event \$20 (\$15 for LATOS and FOTO members); Under 18 Free. **Visit LATOS.org** shortly after Sept. 7 for info and advance tickets.

Membership Meeting

After the Scott Foppiano Concert



The LATOS annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6th, at the Mission Playhouse right after the Scott Foppiano Concert. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect three members for our board of directors, and to hold a general discussion. The meeting should start at 4:30PM, and take no more than 30 minutes. After the concert, please meet in the front rows near the organ.

I will start with a presentation of our accomplishments this year,

Membership Meeting, continued:

outline plans for 2014, then present the three candidates that the nominating committee chose for terms expiring at the end of 2013. We will then open the floor for nominations for board members. If the number of nominees exceeds the three vacancies, we will distribute a ballot with candidates for the 3 year term commencing in Jan., 2014. If we do not have more than three nominees, we will not hold an election, and they will be considered elected. There will be an open comment session, and then the meeting will adjourn.

A LATOS member can become a member of the board through appointment by the board to fill a vacancy. Currently, there is one vacancy on our nine member board. The second way is to submit a petition to the Board, before the Sept. 14, 2013 board meeting with a request to be placed on the membership meeting ballot. The petition must be signed and endorsed by two LATOS members. The third way is to be nominated by a LATOS member at the annual meeting. As we are a chapter of ATOS (American Theatre Organ Society) only members of both LATOS and ATOS may vote or hold office.

The board meets on the 2nd Saturday of odd months. The meetings focus on policy and financial decisions on behalf of LATOS. We also volunteer at concerts as our schedules allow, plan events for the membership, and oversee the care and repair of our instruments. This fine group of people is committed to making LATOS a dynamic organization that reaches out to new audiences, and attends to the requests of our membership.

Membership Meeting, continued:

If you have any questions about joining the board, please contact me at angie-hougen-latos@latos.org See you at the membership meeting!

Angie Hougen, *President & Chairperson*

Member Appreciation

Member Appreciation Day on August 17th at the Old Town Music Hall started with a 2 hour open console on the 4-manual theatre pipe organ. The light turnout for this part of the event might have been due to "stage fright," but when the word gets out about how much fun it was, attendance will no doubt pick up. With limited space, the following are just few photos of those who played. Your photo was taken if you played, and if you would a full-sized image, simply email your name contact info to LATOS1@verizon.net



Esther Pineda

Phil McKinley



Bill Peterson

Owner, Bill Field

Members were then treated to a movie matinee with a silent film accompanied by Bill Field, who is a *wonderful* organist. LATOS is grateful to Bill for his hospitality at this fun event.

Short Silent Comedy Film Fest. with Dean Mora on the Theatre Pipe Organ!

This upcoming Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 7pm

at the South Pasadena High School Auditorium

1401 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030

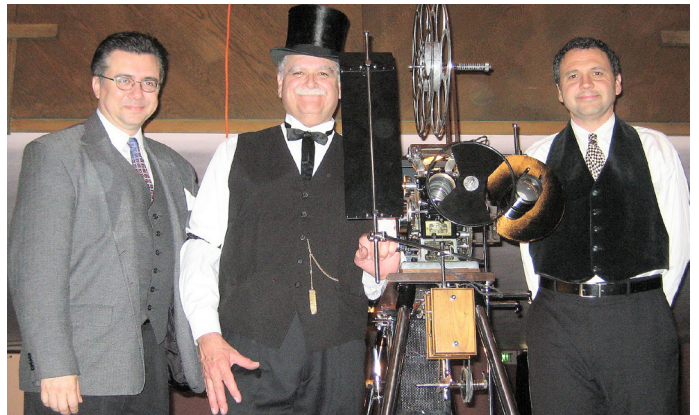


A Close-up photo of LATOS' own Wurlitzer at the high school.

This very special Silent Movie event will showcase classic short silent comedy films that will include the memorable talents of Max Fleischer, Mack Sennett, Larry Semon and Laurel & Hardy on the big screen. Artist Dean Mora will accompany the films on LATOS' own Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ, and Joe Rinaudo will run these classic silent comedies on his vintage hand-cranked projector (assisted by Gary Gibson). The experience of seeing classic silent short films accompanied by the talented Dean Mora and played by Joe Rinaudo



The South Pasadena High School Auditorium with organ on stage.



Left-to-Right: Dean Mora (Organist), Joe Rinaudo and Gary Gibson

on an early 1900's vintage hand-crank projector will be a truly unique and must-see event.

Advance Tickets \$15; Day of the Event \$20 (only \$15 LATOS/FOTO members); Under 18 Free. Visit LATOS.org for more info.

Quote of the Month

"The organ is the grandest, the most daring, the most magnificent of all instruments invented by human genius." *Honore de Balzac* - French novelist and playwright.

"Mystery Photo"

Ken and Rose Crome were the only ones to guess the answer to the August "Mystery Photo" puzzler. The organ was a 2 manual Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ, and (from Ken's email), "We think the organ was installed in the Monrovia High School and we know that Mr. Jut Williams taught organ there for years. In fact he taught piano to our daughter many years ago. As far as the organist in the photo, we think he is Tom Ruzika". Ken and Rose, you are exactly right (*well done!*) Many members of

LATOS may know that Ken and Rose have owned and operated the Crome Organ Company, and for *many* years have restored and installed some of the finest theatre pipe organs in the U.S. Ken and Rose's company started in Los Angeles, and is currently in Reno, Nevada.

Thanks to Tom Ruzika who provided the August "Mystery Photo" and interesting facts about its original home, a theatre in Monrovia. Eventually we will publish an article about the organ's history. *Look for a new puzzler next month!*



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Southern California Theatre Organ Related Events

September 7, 2013 – Saturday at 7:00pm - Short Silent Comedy Film 'Fest' with Dean Mora on the Wurlitzer organ at South Pasadena High School. *Read about it in [this issue](#).*

October 6, 2013 - Sunday at 2:30pm – Scott Foppiano in Concert with two short silent films and a sing-along at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel. *Read about it in [this issue](#).*

October 19, 2013 - Saturday at 6:30pm – Bob Salisbury accompanies the silent comedy, “College” starring Buster Keaton at the University of Redlands Chapel, 1200 E. Colton Ave. in Redlands. Free Admission.

November 3, 2013 - Sunday at 4:00pm – Bob Salisbury accompanies “Peter Pan” Kirk of the Valley Presbyterian Church 19620 Vanowen Street, Reseda (CA). Admission \$10.00

November 17, 2013 – Sunday at 2:30pm – Jerry Nagano in Concert at the Plummer Auditorium on 201 E. Chapman Ave Fullerton, CA 92832. Members \$12, Non-Members \$15 and Kids Free.

ONGOING: The Organ Grinders every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Open console on a digital theatre organ (also a volunteer pot-luck). 1270 Lincoln Ave., Suite 100, Pasadena, CA 91103 Info and directions: 626-791-9193

ONGOING: Concerts, Movies & Shows at the Old Town Music Hall, 140 Richmond Street, El Segundo. Many events featuring the 4-manual theatre pipe organ. Call (310) 322-2592 (recorded info) or visit <http://www.oldtownmusichall.org>

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