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Pasadena City College Organ Fundraiser Concert

at Old Town Music Hall, featuring Mark Herman and friends.

Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Open Seating with donation at the door. *Suggested donation, \$20.00*



JUNE 29 - JULY 2

Register now
[Online Registration here](#)



ATOS Annual Convention 2018 Based in Pasadena:

Hosted by Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society.
Go to www.atos2018.org for more information.

The Forgotten Organ at SPHS **PART OF OUR FUTURE**

Written by LATOS Vice President, Edward Torres

The meeting with South Pasadena High School's Tiger Newspaper students and the two members of LATOS was a terrific opportunity to spread awareness of theater organs and the real gem that is installed at South Pasadena High. Dorsey and I arrived in the morning hours to wake up the organ from its slumber and he filled me in on what the plan was for the day. Soon the students walked in and I will never forget the looks on their face when we threw back the organ cover and they had their first look at the Wurlitzer console. Their mouths and eyes opened wide and they just stared in amazement at the grandeur of it!

The students wanted to know everything about it and were eager to hear it. Dorsey was interviewed about the history of the organ and what these instruments were used for originally with silent films and playing "mood music". They interviewed me for a short time and I explained what different stops sounded like and even played some silent film cue music for them (chase scene, love scene etc.) which they absolutely loved. They started climbing around in the chambers to see how the instrument worked and I remember it was great fun for them to watch the percussion move about as I played from the console.

They recorded some of my playing and took different shots of me playing the pedals and working the manuals.

Two of the students that came also played classical piano, and as they looked on to me playing I had a feeling that they wanted to give the instrument a try. I sat each of them down and gave a short crash course lesson on organ playing and off they went. They were absolutely entranced by the organ and were a bit reluctant to get off the bench when it was time to go home. It was a pleasure working with such mature young people and helping them to understand that these instruments which were a part of our past can still be a part of our future.

Editor's note; this is a must see video! You will truly be impressed and inspired.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdutY_fwxi8



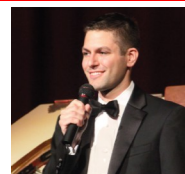
A newly refurbished Wurlitzer finds a permanent home at Whittier High School!

You are invited to join community members for a FREE concert on

Saturday, April 7 at 3PM.

Come enjoy an "Old School Pep Rally" featuring internationally acclaimed organist Mark Herman in a fun and festive "variety show" that will highlight the diversity of the organ and will include dancing, skits, a silent movie and so much more! Come hear Mark and the rich sounds of the Wurlitzer.

For more information please visit www.whittierhighalumni.org/event.



LATOS DUES

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Go to www.latos.org, click on the MEMBERSHIP link and then select "JOIN / RENEW NOW"

**Join us for a free organ concert
the entire family will enjoy!**



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The Whittier High School Alumni Association & Educational Foundation

"An Old School Pep Rally"

Saturday, April 7, 2018

2:30PM Doors Open • 3PM Show Begins

Free community event

CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION
OF THE THEATER ORGAN

Join us!



The VIC LOPEZ AUDITORIUM
Whittier High School

WURLITZER
Organ
Dedication

**Old
SCHOOL**

PEP RALLY



*Featuring
International
Organist*

MARK HERMAN

Spotlight on the organ to include:

Silent Movie • Dance Performances • Music Through the Decades • Fun Skits
And so much more!

For more info and to RSVP, please visit www.whittierhighalumni.org/event

Pasadena Civic Moller.

Written by, Mark Herman

After a very productive couple of work sessions, all of the releathered solo wind chests are back online, and the removed/cleaned pipework reinstalled. Much more work to do, it is great to hear the organ again. Its 80th-anniversary celebration with Richard Hills will coincide with the opening night of the [2018 ATOS Convention | Pasadena](#). I'm so proud of our wonderful and talented crew, which includes Kevin R. Cartwright, Randy Bergen, Ken Kukuk, Don Hibben, Edward Torres, Stirling Yearian, David Smith, Dorsey Caldwell, Andre Rigden, and many others! You guys are the best, and Pasadena and the organ world at large thanks you for helping bring this remarkable instrument back to concert level! Now back to work...!

Read all about the history of this organ on ATOS website. <http://www.atos.org/FoortMoller>



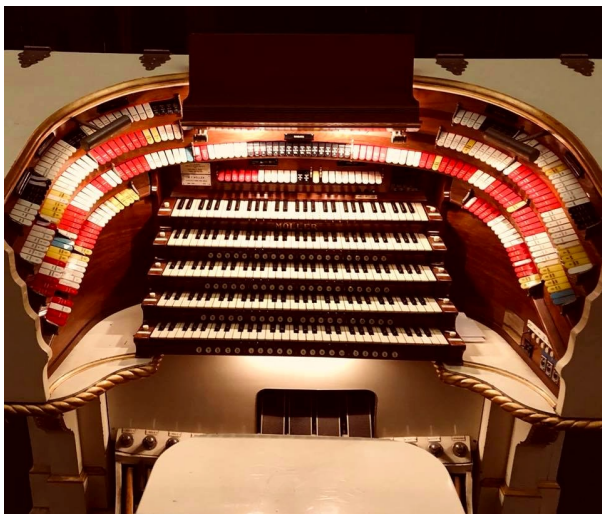
Randy Bergum & Mark Herman



Don Hibben & Kevin Cartwright



David Smith & Mark Herman



The crew take a well deserved refueling break at Barney's Beanery. Stirling, Ken, Mark, Kevin, Randy & Don.



WANTED

Theatre Organ CDs, Records, and Sheet Music

LATOS is looking for donations for the Convention Record Shop.
Please contact Mark Herman for more information at
mark@losangelesorgan.com or (626) 524-0090.



"The doors are always open for donations."

From Treasurer, Bill Campbell: As a non-profit organization, LATOS depends on its membership fees and donations to pay the operational expenses of the chapter. If you would like to donate to our chapter, checks can be mailed to our PO Box 15626, Anaheim, CA 92803. OR EVEN EASIER, donate online!
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So Cal Theatre Organ Related Events

March 25, 2018—Sunday, at 7:00pm. PCC Organ Fundraiser Concert at Old Town Music Hall. See page 1.

April 7, 2018—Saturday, 3:00pm. Wurlitzer Organ dedication at Whittier High School. See page 2.

AND, LAST ONE OF THE SEASON!!!

April 22, 2018—Silent Sundays: Walt Strony at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Featuring the Buster Keaton comedy, “The Cameraman”

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

ONGOING: Concerts at The Nethercutt Collection. Visit <http://www.nethercuttcollection.org/Calendar.aspx> for dates & info.

ONGOING: The Organ Grinders every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Open console on a Roland Atelier (also a volunteer pot-luck). Westminster Presbyterian Church. 1757 North Lake Ave., Pasadena, in the “Lawrence Chapel” (not in main sanctuary). Free parking in the rear. Contact Elly Reitz 626-281-3311 for more info.

OTHER EVENTS: Visit GoOrgan.com for an extensive list of theatre and classical organ concerts throughout southern California.

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