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LATOS SOCIAL, CONCERT, & OPEN CONSOLE

Pot-Luck, Saturday, Jan. 19, 10-1pm



Join the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society as we gather for a concert, open console, and social hour generously hosted by Mr. Bill Field and Edward Torres at the incomparable Old Town Music Hall!

Member-Organist Charlton Quinn will play a concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ followed by an open console session. Please bring; hors d-oeuvres, entrée dish, or desert to share at this fun, free, pot-luck social at the Old Town Music Hall!

Old Town Music Hall
140 Richmond St
El Segundo, California 90245

**Stick around after the event for Old Town Music Hall's all-star comedy festival. A selection of silent and sound comedies.
Box office opens at 2:00pm.**

Submit all articles or pix to the editor at fodofixer@msn.com or leave message Vicki Yearian, 951-943-1747

HISTORIC REGINALD FOORT ORGAN PLAYS AGAIN FOR THE PUBLIC

People attending the holiday presentation of The Wonderful Winter of OZ at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium were treated to an extra during the three-week run of the play. LATOS member and Treasurer, Bill Campbell, provided a pre-show concert using the Foort Möller. The organ had not been used much over the recent past. However with the work done on the organ by several LATOS members in preparation for the 2018 ATOS Convention, the organ played great! There were no ciphers, and the organ was in wonderful shape. The public and members of the Civic staff made positive comments about the music. Bill played before all twenty showings of the play.



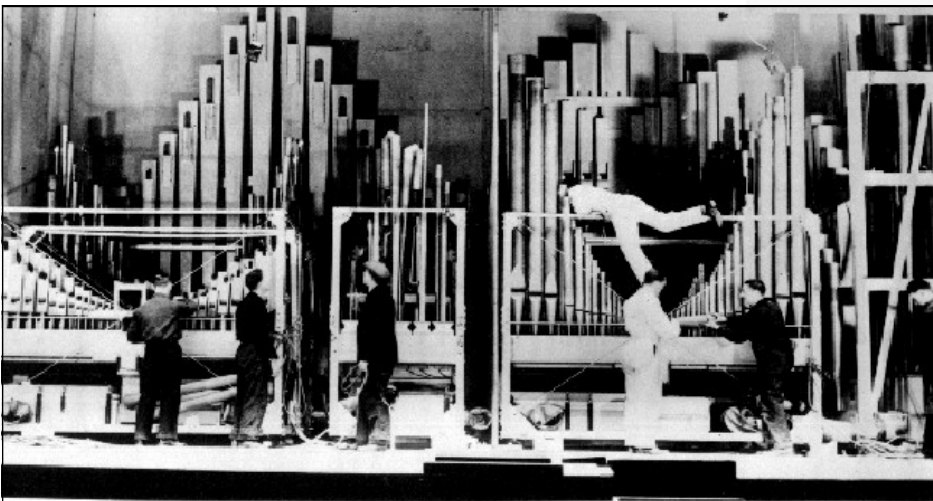
Bill Campbell and the Foort Moller at Pasadena Civic.

Reginald Foort's traveling Möller organ specification and history

Weighing 30 tons! Reginald Foort's specially commissioned 27 rank Möller organ has five manuals, 259 stops, over 100 pistons, and almost 3,000 pipes! The organ was transported in sections by a fleet of five trucks with a staff of thirteen technicians. During Foort's travels from 1938 onwards the organ was set up 167 times at 118 different locations. In 1941 Foort loaned the organ to the BBC after theirs was destroyed by German bombing. The BBC subsequently purchased it in 1946, erecting it at the Jubilee Hall, London. In 1963, the BBC sold the organ to Radio Hilversum. In 1975, after a thorough refurbishment, it went to a pizza parlor in Pacific Beach, California, where Foort rededicated the organ. In 1979 it was installed in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium where Foort attended its inaugural performance on April 23, 1980. He died in Pasadena less than a month after that performance.

Most theatres were not organ equipped so Reginald surmised it would be necessary to have an instrument which could be taken down after the last show on Saturday night, transported to the next theatre, usually within a 100 miles and set up ready for the first show Monday evening. Foort describes the Traveling Organ in his book "The Cinema Organ" Reginald imagined and created an organ on a grand scale which would be impressive when compared to other theatre organs that would have been installed in nearby theatres. Unfortunately the timing of this project was not good. WW2, war in Europe, cut short the travel of this unique organ and after a successful 10 months it came to an abrupt halt when half of the trucks were taken for the transport of war materials.

<http://theatreorgans.com/travellingmoller/index.htm/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reginald_Foort.



Pre WW2 traveling Möller Organ needed a fleet of five trucks and a staff of thirteen technicians.

LATOS CHRISTMAS & ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual LATOS Christmas Party, held Dec. 8, 2018 at The Vic Lopez Auditorium, Whittier High School, was well attended by over 65 guests. Mark Herman presented our group with a wonderfully festive Holiday Concert of our favorite Christmas music, followed by a brief LATOS Annual Meeting, with all the current board being promoted to 2019 board. Then all enjoyed a yummy catered luncheon on the patio. Many folks played the awesome Wurlitzer during the open console but left before the group photo. Honorable mention to those signed up to play; Ed Sinclair, Bill Campbell, Stan Harris, Toby Washburn, Charlton Quinn, John Reed-Torres, Stirling Yearian, and Ken Rozelle. Beautiful music!!!



with Stirling Yearian, Kevin R. Cartwright, Charlton Quinn and Mark Herman.



SILENT SUNDAY SERIES, "ELLA CINDERS"

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 1/27/19, 2:30pm. 1926's *Ella Cinders* featuring silent film star Colleen Moore, a film that is "full of laughs that reach your heart." Adapted from the popular comic strip loosely based on the Cinderella story, Moore plays Ella, a small town girl ill-treated by her wicked step mother and stepsisters. In the hopes of winning a trip to Hollywood and getting a part in a film, she enters a local contest. Does she win the contest and become a Hollywood star? You'll have to come and see. Film accompanied by Mark Herman on the Mighty Wurlitzer.

You've heard it said



that, is not true.

No News is, No GOOD!

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So Cal Theatre Organ Related Event

Jan 19, Old Town Music Hall, 10am –1pm. LATOS SOCIAL, Concert and Open Console.

Feb. 10, 2019, Richard Hills in Concert, Sunday, 2:00pm, Bandrika Studios, 6120 Yolanda Ave, Tarzana, CA 91335. \$25 in advance.

Silent Sunday Series; 2:30pm, San Gabriel Mission Playhouse.

January 27, 2019, “Ella Cinders”, Mark Herman

April 14, 2019, “Blackmail”, Donnie Rankin

June 2, 2019, “The Black Pirate”, Brett Valiant

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.

ONGOING: Paramount Iceland, (3/19 Wurlitzer) organ is played for skating sessions every Tuesday 7-8:30pm. featured artist, Bill Campbell. 8041 Jackson St. Paramount. 562-633-1171

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

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