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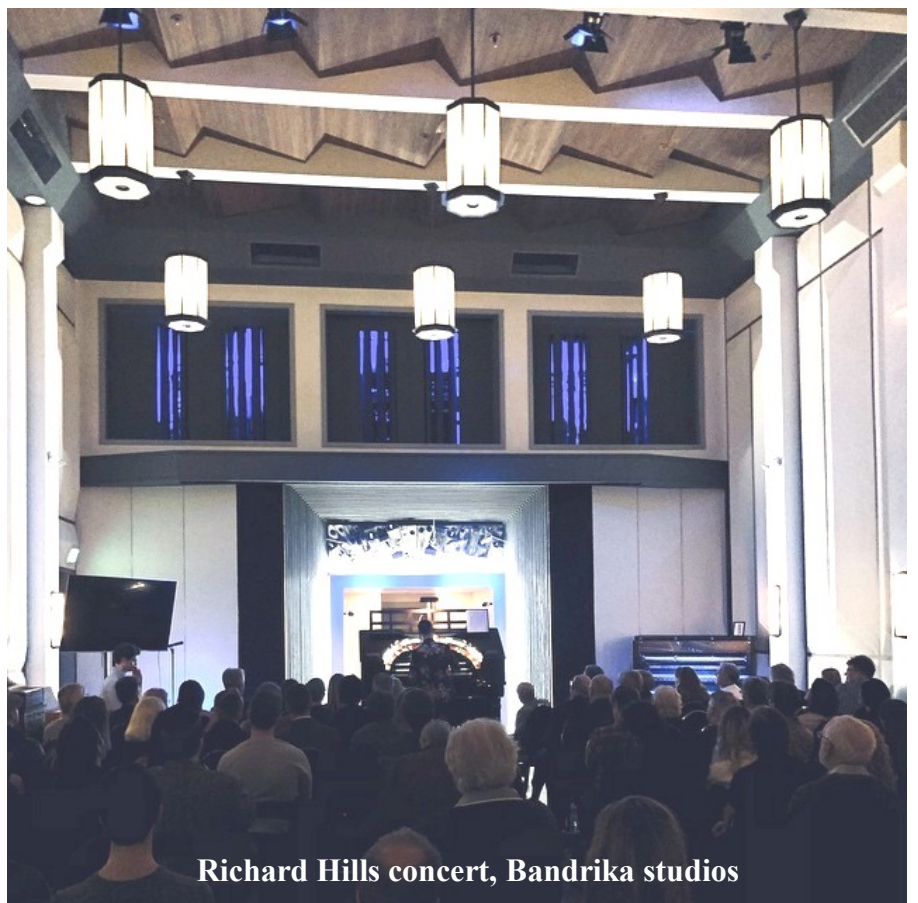


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## RICHARD HILLS CONCERT Review by John Sievers

John Sievers, Feb. 10, wrote on FB; Wow! Richard Hills just gave a stunning recital at Bandrika Studios. We heard flawless technique, imaginative arrangements, innovative registrations and a wide array of interesting repertoire...all on the beautifully restored 20th Century Fox Studios Wurlitzer. Kudos to Richard for a fabulous performance and to Nathan Barr for preserving this historic instrument.

Lew Williams wrote on FB; Kudos to Maestro Barr for his interest in the organ and for reintroducing it to the general public through his film scores. Long may it continue.

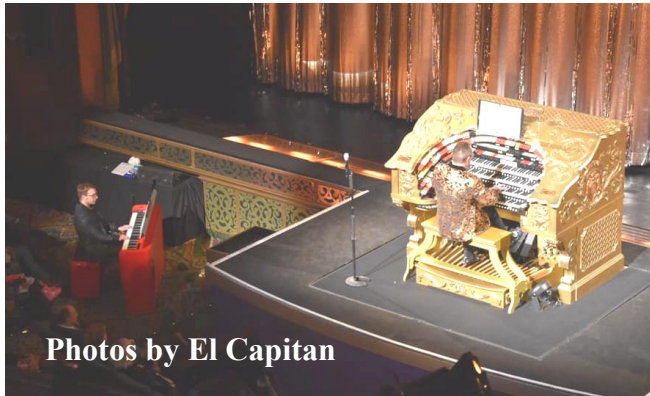
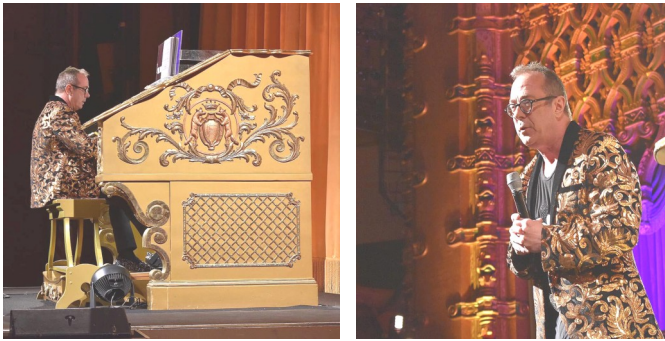


Richard Hills concert, Bandrika studios

## ROB RICHARDS REVIEW

Rob Richards at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood for a very special organ concert Monday, February 4 at 7:00pm!

About last night - The El Capitan Theatre was filled with the beautiful music of house organist Rob Richards with special guests Bonnie Gordon and Alex Zsolt! **“BRAVO!!!”**



Photos by El Capitan



## UPDATE

### Pasadena City College Update

By Mark Herman

As we announced in the February 2018 issue of the ORGAN LOG, we sold the Devtronix console from PCC (Pasadena City College) in order to acquire the 3-manual Wurlitzer “Style 260” console from the Elmwood Theatre in Buffalo, New York. This console went on to control the organ in Joe Koon’s Motorcycle Shop in Long Beach, and then to control Ben Thompson’s Wurlitzer in Ojai, California. This console is in reasonably good condition, having been rebuilt in the 1990s by Crome Organ Company, and the chapter was able to acquire it for \$6,500, fully equipped with a Uniflex relay that will easily interface with the Uniflex system currently at PCC.

The next step in this project is to order a batch of reproduction Wurlitzer stop tabs from HESCO, as the console is receiving a new specification, drawn up by yours truly. We expect the organ to be playing again by mid-to-late Spring, after which point, the rest of the organ will receive a full tuning, along with a bit of deferred maintenance to bring the instrument back to concert condition.

Lastly, Bill Campbell has worked with PCC to update our recently expired agreement to house the organ there. Their administration has been a pleasure to work with and is renewing its support of the instrument, and the board is expected to approve a finalized agreement in the next month.

We still need financial support and technically-savvy volunteers for this project. If you’re in a position to help, please contact me at [mark@losangelesorgan.com](mailto:mark@losangelesorgan.com) or (626) 524-0090.





There is rich history of the theatre organ from the past through present. Mark Herman has spend many years seeking out and collecting publications, photographs, recordings, and more, and he is digitizing his collection. The first project is to digitize the entire publication of THE CONSOLE, a monthly magazine published by Tom B'hend of Pasadena, California.

Go on-line and check it out at;

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 3**, 1:30pm. Dave Moreno will give a short concert on the Mighty Morton theatre organ before the showing of the 1987 movie "The Princess Bride" at 2:00. call (209) 931-4009. 242 E. Main St. Stockton, CA. 95202

**March 16**, 6:30pm. Bill Campbell, Silent Movie Night, two movies, "A Night in the Theater" with Charlie Chaplin and "The Neighbors" with Buster Keaton. Tickets available at the door. TOSSD, Trinity Church, 3902 Kenwood Dr. Spring Valley, CA 91977

**March 22**, 7:30pm. Dave Moreno, Silent Movie Night: Harold Lloyd's "Girl Shy", 1923. at San Francisco Castro Theatre Pipe Organ, Special guest star Matias Bombal. Harmony Wynelands, 9291 E Harney Ln, Lodi, CA, 95240

**April 13**, "April in Perris" Organ social, open console and potluck at the Yearians' home. Open to all music lovers. Contact Vicki for directions, 951-943-1747.

**April 14**, 2:30pm, "Blackmail", Donnie Rankin. Silent Sunday Series; San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. 320 South Mission Dr, San Gabriel, CA 91776

**April 19**, 7:30pm. Dave Moreno. Silent Movie Night: Douglas Fairbank's "Thief of Bagdad." Harmony Wynelands, 9291 E Harney Ln, Lodi, CA, 95240

**June 2**, 2:30pm, "The Black Pirate" Brett Valiant. Silent Sunday Series; San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. . 320 South Mission Dr, San Gabriel, CA 91776

**June 9**, Sunday Social at Ken Rosen's house. With an organ program, open console to follow and a cookout with potluck food items.



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**ONGOING EVENTS:**

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 At-

elier (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

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