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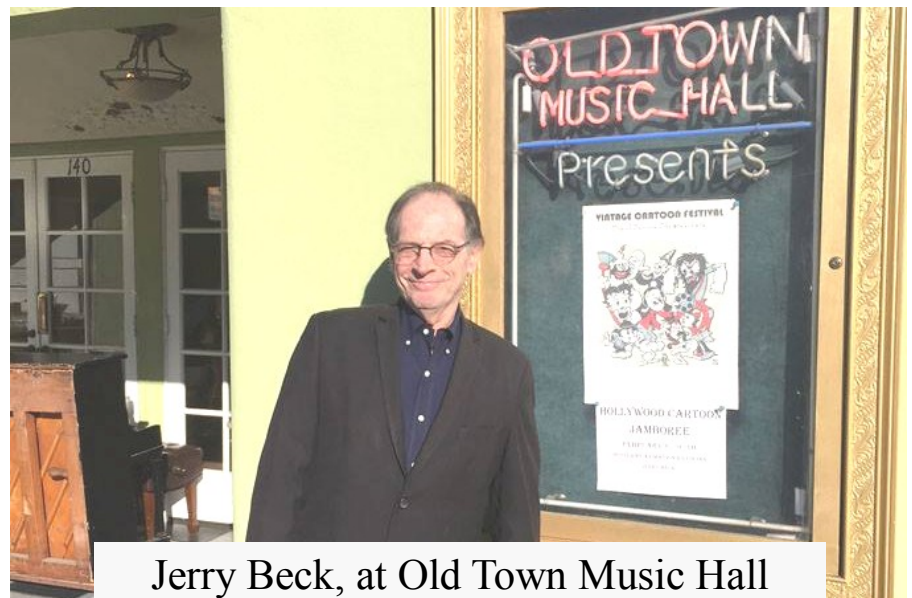


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VINTAGE CARTOON FESTIVAL

The 5th Annual Vintage Cartoon Festival was another resounding success orchestrated by Old Town Music Hall and animation historian Jerry Beck. Guests were treated to festive piano music by Edward Torres in the theatre arcade as we gathered for the show. At showtime, Edward fired up the organ with a spectacular rendition of "The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down" accompanied by a vintage piano roll on the Bösendorfer. The energy kept flowing with a medley of "Wake Up and Live," a Disney duo of "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "Whistle While You Work," a cameo of the spirit of Ethel Smith with a rousing rendition of "Tico Tico," and the medley closed with "It's A Small World After All" in a diverse array of musical styles.

Jerry Beck introduced each of the films we were to see during the screening, and to our delight the first film was a silent short to be accompanied by Edward Torres. Edward brought an early Felix the Cat short to life in "Felix in Hollywood," a delightful tale of Felix's attempt to make it big in Tinseltown. After the silent we were treated to more rare pre-code sound films including Disney's "The Gorilla Mystery," "Betty Boop's Bamboo Island," Fleischer's Popeye (the Sailor Man) in "A Dream Walking," "Bosko the Doughboy," a comic Tom and Jerry



Jerry Beck, at Old Town Music Hall

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performance in “Piano Tooners,” caricatures and voices of Hollywood Stars such as The Boswell Sisters, Mea West, Greta Garbo, and many others in “I’ve Got to Sing a Torch Song,” “Carnival Capers,” and Porky Pig in “The Case of the Stuttering Pig.”

Be sure to follow Old Town Music Hall at www.oldtownmusichall.org for a list of many more exciting events and musical performances.

(Submitted by Kevin R. Cartwright)

MUST SEE VIDEOS LYN LARSEN THEATRE ORGAN WORKSHOP #1-5

Lyn Larsen, one of the most accomplished theatre organists, shares his thoughts and ideas in these YouTube videos for intermediate players. Thank you Yoshio Nakamura for suggesting these wonderful and informative videos.

#1 & 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeL8sSgaIac>

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#3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR3X5bnSOCQ>

#4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsU0sMgB0H8>

#5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAQef-jNhEg>



Aug 16, LATOS’ recently installed, beautiful, “Jack Darr” organ debuted to a full house with Mark Herman’s accompaniment; everyone enjoyed “Waltz of the Flowers,” “Before the Parade Passes By” and many more. The audience was so enthralled, many stayed after the show asking question about how the organ works. We have gained many new organ fans! Kevin Cartwright is to be commended for organizing this profitable event. Thank you Kevin!



Many thanks go out to all who helped setting up this fine organ over the past several months.

THANK YOU;

Kevin Cartwright,
Andre Rigden,
Stirling Yearian,
Toby Washburn,
Mark Herman,
Kevin Beltz,
Marvin King, and
Fred Kolouch,





The Celebration of Life of Larry Grundy, long-time LATOS patron and member, will be held:

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 3:00 pm
 San Gabriel Mission Playhouse
 320 South Mission Drive
 San Gabriel, CA 91776

Family and friends will share memories of Larry, with special tributes on the Wurlitzer by Ken Double and Russ Peck.

Please RSVP to Geoff Grundy
 glgrundy@att.net



***OBIT for Larry Grundy from LA Times,
 August 11, 1930 - July 20, 2019***

Larry passed away in Pasadena, CA on July 20, 2019, at the age of 88, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Born in South Bend, IN, and a long-time resident of Fallbrook, CA, he joins his wife and two daughters, Katherine and Rosemary, who made their journeys ahead of him. He promoted a rich legacy of family unity and achievement and leaves a large wake behind him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 20, Whittier High School Alumni 3:00pm concert

Vic Lopez Auditorium, Mark Herman, with the newly re-furbished Wurlitzer Organ! \$15 tickets online at; www.whittierhighalumni.org

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Nov 16, LATOS Fall Potluck Social, & Open Console

Join us for this fun afternoon, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, at LATOS member **Andre Rigden's** home. Bring your music book and your favorite appetizer, entree, or dessert and have a fun time while we enjoy open console at the Allen theatre organ.

Location: 3021 S. Shasta Circle, Los Angeles, CA 90065

RSVP to Andre Rigden at laandre@earthlink.net

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Dec 9, Christmas Extravaganza

Hosted by; the American Guild of Organists, LA Chapter and Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society.

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a festive dinner and a holiday music extravaganza with the Mighty Wurlitzer! Rob Richards of the El Capitan Theatre, will perform at the organ accompanied by Pianist Alex Zsolt.

LOCATION; Founder's Center for Spiritual Living, 3281 W 6th St, Los Angeles, Ca. 90020

Dinner convenes at 6:15pm, served at 6:45pm.

This is a joint meeting with the Los Angeles AGO and with LATOS; the dinner is \$20 and the concert is free for all. Concert begins at 8:00pm.

RSVP to Russell Schertle:

russell@rgschertle.net or 323-828-3633.

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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

ONGOING: SBTOS, Adam Aceto, plays at the 7 PM intermission on Friday nights. Call the theatre at 805-963-4408 to make sure Adam will be playing.

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