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# LATOS Christmas Extravaganza!

*Monday, Dec. 9, 2019*

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

LATOS celebrate the holiday season  
with festive dinner and music at  
Founder's Center for Spiritual Living:  
Dinner at 6:15pm,  
Concert at 8:00pm.

LATOS Annual Meeting directly after concert  
See Page 3 for more details

*Happy Holidays*

## Charlie Balogh, Organ Stop Pizza

Lew Williams wrote: A few words might be in order here concerning the loss yesterday of the ingenious and irreplaceable Charlie Balogh, my colleague at Organ Stop Pizza.

Two weeks ago on Tuesday, November 5th, Charlie was playing his regular evening shift when suddenly he felt dizzy, and his hands began to shake. He was unable to finish the night and went home.

The next day he was admitted to the hospital for observation, and on Thursday the 7th suffered a stroke, losing the use of his left side and being unable to swallow. He was placed in Intensive Care under sedation and put on a respirator.

Yesterday, he was being prepared for the placement of a feeding tube when a second stroke occurred, ending his life.

During Charlie's illness, both Brett Valliant and Glenn Taller came to fill in at OSP, and they, along with Ken Double, will continue to help complete the playing schedule throughout the month of December.

Plans have been made for a permanent replacement as of January 2020, but I will wait for the OSP administration to make that announcement when they see fit to do so.

The possible cause of the stroke might have been set in motion when Charlie went to his chiropractor for an adjustment. One of his vertebrae may have impinged upon an artery in the neck.

At this time, I am yet unaware of any funeral or memorial plans, but they will doubtless be announced when such arrangements have been made.

We have all lost a fine musician and a good colleague.



## Silent Sunday Movie Series

*Silent Sunday Series Continues January 19, 2020 with two Buster Keaton Films.*

Bill Campbell, organist at the Paramount Iceland Skating Rink, will be accompanying two silent movies for an afternoon of comedy entertainment on January 19th, at the Mission Playhouse in San Gabriel. The films are; "Cops" and "Sherlock Jr."



"Cops" is a 1922 American two-reel silent comedy film about a young man (Buster Keaton) who accidentally gets on the bad side of the entire Los Angeles Police Department during a parade and is chased all over town. It was written and directed by Edward F. Cline and Keaton.

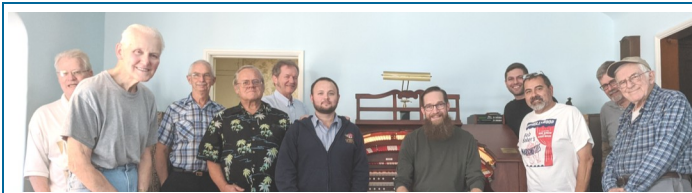
In his 1924 comedy "Sherlock Jr.," Buster Keaton portrays a daydreaming movie theater projectionist who fancies himself a great detective. During the movie's lengthy dream sequence, Buster's character, after falling asleep on the job, finds himself living wild adventures on the projected movie screen as "Sherlock Jr.," the world's greatest detective.

The show starts at 2:30pm with doors opening 30 minutes prior to show time. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

*"After wowing pizza-loving crowds with his performances on the world's largest Wurlitzer theatre organ at Organ Stop Pizza for the last 28 years, Charlie Balogh died Thursday, Nov. 21, in Mesa at age 68 from complications due to a stroke."*

*"Organ Stop Pizza has truly lost a great talent and wonderful human being," the restaurant said in a statement on its website. "Charlie leaves behind an incredible legacy, especially in the organ world. No words can express our sadness at Charlie's death or our gratitude for his commitment and love for Organ Stop Pizza throughout the years."*

[www.azcentra.com/entertainment/people/OrganStopPizza](http://www.azcentra.com/entertainment/people/OrganStopPizza)



The November LATOS Organ Social was at Andre Rigden's home. It's all about the food, fun, friends, and most importantly; the music! There was lots of lovely music played until after 5:30pm because "some people" (Stirling) didn't want to stop playing. *Just kidding around, Stirling did continually ask if anyone else wanted to play; he was happy there were no takers that late in the day.* Sorry, I missed getting all in this picture. Dennis, Roy, Stirling, Kevin, Yoshe, Andre, Mark, Charlton, John, Cecil, & Edward.

## Thank you to the Grundy family

Larry Grundy passed away in July and his son, Geoff, has donated his dad's vast collection of pipe organ CD recordings from all over the country. Thank you to the Grundy family for the very generous donation. The CD's will be available for purchase at most local LATOS events.

## Membership Report:

Vicki and I set up our LATOS banners and table for the Silent Sunday on November 17th. Four people joined LATOS at the event. We made \$80 in memberships and \$110 in CD sales.

Stirling

## DO YOU NEED AN ORGAN?

Charles Lusch wrote: "I have a Roland A3 organ I would like to donate to someone who can use it. If you know of any one please contact me. I can deliver it. The organ is in very good condition with; bench, roll-top, and all documentation."

Contact Charlie at:  
[cjlusch@netzero.net](mailto:cjlusch@netzero.net)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6 & 7, Jelani Eddington's Christmas concerts

Nethercutt, Friday-8pm, Saturday-2 & 8pm

For Tickets, call between 4-6pm, Call 818-364-8484

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## **Monday, Dec 9, LATOS 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. This is a joint meeting with the Los Angeles AGO and with LATOS.

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

**IMPORNT:** an RSVP is necessary for dinner. Dinner convenes at 6:15pm, and served at 6:45pm. \*Dinner is \$15/person for LATOS members. \*Concert begins at 8:00pm and is free for all.

Please Attend the "**LATOS Annual Meeting**" immediately after the concert. This brief meeting will include our annual election. The slate includes; Charlton Quinn, Angie Hougen, and Cecil Dover. Nominations are also allowed from the floor.

*Parking is available in the Holmes Center/Founders Church deck located beneath Hampshire Place Apartments at 501 S. New Hampshire Ave.*

Please RSVP to Russell Schertle for dinner:

[russell@rgschertle.com](mailto:russell@rgschertle.com)

or 323-828-3633.

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Dec. 13 & 14, Christmas concerts:

Rob Richards & Alex Zsolt

Nethercutt, Friday-8pm, Saturday-2 & 8pm

For Tickets, call between 4-6pm, Call 818-364-8484

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San Gabriel Silent Sunday

Mission Playhouse, Jan, 19, 2020

*Bill Campbell accompanies, TWO Buster Keaton silent movies, see page 2.*

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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 Atelier (also a volunteer pot-luck). Westminster Presby-

terian 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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