

# The Organ Log

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## COVID-19, CORONAVIRUS

From all of LATOS board, it is with a heavy heart we are sending this important message;

As ordered by the mayor of the City of Los Angeles on Sunday, March 15th. No events planned due to the fast-changing environment surrounding COVID-19.

Conditions are changing daily and we will keep you informed of any updates on when normal events will resume. Also, there will be no newsletters after this one due to all the problems associated with the coronavirus and because of the many event cancellations.

We will issue newsletters once we know more and things have returned to normal.

Please keep safe in these difficult times.  
Thank you for understanding our concerns,  
Your friends at LATOS.

## Remembering Don Bickel

Longtime board member of ATOS, LATOS & SCOG

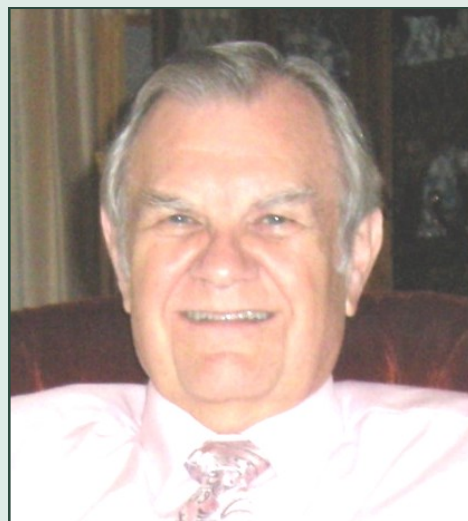
Donald Dale Bickel peacefully passed away at home on January 20, 2020, in the presence of family and friends. Don was born on September 22, 1935 in San Diego, CA, where he lived until attending Pasadena College. After graduating in 1957, he began working in the Temple City (CA) Unified School District, until his retirement in 1996. During that time, Don taught in grades 3 through 12, and was a Counselor at the Elementary, Middle, and High school levels. In addition, he continued his postgraduate education, earning Master's Degrees in School Administration in 1966 and School Guidance and Counseling in 1971. After his retirement, he taught in the Temple City Adult School and as an Adjunct Professor at Azusa Pacific University, both until 2005.

Don was able to travel extensively in retirement, including trips to Canada, Europe, various destinations in the United States. He also enjoyed a number of cruises, visiting Alaska, the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Mexico, but his favorite was when he took his sons and their families on a Caribbean cruise. Don is probably best known for his talents as an organist. He played at several churches in Southern California, primarily serving as an organist at Pasadena First Nazarene for 45 years, where he was recognized in July 2018. He also played for the Sunday afternoon service

at Hollenbeck Retirement Home. In 1985, Don donated the Lee Chapel organ to Pasadena First in memory of his parents. While using his musical talents in worship services was important to him, he was also a great fan of the theatre organ, and served on the Boards of the American Theatre Organ Society, the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society, and the Southern California Organ Grinders.

Don is survived by his sons, Murray and Craig; daughters-in-law Marge and Debbie; grandchildren Taylor, Sharla, Andrew, and Emily; brother Vern; sister-in-law Shirley; and nephew Carl.

At Don's request, the family asks that -- in lieu of flowers -- donations may be made to maintain the Lee Chapel organ.



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**Los Angeles  
Theatre Organ  
Society**

**Please, Join / Renew ONLINE**

Go to [www.latos.org](http://www.latos.org), click on the MEMBERSHIP link and then select "JOIN / RENEW NOW"

**"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!

Click here [LINK TO DONATE to LATOS](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall**  
 David Higgs  
**March 1, 3:00pm**

Enjoy concert show featuring the 4,322-pipe William J. Gillis Concert Organ — a stunning example of the kind instrument built especially for the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. David Higgs, one of America's leading concert organists, showcases the beauty and power of the William J. Gillis Concert Organ. The Organ Department at the Pacific School of Music performs extensively throughout the United States and abroad, and has inaugurated many of the most important new instruments. He will perform music of Dupré, Debussy, Ravel, Liszt and more.  
 TICKETS; [www.pacificsymphony.org/tickets/concert](http://www.pacificsymphony.org/tickets/concert)

**Dennis James, Segerstrom Concert Hall**  
 "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"  
**May 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

Organist Dennis James provides a chilling soundtrack for "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." The 1923 silent-film classic, based on Victor Hugo's 1831 novel of the same name, is known for the grand sets that recall 15th century Paris as well as for Lon Chaney's performance and make-up as the tortured hunchback Quasimodo, the deaf, half-blind, hunchbacked bell-ringer of the famous Cathedral of Notre Dame.  
 TICKETS; [www.pacificsymphony.org/tickets/concert](http://www.pacificsymphony.org/tickets/concert)

**Silent Sundays Series:**  
 San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
**March 22, 2:30pm**

(\*postponed: date TBA\*)

Mark Herman accompanies  
 The Freshman (1925)

"The Freshman" starring silent comedy great Harold Lloyd! a kind-hearted, optimistic, and "bespectacled" getter who heads off to college thinking his experiences will be just like the ones he saw in the movies"

Silent Sundays conclude with Charlie Chaplin  
 "The Gold Rush" (1925) on May 31

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776  
 Tickets: (626) 308-2855  
 Online or at the door.

## Old Town Music Hall re-opens!

COVID-19 SCHEDULE UPDATE

As of now, the theater remains open for all scheduled films and concerts. We are taking precautions before every show by disinfecting all armrests, flat surfaces, and restrooms. As you know, news is changing every an hour so schedule is subject to change. We recommend you check this website for any updates before visiting us.

## OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL

March 20 - 21 - 22

### ROREL & HARDY FESTIVAL

• A Selection of their Finest Comedy Shorts •  
 Friday 8:15pm, Saturday 2:30pm & 8:15pm, and Sunday 2:30pm

## OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL

March 27 - 28 - 29

### "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN"

• Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds •  
 Friday 8:15pm, Saturday 2:30pm & 8:15pm, and Sunday 2:30pm  
 Tickets at door 30-minutes before each show,  
 \$10 regular admission, \$8 seniors (62+)

## OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL

April 3 - 4

### "SAFETY LAST" Harold Lloyd

Live Accompaniment on the Mighty Wurlitzer •  
 Friday 7:50pm, Saturday 2:30pm & 8:15pm  
 Tickets at door 30-minutes before each show,  
 \$10 regular admission, \$8 seniors (62+)

## OLD TOWN MUSIC HALL CONCERT

### "A Salute to Hollywood"

**Sunday, April 5, 2020, 2:30 PM**

Live Concert — Together Again!  
 Frederick Hedges on the Majestic Bosendorfer and  
 LeRoy Erdington, at the Mighty Wurlitzer  
 Featuring the best movie music from the 1930s  
 All Seats: \$20.00 (Cash or Check Only)  
 Reservations Recommended  
 Reservations by phone: 310-322-2592

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