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## LATOS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, December 5th, 2:30PM

LATOS will partner with Old Town Music Hall to present **Donnie Rankin** in a delightful holiday concert. Making his first appearance at Old Town Music Hall, Donnie will entertain audiences with a festive array of holiday favorites, as well as a few surprises. With the hall decorated to the hilt, this will be a holiday experience you will want to share with friends and family.



Old Town Music Hall now has online ticketing with reserved seating; purchase your tickets through [Old Town Music Hall - Tickets, Donnie Rankin in Concert \(agileticketing.net\)](http://OldTownMusicHall-Tickets.agileticketing.net)

**Following the concert, LATOS members are invited to stay for a short membership meeting, which will be presented by LATOS President Kevin Cartwright. During the meeting, Kevin will highlight LATOS plans for 2022! There are many good things ahead, so be sure to attend this informative meeting.**

Old Town Music Hall is located at [140 Richmond Street, El Segundo, CA 90245](http://140RichmondStreet,ElSegundo,CA90245). The website is <http://oldtownmusichall.org>, and the theater phone number is (310) 322-2592.



## 2021 LATOS First Open Console



Review by, Stirling Yearian

On Saturday, November 20th, we held our first open console since the pandemic shutdown. There was a light turnout and 3 people jumped at the opportunity to play the Mighty Wurlitzer at Old Town Music Hall.

Refreshments were provided and those of us that were there had a great time. Hopefully, after the pandemic, more members will come to the social events and open consoles. It is a wonderful way to meet people with the same interest and make new friends.

Heartfelt thanks to Angie Hougen and the crew at Old Town Music Hall for providing the venue and refreshments for our event.

## 2021 LATOS First Social Event



By Stirling Yearian

On October 9th the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society enjoyed its first social event of the 2021-2022 season, "The Music Goes Round and Round," at the historic Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round! We feasted on sandwiches, ice cream, and other refreshments while enjoying the Stinson Model 87 band organ as it played a festive assortment of music. LATOS members and their guests also took advantage of free unlimited rides on the historic 1926 Spillman Engineering Co. carousel. Our LATOS banners were proudly on display and several people stopped by to ask about our organization and were curious about pipe organs. Four new members joined that day. Special thanks to Kevin Cartwright for arranging the social at the carousel and to Dorsey Caldwell for picking up the snacks and sandwiches. A personal thank you to Kevin for giving me a tour of the inner workings of the carousel. I was fascinated seeing the mechanical technology from 100 years ago.





# Wilshire Ebell Grant

By Andre Rigden

Congratulation LATOS! A grant in the amount of \$34,000 for work on the Wilshire Ebell Theatre Barton 3/13 console rebuild and relay upgrade project has been awarded by the ATOS Endowment Fund Board of Trustees and approved by the ATOS Board of Directors.

The Barton was originally installed in the National Theatre, Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1927. In 1965 the organ was removed from the theatre and was in the hands of an organ buff. In 1977 it was refurbished by Junchen-Collins Organ Corporation of Woodstock, Illinois for an Organ Grinder Restaurant in Canada. That restaurant never opened. The Barton was purchased from storage by Burton A. Burton, owner of the Casablanca Fan Company, and was transported to South Pasadena and eventually donated to LATOS. The connection was made to install the Barton in the Wilshire Ebell Theatre and replace the theatre's small Robert-Morton. The Barton three manual console and its 10 ranks of pipes were installed with an additional three ranks of pipes in 1987.

The rebuild and upgrades will make the Barton reliable, more flexible, easier to move on stage, and more available for use for LATOS functions. Also, the theatre will benefit from the upgrades and be able to demonstrate the organ at their convenience.

Thank you ATOS for these funds to make a highly visible chapter theatre organ more available and heard by more future theatre organ fans.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Events are subject to change in these unusual times of COVID-19, Thank you for you patients and understanding, and as always, we hope to see you at all our upcoming events!*

**Dec. 5,** LATOS Annual Meeting & Donnie Rankin Concert at Old Town Music Hall, 2:30pm.

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Passed Events:

**Oct. 2,** (TOSSD) Rob Richards in concert, 7:00pm at Trinity Church Facility, 3902 Kenwood, Spring Valley, 91977.

**Oct. 3,** San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 2:30pm. Mark Herman, Silent Sundays Series: "The Freshman". Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative Covid-19 test required. Any questions, please call 626.308.2865.

**Oct. 9,** LATOS Ice Cream and More Social at Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round, 11am to 2pm.

**Oct. 17,** Mark Herman, 3pm at Whittier High School. Mark will be playing the 1926 Wurlitzer Organ at Vic Lopez Auditorium, 12417 Philadelphia St, Whittier CA 90601 (Bailey St & Whittier Av). Cost is \$10 cash at the door.

**Nov. 20,** LATOS Open Console / Social, at Old Town Music Hall. 10am to 1pm, Stay tuned for more details.

**Nov. 20,** (TOSSD) Gregg Breed, silent movie, 7:00pm at Trinity Church Facility, 3902 Kenwood, Spring Valley, CA.



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*From Treasurer, Angie Hougen:* 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 4545, West Hills, CA 91308.

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