

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT

FEBRUARY 2011



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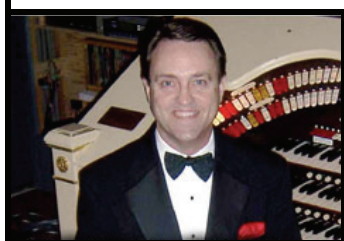
SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH 2:00 PM



GUEST ARTIST:  
ATOS PRESIDENT,  
KEN DOUBLE



Organist/broadcaster/entertainer Ken Double likes



to tell people, "I've worked very hard for over 30 years trying NOT to work for a living, having been paid to watch sporting events and play theatre organs. Like the song says, 'Nice

work if you can get it.'"

For more than 30 years, he has been heard on radio and seen on television as a sportscaster, and since

1978, has been at the console of the great theatre pipe organs, indeed working hard to entertain his audiences.

During his concert career, Double has performed all over the world, including stops in Seattle, WA; Wilmington, DE; Tampa, FL; Chicago, IL; Los Angeles, CA; the famous Casa Loma in Toronto, and three six-week tours throughout Australia. In addition to his hundreds of concerts, he has nine CD's to his credit.

Keeping him even busier is his work with the American Theatre Organ Society. He has been President of the 78-chapter, 52 year-old preservation organization since 2006. With a hard-working Board of Directors, Ken is active in efforts to raise the visibility and awareness of these great, uniquely American musical instruments.

Sportscaster, master of ceremonies, theatre organist, even vocalist upon occasion, Ken Double indeed works hard at making it look easy when entertaining at the pipe organ.

## NorCal Special Associate Memberships Available — \$10

Recently, a lawsuit against Berkeley High School required the School Administration to close the Berkeley Community Theatre for public performances. The lawsuit involves access issues for persons with disabilities.

The NorCal board learned of this action one week before the Mark Herman concert. Fortunately, because of a clause in our contract with the school, and a meeting with the building manager, members of NorCal are still allowed entry into the theatre. Notices were sent out immediately to everyone on our mailing list to inform them of this issue. On the concert day, individuals could become members and thus enter the theatre.

The lawsuit from a monetary standpoint has been settled, however the ruling requires the school to resolve the ADA issues before the public can be allowed access. The school administration believes the modifications to the building will

be completed in November of 2011.

We have had several discussions with the Sierra Chapter and individuals regarding an equitable solution to this issue. After discussion, it was recommended that NorCal offer a one-time Associate type membership for surrounding ATOS chapters that would run for a period of one year for \$10. When they expire, membership dues would revert to the regular rate for NorCal members. Associate members will receive the "Windsheet" newsletter as part of their membership.

**David Peckham**  
NorCal Chapter Concert  
February 20, 2011 at 2:30pm

Memberships will be available at the door. We hope to see you there.

Neal Wood, Chairman, NorCal Chapter



THE SIERRA CHAPTER'S MUSIC LIBRARY



The Music Library's collection of 2000 piano, organ and other orchestral instruments, sheet music and music books has grown through 12 years of donations from past and present members of our chapter. Our purpose, besides preserving these treasured documents, is to generate a system of lending or loaning music material requested by a member.

This system will allow access to the Music Library's database via our website where a search, by song title, composer, genre, publisher year, for a particular piece of music can be found. Arrangements for borrowing the music, once located, can be communicated by email or phone call to the librarian. The Music Library facility and storage location can be accessed by the librarian, and the individual (borrower) can check in and check out their music via librarian correspondence. If a (borrower) does not have a computer, arrangements, through the librarian, can be made to accommodate them with live access to the Music Library's massive collection.

To make all this happen, **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.** Your ability to use a computer is a big plus. However, filing, organizing documents and librarian experience are other assets. Typically, our trained volunteers can perform work at home using their computers to input data and saving that data to a flash drive. The flash drive with updated information can be downloaded by the librarian to the "Music Library's Computer," refreshed, and given back to the volunteer for more updating.

**Our training schedule is planned for February 26th.** We currently have (1) new volunteer and (3) old-timers who will be involved in the training program. However,

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS . . .** As the saying goes: "The More the Merrier!"

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO



**Woo-hoo Ken's coming!** Double, that is. Yup, the President of ATOS

will be playing a pre-Valentine's day concert for us at Fair Oaks. Sounds like a pretty good gift for your sweetie to me. The concert is at 2PM and refreshments will be served. I'm sure Ken will bring us up to date on all the projects National has in the works so come prepared to hear good music and exciting news. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends, members of your church, perhaps a neighbor's kid to see for themselves that "tuned tornadoes" can be most entertaining.

Many thanks to **Bill Coale**, our newest Board member, who opened our season with a delightful concert on Jan 9th at Fair Oaks. He played a nice variety of music, accompanying himself on the organ as he rolled out a most impressive singing voice. And if that wasn't enough, Bill presented a young man named Dana who

played the daylights out of a trumpet (oops, I think it was a cornet). Bill tells me he quite enjoyed playing for us. "We are such a friendly group of people" he said. Right on, Bill - welcome to Sierra Chapter!

Last month's Spiel included a brief questionnaire asking for input on our Annual Meetings in December. Responses were varied and most appreciated. Your Board will consider our options and keep you posted.

As I am writing this, CAM has not given us the dates for our upcoming Silent Movies. This is the perfect time to get acquainted with our website - SierraChapterA-TOS.org. Even though we don't start our silent movie season until March, our Spiel is printed toward the end of each month so it is possible that changes or additions may not make it in time.

Thanks to the website, we can post dates or changes immediately. So, if possible, get in the habit of

checking our website frequently to insure the most up to date information -- in color, no less!

Our program chairman, **Craig Peterson**, is lining up talent and venues for this year. We are most fortunate to have multiple home organ installations in our area and owners who are willing to share their instruments with us. Pipe organ enthusiasts are quite ingenious at finding places to park those instruments in need of a home (garages, warehouses, churches, lodge halls, old movie houses).

Unfortunately, there seem to be more organs than friendly locations lately soooo, if one of you happen to know of the perfect spot for a musical wind machine, let us know. Fresh ideas and friendly faces are always welcome.

See y'all on the 13th,

Carol



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to New Member:  
**Geoffrey Hansen** from Walnut Creek

Welcome to Returning Member:  
**Margaret F. Smith**

Renewing at the Patron Level:  
**Greg De Santis**

## BOARD MEETING

Saturday

Feb 12th 10:00AM

Home of  
Carol Zerbo



Open to all Regular Members, but please **RSVP to Carol** if you are planning to attend.

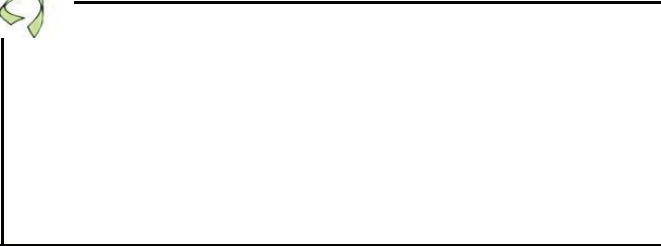
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

## SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave

**Sunday February 13th**  
**2:00 PM**

**Ken Double**

\$10/General  
\$8/Members  
\$5/Students  
\$20/Family



## NORCAL CHAPTER EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre  
1900 Allston Way

**Sunday February 20th**  
**2:30 PM**

**Norcal Members Only!**

\$10 Associate Memberships available at the door  
for Sierra Chapter Members

**David Peckham**

\$15/General

## IRONSTONE VINEYARDS EVENT

Murphys California 6:30PM **Feb 11**

Silent Movie—The Navigator (1924)  
Featuring **Dave Moreno** on the  
Alhambra Theatre Pipe Organ  
\$20 - Includes Dinner, Movie w/Popcorn

## STOCKTON FOX EVENT

**Gentlemen  
Prefer Blondes**

**Friday Feb 4**

**6:30PM**

\$8/Adults

Featuring

**Tom Thompson**

On the Mighty Morton



## Harmony Wynelands Event

9291 East Harney Lane, Lodi

**An Evening of Comedy Shorts**

Featuring **Dave Moreno** on the  
Castro Theatre Pipe Organ

**Friday Feb 18 7:30PM**

\$12/Adults \$10/Harmony Club  
Reservations necessary (209) 369-4164

The Chapter was organized in 1968 as a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of California and is recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. It was organized for the purpose of preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music. Membership in the local Chapter also encourages membership in the National Organization, American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS.) [www.atos.org](http://www.atos.org)