

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ORGAN CONCERT

NOVEMBER 2019



21ST GEORGE WRIGHT TRIBUTE CONCERT

\$12/ADVANCE
\$15/AT THE DOOR



GRANT UNION
High School

1400 Grand Avenue
Sacramento

Sunday,

Nov. 10th

2:00 PM

Box Office opens at 1:00PM

The four-manual twenty-one rank theatre pipe organ at Grant Union High School was installed over a period of one year from 1938 to 1939. Pipe work and chests were obtained from theatre organs in Redding and San Francisco, California, and Reno, Nevada. The best parts were used to assemble the organ by students under the direction of Fred Wood, an organ builder from Oakland. The new Grant organ was presented to the public in a recital by Howard Scott and George Wright on December 8, 1939. Recent improvements to the organ have been completed including a replacement Post horn more suitable to the size of the Grant auditorium.

For advance tickets, mail a check payable to Sierra Chapter ATOS at our Fair Oaks PO box and tickets will be held for you at the Auditorium Box Office. Or you can order online at: sierrachapterATOS.org



GUEST ARTIST
DONNIE RANKIN



Donnie Rankin first took an interest in the theatre organ at the tender age of three when he first heard the sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Civic Theatre in Akron, Ohio. Following that initial introduction to the King of Instruments, he frequently played on his great-grandfather's home organ. In 2000 Donnie acquired an instrument and began taking formal lessons. Classical piano training followed in 2005 and his budding talent quickly blossomed into first rate musicianship.

Since then, Donnie has won several organ competitions and awards including being named the Overall Winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2007.

Donnie began studying with noted organist Jelani Edgington in September 2007. Since that time, Donnie has performed for theatre organ audiences around the world. He resides in Ravenna, Ohio, and is a staff organist at the Civic Theatre in nearby Akron – the very same organ Donnie first heard when he was three years old.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – Randy Warwick



The regulators for the Fair Oaks Organ are finished and will be picked up in Porterville next week.

Dave Moreno hopes to have them re-installed just after the George Wright Tribute concert and to have the organ playable in time for the Christmas party.

It is not too early to think about a Chapter membership as a Christmas present for an organ music enthusiast friend.



Dueling Organs AND MORE!

Sunday, November 24
4:00 PM



828 W. Main St., Grass Valley

It will be: the **Walt Strony Signature Series Allen vs their regular Allen instrument plus a Grand Piano.**

Walt Strony and Thom Greathouse - Two keyboard magicians... Two Organs and a Grand Piano... An unforgettable experience of **Music and Showmanship!**

- Admission by Donation -

Free Reception Follows the Concert!

Proceeds benefit the PEACE Organ Fund

More/Donate @ www.PeaceLutheranGV.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

- Jan Hunter
- Craig Peterson
- Walt Strony



Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

- Stuart Boyer
- William Coale, Ph.D.

NOTE: Your memberships can now be renewed online. See your mailing label for your expiration month and year.

Go to: SierraChapterATOS.org
and click on Membership.

Select your Membership Option and click on Add to Cart.

You will then be directed to pay by Credit Card or PayPal.

Annual Election of Board Members

Nominations are still being accepted for positions beginning in 2020. If you are a member of ATOS National and have not yet gotten involved at the chapter level...this is your opportunity!

Ask not what Sierra Chapter can do for you...ask, what can I do for Sierra Chapter?

It takes a lot of people to keep the chapter machinery running and we have fun doing it! *The success of every nonprofit organization depends on its volunteers.*

Contact the Nominating Chairperson if you are interested.
Tom Norvell 916/947-0673



Annual Meeting And Christmas Party

Sunday

December 8th 1:00PM

Fair Oaks
Community Clubhouse

Open to all Members

*\$7.00 Donation
includes catered meal!*