

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

## Halloween **SILENTS**

OCTOBER - 2015



### WHAT - **SILENT MOVIES**

Featuring: *Dave Moreno* on the Fair Oaks Wurlitzer Pipe Organ.

**WHEN - Friday, October 16**  
Doors Open - 6:45PM  
Show Starts - 7:30PM

**WHERE - Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse - 7997 California Ave in Fair Oaks.**

12 and over - \$10 per person  
Under 12 - \$5

Concession sales will benefit the Sierra Chapter Scholarship Fund.

**Advance Tickets highly recommended as this event has always sold out! Purchase advance tickets across the street from the Clubhouse at 4950 Temescal St.**

**(916) 966-1036**

Sierra Chapter ATOS and the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District invite you to an evening of **spooky silent movies**. Costumes welcome but are not required.



Dave Moreno has an extensive background in playing the theatre organ, beginning when he was just 13 years of age. He's comfortable with silent

movie accompaniment, solo music of the 1920's-1950's, and jazz organ.

Over the past 30 years, he has played in many of the great remaining vin-

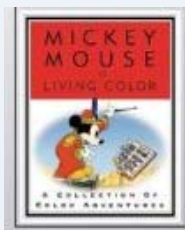
tage theatres and organ restaurants like the *Pizza and Pipes* in both Sacramento and Fresno. He's also our local Technician to many of the valley organs.

His style at the console is as uniquely his own as is his fashionable appearance. Moreno is an avid collector of vintage platform shoes; his collection is currently over 600 pairs! You'll likely see his favorite pair of the day, busy on the organ's pedal board during his performance.

See a complete listing of Dave's other Halloween events on page 2.



"THE SKELETON DANCE" (1929) Cartoon  
The clock strikes midnight, the bats fly from the belfry, a dog howls at the full moon, plus two black cats fight in the cemetery, A perfect time for the skeletons to come out and dance a bit!



"LONESOME GHOSTS" (1937) Cartoon  
Four bored ghosts in a haunted house who've scared everyone away, call up ghost hunters in hopes to have a little fun scaring them off.

"HAUNTED HOUSE" (1921) Buster Keaton  
Buster is a bank teller who becomes involved in a hold-up, counterfeiters and ends up in a seemingly haunted house that is actually a thieves hideout.



"HAUNTED SPOOKS" (1920)  
Harold Lloyd  
After numerous failed attempts to to commit suicide, Harold runs into a lawyer who is looking for a stooge to stand in as a groom in order to secure an inheritance for his client. The inheritance is a house, which her scheming uncle "haunts" so that he can scare them off and claim the property.

"HABEAS CORPUS" (1928)  
Laurel & Hardy

Stan & Ollie are hired by a mad scientist to steal bodies from a cemetery for his experiments. The professor is taken away by the authorities, but Stan & Ollie don't know it and continue their mission. The boys find the cemetery "haunted" and after many mishaps the dauntless duo get their man.



All films with LIVE accompaniment with **Dave Moreno** at Sierra Chapter's Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ.

After the show you are invited to come up on stage and see the inner-workings of our pipe organ installation.

**GOLDEN ERA PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS**  
**DAVE MORENO THEATRE ORGAN**  
**PROGRAMS**

**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (1925)**  
 With Lon Chaney & Mary Philbin  
 Film accompaniment by DAVE MORENO  
 with guest vocalist LINDA SMALL

**See it at these venues:**

**October 10 (Sat) 7:00PM \$5**  
**WARNERS THEATRE**  
 1400 Fulton Ave, Fresno CA

**October 23 (Fri) 7:30PM \$12**  
**HARMONY WYNELANDS**  
 9291 East Harney Lane, Lodi CA  
 Reservations Only (209) 369-4184

**October 24 (Sat) 7:00PM \$15**  
**HUNTER HALL**  
 218 California St, Rio Vista CA  
 Tickets available at:  
 BOOKS Rio V  
 PETS 4 ALL

**October 30 (Fri) 6:30PM \$22.50 + Tax & Grat.**  
**IRONSTONE VINEYARDS**  
 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys CA  
 Buffet Dinner Show  
 Reservations Only (209) 728-1251

**October 31 (Sat) Noon \$22.50 + Tax & Grat.**  
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 1894 Six Mile Road, Murphys CA  
 Buffet Luncheon Show  
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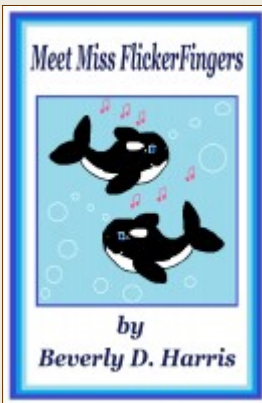
**PERFORMANCES**  
**AT PIONEER**  
**OCTOBER 31 - 7:00PM**  
**SPOOKTACULAR**

The original Lon Chaney silent classic "Phantom of The Opera"  
 Jim Jordan at the Organ with Special guest, Matias Bombal




This concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken to cover the cost of the concert.

**PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL UCC**  
 2700 L STREET - SACRAMENTO 95816



Beverly, who literally grew up in Sierra Chapter, has just published her first book of a trilogy; she hopes to publish the other 2 by November.

**Meet Miss FlickerFingers**

It is the story of Jeannine Hiller, a young organist who has played theatre organ since the age of two. She is moving from the Pacific Northwest with few theatre organs to California filled with Wurlitzers to play! She is excited about moving and seeing their new house being built and living close to her grandparents. Her joy is dimmed because her mom isn't alive to see the house she had designed for the Wurlitzer that both Jeannine and her dad share. Through her organ playing, she is able to make new friends of all ages, climaxing in a young organist competition.

**Purchase your eBook at: [smashwords.com](http://smashwords.com)**

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – Randy Warwick



While having to cancel this year's George Wright Tribute Concert was a disappointment, we can look forward to seeing the Grant Auditorium in better condition than in at least a couple of decades

when the renovation is completed. In fact, it may be better than not only when we started the GW series many years ago but probably even better than in the mid-60's when the Chapter first started using the Grant organ then played by George Seaver for silent movie presentations.

Speaking of organ presentations, I would like to thank **Dave Moreno** for contributing time and effort to presenting and playing the Chapter organ for the Fair Oaks Park Chicken Festival on Saturday, September 19. Over the two hours from 1 to 3 p.m., there were always between five to twenty people, spending ten minutes to over half an hour with the Wurlitzer. A realistic estimate would be about 70 to 80 people total. All were new to the organ except for members **Harold and Patty Schneringer**, who showed up all the way from Benicia, and former Wurlitzer electronic organ Western States sales manager **Gus Pearson**, who stopped by but left before we had a chance to shuttle him up to the console.

*Nominating  
Committee*

It is the time of the year to start thinking about how YOU can become a more active member of Sierra Chapter.

**Four Board positions are available for 2016:**

If you are interested, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee: **Joanie Grootveld 916/635-4160**  
**Craig Peterson 916/682-9699**  
**Carol Zerbo 916/624-9182**



**BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday Oct 10  
10:00AM**

**East Lawn Memorial Park  
43rd and Folsom  
Sacramento**

## Theatre Organ Magazine Collection

If you joined ATOS in the last ten - fifteen years. we have a large collection of the *Journal* donated by member **Pete McCluer**. All issues are included back to January of 1982. **First donation of at least \$15.00 gets them all.**

Contact **Randy Warwick** if you are interested in either collection!

**Final Offer!**

## Cassette Collection

Approximately 150 cassettes of 60 to 90 minutes each, have been carefully recorded from LP's or CD's. The assortment includes roughly 50 mostly theatre organ, 81 instrumentals of all variety of ensembles including lots of big band and brass centered groups and 23 classical orchestral cassettes. There are a few vocals scattered into the instrumentals. The collection is indexed by artist and/or song titles. Thanks to **Kay Duran** for the donation.

**Buyer takes all. \$15.00.** All proceeds go to Sierra Chapter.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Renewing at the Benefactor Level:**  
**Tom Norvell  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

### SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse  
 7997 California Ave

**Halloween Comedy Silent  
 Shorts**



**Friday  
 October 16th  
 7:30 P.M.**

**Dave Moreno**

\$10 - 12 and over  
 \$5 - under 12  
 Advance Tickets

**Highly Recommended!**

### NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre  
 1930 Allston Way  
 Enter via Stage Door

**Theatre Organ Concert**

**Sunday  
 October 11th  
 2:30 P.M.**



**John Atwell**

**This event has been  
 postponed!**

### STOCKTON FOX EVENT

242 East Main Street  
 (Bob Hope Theatre)

Classic Movie

**Sunday, October 25**

Preshow concert 1:30PM

**"Ghost Busters"**

Artist:

**Dave  
 Moreno**

**On the  
 Mighty Morton**

\$8/Adults



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)