

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Organ Concert

April 2022



David Marsh started playing the organ when he was fourteen years old. Inspired by a video of Rosemary Bailey on the Roland Atelier, David decided to take up the instrument. An interest in the theatre organ became apparent throughout the years and he began pursuing it.

Professionally, David has also enjoyed a career in music education including teaching Advanced Music Theory at

Villa Park High School in Orange County, California, and has been a piano teacher since 2016.

**David Marsh at Hunter Hall
218 California St., Rio Vista
Saturday, May 7th 2:00 PM**

(lobby opens at 1:00PM)

Suggested Donation \$15.00

**Many thanks go to Geoffrey Hansen
for making this concert possible!**

David has also served as the Director of Operations for Soli Studios Music Inc. and Executive Assistant for the Los Angeles Organ Company. David also currently serves as the President of the Orange County Theatre Organ Society which maintains the 4/37 Wurlitzer at Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton, California.

When he is not working, David can be found playing the organ in his home, spending time with his dog Miles and has recently taken an interest in gardening. However, he recognizes that perhaps his talents do not reside in the garden and might be better served in music.

As **Ken Double**, chairman of the Atlanta Chapter ATOS, said of David:

David is FANTASTIC! He brings the finest skills to the console having studied with Mark Herman. You will enjoy hearing this young man - and when the question that is so often asked is presented, i.e. "Where are the next organists coming from?" -- here is one answer.

Seating for this concert will be limited to 90. Advance tickets recommended but if not already sold out, tickets will be available at the door.

You can order online at sierrachapteratos.org or by mail with checks payable to:

Sierra Chapter ATOS
PO Box 2017
Fair Oaks, CA 95628



The pipe ranks for this 3/15 Wurlitzer came from the former Uncle Milts Pizza in Vancouver, Washington. The console was originally installed in the St Petersburg Florida Paramount Theatre in 1926. Dave Moreno completed the installation of the organ into Hunter Hall in 2010.



Directions: Take I-5 towards Lodi and exit at Hwy 12 West towards Rio Vista. When you cross over the Rio Vista Bridge (the big draw-bridge) take the first off ramp, keep to the right and go under the bridge and head south along the river on Front Street. You will come to a 4-way stop sign (Main St.). Keep going south two more blocks to California Street, turn right and go one block. The Hall is on the right, at the corner of California and Second Street. Hunter Hall is the L shaped building. Parking is on the street. Allow about 1 1/4 hr. from the Sacramento area.

Scenic Route: Take I-5 towards Lodi and exit at Twin Cities Road (west). Drive past the TV towers, and turn left (south) onto Hwy 160 (River Road). Continue on Hwy 160 to Hwy 12 and turn right onto the Rio Vista Bridge, then follow directions above.

Adventure Route: Take Hwy 50/I-80 to West Sacramento and exit at Jefferson Blvd. Continue south on Jefferson Blvd (Hwy 84) to Courtland Rd and turn right. Then a left onto Ryer Ave and continue a few miles on the delta levies. Then right onto the Ryer Island Ferry. Note - Ferry is free and runs every 20 minutes. Exit Ferry and turn left onto River Rd. Turn left on Front Street, and follow directions above.

Fair Oaks Clubhouse Update

The Amphitheater and small commercial building to the West of the Clubhouse have been demolished and a construction fence is up for that area. All construction is expected to take approximately 18 months, with work in the Village to be completed by October 14, 2023. The contract includes a penalty of \$2,000 per day for each day of work beyond that deadline — barring “acts of God;” material shortages or another pandemic would fall into that category.

ATOS Convention Reminder

The 2022 ATOS convention runs from July 3 through July 7 in San Diego. Just announced is the addition of a concert by Mark Herman at Trinity Church in Spring Valley. The 4/24 Wurlitzer in the church is the same organ that was installed at the former Arden Pizza & Pipes in Sacramento. Go to ATOS.org to register for the Convention.



Benefit Concert for Ukraine

Sunday, May 22 - 4:00PM
828 W. Main St. in Grass Valley

Walt Strony
and
Thom Greathouse

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Edward M. Stout III

Renewing at the Patron Level:

Gary French
Mark Sammut



Welcome New Member at the Sustaining Level:

Christopher Booras

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.



Dave Moreno Productions

Harold Lloyd Silent Movies at Harmony Wynelands
9291 E. Harney Lane, Lodi CA (209) 369-4184
Friday, April 29 at 7:30pm \$12 Advance

Short Intro Concert at The Stockton Fox
242 E. Main St. Stockton CA
The movie will be The Breakfast Club
Friday, May 20 at 6:30pm

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — Randy Warwick



Well, our false start last summer that was to be at Wendell Jacob's studio was soon followed by his unfortunate passing and our lack of access to the Fair Oaks Clubhouse was all complicated by the pandemic. It seemed for a while that

resuming activities might not happen for an indefinite time. However, the Chapter is alive and ready to resume activities.

What we have to look forward to is that Hunter Hall in Rio Vista will likely be available again this year after the **David Marsh** concert. The Grant Alumni have agreed to resume the George Wright Tribute Concert this coming November, featuring **Walt Strony**. In addition, Harmony Wynelands in

Lodi and the Wendell Jacob studio are both possibilities for events later in the year. Finally, late next year we will regain access to the reimagined Clubhouse that will feel like it is new (circa 1933) with 2023 upgrades. The building should be very nice.

Farther into the future will be our access to **Dick Taylor's** emerging studio in Rocklin, featuring the 4/22 Wurlitzer from the New York Paramount broadcast/recording studio. It is an understatement that it will be well worth the wait.

Given no events, we have carried all members as of early 2020 without solicitation for dues, but we are gearing up for resuming dues. We greatly appreciate those who have sent in their dues over the last two years. Your contributions are much appreciated.