

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Hot August Pipes

August 2017

JIM BROWN AT FAIR OAKS
7997 CALIFORNIA AVE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 2:00 PM



HOT AUGUST PIPES is back!
Come on down to the Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse and enjoy a concert featuring **Jim Brown** and indulge in some ice cream with all of the toppings.

This is our annual fundraiser.
\$5 minimum suggested donation



Jim Brown started his musical experience by playing the trombone in his elementary, intermediate and high school bands and singing in various choral groups throughout his school years. Jim began studying the organ in early 1974 at the age of 18. His organ studies were self-taught initially. Jim then studied classical organ and piano with Terry Compton of Roseville, CA, and has also studied with Donna Crosson of Shingle Springs, CA.

His first professional break came in December, 1975, when he was hired to play the theater pipe organ at Big Top Pizza in Carmichael, CA. He held this position until 1981. He later played the pipe organs at Pizza and Pipes, both in Sacramento and in Fresno, CA, until 1994. He started playing the organ for church services in July 1981 and has been playing almost non stop ever since. He moved to Spokane, WA, in December, 2005, after his retirement from the City of Roseville, CA, and returned to the Sacramento area last November. He and his family reside in Lincoln, CA. Currently he is organist at Lincoln Hills Community Church.



Sierra Chapter members included **Dave Moreno, Carol Zerbo, Dick Taylor, Dave Sauer**. Attending but not pictured were **Bob Suffel, Bob Wilcox and Bill Coale**.

Photo courtesy of NorCal member Esther Joseph.

Oroville State Theatre Organ Project

Reported by David Dewey



Stage has purchased a 16' rank of Wurlitzer Wooden Diaphones and 16' Pedal Tibias from the Columbia River Theatre Organ Society in Portland; these will fill out the pedal division of our organ. See the photo on the left for a perspective on how large they are.

Stage is in the process of looking for donors to keep the project going. There is an admittedly idealistic goal to have the organ playing for the Theatre's 90th birthday in April of 2018.

On July 28 folks will leave for Aurora, Oregon, to pick up our new ranks; these will be unloaded onto the stage on Saturday, July 29 and will quickly be refurbished and installed on the stage walls as they are too big to store and too big to go into the chambers. These will be the first pipes to go in the theatre!! All this work must be done by September 15 so that the stage can be prepared for the first performance of the Fall season.

Contracts have been let and work has begun on the reconstruction and construction of both Pipe Organ Chambers; volunteers are already on site making preparations for the contractor (to save lots of money). One project almost completed is the removal of an abandoned LARGE HVAC fan motor. Volunteers are painting lumber and sheetrock for the necessary sealing of the back sides of the auditorium grillwork. This grill work was covered over in the 1950s and must be sealed off to be uncovered. The grills originally were part of the air conditioning system, but are not now. Volunteers will also remove old plaster walls and ducting that is still running through parts of the chamber areas.

We are going to be looking for folks who want to continue through the fall and winter rebuilding the organ chests. We hope to be putting chests in the chambers during the theatre's "down time" in January.

Fund raising is ongoing at this time: we are spending it too fast!

Friday, September 22 Time: 5 - 9pm

Eat pizza and listen to **Dave Moreno** who will be entertaining guests on the Wurlitzer Pipe Organ with music and silent comedy shorts for this fundraising event for church outreach programs including the Rio Vista Food Pantry

Contact - **Linda Jensen (707) 374-5542**

Reservations Required!

**Pizza & Pipes
Event for
St. Brigid's Episcopal
Church**

**Events at
Hunter Hall**

**218 California St
Rio Vista, CA**

**AMICA
Open House**

Saturday, October 7 - 2:00 pm

The Automated Musical Instrument Collectors Association invites Sierra Chapter and NorCal Chapter members to an **Open House at Hunter Hall** in Rio Vista. The event is free, but they are asking for attendees to bring a finger food dish to share.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



The Chapter has admittedly had a bit of a dry spell for events this spring and summer, but most of the rest of the year we will have an interesting and varied lineup.

We wanted to return to **Ironstone**, but availability of the facility was an issue. They no longer want to “partner” with us and it is now more expensive to have a concert there. We are attempting to return there next spring when the chance of rain is less likely but before the onslaught of weddings. We also want to return to **Hunter Hall** in Rio Vista and **Harmony Wynelands** in Lodi next spring or summer.

When planning concerts/events, we try to offer more “bang for the buck,” balancing a quality perfor-

mance without high ticket prices. Although for any of us who in the last several years have attended live music of any kind, we know that in the majority of cases you do not get to see a quality performance for under \$20.00. Often, prices are much higher than that. A fellow baby boomer friend recently paid almost \$200.00 to hear Paul McCartney at the new Golden One Arena and his seats were not right in front of the stage.

We will offer a super opportunity with the return of our traditional “Hot August Pipes” on August 6 at Fair Oaks, featuring our own **Jim Brown** at the Wurlitzer. In addition, we will be serving ice cream and all the toppings (sorry but after spending 30 years in Bakersfield I just can't say “fixing's” one more time). For only \$5.00, you will hear Jim at the Wurlitzer and eat delicious ice cream, so you can't beat the price. Hope to see you there!

Closing Chord

Harry Cline

(1918 - 2017)

Long time member
of Sierra Chapter.



Saturday -
Sept 16

10am to 6pm

Stop by the Fair Oaks
Clubhouse and hear
Dave Moreno on our
Chapter Organ!

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA



Presents *the incredible* **Brian Holland** with
the *fantastically talented* **Danny Coots** for
Early Jazz, Stride and Ragtime,
Piano and Percussion.

3:00 pm August 19th

Near Grass Valley, CA

More info and RSVP, at email billtrabucco@saber.net

Or phone 530-273-4252

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome Back:

Jim Brown

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Terry & Sherry Clifton
Earnest Hartley & Susan Fredericks
Charles Lindquist
Charlie Metcalf
Edward M. Stout III
Bob Suffel
Randy & Adele Warwick
Bob Wilcox
Carol Zerbo



Renewing at the Patron Level:

Joan & Gary Grootveld
Dick Taylor
Neal Wood

Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

Paul & Sue Brown
Jeanne Paquette-French
Frank & Sondra Fuson
Jan Hunter
Wendell Jacob
Steve Restivo



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SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Hot August Pipes

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday August 6th

2:00PM

With **Jim Brown**

\$5.00 Donation

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

SUNday, July 23
2:30PM

Justin LaVoie in Concert

NorCal members only.
You can join at the door
and will be admitted as
NorCal's guest.

STOCKTON FOX EVENT

242 East Main Street
(Bob Hope Theatre)

Classic Movie

Sunday, July 23

Preshow concert 1:30PM

*"The
Blues
Brothers"*



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