

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED LUNCH



DECEMBER, 2017

Christmas Party

Mini-concert from 1:00 - 1:30

Catered dinner from 1:30 - 2:30

Annual Meeting after dinner

*OPEN Console
after the annual meeting.*

The meal will be catered!

Bring a \$6 donation!

Desserts to share are welcome.

Beverages will be provided.



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, California, and has also studied with Donna Crosson of Shingle Springs, California.



About the Artist

His first professional break came in December, 1975, when he was hired to play the theater pipe organ at Big Top Pizza in Carmichael, California. He held this position until 1981. He later played the pipe organs at Pizza and Pipes, both in Sacramento and in Fresno, California, 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, Washington, in December, 2005, after his retirement from the City of Roseville, California, and returned to the Sacramento area last November. He and his family reside in Lincoln, California. Currently he is organist at Lincoln Hills Community Church.



SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD

1:00 P.M.

\$6 DONATION

FAIR OAKS CLUBHOUSE

The most important part of the day will be the **election of Board members.**

We need a quorum!

A quorum requires that at least 25% of our National ATOS members be present to vote.

We need YOU there!

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick

At the end of another busy year, we look back on a year that included some nicely attended concerts and improvements to the Chapter organ with the gift of the brass trumpet and purchase of the English post horn from the famous Ye Olde Pizza Joint Hayward Wurlitzer, which was heard by many thousands over the years when the granddaddy of pipe organ pizza parlors was packing in huge crowds. We had a few disappointments in 2017, which sadly included the passing of David Gray's father just before he was to be on his way to the U.S. on a trip that included a piano and organ concert here at member Bill Trabucco's Music Hall near Grass Valley. Also, we worked on presenting a concert at Ironstone, but the needed dates did not pan out.

While Ironstone is no longer willing to partner with us, we can rent the music room, which we may revisit in the coming year. From a fiscal standpoint, we had no big money-making events; however, net funds outflow was minimal, and the Chapter is in very sound financial condition as will be further noted by Terry Clifton at the Christmas Party/Annual Meeting on December 3.

I am looking forward to extending holiday greetings to everyone at the Christmas Party as we enjoy food, libations, camaraderie, and also hear improvements to the Chapter organ as Jim Brown once again plays music of the season.





Randy Warwick

A member of Sierra Chapter since 1968, I served as Chapter VP and President in the late 70's and early 80's. While not a musician, I do play the organ for my own amusement, as well as for anyone willing to listen. I have owned too many electronic organs to count and at one time a six rank "Mortitzer" T.P.O. (thank you Dave Moreno for all the work on that too short-lived organ). I look forward to serving another term working with the Board and as many of you who are willing at keeping Sierra Chapter both a fun group as well as a vital presenter and advocate of the wonderful sound of wind through the pipes that we all love.



Terry Clifton

Terry Clifton currently serves on the Board as Treasurer. He previously filled two terms as Secretary and is also the printer and mailer of your *Organ Spiel*. Additional duties include Membership Secretary and co-editor of the *Spiel*. He first became hooked on theatre organs back in the late '60s with Friday night Silent Movies at the West Seattle Granada Organ Loft. He has been a member of ATOS since 1986 and a member of Sierra Chapter since 1992. While not a player or technician, he remains fascinated by the mechanics and sound of these fabulous instruments.



Greg De Santis

I have been a member of the wonderful Sierra Chapter since 2008 and have been honored to have the opportunity to perform concerts for the Chapter on numerous occasions since then. As a way of giving something back to all who have supported and encouraged me, I would be even more honored to serve on the Sierra Chapter Board in 2018. As a player with both classical and theatre-style training, I believe I can bring valuable insights to discussions about the future of our Chapter.



Gary French

Gary is honored to serve as one of your board members over the last six years and wishes to continue to serve the chapter for another two years. There continues to be a lot of challenges facing our mission of "preservation and promotion of the Theatre Pipe Organ and its music." During the last two years, we have completed a new Policy and Procedures Manual. We are continually working on bringing both the Fair Oaks Clubhouse and Grant High School organs to their full potential by performing upgrades and maintenance that, in many cases, are overdue. If you heard the George Wright Memorial Concert on November 12, 2017, you may have noticed a more pronounced sound created by moving the overpowering English Horn from the Fair Oaks organ to the George Wright organ. The Fair Oaks organ has a new trumpet that matches that organ much better. Gary asks all members to help him and the board to build the chapter membership and bring the fascinating world of Theatre Organ and its music to new people, young and old.



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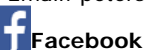
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FREE PUMP ORGAN



This organ is in storage in a commercial radio repeater vault at my ranch. It belonged to my late mother-in-law. It is looking for a new home and is free to someone that wants to restore it.

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Il Tempio di Musica

Presents

“Ivory and Gold”

Flute and Piano

Jeff and Ann Barnhardt

Saturday, Jan 20th, 2018

More details in the next Spiel



Oroville Wurlitzer Update

All the parts for the organ have been removed from storage and are now in the shop or upstairs in theatre storage. The main 7-rank chest has been opened up, and the gasketing is believed to be the original. All the pallet pneumatics have been tested and about 1/4 of them will be repaired; much of these really only need new gaskets—we’re being finicky and not tolerating leaks! The diaphone beater boxes from Portland have had all their delaminated wood glued back together and filled or replaced. We picked up another set of 16’ tibias because ours did not have a chest, and this was easier than building a new one. These parts were in a fire, and are covered in soot & dirt, but seem to be cleaning up nicely. Anyone need some large scale 16’ Redwood tibias? We also now have a set of 25 note tuned sleigh bells! This is likely the last “expansionist” moves we will make to this organ! Now that I’ve said that, something else will come up. Here’s a few pics for you to look at. Set aside April 7, 2018 for the first public use of this instrument. If it doesn’t play by then, this writer will be going into exile! Come on up to Oroville and help out.

The restoration workshop in Oroville is located at 1555 Meyers St. Guests are welcome. Call me for current open hours.

David Dewey (530) 589-3676



7 Rank Main Chest



Cleaning Tibia Chest



Sleigh Bells



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT
 Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
 7997 California Ave

**Annual Meeting
 Christmas Party**

**Sunday,
 December 3
 1:00PM**

Featuring
Jim Brown

**\$6 donation
 includes catered meal**

FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT
 Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
 7997 California Ave

**Friday,
 January 26th, 2018
 7:00PM**

Silent Films

**Featuring
 Dave Moreno**

on the Sierra Chapter Organ
 \$6 Advance
 \$8 at the Door

More info in the January Spiel

STOCKTON FOX EVENT
BOB HOPE THEATRE
 242 East Main Street

White Christmas

**Sunday
 Dec 17
 1:30PM**

**\$8/Adults
 \$4/Children**

**Wine, Soda,
 Water, and snacks all included!!**

Featuring
Dave Moreno
 On the
Mighty Morton

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