

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

## COACH TOUR TO BERKELEY

FEBRUARY 2010

MEET AT CALIFORNIA AUTO MUSEUM  
2200 FRONT ST

DONNA PARKER

SUNDAY, FEB. 14TH  
12:30 P.M.



We are off to Berkeley, again, to attend another great concert on the magnificent 4/33 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ at the Berkeley Community Theatre. (The largest proscenium arch theater in the Bay Area). We will meet at the California Auto Museum. **The coach leaves promptly at 12:30PM, so don't be late.** After the concert, we will stop at the NEW Brennan's Restaurant for a No Host Dinner and will arrive back at the California Auto Museum around 8:30PM. See the insert for ticket orders. Coach trips have sold out in the past!



### ABOUT THE ARTIST,

♥ H A P P Y ♥  
V A L E N T I N E S D A Y

Donna Parker, a native of Los Angeles, California, began her organ studies at the age of 7. Four years later she was introduced to the theatre organ and, at thirteen, began her classical organ instruction with Richard Purvis, Organist and Master of Choristers Emeritus of San Francisco's famed Grace Cathedral.

Donna quickly established a name for herself on the concert circuit as a capable performer for one so young. She made her first recording at 15, was appointed the first Official Organist for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team and toured Southern California in concert as a product specialist for Conn Organ Company. While in high school, she appeared at Universal Studios in Southern California, providing holiday season entertainment and by serving as Organist for the Los Angeles Sports Arena, playing for professional ice hockey and tennis teams.

Through arrangements made by George Wright, Donna began studying harmony and arranging with Gordon Kibbee while also studying theatre organ stylings with Lyn Larsen. Donna attended California Polytechnic State University at Pomona, California, majoring in organ. She moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where she performed at Organ Stop Pizza; this began an association that would last for many years, performing at many restaurants around the country.

Donna has actively promoted the theatre pipe organ art form including television appearances on CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt, PM Magazine, and numerous entertainment news spots. In 1996 she was honored by being named Organist of the Year by the ATOS.

Donna served as marketing manager for Rodgers Instrument Corporation of Hillsboro, Oregon, for almost eight years. She worked in institutional sales representing Allen Organ Company and Steinway & Sons advising colleges, universities and places of worship on how to meet their music program needs. **Come, meet and hear one of the foremost Females of Theatre Organ!**





# Peter Richard Conte

A skillful performer and arranger of organ transcriptions, Mr. Conte is the Grand Court Organist of the famous Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia. When not touring, he performs on that 6 manual pipe organ twice daily.

**Come hear him perform in Sacramento!**

Sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter,  
**AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS**  
 and **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Includes a **silent movie, "The Kid"** 1921  
 with Charlie Chaplin

**Friday, February 26th - 7:30PM - 17th & L - \$10/Donation**



## Morton Madness?? NO! Pops Concert at *Ironstone*

After 15 years, your Board has decided to try something different for our April Event. Sierra Chapter has partnered with Ironstone Vineyards, in Murphys California, to bring you a single venue starting with a Luncheon Buffet, followed by a concert on the Alhambra Theatre Pipe Organ by **Martin Ellis** on Saturday April 17th.

This event is already **Sold Out** for "drive yourself" tickets. However, Sierra Chapter still has a limited number of Coach Tour tickets available. **See the Order Form insert for details.**



## Open Console - Fair Oaks Sunday - Feb. 21st

Come **anytime between 2:00—5:00PM**, and sign-in at the door. Members and Friends who wish to play will be limited to three songs, or 15 minutes, whichever comes first. After everyone on the sign-in list has been given a chance to play, the process will be repeated.

**Admission is free.** You may bring your family or friends and play the organ, or just sit and listen. Friends of Sierra Chapter and non-members may play the organ on their first visit. Thereafter they would need to join to play.



**For Sale:** Hammond M3 Organ—Spinet Included are instructional books, and generator oil. Good for a student or Church Chapel. Great condition - \$250 or best offer Contact **Bev Harris - 916-332-2837**

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE – CAROL ZERBO



It's Sunday night after Nathan Avakian's concert and, as the Disneyland commercial goes "I'm too excited to sleep". Seventy plus people heeded the January Spiel's admonition to support these concerts or see them fade away. We had people from the Bay area, Petaluma and Reno - some first-timers. *I seriously doubt anyone was disappointed.* This young man has it all - talent, charm, composure.

Nathan had the organ well under control as he presented a varied and ambitious program. Several days of hard work by Dave Moreno, Paul Brown and Bill Gardner insured that the old girl behaved herself. Thanks very much, y'all. Be sure to visit our **YouTube site** to hear some of Nathan's concert, courtesy of webmaster and video-maven **Dave Sauer**. Thanks also to Nathan's host and hostess - **Terry and Sherry Clifton**. As always, they made sure our young artist was well taken care of.

on a very nice note. Speaking of which, our January Spiel featured a request for a computer for the new relay system that will be installed on the Mendenhall Theatre Pipe Organ in the CAM. Bless their sweet hearts - **Dave Molzahn and Eric Parker** responded. All bases seem to be covered now, and my thanks to David and Eric for answering the call. You have true team spirit!

Our next venture will be the bus trip to Berkeley to hear Donna Parker. You will note the date is *Valentine's Day* so treat your honey to a stress free drive, a very entertaining artist, and a nice dinner at the new Brennan's. Details are here and on our website. If you do a quick check of prices on bus tours to get to entertainment venues, you will find that the trips we offer are more than reasonable from both the dollar and the peace of mind standpoint. Besides - it's just plain fun.



trip to Ironstone . Give it a try. Bus Trip...bus trip...bus trip...

Remember - we're back at Fair Oaks on February 21st but this time *you're the star*. Yup - the organ will, once again, be center stage and the audience will have the opportunity to play. It's a fact that home-based theatre pipe organs are few and far between and opportunities to play organs in public buildings are even fewer. Here's your chance! Your audience will be supportive 'cause everybody gets a turn.

Yup - 2010 is starting out nicely. I look forward to seeing y'all at our events. Well -I'm finishing my article in the middle of El Nino's first appearance and it's really stormy out there right now so I'd better get this off before it disappears.

Everybody stay warm, dry, and intact!

Carol Z



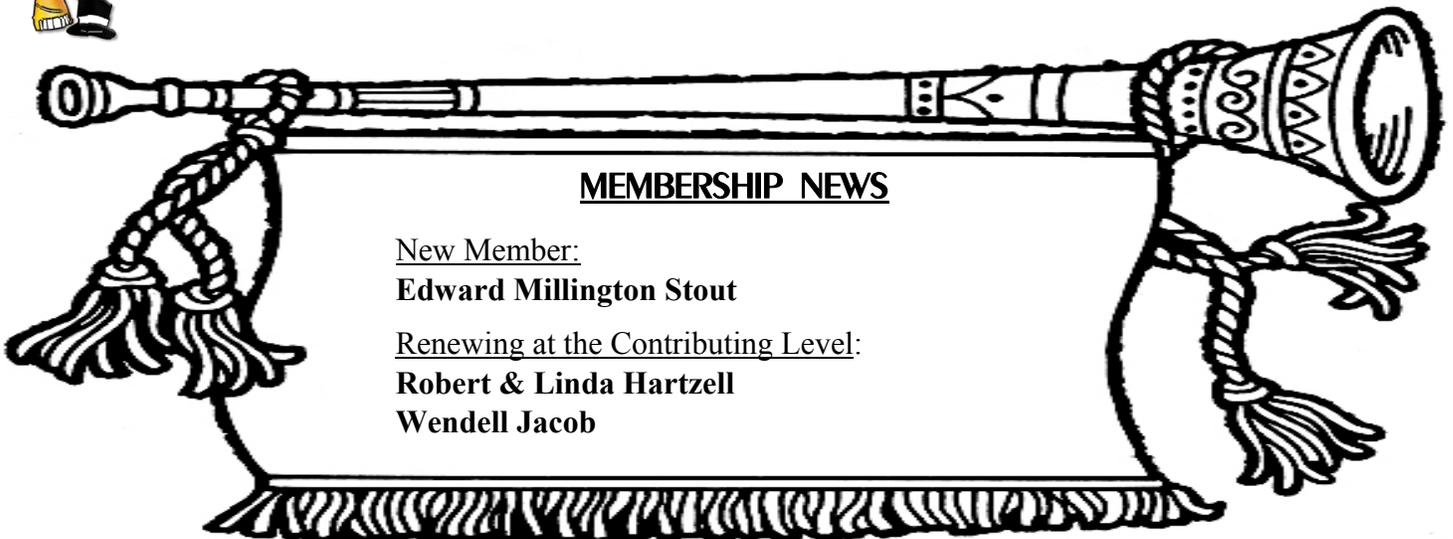
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The same goes for the bus

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Member:  
**Edward Millington Stout**

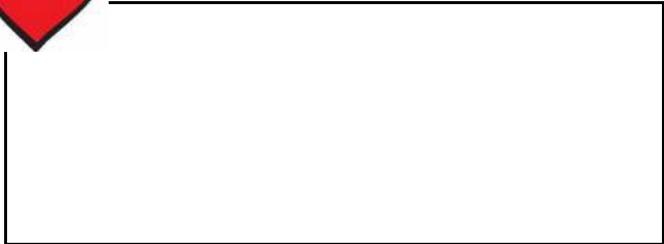
Renewing at the Contributing Level:  
**Robert & Linda Hartzell**  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

### SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT



**Sunday February 14th**

**12:30 PM**

**Bus Trip To Berkeley  
Donna Parker Concert**  
\$35 Includes concert ticket

### SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave

**Sunday February  
21st**

**2:00 - 5:00PM**

**Open Console**



### AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS EVENT

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
17th & L

**Friday February 26th**

**7:30 PM**

Silent Movie "The Kid"  
Organist - **Peter Richard Conte**  
\$10/Suggested Donation



### POPS Concert at Ironstone

**Martin Ellis**

Murphys California  
**Saturday April 17th**

Coach leaves Auto Mu-  
seum at **10:30AM**



### NOR-CAL TOS EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre

**Sunday Mar 14 -**

**2:30 PM**

**Chris Gorsuch**

\$15/General Admission

### Stockton Fox Event

Bob Hope Theatre  
242 E. Main  
Stockton, CA

**Friday Feb 19 - 6:30PM**

*Shadow of a Doubt*

Featuring

**Tom Thompson**

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)

# Coach Trip to Berkeley Ticket Order Form

Berkeley Concert Tour Ticket Order Form		
<p><b>GUEST ARTIST:</b> Donna Parker</p> <p><b>DATE:</b> Sunday, February 14, 2010</p> <p><b>ITINERARY:</b>            12:30 p.m. - Leave California Auto Museum            2:00 p.m. - Arrive Berkeley            2:30 p.m. - Donna Parker concert            5:30 p.m. - No host dinner at Brennan's            7:00 p.m. - Leave Berkeley            8:30 p.m. - Arrive California Auto Museum</p> <p>Price includes luxury coach and concert ticket.</p> <p>Make checks payable to <b>Sierra Chapter, ATOS</b></p> <p>Complete this fill-in order form, then print and mail it with your check to:</p> <p><b>Dave Sauer</b>  <b>P.O. Box 101</b>  <b>Sacramento, CA 95812</b></p>	<p>Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Address <input type="text"/></p> <p>City <input type="text"/></p> <p>State <input type="text"/></p> <p>ZIP <input type="text"/></p> <p>Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>Email <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Don't be disappointed.</p> <p><i>Order your tickets today.</i></p> <p>Previous concert tours to Berkeley have SOLD OUT!</p> <p>Tickets <input type="text"/> x \$35</p> <p>Total Amount \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p><i>Ticket orders must be postmarked no later than February 8, 2010.</i></p>

# Pops Concert at Ironstone Ticket Order Form

Pops Concert at Ironstone Ticket Order Form		
<p><b>DATE:</b> Saturday, April 17, 2010</p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> California Auto Museum</p> <p><b>ITINERARY:</b>            10:30 a.m. - Leave California Auto Museum            12:00 p.m. - Arrive Ironstone Vineyards            12:30 p.m. - Luncheon buffet            2:00 p.m. - Martin Ellis concert            5:00 p.m. - Leave Ironstone Vineyards            6:30 p.m. - Arrive California Auto Museum</p> <p>Price includes buffet, concert, and bus tour.</p> <p>Make checks payable to <b>Sierra Chapter, ATOS</b></p> <p>Complete this fill-in order form, then print and mail it with your check to:</p> <p><b>Dave Sauer</b>  <b>P.O. Box 101</b>  <b>Sacramento, CA 95812</b></p>	<p>Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Address <input type="text"/></p> <p>City <input type="text"/></p> <p>State <input type="text"/></p> <p>ZIP <input type="text"/></p> <p>Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>Email <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Tickets <input type="text"/> x \$59</p> <p>Total Amount \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p><i>Ticket orders must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2010.</i></p> <p>No babes in arms or strollers will be admitted.</p> <p>Well-behaved children supervised by an adult are always welcome.</p>