

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Silent Movie Night



January, 2016



Dave Moreno has had an extensive background in playing the theatre organ, beginning when he was just 13. He's equally comfortable with silent movie accompaniment, solo music of the 1920's - 1950's and jazz organ.

Over the past 30 years Dave has played in many of

Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents: Speedy (1928)

With **Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Friday, January 29

the great remaining vintage theatres and organ restaurants like the Pizza and Pipes in Sacramento. As unique as his style is, so is his fashionable appearance. Moreno is an avid collector of vintage platform shoes, most from the 1970's, and 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! *He's quite the showman!*

Speedy, released in 1928, was one of the films to be nominated for the short-lived Academy Award for Best Director of a Comedy. The film stars famous comedian Harold Lloyd in the eponymous leading role, and it was his last silent film to be released in theatres. *Speedy* was shot in both Hollywood and on location in New York City.

The plot revolves around Harold 'Speedy' Swift's attempts to save the last horse-drawn streetcar in New York. The film contrasts the speed of life of the contemporary city with the pace of yesteryear, represented by this non-motorized mode of transport. Yankees star Babe Ruth plays one of 'Speedy's' hapless passengers.



{There is a scene in the film where Speedy is seen giving the finger to himself while looking in a distorted mirror which may be the earliest motion picture depiction of that gesture.}

This would be a GREAT Venue to **invite friends** to join you! Any age can truly enjoy the silent pictures accompanied by the *Mighty Wurlitzer!*

January 29, 2016

Purchase advance tickets at
F.O. Park & Rec office
or at www.fairoakspark.org
or call (916) 966-1036

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Event starts at 7:00PM
\$6/Presale,
\$8/General

Barbara, Carroll and Beverly Harris - 1971



**Memorial on
January 24**
2:00pm at
River City
Christian,
formerly First Covenant
Church.
10933 Progress Ct
Rancho Cordova
Hymn jam session
after service. Bring
instruments and
music stand.
Sheet Music will be
provided.



Closing Chord

Barbara Harris

We say farewell to our Sierra Chapter Charter member and Historian of 40 years, Barbara Harris! After graduating from UC Berkeley, Barbara was a career elementary school teacher, flautist, wife and mother.

TOES (Theatre Organ Enthusiasts of Sacramento) was a local group started in 1964 and included Charter Members Carroll and Barbara Harris. Their daughter, Beverly, has literally grown up in the group.

TOES was not affiliated with ATOE until 1968 when the group sought to be a Chapter with ATOS, which then be-

came Sierra Chapter ATOS.

TOES supported the then spectacular installation of the 4/16 Morton in the new, plush lounge/dining room of the Carl Greer Inn. There were six TOES members with home pipe organ installations (Ray Anderson, Dale Mendenhall, Harley Sommer, Harvey Whitney, Hal Wilmunder, and Don Zeller), and that is where the chapter would hold its meetings.

Working tirelessly for the chapter, Barbara served on the Sierra Chapter Board of Directors and worked on various organ installation projects: Pizza & Pipes, Big Top Pizza, and the Stockton Fox. She helped at the record shop for the 1992 regional convention and worked as hostess at the 1975 ATOS convention on Sacramento day. For many years, she & Beverly decorated for our concerts. Her graciousness will certainly be missed by all of us.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick

I wish to thank all of the Officers and Board Members for their efforts and assistance on behalf of Sierra Chapter, ATOS, for this past year. They are a great group of folks and have made four satisfying and enjoyable years during my terms as President. Thanks to Vice President **Carol Zerbo**; Treasurer, Membership, and *Spiel* Editor **Terry Clifton**; Secretary **Joanie Grootveld**; and Board members **Craig Peterson** (who doubles arranging our concerts as Program Director), **Gary French** (who headed up

our total revision of the Policies and Procedures Manual), **Paul Brown** (who coordinates with Dave on organ maintenance), and **Charlie Metcalf** (who organizes the open console sessions). And last but not least, thanks to our ex-officios: **Dave Moreno**, Organ Tech; **Dave Sauer**, Webmaster of one of the best websites of all ATOS Chapters; **Bill Coale**, former Board Member until last year and current Facebook page manager; and **Bev Harris**, Historian.

Hear Talented Young Pianist

TOBY THOMAS-ROSE

IN

A PROGRAM OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

AT

Il Tempio di Musica

Linden Lea, the Trabucco Ranch

January 16th 2:00 pm 2016

DONATIONS FOR TOBY APPRECIATED

RSVP to billtrabucco@saber.net and/or (530) 273-4252.

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Renewing at the Contributing Level:

Roy Powlan

Get ready for a special Sierra Chapter Event!

On Sunday, April 10,

Sierra Chapter welcomes all the way from Scotland, 2015 ATOS Theatre Organist of the Year - **David Grey**. David will be performing for us at the Harmony Wynelands Blue Barn, on their wonderful Robert Morton Theatre Organ in Lodi.



BOARD MEETING

Saturday

January 16

10:00AM

East Lawn

Memorial Park

43rd and Folsom

Sacramento



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Friday,
January 29th, 2016
7:00PM

Silent Film - *Speedy*



Featuring
Dave Moreno on the Organ
\$6 Advance
\$8 at the Door

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

Annual Mtg & Concert

Sunday
January 17
2:00PM

Free
NorCal Members & their Guests

Featuring
Zach Frame

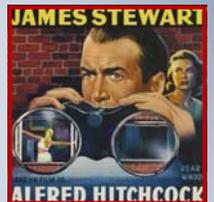
STOCKTON FOX EVENT

BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

REAR WINDOW

Sunday
Feb 28
1:30PM
\$8/Adults



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