

# The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

## SILENT MOVIE NIGHT



January, 2019



### Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents: *Safety Last at Fair Oaks*

With **Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

Friday, January 25

Doors open 6pm. Film starts at 7pm.

**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 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!*

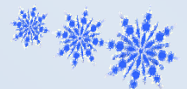
### *Safety Last (1923)*

The picture at left pretty much says it all. When you think of **Harold Lloyd**, this is the image that comes to mind. Do NOT miss it!



A young man named Harold leaves his small home town of Great Bend to head to the big city so that he can earn enough money to marry his sweetheart, Mildred. He finds that life in the big city is more difficult than he imagined, only managing to get a low paying sales clerk job at De Vore's Department Store. He even has to share a room with his pal Bill to make ends meet. In the meantime, he writes letters home to Mildred, telling her that he has a great job, and to be patient as he will soon be able to send for her, which is the farthest thing from the truth. He even sends her gifts which he can ill afford. Harold gets into one misadventure after another as he works on not getting fired. His life gets more complicated as Mildred makes a surprise visit into the city, which makes his task of masquerading as a high powered businessman even more difficult, while still trying to do his job under the watchful and critical eye of the department store's head floorwalker, Mr. Stubbs. Harold thinks all his prayers are answered when, after overhearing a conversation with De Vore's General Manager, he comes up with a scheme to make enough money to get married using Bill's special skills. But Harold may have to use those skills himself in order to carry out that scheme.

January 25, 2019



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!*

Purchase advance tickets at  
F.O. Park & Rec office  
or at [www.forpd.org](http://www.forpd.org)  
or call (916) 966-1036

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

## ATOS Convention - 2019

Visit the scenic city of Rochester, New York, home of the 2019 ATOS Annual Convention, hosted by the Rochester Theatre Organ Society.

Starting with a PreGlow including the George Eastman Home, and ending with an Encore stop at Niagara Falls, concluding at the Herschel Carousel Factory Museum.

**We're In a  
Western New York  
State of Music**

Hosted by the  
Rochester Theater Organ Society  
Rochester, New York  
June 30 - July 5



Mark **Sunday, June 30 through Friday, July 5th** on your calendar for this summer!



We will be based at The Rochester Riverside (special convention rate of \$109), located in the heart of Downtown Rochester near The Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Strong National Museum of Play and more!

Visit [www.atos.org/convention](http://www.atos.org/convention) for details.

**Special Earliest Convention rate ends January 31!**



**June 23 - 30** More information at [historictheatres.org](http://historictheatres.org)

Our 2019 host hotel will be the historic Hotel Edison, just around the block from Times Square. Special Convention rate - \$199 Book Now before

the Room Block fills!

Join us for exclusive tours of movie palaces and legitimate theatres during our 50th Anniversary "Conclave" – TheatreCon!

This conclave is shaping up to have a record attendance, and we will see some great theaters. Final details and registration will open up in February, so stay tuned to their Website for that. But as a 'teaser', we can tell you we are working diligently to get us into the long-dormant Loew's Poli Palace and Majestic in Bridgeport, CT as part of our Afterglow, and are working on an exclusive limited "Pre-Glow" day to be held on Monday in Times Square, visiting some normally off-limits legitimate venues.



**THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
ESTABLISHED 1956

## 2019 Convention Dallas, Texas July 14 - July 18



This convention will feature over 12 beautiful venues. The region is home to several major universities, but much of our time will be spent at two: the Southern Methodist University campus, across the highway from the convention's hotel, boasts an active organ program with numerous fine instruments by Dobson, Aeolian-Skinner, C.B. Fisk, and Hook & Hastings. A highlight here is the Meadows Museum which features the largest collection of Iberian art outside of Spain, and just so happens to house the state's oldest pipe organ, originally at Evora Cathedral. Our time at SMU will be shared with The Hymn Society of

the United States and Canada, the collaboration with whom will include a shared plenary session. The University of North Texas in Denton, a northern regional suburb, will host the OHS on another day as we experience the numerous concert organs on campus. Where else can one hear a 1949 Möller and a 1986 Bedient French classical organ in the same auditorium, not to mention a historic Swiss/German organ with Texas roots of over a century? Please visit [organhistoricalsociety.org/2019/](http://organhistoricalsociety.org/2019/) for convention details and registration starting in February.



# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



We had a good turnout for the annual Christmas Party/ Annual Meeting, which everyone seemed to enjoy. It was made most delightful by the joyous playing of the returning **Jim Brown** at our Wurlitzer.

Several members helped with the party: **Terry Clifton** helped by picking up the meal and setting up for the event, and **Dave Moreno** prepped the organ and made his rare blend of hot chocolate.

I wish to thank all of the Board and officers' efforts and help on behalf of Sierra Chapter ATOS for this past year. All of them are a great group of folks and have contributed seven satisfying and enjoyable years during my terms as President. Thanks to outgoing VP **Carol Zerbo** who after serving for 12 years will continue hosting our artists and supporting the chap-

ter in other ways. Also thanks to Treasurer/ Membership and *Spiel* Editor **Terry Clifton**, Secretary **Joanie Grootveld**, and Board members **Craig Peterson**, **Gary French**, **Greg De Santis**, and **Beverly Harris**. I also wish to thank our ex-officios: **Dave Moreno**, Organ Tech; **Dave Sauer**, Webmaster of one of the best websites of all ATOS Chapters; and **Beverly Harris**, Historian. Welcome to newly elected Board Member, **Tom Sebo**.

Our scheduled events for 2019 include **Hot August Pipes**, **Halloween Silent Movie** and **Christmas Party/Annual Meeting**. We encourage the membership to provide suggestions for other events. Just contact any of the board members.

On behalf of your Board of Directors of Sierra Chapter,  
**Happy New Year!**



All Saints Episcopal Church  
2076 Sutterville Road  
Sacramento  
916-455-0643

Free popcorn!  
Reception follows

SILENT MOVIE & PIPE ORGAN SPECTACULAR!

**Walt Strony**  
Theater and concert organist playing the silent movie

**THE CAMERAMAN**  
WITH BUSTER KEATON

Sunday, January 20, 2019, 4 pm

Kids 12 and under - free  
Seniors (65+) - \$10  
Regular - \$15 suggested donation

Back by popular demand  
Lighter fare & fun for all ages

## IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA PRESENTS At the ranch near Grass Valley

### IVORY AND GOLD

February 23rd, 2019 2PM

Piano, Flute, Vocals

<http://www.ivoryandgold.net/aboutus.html>

### DUO FORTIN - POIRIER

March 22nd, 2019 7PM

Piano 4 Hands

<http://duofortinpoirier.com/home>

Contact Bill Trabucco at [billtrabucco@saber.net](mailto:billtrabucco@saber.net)  
or call 530-273-4252 to RSVP





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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

### FAIR OAKS PARK EVENT

Fair Oaks Clubhouse  
7997 California Ave

**Friday,**

**January 25th, 2019**

**7:00PM**

Silent Film: *Safety Last*

Featuring

*Dave Moreno*  
On the  
*Mighty Wurlitzer*

\$6 Advance  
\$8 (Cash only)  
at the Door



### NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre  
1930 Allston Way  
Enter Via Stage Door

Concert & Annual Mtg

**Sunday**  
**January 20**

**2:00PM**

**Free**

NorCal Members &  
their Guests

Featuring  
*Scott Harrison*

### STOCKTON FOX EVENT

#### BOB HOPE THEATRE

242 East Main Street

*A Hard Days Night*

**Sunday**  
**Feb. 10**

**1:30PM**

\$8/Adults  
\$4/Children

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](http://www.atos.org)