

The Organ Spiel

Newsletter For the Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society

SILENT MOVIE



JANUARY, 2026



Fair Oaks Park & Rec Presents: *Laurel & Hardy Film Fest*

With **Dave Moreno** at the Wurlitzer
Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Friday, January 30

6:30pm Admission \$16.50 Adults
Advance Tickets Recommended ==>



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 former 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!*



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



The last couple of years it seems our Chapter has been a bit stymied at times, mostly due to the pandemic, issues at Grant and the delays getting access to

The Jacob Studio and back into the Fair Oaks Clubhouse. Things are turning around as all of those issues are now finally resolved.

Now, 2026

bodes well for the Chapter with a silent movie at Fair Oaks and the George Wright Tribute concert. We have a major donation by **Geoff Hansen** of a Wurlitzer console with a Uniflex relay with the playback feature and capability of 99 piston memories that will put us into a position to get more artists at Fair Oaks. This installation will require many hours of work by **Dave Moreno** and some volunteers to help get the console change implemented.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

ATOS Convention - 2026

Visit Rochester NY, home of the
2026 ATOS Annual Convention,
 hosted by the Rochester Theater Organ Society.
 Mark **Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10th**
 on your calendar for this summer!
 Visit <https://atos2026.org/> for details.



Theatre Historical Society is back!

**The 2026 Conclave will cover
 Western New York**

**Our base hotel will be at the same hotel as the
 ATOS convention in Rochester**

Mark Tuesday, June 23 through Saturday, June 27th

More information at: <https://historictheatres.org/conclave/>



THE ORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 ESTABLISHED 1956

2026 Platinum Jubilee, Philadelphia, PA August 11 - August 13

Philadelphia is the site of great celebration in 2026—not the least of which because it marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, also known as the United States Semiquincentennial. This year-long celebration taking place across the country is a time to reflect on the contributions made by millions of citizens in order to form a more perfect union. This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Organ Historical Society. A Septuagennial or Platinum Jubilee represents a significant milestone in the life of this totally unique institution. And what better way to celebrate than with a party! Please visit <https://organhistoricalsociety.org/2026/>



AGO Convention - 2026

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 July 6 through Friday, July
 10th**

**Yes, the same dates as the
 ATOS convention.**



**Silent Movie
 Mary Pickford
 in My Best Girl -
 1927**

Jan 18th

Doors open at 3:30pm

Accompanied by
Walt Strony
 828 W. Main St.
 Grass Valley

Your donations will help to
 bring more Silent Movie
 events.

