

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

THEATRE ORGAN CONCERT



NOVEMBER 2008



GRANT UNION
High School
1400 GRAND AVENUE
SACRAMENTO

SUNDAY,
NOV. 9TH
2:00 PM

11th ANNUAL
GEORGE WRIGHT
MEMORIAL CONCERT

GUEST ARTIST
MARK HERMAN

Mark Herman was born on August 25, 1987, and currently lives in Chicago, Illinois. He has been studying the piano since he was seven years old and began classical organ lessons at the age of 12. His first introduction to the theatre organ was when he was in fourth grade and was at the Embassy Theatre in downtown Fort Wayne. This was made possible by the late Robert Goldstine and the local American Guild of Organists chapter's "Room on the Organ Bench" program. In 2001, he began theatre organ studies with John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who is recognized worldwide for his skills as a teacher.

In the summer of 2003, Mark was given the opportunity to play a cameo performance at the American Theatre Organ Society's (ATOS) annual convention in Oakland, California. The following year, he won the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in Milwaukee at the Riverside Theatre. That enabled him to perform a successful concert for the ATOS 50th Anniversary Convention in Pasadena, which took place the following July. During the summer of 2006, he toured for six weeks in Australia and New Zealand, setting records in CD sales at many of the venues in which he appeared. Over the past two years, he has played numerous solo concerts in theatres and venues from coast to coast. He is a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, and is currently a third year student at The Theatre School, DePaul University in Chicago where he is majoring in Theatre Arts with a focus in Theatre Management. In addition to playing the organ, Mark has also been known to perform on the piano, as well as play several original compositions. He feels special gratitude towards his wonderful parents, Ron and Andrea, as well as all of his family and friends who have supported him from the beginning.



**Mark Herman at the console
Embassy Theatre
Fort Wayne, Indiana**



11th Annual George Wright Memorial Concert Advance Ticket Order Form

<p>GUEST ARTIST: Mark Herman</p> <p>DATE: Sunday, November 9, 2008</p> <p>TIME: 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOCATION: Grant Union High School</p> <p>Make checks payable to Sierra Chapter, ATOS</p> <p>Complete this fill-in form, then print and mail it with your check to:</p> <p>Dave Sauer P.O. Box 101 Sacramento, CA 95812</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">The post office may return your letter if the address is not printed EXACTLY as above.</p>	<p>Name <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Address <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>City <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>State <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>ZIP <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Phone <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Email <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>	<p>Order your advance tickets now and save! Tickets will be \$10 at the box office.</p> <p>No babes in arms or strollers will be admitted.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Ticket orders must be postmarked no later than November 2, 2008.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> x \$8</p> <p>Total Amount \$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/></p>
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Nominations needed for Vice President

The nominating process continues. Here is the list of candidates and positions as of the date of publication of this Spiel:

- Secretary: Terry Clifton
- Board Member: Marian Galbraith
- Board Member: Dr Robert Barrett

We continue to need a nomination for Vice President.

If you are interested in being Sierra Chapter's V.P. please contact Craig Peterson, Dave Sauer, or Irene Wilper. See below for phone numbers. If you have been a member of ATOS and not yet gotten involved at the chapter level...this is your opportunity! The success of every nonprofit organization depends on its volunteers.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE — CAROL ZERBO

Okay -- What's done is done. There'll be a new sheriff in town and we're all either disappointed or relieved. So let's relax, spend some money, and go to Grant High School to hear a stellar example of what I've been ranting about. At my age, anything under 30 is a kid. **Mark Herman** is barely past 20, but he knows his theatre organ music!

He has come all the way from Indiana to show us that the future of our beloved box of whistles in is good hands. This is your opportunity to show a friend, child, grandchild (or great grandchild) what the thing on the CD cover actually does. The theatre organ is a sight-and-sound instrument and these days, to actually see one in action re-

quires some effort.

Since most of us have heard the reigning stars of the theatre organ world many times, what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to listen to a rising star on a vintage instrument. It's the best of both worlds. See y'all at Grant on Nov 9th.

As you can see, it's election time of another sort. We are still short a Vice President and, while your Board can function without same, a full cast of characters is preferable. I will sorely miss our departing Board members but we who remain are eagerly looking forward to next year's adventures and working with our new Board members. Remember, our annual meeting is held during the

Christmas Party at Fair Oaks.

If you're looking to get out of town for Thanksgiving weekend, consider visiting our compatriots in Phoenix, AZ. The Valley of the Sun chapter has put together what looks like a wonderful "Desert Winds" November 28,29 & 30. As usual, complete information can be found on our website. I'm really looking forward to it and I hope to see some of you there also.

Happy Thanksgiving
- no matter where you spend it.



Carol Z



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Richard & Brenda Cook

Renewing at the Patron Level: **Greg De Santis**

Renewing at the Contrib Level: **David & Linda Dewey**



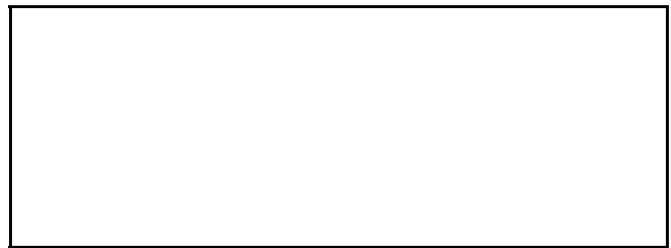
For Sale — Rodgers Trio 321B Oak Finish c/w Rhythm Box Excellent Condition Contact Dick Cook 360/598-4916 for more information.



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SIERRA CHAPTER/GRANT UNION ALUMNI EVENT

GEORGE WRIGHT MEMORIAL CONCERT

Grant Union High School
1400 Grand Ave.
Sacramento, CA

Sunday Nov 9 - 2:00 PM

Mark Herman
\$10/General Admission
\$8/Advance Admission
Students Free w/student ID

PHOENIX EVENT DESERT WINDS

Nov 28-30

9 concerts at 5 venues

For more info, e-mail:

desertwinds2008@cox.net

Or Go to their Web Site

www.bargainsail.com/desertwinds/events.asp

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENTS

Fair Oaks Clubhouse
7997 California Ave

Sunday December 7th

1:00 PM

Annual Meeting and
Christmas Party
Potluck Dinner

NOR-CAL TOS EVENT

Berkeley Community Theater

Sunday Nov 2 - 2:30 PM

Jonas Nordwall

\$15/General Admission



VISALIA EVENT

Fox Theatre

Sunday Nov 2 - 3:00 PM

Paul Roberts

308 W. Main St
Visalia, CA 93291
Tickets: 559-625-1369

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