

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

ORGAN CONCERT

NOVEMBER 2018



20th GEORGE WRIGHT TRIBUTE CONCERT

\$12/ADVANCE
\$15/AT THE DOOR



GRANT UNION High School

1400 Grand Avenue
Sacramento

SUNDAY,

Nov. 11th

2:00 PM

Box Office opens at 1:00PM

The four-manual twenty-one rank theatre pipe organ at Grant Union High School was installed over a period of one year from 1938 to 1939. Pipe work and chests were obtained from theatre organs in Redding and San Francisco, California, and Reno, Nevada. The best parts were used to assemble the organ by students under the direction of Fred Wood, an organ builder from Oakland. The new Grant organ was presented to the public in a recital by Howard Scott and George Wright on December 8, 1939. Recent improvements to the organ have been completed including a replacement Post horn more suitable to the size of the Grant auditorium.

For advance tickets, mail a check payable to Sierra Chapter ATOS at our Fair Oaks PO box and tickets will be held for you at the Auditorium Box Office.

GUEST ARTIST ALEX JONES

Originally from London, Alex is currently studying for a

Masters in Organ Performance Literature at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York in the studio of Prof. Edoardo Bellotti.

In 2009, he gained a scholarship place to study at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, UK and was junior organ scholar at Manchester Cathedral. Whilst in Manchester, he performed in the Cathedral's concert series and made several appearances at the Bridgewater Hall and Royal Northern College of Music as a soloist and alongside the Chetham's Symphony Orchestra.

He recently graduated from Birmingham Conservatoire, UK. In 2013, he was awarded the Anne & Don Smith Memorial Organ Scholarship to Birmingham Symphony Hall and became an "Artist in Residence". During this tenure, he collaborated alongside a wide variety of artists and has been responsible for curating the hall's superb Klais organ. In 2014, he was awarded the organ department Recital Prize for Outstanding Performance.

He was also awarded a grant from the Birmingham Organists Association Leonard Gibbons' Fund to aid with the completion of a new transcription for organ of Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition".

More recent activities have included a week-long concert tour of Holland featuring performances at the Grote Kerk in Zwolle and the Eindhoven Muzeiksaal. He has also performed in major UK venues including St. Paul's Cathedral, Royal Festival Hall, Westminster Central Hall and St. John Smith Square, London and in other cathedrals around the UK. He appeared as a guest speaker at Southbank Centre's "Pulling out the Stops" festival celebrating the re-inauguration of the Royal Festival Hall organ. He has also recently given performances in Rochester as part of the EROI 2016 Festival and made his debut as a theatre organist performing at the Auditorium Theater.

In 2017, he was awarded the Runner-Up Prize at the West Chester University International Organ Competition and has received numerous scholarships and donations toward his further studies in the US.

Also in 2017, Alex competed in and won the ATOS Young Artists Competition.

Alex currently holds the position of Organist at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Rochester, NY.





Marian Galbraith Feb. 13, 1934 - 2018

Longtime Sierra Chapter member, Marian Galbraith, 84, passed recently. Marian held a position on our Board of Directors for four years. Up until recently, she never missed a Sierra Chapter event, whether local, or to Ironstone and Harmony Wynelands with the Cliftons. She loved the organ music and was happy to be a part of all of you.

Closing Chords



William O. Schlotter Jr. Feb 18, 1942 - July 5, 2018.

Bill grew up in a military family. His grandfather was a "doughboy" in the First World War. His father and brother were graduates of West Point. His father was a Colonel who served in WWII and Korea. His brother was a Major in the Army.

Bill attended Piedmont High School and was active on the stage crew. He served in the Army during the years of military conscription, which were in effect when he was of military age. He could have entered West Point, but elected instead to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, from which he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1967.

Bill was a force for NorCal.



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Hammond Organ Needs a Home

Hammond Aurora available free. This was Hammond's flagship spinet of the late 70's - early 80's. An elaborate rhythm section, celeste string ensemble and built in Leslie speaker are noteworthy features. Owner states it is in near new condition and had some work done in recent years to clear up a few problems.

FYI - This is an electronic oscillator tone generator organ not the tone wheel electric generator versions of the 1930's through early 70's. Located in Rocklin. Contact Judy Sease

at: judy2317@yahoo.com



WALTER STRONY IN CONCERT AND BILL SCHLOTTER MEMORIAL

Sunday November 18, 2018

**2:30 PM, Berkeley Community Theatre, Berkeley
 Enter through Stage Door at 1930 Allston Way**

This will be NorCal's first concert since we lost our Organ Crew Chief, Bill Schlotter. We are told that Walter will play his spectacular arrangement for theatre organ of the "Victory at Sea" Suite by Richard Rodgers. One of Bill's favorites, the suite is made up of themes Mr. Rodgers wrote for a television documentary series on the role of the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Dueling Organs AND MORE
Sunday, November 25
4:00 PM



828 W. Main St., Grass Valley

It will be the Walt Strony Signature Series" Allen vs their regular Allen instrument.

Walt Strony and Thom Greathouse will play several pieces arranged for two organs, and also the Sierra Foothills premiere of Richard Purvis' "*Sierra Suite*" for organ and piano. Walt will play everything from Bach to theatre organ standards and Thom will play some piano solos as well. This will be a unique event!

Annual Election of Board Members

Nominations are still being accepted for positions beginning in 2019. If you are a member of ATOS National and have not yet gotten involved at the chapter level...this is your opportunity!

Ask not what Sierra Chapter can do for you...ask, what can I do for Sierra Chapter?

It takes a lot of people to keep the chapter machinery running and we have fun doing it! *The success of every nonprofit organization depends on its volunteers.*

Contact any on the Nominating Committee if you are interested.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Patron Level:
Greg De Santis



Annual Meeting
and
Christmas Party

Sunday

December 2nd 1:00PM

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

Open to all Members

\$6.00 Donation

includes catered meal!

SOLEMN EVENSONG

Sunday, November 4, 2018, 4 pm

In honor and celebration of Scott Nelson, our organist-choirmaster, for 30 years of upholding and promoting the Anglican tradition of music and liturgy at All Saints Episcopal Church

- Choral/organ works by Mendelssohn, Widor, Ferguson, Howells, Harris, and Ayleward
- Premiere of the Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis by Dr. John Ferguson, commissioned by the All Saints congregation and choir for this occasion
- Free will offering for the organ fund will be accepted
- Reception follows

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR EVENTS

SIERRA CHAPTER/ GRANT UNION ALUMNI EVENT

Grant Union High School
1400 Grand Ave
Sacramento, CA

**Sunday,
November 11
2:00PM**

Alex Jones

**\$15 General
\$12/Advance***

*Send check to Sierra PO address above.
Make check payable to Sierra Chapter ATOS.
Please **do not** mail checks to the High School.
Tickets will be held at the Auditorium Box
Office starting at 1:00PM

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
7997 California Ave
Fair Oaks, CA



**Annual
Meeting &
Christmas
Party**

**Sunday,
December 2
1:00PM**



**Details in
next month's Spiel**

NORCAL EVENT

Berkeley Community Theatre
1930 Allston Way
Enter Via Stage Door

**Sunday, Nov 18
2:30PM**

Walt Strony in Concert
NorCal members only.

Join NorCal at the door for
\$20 and receive
free admission for yourself
and a guest.

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