The Organ Spiel

Newsletter for the Sierra Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society

ORGAN CONCERT

November 2023



23 rd George Wright Tribute Concert

\$ 12/Advance \$ 15/At the door (cash or check)



Grant Union High School

1400 Grand Avenue Sacramento

SATURDAY,
Nov. 4th
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. Or you can order online at:



Guest Artist WALT STRONY



Walt Strony is one of America's premier concert organists. Since his debut in 1974 at the age of 18, he has stablished himself as one of the few organists equally at home playing both theatre and classical organ.

Mr. Strony has performed from coast-to-coast in the United States as well as in Japan, Australia, England and Canada. He has performed for more conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society than anyone living, and has also performed numerous times for chapters of the America Guild of Organists.

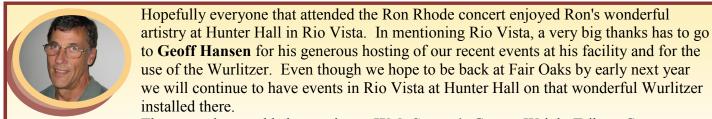
This well-rounded musician brings a wealth of experience to any organ console. This experience has brought him the reputation of being one of America's most original and interesting sounding organists. As one reviewer noted years ago -- " Strony has become one of the rare breed of today's younger theatre organists to have developed a style uniquely his own. While looking backwards, respectfully to the



masters of theatre organ tradition, he manages to look forward with a refreshing approach in all his musical arrangements." "It is a style that is inventive, harmonically interesting, and above all, right for today."

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



There may be an added attraction at **Walt Strony's** George Wright Tribute Concert coming up on November 4. I don't want to reveal everything but there might be someone noodling on the big Baldwin Concert Grand in the auditorium. We hope to see you there.



Arts@Peace Presents: BRETT VALIANT

Admission is free, but there will be an offering basket for donations. Brett will play a mixed program of classics and theatre organ music on the Allen hybrid pipe/digital organ.

A wine/cheese reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, November 12, 4pm 828 W. Main St, Grass Valley

NEVADA COUNTY COMPOSER'S COOPERATIVE FALL CON SUN. OCTOBE TRABUCCO RANCH | 2 P.M. | 2023 Lou Johnson: The Question Alexis Alrich: The Fire Road for violin, viola, cello, and piano for guitar and string guintet Jake Collins: Piano Trio Bruce Nalezny: *Inside the Smile* for violin, cello, and piano Five Musical Settings of Poems by Nellie Hill Jesse Haennelt: Backyard Burns for voice and piano for violin, cello, and piano Mark Vance: Anawan 1939 Durwynne Hsieh: Why Not? for clarinet and piano for solo violin ADULTS \$30 STUDENTS \$10

Near Grass Valley, CA More info and directions: Email: billtrabucco@saber.net Or phone 530-264-6629

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Craig Peterson

Renewing at the Patron Level: William Coale, Ph.D.



NOTE: Your memberships can now be renewed online. See your mailing label for your expiration month and year. Go to:

SierraChapterATOS.org/onlineapplication.html Select your Membership Option

> and click on Add to Cart. You will then be directed to pay by Credit Card or PayPal.

BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations are still being accepted for Board positions beginning in 2024.

If you are a member of ATOS National and have not yet gotten involved at the chapter level...this is your opportunity!

We have an open position.

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 Dick Taylor

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