

# The Organ Spiel

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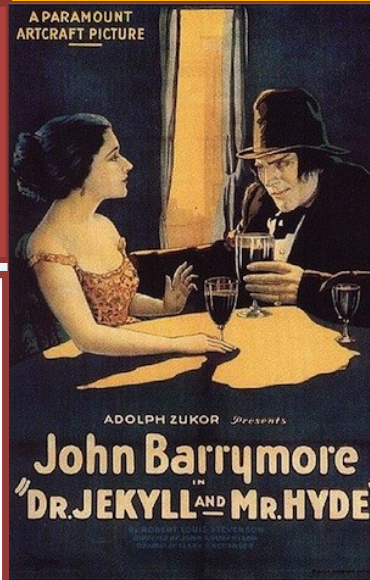


OCTOBER 2025

## Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde 1920

\$15.00 Adults      \$10.00 Youth  
(plus fees - this is a Fair Oaks Park event)

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's often adapted 1886 socially conscious horror novella. This version stars the incomparable John Barrymore as Dr. Henry Jekyll, a gentle, saintly Victorian physician. When the good Dr. Jekyll meets the diabolical Sir George Carew, the father of his fiancée, Millicent, Carew is "piqued" by Dr. Jekyll. "No man could be as good as he looks," Carew says. He goads Jekyll who becomes fascinated by the dark side of the human psyche. The sinfully seductive Miss Gina arouses more of Jekyll's sexual and sociopathic longings. Determined to explore the dark side of consciousness without endangering himself, Jekyll concocts a potion that transforms him into Edward Hyde, an uninhibited rogue whom Barrymore brilliantly brings to life. Jekyll's initial transformation into Hyde was achieved with no makeup, instead relying solely on Barrymore's ability to contort his face and the help of only artificial teeth and fingers. Jekyll finds that it is becoming harder and harder to separate his two personalities, sending him into a downward spiral that seems destined to end with the destruction of his former identity.

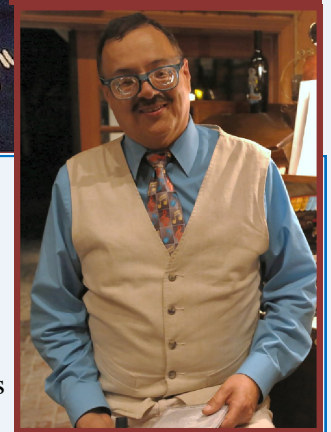


Wednesday,  
October 29  
6:00PM

Fair Oaks  
Community  
Clubhouse

With DAVE  
MORENO

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 40 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!

*He's quite the showman!*

## THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Buster is a bank clerk. Overturned glue gets everything, mostly the money, stuck to everything else. When robbers show up, he can't "stick 'em up" because his hands are stuck in his pockets. The robbers' hideout is a haunted house designed to scare off police.



It is the time of the year to start thinking about how you can become a more active member of Sierra Chapter. Things are coming back together, now, after years of Covid, followed by years of venue renovations.

**Four Board positions are available for 2026  
and two of them are VACANT!**

If you are interested in a Board position, you can either e-mail us at [sierrachapteratos@comcast.net](mailto:sierrachapteratos@comcast.net) or snail mail us at our P.O. Box 2017 in Fair Oaks.

Your only additional requirement, per our bylaws, is to either be a current member of our National ATOS organization or join the National prior to January, 2026.

**Advance tickets recommended!** In the past, these Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District silent movie events have sold out. You can order tickets here:

<https://www.forpd.org/561/Organ-Spooktacular-A-Silent-Halloween-Fi>

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Well, we've all been waiting since 2020 to return to the Fair Oaks Clubhouse! Finally, it is happening; the building that had been showing its age is now a gleaming facility with an almost "Disney-fied" look of perfection, yet still retaining the charm of the 1933 rebuild of the original two story school house.

Dave Moreno and Terry Clifton have spent several days working on bringing the organ back to life; we can experience their hard work at the silent movies on 10/29, 6p.m., that will be featuring Dave playing the organ.

Then on 11/15, Walt Strony will entertain us on the 15 rank pipe organ at Bill Trabucco's music hall near Grass Valley.

The Christmas party/annual meeting is in the works. Looking further into the future, Saturday February 21st, will be the return of the George Wright Tribute Concert at Grant High School.

### Theatre Historical Society News

Plans are progressing nicely for our 2026 Conclave/Theater Tour so save the dates – **Tuesday June 23 to Saturday June 27, 2026**, to join us for a nostalgic trip back to the site of the 1999 Rochester Conclave.

When we dusted off the itinerary from 27 years ago, we were thrilled to see that EVERY location from that year is still open and operating and one that was mothballed is now a busy performing arts house! (Ok, there is ONE exception, but we're not counting that...it was a derelict in 1999 and it's even worse now....) And speaking of derelict theaters, there are NONE on our schedule!

In the meantime, you might want to check out our Host Hotel, the [Rochester Doubletree Hotel](#). (For those attending the ATOS Convention the following week, this is the same hotel.) For more information about THS go here:

<https://historictheatres.org/>

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members:

**Michael Doering**

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

**Michael Brown & Harold King Jr.**

**Craig Peterson**

**Neal Wood**



Renewing at the Sustaining Level:

**Paul & Sue Brown**

Renewing at the Contributing Level:

**David & Linda Dewey**

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