

The Organ Spiel

NEWSLETTER FOR THE SIERRA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Organ Concert

September 2019



Ron Rhode has been a major performer in the theatre pipe organ world for more than four decades. Since 1974 his concert career has taken him across the US from coast to coast, into Canada, England, and Australia. Ron is known for his “traditional” theatre organ style, playing music from the golden era of the “Unit Orchestra” the 1920’s and 1930’s.

Growing up in Illinois, and moving to Phoenix in 1973, Ron played theatre organ for Organ Stop Pizza in Phoenix and Mesa for 21 years. He has continued a career in church music which started at his Illinois home church, Port Byron Methodist Church, and is currently service musician at 1st United Methodist Church in Phoenix. In his non-musical life, Ron taught 2nd grade and Library Science for Mesa Public Schools, Mesa, AZ, until his retirement after 20 years. Since that time, he had been teaching 5th and 6th grade Class Piano for Arizona School for the Arts, Phoenix, AZ, and has retired as of May, 2019.

Another facet of his life has been his legacy of recordings on many of the finest theatre organ installations to be found! He has received great reviews for both the technical production and the musical artistry. An old/new recording is now available! Recordings can be purchased through his new website: ronrhode.com

RON RHODE AT HUNTER HALL
218 CALIFORNIA ST., RIO VISTA
SATURDAY, SEPT 7TH 1:00 PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM)

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10.00

MANY THANKS GO TO GEOFFREY HANSEN
FOR MAKING THIS CONCERT POSSIBLE!

Directions: Take I-5 towards Lodi and exit at Hwy 12 West towards Rio Vista. When you cross over the Rio Vista Bridge (the big draw-bridge) take the first off ramp, keep to the right and go under the bridge and head south (along the river on Front Street). You will come to a 4-way stop sign (Main St.). Keep going south two more blocks to California Street, turn right and go one block. The Hall is on the right, at the corner of California and Second Street. Hunter Hall is the L shaped building. Parking is on the street. Allow about 1 1/4 hr. from the Sacramento area.

Scenic Route: Take I-5 towards Lodi and exit at Twin Cities Road (west). Drive past the TV towers, and turn left (south) onto Hwy 160 (River Road). Continue on Hwy 160 to Hwy 12 and turn right onto the Rio Vista Bridge, then follow directions above.

Adventure Route: Take Hwy 50/I-80 to West Sacramento and exit at Jefferson Blvd. Continue south on Jefferson Blvd (Hwy 84) to Courtland Rd and turn right. Then a left onto Ryer Ave and continue a few miles on the delta levies. Then right onto the Ryer Island Ferry. Note - Ferry is free and runs every 20 minutes. Exit Ferry and turn left onto River Rd. Turn left on Front Street, and follow directions above.



Presents:

SILENT MOVIES with WALT STRONY

On the Walt Strony Signature Series Allen Organ

Sunday, September 22, 4pm

828 W. Main St, Grass Valley

IL TEMPIO DI MUSICA

Presents *Brass Over Bridges* a fantastic brass quintet from the Bay Area who play everything from the Renaissance like Gabrielli to contemporary music.

7:30 pm September 14th

Near Grass Valley, CA

More info and RSVP,

at email billtrabucco@saber.net

Or phone 530-273-4252

George Wright Tribute Concert

Grant Union High School

Sunday: Nov 10 - 2PM

Advance Tickets on sale NOW!

\$12 Advance or \$15 at the door



Or Order Online at

SierraChapterATOS.org

Mail Checks payable to
Sierra Chapter ATOS
(with a self-addressed
stamped envelope to)
P.O. Box 2017
Fair Oaks, CA 95628



Our Guest artist will be **Donnie Rankin**

Donnie was the 2007 winner of the ATOS Young Organist Competition. It's been about a decade since we last heard him in Sacramento. This will be a great concert. Bring some friends!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing at the Benefactor Level:

Tom Norvell



Renewing at the Contributing Level:

Max & Carol Brown (welcome back)

Sam Holsinger (welcome back)

Edward M. Stout III

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

Go to: **SierraChapterATOS.org** and click on Membership. Select your Membership Option and click on Add to Cart. **You will then be directed to pay by Credit Card or PayPal.**



Saturday Sept 21
10am to 5pm
Old Fair Oaks

Join the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District for the 14th annual

Fair Oaks Chicken Festival.

General admission and parking is free!
Festivities include:

- Live music
- pancake breakfast
- Craft brew tasting
- 100+ vendors
- SactoMoFo food court
- kid's park
- cluck n' crow contest and so much more

It is the time of the year to start thinking about how you can become a more active member of Sierra Chapter.

Four Board positions are available for 2020

If you are interested, please contact our Nominating Chairperson:
Tom Norvell - 916-947-0673

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE—Randy Warwick



Our many thanks to **Wendell Jacob**, coming to our rescue, for what turned out to be a very well attended Ice Cream Social. And also thanks

to the star of the show, **Bill Coale**, who played a casual but fun concert. As an educator, Bill's presentations included a lot of interesting background.

As many of you know by now, we had a catastrophic attack by rats on the leather parts of the regulators that are under the stage of the Fair Oaks Clubhouse! We had noticed an issue of some gnawing on the leather in February. But

since the organ has been in the building for 37 years and we had never had a problem, I will admit that I did not react with a level of alarm that should have taken immediate action.

However as of now, **Dave Moreno** and **Terry Clifton**, with some great help from **Sean Ventura**, Fair Oaks Parks Supervisor, have removed all the regulators from under the stage to be repaired. We have two estimates so far for re-leathering the regulators and getting the organ back to playing as soon as possible. It will be a considerable expenditure, but the Chapter does have the necessary funds. The Board will take immediate action to restore the organ to playing condition and take measures to prevent a similar reoccurrence.