For the opening concert of the 2007-08 season on Sunday, November 4, 2007, we are very pleased to present Jelani Eddington. Jelani last played for us at Berkeley Community Theater in February of 2004.

Our second concert, on Sunday, March 9, 2008, will feature Bay Area resident and noted silent film accompanist Chris Elliott.

Our third concert, on Sunday, May 4, 2008, will feature the current ATOS president, Ken Double. These are all outstanding artists; we are delighted to be able to bring them here for our members and friends this season. More background on these fine artists is available in the concert brochure just mailed to members, and we will also publish more about each artist in the Windsheet preceding their performance.

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**NorCal TOS Annual Meeting**

Following a change to our By-laws, approved by a vote of the membership earlier this year, the NorCal annual members' (business) meeting will be scheduled in January each year. The first meeting on this new schedule will take place on **Sunday, January 27, 2008**.

There will be a members' concert by a first-class organist, followed by our required business meeting, at which the newly elected Directors will be introduced.

We will then have a no-host dinner at a restaurant in Berkeley; this was so successful last year.

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**CONCERT TICKET SALES**

We regret to announce that Jack O'Neill is experiencing health problems and, after so many years of handling ticket sales and related matters, he is currently unable to carry out these tasks. We are all grateful for Jack's many years of service.

For tickets and poster sales, please contact Neal Wood at (415) 881-7082 or by email at nealwood@pacbell.net.

Let's all direct our collective karma to send strength and wellness to Jack.

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**NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to NorCal TOS:

David J. Dehner of San Francisco  
Greg De Santis of Santa Rosa  
Gianni Zeno of San Francisco

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**DONATIONS**

NorCal gratefully acknowledges generous donations from:

David L. Dehner  
Chris Kenward  
Phyllis Hechim  
Harry Hoyt  
Jim and Marie Parker

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**EDITOR'S RAVINGS**

NorCal recently received a donation of hundreds of theatre organ recordings on audio cassettes and reel-to-reel tapes from Phyllis Hechim of San Mateo, daughter of the late Marie Tilson, in turn the widow of Willis (Byll) Tilson, who passed away more than a decade ago. We understand that some of these were copied from albums, some were recorded live at concerts, while others are recordings of Byll and friends on his electronic organ. We don't know the condition or the quality of these tapes, but the scope of recordings and artists is so wide that we might find some historically interesting material.

As for me, I have a whole shelf of LP platters—and even 45 RPMs—and no way to play them anymore. *Sic transit gloria mundi.*

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**CORRECTION**

Your Editor goofed in describing the organ at Grace Baptist Church in San Jose as having been installed originally in the Liberty Theater in Oakland. It was, of course, the Liberty Theater in San Jose. Also, it is a 12 rank organ, not 10 ranks. Thanks to Tom DeLay for his keen eye, as well as his extensive knowledge of the history of pipe organs, for catching these errors.

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**NorCal ELECTION of OFFICERS**

This is the beginning of NorCal's campaign season for board members to replace those expiring at our January 2008 Member Meeting. Yes, we have term limits built into our By-laws!

Our board of directors consists of nine members, three of whom are elected each year for a term of three years. A director may be re-elected one time without a gap of at least one term.

In accordance with our By-laws, the Chairman appoints a Nominating Committee, who propose a slate of candidates for election to the board, after assuring that those nominated are willing to serve in that capacity. In addition, any Active NorCal member (full members, i.e. NorCal TOS plus ATOS) may nominate other Active NorCal members. Such nominations must be submitted to the nominating committee in writing and must include the nominee's consent to serve if elected. Also, the nomination must include the signatures of at least two Active Members besides that of the nominee. The nomination must be submitted to the nominating committee not later than November 10.

The Nominating Committee this year consists of the following members:

Warren Lubich, 415-566-2623  
lubie65@aol.com  
Kevan Lesch, 650-367-0786  
kevan1955@hotmail.com  
Elbert Dawson, 925-372-6536  
biggreenmonst@earthlink.net

Nominations close on November 15. The names of all qualified nominees are passed to the Secretary by December 1. If there are more nominees than vacancies, the secretary prepares and sends out ballots before December 15. Ballots when needed, are counted at the Annual Members Meeting.

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**HAROLD SODERSTROM invites Members**

Harold Soderstrom, past Chairman of NorCal, of San Pablo has completed an extensive two-year renovation and expansion of his Rodgers 340 organ and invites NorCal members to contact him at (510) 724-5254 to arrange a convenient time to visit him and play the instrument. It now includes 54 speakers, up to 16-inch woofers, and many modifications not available from the factory, Harold says that it is now really fun to play.
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New Zealand, England, Wales, Holland, France and Germany. Jelani has also distinguished himself as a recording artist and has produced numerous theatre organ albums on some of the best-known and most dynamic instruments in the country.

[Note: the concert date, November 4, 2007, is special; Daylight Saving Time (DST) ended the prior night. Make a note of this and save yourself the embarrassment and disappointment of arriving an hour late!]

OPEN CONSOLE

Hosted by
Chris Nichols

NORCAL WEB SITE

We now have copies of the two most recent *Windsheets* on our web site—and in color! They are in .pdf format, which requires that your computer has a copy of the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.

We also have an up-to-date Calendar of Events online. Be sure to visit it: theatreorgans.com/norcal/

Open Console at Grace Baptist

Bill Pike

Gordon Pratt

Art Woodworth

MEMBER CONCERT and Open Console

San Jose Grace Baptist, September 16, 2007

This was the second annual ‘Sunday Afternoon Organ Concert’ and members’ Open Console presented at, and through the kind cooperation of the Grace Baptist Church of San Jose. Through the tireless effort of Bill Brooks, the 3/12 Robert Morton organ has not only been restored to excellent condition, but has been made available for events like this, as well as occasional silent movie nights.

For the members’ concert, we were fortunate to hear Dean Cook, whose talented performances have been missing from the local music scene since the closing of Angelino’s restaurant in San Jose early this year. Dean graced us *pun intended* with a bright and varied collection of traditional and modern selections, and the venerable Robert Morton, originally from San Jose’s Liberty Theatre, sang out in true theatre organ style, complete with drum rolls and cymbal crashes.

Following the concert, several NorCal members took to the bench and had the opportunity to try out quite a different arrangement of tab stops than most of us are familiar with. Some of us were able to accommodate better than others. [I place
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 21, 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Berkeley Community Theater – Open Console for NorCal members.

Friday, Oct. 26, 8:00 PM – Towe Auto Museum, Sacramento – Silent film accompanied by Paul Quarino. Details at: SierraChapterATOS.org

JELANI EDDINGTON

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2:30 PM – Berkeley Community Theater – NorCal presents Jelani Eddington in concert.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2:00 PM – Grant Union High School, Sacramento – Clark Wilson in concert. Details at: sierrachapterATOS.org


Sunday, Oct. 21, 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Berkeley Community Theater – NorCal presents Chris Elliott in concert.

KEN DOUBLE

Sunday, May 4, 2008 2:30 PM – Berkeley Community Theater – NorCal presents Ken Double in concert.

OTHER VENUES


castrotheatre.com

Grand Lake Theatre, 3/18 Wurlitzer, 3200 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA. Intermission music: Warren Lubich or Gordon Pratt (Fridays) & Kevin King (Saturdays). (510) 452-3556.

Palace of the Legion of Honor, 4/63 E. M. Skinner, Lincoln Park, San Francisco Presidio. Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. Free after museum admission. David Hegarty plays an Organ Pops Concert on the first full weekend of each month, other artists play classical concerts on other weekends. (415) 750-3600.

legionofhonor.org

Paramount Theatre, 4/26 Wurlitzer, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA. Public tours on first and third Saturdays of month at 10 AM. (510) 465-6400.

Stanford Theatre, 3/21 Wurlitzer, 221 University Ave, Palo Alto, CA. (650) 324-3700. The organ is played before and between films.

stanfordtheatre.org

Towe Auto Museum, 3/16 Wurlitzer, 2200 Front St., Sacramento, CA. Free Sunday concerts with Museum Admission. Sierra Chapter presents silent movies on Friday night, four times each year.

sierrachapterATOS.org

Visalia Fox Theatre, 4/22 Wurlitzer, 300 W. Main St., Visalia, CA. (559) 625-1FOX (1369).

OTHER CHAPTERS

Sierra Chapter, Sacramento, CA sierrachapterATOS.org

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MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Have you admired the blue membership badges that many NorCal members wear to concerts? They are available for $13 shipped prepaid to the member’s address. The badges are now totally engraved (no silk screening to rub off). Send your check and exactly how your name is to appear on the badge to:

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