
The WINDSHEET



Newsletter of the NORCAL THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
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September 2008

PICNIC AT KELSEYVILLE, Saturday, September 20



Bert and Ann Atwood's Entry
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Knociti Bay from Atwood's Home



'Gigi' Atwood's 4m
 Custom Allen GW4



Ann (left), Bert (right) Atwood
 Kevin King (at 'Gigi' console)

This year **Ann and Bert Atwood** have invited both NorCal and Sierra Chapter members to an afternoon of music and socializing at their home in Kelseyville overlooking beautiful **Clear Lake**. Please bring your own picnic lunch. The Atwoods will have extra condiments, etc. on hand in

case you forget something. Plan to arrive around noon and leave before dusk. The drive from the Bay Area should take about 2-1/2 hours.

Please phone or email the Atwoods no later than September 14 so they can plan accordingly and give you directions

to their home. Their email address is atwoody@mchsi.com and their phone number is **707-277-7208**.

We will enjoy Open Console on 'Gigi', the Atwood's custom *Allen GW4*.

**JONAS NORDWALL
 &
 DONNA PARKER**

WARNORS THEATER

FRESNO, DECEMBER (TBA)



Photo - Tom DeLay

Although the venue is a bit remote for some of us, this will be an outstanding dual concert (*think "dueling organs"!*) with **Jonas Nordwall and Donna Parker** on the *Fresno Warnors Theatre 4/14 Robert Morton* organ and an *Allen* electronic organ.

The Morton at Warnors is the last remaining where the chambers are under the stage. It is a completely original installation and impeccably maintained.

We will have more information on this event in a later issue.

**OPEN
 CONSOLE**
 Hosted by
 Chris Nichols



This is an opportunity for NorCal members to try their hand at playing the chapter's Wurlitzer at the Berkeley Community Theatre. When the theatre is available, these sessions run from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The next scheduled dates are:

Sunday, September 7, 2008

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Open Consoles are informal and our genial host, **Chris Nichols**, ensures that any NorCal member feels comfortable. He lends help and support to anyone who needs it. Depending on how many members are present, each has one or more 15-minute sessions at the console, in rotation.

Important: Call the NorCal voice mail at **(510) 644-2707** on *that* Sunday morning to confirm theatre availability. If there will be Open Console, enter via the backstage door at 1930 Allston Way.

**GRAND LAKE THEATRE
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 8:30 AM**



Although the attendance was small, a good time was enjoyed by all when NorCal members gathered on an early Saturday morning to hear and play **Kevin King's** 3/18 Wurlitzer. The organ's owner led off.

Participants included **Kevin King, Bill Schlotter, Chris Nichols, Art Woodworth, Ray Taylor, Fred Cordes, Bill Pike, Chuck Hagstrom, Robert Wilcox, Kevan Lesch, Dave Moreno**, and of course, our Program Chairman and Grand Lake organist, **Gordon Pratt**.

Kevin King played several selections and explained the pistons and some features of the organ.



Art Woodworth, Kevan Lesch, Bill Pike
 at Grand Lake



Thanks Chris Nichols for the pictures.

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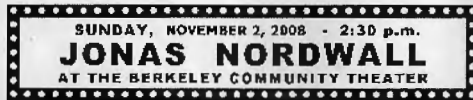
When emailing, include ATOS in the subject line. Otherwise, if you are unknown to the recipient's computer, its SPAM filter may divert your mail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 7, 2008, 1:00 – 5:00 PM — *Open Console at Berkeley Community Theatre*

Saturday, September 20, 2008 — Picnic and Open Console at Bert Atwood's in Clearlake/Kelseyville. See article in this issue.

Sunday, November 2, 2008, 2:30 PM — *OPENING CONCERT OF THE 2008-2009 SEASON AT BERKELEY COMMUNITY THEATRE — JONAS NORDWALL*



December (date TBA), 2008 — Fresno, Warnors Theatre — *Jonas Nordwall* AND *Donna Parker* in concert! See article in this issue.

Sunday, January 25, 2009 — *NorCal Members Annual Business Meeting and (no host) dinner afterwards* — (Concert Artist TBA)

Sunday, February 15, 2009, 2:30 PM — *Concert at Berkeley Community Theatre* (Artist TBA).

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 2:30 PM — *Concert at Berkeley Community Theatre* (Artist TBA)

Sunday, May 3, 2009, 2:30 PM — *Concert at Berkeley Community Theatre* (Artist TBA)

OTHER VENUES

Castro Theatre, 4/22 Wurlitzer, 429 Castro St., SF, CA. Intermission music played daily by David Hegarty, Warren Lubich, Mark Putterbaugh or Harry Garland. (425) 621-6120.

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. The organ is played before and between films. (650) 324-3700.

StanfordTheatre.org

Towe Auto Museum, 3/21 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

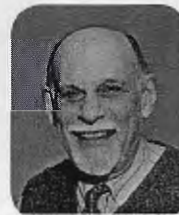
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NORCAL WEBSITE

We now have copies of the current and two previous *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!
TheatreOrgans.com/norcal/

EDITOR'S RAVINGS



For those members who use the Internet and specifically the Web, here are a few links that you might find entertaining.

Temple University radio station WRTI in Philadelphia broadcasts *The Wanamaker Organ Hour* at 5 PM EST (2 PM PST) on the SECOND SUNDAY of each month, and you can listen to it on the Web at:

www.wrti.org/wanamakerorgan.html

Here's another web site where you can listen to one-hour *Hot Pipes!* recorded pipe organ shows whenever you want. The site is located in Spain:

www.musicnostalgia.com

Most recorded weekly shows are available since December 2007.

And now Sierra Chapter ATOS has an official presence on YouTube as a non-profit organization and they already have several video clips available:

www.youtube.com/SierraChapterATOS

A recent visitor to Berkeley Community Theatre, Bill Coale, got in some practice time on the Center Console, and plays Joplin's *Chrysanthemum Rag* on YouTube (THE LINK IS SPLIT HERE BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF THE COLUMN, BUT IT MUST BE ENTERED WITHOUT ANY SPACE AFTER THE '?'):

uk.youtube.com/watch?

v=ZbzbLsuJHg0&feature=related

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

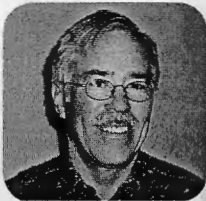
Have you admired the blue membership badges that many NorCal members wear to concerts? They are available for \$13 shipped prepaid to the member's address.

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:

Bill Schlotter

6203 Elderberry Dr.
Oakland, CA 94611-1621

CHAIRMAN'S WINDLINE



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tom Mathiesen of Riverbank, CA., to the NorCal Board of Directors. He will be filling out the term vacated by the late Jan Durbin. Tom joined NorCal after attending the Jelanie Eddington Concert in 2007. He has been a dedicated worker on the Organ Crew ever since. Tom is also a wonderful chef and always brings some wonderful treats to the work parties. I should know; my Saturday caloric intake has doubled!

It is that time of year when I need your assistance. The NorCal By-Laws require the Chairman to appoint, with the approval of the Board, three individuals who are members of both NorCal and ATOS, to serve as members of the *Nominating Committee*. The Committee will select for nomination as Director at least the number of members equal to the number of positions to be filled. At this time, the Nominating Committee will need to select a minimum of two candidates.

Please let me know if you would be interested in serving on this committee. I will provide you with all the necessary materials and support that you require. The Board of Directors and I appreciate your help.

NorCal

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome our new member:
William Foote of San Rafael

FOR SALE

1937 2-manual Wicks horseshoe-style organ console with roll top. Has 3 pistons per manual controlled by Wicks semi-solid state remote combination action. No wires cut, all properly disconnected. \$250.00
More info: Tom DeLay 831/443-5917.