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Berkeley Community Theatre

1930 Allston Way, Between Milvia Street &

Martin Luther King, Jr. Way



DAVID MARSH

KEVIN KING'S ORGAN STUDIO

2851 Creston Rd., Walnut Creek, CA

1 PM

September 5, 2026

Admission free. Gate opens at noon. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the patio.

David Marsh is a pianist and organist performing concerts across the United States, specializing in jazz and classical improvisation. Whether delivering the dynamic rhythms and harmonies of jazz or spontaneously crafting pieces in the styles of Rachmaninoff, Debussy, or Ravel, David brings a rare versatility to his performances. Yet what truly sets him

apart is his comedic, self-deprecating stage presence, turning every concert into a joyful, social gathering where audiences feel right at home.

David's musical journey began at the piano as early as he can remember, later expanding to the organ at 14, drawn to its expressive range and the unique personality of each instrument. While his path hasn't followed a Traditional academic route, he's been shaped and supported by influential mentors such as Gene Roberson and Rosemary Bailey, whose guidance helped him cultivate his artistry.

His career has taken him to notable venues including Disney's Grand

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Californian Hotel, the RBTL Auditorium Theatre in Rochester, NY, the Oklahoma City History Center and Museum, the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Balboa Park in San Diego, Old Town Music Hall in El Segundo, the Senate Theatre in Detroit, and Bandrika Studios in Tarzana with the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra. He's also shared his music with communities across California, Georgia, Michigan and New York.

In addition to performing, David teaches piano, composition, arranging, and music theory. His teaching style departs from conventional methods, offering a holistic approach that balances easygoing encouragement with high standards. He first discovered his passion for teaching as Director of Music Technology at Villa Park High School and later as Administrator of Operations at Soli Studios Music in Orange County, CA, before transitioning into private instruction.

Outside of music, David enjoys cooking, walking in nature, and dabbling in photography (though he humbly claims no expertise). He also creates comedic videos, currently kept private but perhaps destined for a wider audience one day. His musical tastes are wide-ranging, from rock and folk to dubstep, where he adores the craftsmanship behind electronic music production. At his core, David is dedicated to forging his own paths defying expectations, and sharing joy through music. Whether performing jazz standards, improvising in the grand tradition of classical masters, or bringing a smile to his audience's faces, his mission is simple: make music fun, meaningful, and unforgettable.

SIERRA CHAPTER EVENT
Theatre Organ Concert
Hunter Hall
218 California St.
Rio Vista, CA

Hot August Pipes

Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 PM
Organist

Edward Torres

Admission: \$10

Cash or check only please

Save the date

SIERRA CHAPTER/GRANT UNION
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI EVENT

Grant Union High School
1400 Grand Ave.
Sacramento, CA

Saturday, November 7th, 2026
Organist to be decided
(Admission is usually \$20.)

Windsheet

and other NORCAL notifications

We just received notice of the Sierra Chapter events listed above. We are publishing this Windsheet as quickly as possible so that those of you who wish to, may attend the Hunter Hall concert next Saturday. We realize that those who receive their Windsheets by US mail may not receive the information in time to attend the concert. Approximately half of our members receive their Windsheets (**in color**) via the internet. If you are able to receive correspondence via the internet and forward your internet address to Chairman Booras (his address is listed below) you can receive your Windsheets expeditiously in the

future. (It will also save printing and mailing costs for the club.)

BERKELEY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Organ crew members, Kevin King, Rudy Frey, Ted Hubbard, Wayne Joseph, Chris Nichols, Judson Owens, Gordon Pratt, Neal Wood, and Art Woodworth were working to get our Wurlitzer playing again after the four or more year handicap and earthquake retrofit construction project of the BCT and the adjacent school building. Ted supplied and installed modern starter switches, and we reinstalled the two 20HP blowers in their basement room, and upgraded to the latest version of the Uniflex computer organ relay, which required replacing all the flat ribbon cable with round Cat-5 ethernet cable from the computer at stage level, to the pipe chambers 3 stories above. Two offset chests and a regulator which were water damaged, while the contractor was in the building, were releathered. Kevin skillfully, delicately repaired damaged reed pipes and non-working stop tabs on the console from the Center Theatre. We continued to diagnose and repair manual chest problems. Ted repaired water damaged chamber ceilings and others swept and cleaned. While it was not yet concert ready, Kevin was able to play the organ.

We have now been informed that the theatre will be closed again for two years! All the seats will be removed and sent out for reupholstering. While the seats are removed, scaffolding will be installed on the auditorium floor, up to and through the plaster ceiling, to gain access to the steel roof girders, which will be treated with fire resistant coating. This is another multimillion dollar project.

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