**ANNUAL MEETING**

**NORCAL CONCERT AND MEMBERS ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 12, 2014 — 2 PM

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Please be aware that the starting time is 2 PM (rather than our usual concert time of 2:30) and that this is a Membership meeting with no admission fee. (Guests accompanying a member are encouraged.)

The earlier start time allows for NorCal’s very important Annual Meeting — which is required by law to maintain our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Please plan on attending — your participation is needed in order to provide a quorum to assure voting on the business decisions necessary to keep NorCal the vital and functioning Chapter we all love.

Moreover this is a chance to meet, talk, and discuss issues with our Board Members, especially Tom Madsen, Tom Mathiesen, and Neil Wood who were just elected. Tom Mathiesen replaces Fay Cooley who had termed out; Tom Madsen and Neil Wood were re-elected to second terms. Others continuing to serve are: Elbert Dawson, Warren Lubich, Judson Owens, Don Ravey, Gary Tuck and Art Woodworth.

Since there were only as many nominees as vacancies our By Laws declare the nominees to be elected.

Before the business meeting, we have a real treat as P.W. Bowen will be our concert artist. P.W. is well known to us both as a Chapter Member and as an Artist playing for NorCal, and at Grace Baptist Church in San Jose. His music is a delightful listening experience and his active hand registrations interesting.

After the business meeting some members are planning to eat at Giovanni’s close-by for dinner. The Crew will be going as a group, while other members are encouraged to go on their own.

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**HAPPY NEWS!!!**

While there is still no definite information about when we will be able to use the BCT Auditorium, several top rated artists are already signed up for ‘Stage Door Concerts’ this year. They are:

- **Sunday, February 16th** - Walt Strony

- **Sunday, March 30th** - Scott Harrison and Mark Page

- **Sunday, June 22nd** - Nathan Avakian

All start at 2:30 PM and the Stage Door must be used. Price is $15 for members and their guests.

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**A FINAL NOTE**

Jim Spohn

November, 2013

Jim was the owner of the Granada Theatre in Bakersfield, and was well known for putting on the Poorman’s Organ Convention each year. He had been in poor health recently.
REVIEW OF MARK HERMAN
at
BCT
NOVEMBER 3, 2013

I believe this was Mark Herman’s third appearance at Berkeley Community Theatre, as our Annual Meeting concert artist in 2008 and for a concert in November 2010. Mark’s career as a touring artist has advanced rapidly and he is an exciting example of a young theatre organist.

As he has shown in previous performances, Mark’s talent is outstanding. His arrangements are especially well suited to a large theatre pipe organ, and his playing is crisp and (as far as I noted) flawless. He is good at left-hand melody while playing ornamentation with his right hand. He also uses smooth segues and introductions. His registrations are light, featuring various voices of the instrument without suffering from ‘muddy’ excesses. Mark’s selections were a good mix of old favorites and some little known pieces. His talent for jazzy interpretations was evidenced in several numbers.

I enjoyed his inclusion of a composition by contemporary Lyn Larsen, as well as one of his own compositions, written in the ‘novelty’ style of Zez Confrey and named for Mark’s dog, Jarvis!

Mark displays a wide smile and appears very comfortable in the close setting of our on stage seating. I thought this was one of our best ‘stage door concerts’ and it drew a good crowd, right around 100!

We were pleased to see Walt Strony in the audience, too. He knows a good thing when it comes along! And, by the way, Walt will be our concert artist in February!

PLAYLIST
Married I Can Always Get (1956)
— Gordon Jenkins
Midnight In Mayfair
— Newell Chase
Rodgers & Hart Medley
Mountain Greenery
Manhattan
Little Girl Blue
I Could Write A Book
The Lady Is A Tramp
Am I Blue? (1929)
— Harry Akst

There’s A Place In My Heart For You (1977)
— Lyn Larsen
On Fifth Avenue (1940)
— Harry Warren
— INTERMISSION —
It’s All Right With Me (1953)
— Cole Porter
Dainty Miss (1924)
— Bernard Barnes
How About Me? (1928)
— Irving Berlin
Harry Warren Medley:
Jeepers Creepers
You’ll Never Know
Shadow Waltz
We’re In The Money
I Know Why
Nagasaki
Romanza (1943)
Richard Purvis
— ENCORE —
When The Saints Come Marching In
Traditional

CHAIRMAN’S WINDLINE
Greetings:

As 2013 draws to an end, I want to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support, time and enthusiasm along with their good humor. Your board has forged ahead with our charge of providing quality theatre organ programs for all to enjoy.

In addition and, more importantly, I must thank the organ crew without whom, we would have no instrument. A wild, dedicated, knowledgeable and wonderful bunch they are of which I am humbled to know and, at times, assist. I am hopeful to see many of you at the Annual Membership Meeting on January 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Berkeley Community Theatre to vote on legally required business and to enjoy a concert by P. W. Bowen, who always gives a personable, wonderful and intimate performance.

After the concert I hope you will accompany the Organ crew and the Board of Directors for a no-host dinner at Giovanni’s Italian Restaurant. Good food, good friends and great company.

In closing, many thanks to Jan and Frank LaFeta for their unselfish and unwavering support in publishing the Windsheet under difficult and time specific deadlines (most of which I miss).

All the best to you and yours during this Holiday Season and in the coming New Year.

As always — Jud

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MEMBERS LOBBY ONLINE

For NorCal members only, there is now a link on our website home page, near the bottom, to the new Members Lobby. A password is required in order to view any of the Members Lobby. If you do not know the password and you are a paid (or honorary) member of NorCal, contact the Membership Secretary, Neal Wood.
2014 ATOS Summer Youth Adventure Scholarship Fund

A very important program occurs every summer to help young organ enthusiasts develop and refine their playing skills for the theatre organ. Many of these young organists go on to become great concert artists. It is this group of individuals that help preserve the enthusiasm for the theatre organ and the music it provides.

Over the years, NorCal chapter members have helped fund this program by donating to the cause. The NorCal board has again agreed to match up to $2500 donations from our members. Please consider donating to the fund. You can send your tax deductible donation payable to NorCal TOS, PO Box 625, Berkeley, CA 94701. By the end of May, 2014, the funds collected will be sent to the ATOS Summer Youth Scholarship fund.

Additional information regarding the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure Scholarship Fund can be found at this Website: [http://tinyurl.com/12h7r55](http://tinyurl.com/12h7r55)

Looking for a Late Christmas Gift?

Bert Atwood has copies of his book on his Father’s experiences as an early day Crop Duster. It is a fascinating account of a piece of California’s farming history. This heartwarming, yet sobering, tale makes a good read, especially for anyone interested in aviation.

Copies of My Father was a Crop Duster will be on sale at our Annual Meeting, January 12th for the special price of $25 which includes sales tax. Bert will add a personal autograph and note if you wish.

Orders may also be placed through AAAA Publishing, 9350 Konocti Bay Rd, Kelseyville, CA 95451. The price includes shipping and handling, but must include State Sales Tax of $1.81 if shipped to a California Address.

For price and shipping outside the USA contact Bert at: atwoody@mchsi.com

DONATIONS

NorCalTOS Thanks:

Pete McCluer
Art Woodworth

New Members

NorCalTOS Welcomes:

Susan Norris
Westland, MI

and Welcomes Back:

Mr. David C. Dillon
San Jose, CA
Tony D. Watkin
Walnut Creek, CA
Mr. Jacob Rodriguez
San Francisco, CA

FOR SALE/SERVICE

Electronic Organ/Piano service & repair all makes 510-504-4780.

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- March 2
- April 6

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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P.W. Bowen plays a concert on NorCal’s Wurlitzer
Followed by NorCal’s Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers
(See Page One)

Open Console at BCT —
Sundays:
January 19
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norcaltos.org
(See Page Three)

OTHER VENUES
[Editor’s note: For details check the websites listed]

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.
http://www.renaissancerialto.com

Los Angeles
Saturday, January 11th, 2 PM
Bob Salisbury accompanies Peter Pan at South Pasadena High School with a pre-concert lecture on ‘Accompanying Silent Films’.

Sunday, January 19th, 7:30PM
Ron Rhode in concert at the Old Town Music Hall.
www.OldTownMusicHall.org

January 11 and February 20, 22, and 23
Bob Salisbury will accompany several silent films. For times, titles, venues, and prices check:
www.latos.org

Orange County - Scott Foppiano Sunday, January 12th at 2:30 PM at the Plummer Auditorium.
www.octos.org

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 other weekends. (415) 750-3600.
www.LegionOfHonor.org

Paramount Theatre, 4/26 Wurlitzer,
2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA. Public tours on first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 AM. (510)465-6400. The Mighty Wurlitzer is often played before the Feature film begins at 8:00 PM.
www.paramounttheatre.com
http://www.paramounttheatre.com/film.html
There is a fascinating video clip about the Paramount filmed in 1972 on Matias Bombal’s website. The link is:
http://youtu.be/Ry8kJuoT5Ac

San Diego

Santa Barbara - Adam Aceto will accompany ‘Wings’ and ‘The Thief of Bagdad’ on the Arlington Theatre Robert-Morton ‘Wonder’ Organ.
www.abtos.org

Sierra Chapter –
Friday, January 31st, Dave Moreno Plays a silent movie at 7 PM at Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 8 PM
Cameron Carpenter
Mondavi Center on the UC Davis Campus for tickets phone (530) 754-4448
(see Editor’s Notes on page Three)

Sunday, April 13th Walt Strony will accompany ‘The King of Kings’
www.sierrachapterATOS.org

Stanford Theatre, 3/21 Wurlitzer,
221 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA. The Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ is played before and after the 7:30 show by either Bill Taylor, David Hegarty or Jerry Nagano. (650) 324-3700.
StanfordTheatre.org

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