



Orange County Theatre Organ Society News

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News of the Plummer Organ - and Others!

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Father's Day June 16th 2:30pm



So You Think YOU have Problems!

William "Steamboat Bill" Canfield is the owner and captain of a paddle steamer that has seen better days. He eagerly awaits the arrival of his college student son, whom he has not seen since the lad was a baby, expecting a big, husky man like himself to help him compete with businessman John James King and his brand new, luxurious riverboat. He is sorely disappointed with his slight, awkward offspring, who shows up with a pencil moustache, a ukulele and a beret. He becomes outraged when he discovers that his son and King's daughter Kitty, also visiting her father, know each other and are in love. Both business rivals are determined to break up the relationship. Made in 1928, with the artistic freedom at United Artists, *Steamboat Bill, Jr.* demonstrates Keaton's creative range and comic inventiveness in tackling everything from subdued, facial comedy to stumbling pratfalls.



Dean Mora

DEAN MORA has enjoyed a rich and varied career as a pianist/organist, conductor, bandleader, music director, composer, arranger, and producer. A native of Los Angeles, Dean graduated from CSU Northridge. Shortly after college, Dean became involved with musical theatre (as an accompanist), and soon began to get work as a musical director.

Another major interest in Dean's career is the performance of American historical popular music and in 1994 he formed a 1920s/1930s dance band called Mora's Modern Rhythmists. This group has released 6 CDs to date, and is still performing around the L.A. area -- go to www.morasmodern.com for upcoming shows.

Dean was the piano/organ accompanist at the Silent Movie Theatre (located on Fairfax Ave. in Hollywood) until it closed in 1997. Dean continued to accompany films in other venues and festivals, from Chicago to San Francisco to Osaka, Japan.

OCTOS welcomes this accomplished musician.



<http://www.octos.org>

General Admission to OCTOS Events is \$15. Members and Guests \$12, children free. For Information call (714) 870-2813. Parking is available across Chapman. Tickets may be ordered online at www.OCTOS.org for "will call" pickup before the show.

FJUHSD Baccalaureates Feature Organ Tradition



Class President at the Podium & Jack Townsend at the Console

High School graduates in cap and gowns paraded into Plummer Auditorium for their Baccalaureate ceremony Sunday June 13th to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance". First, Fullerton Union High School and later, Sunny Hills High School students celebrated their graduation with baccalaureate programs. Jack Townsend, Curator of the Plummer Wurlitzer Pipe Organ, played prelude music, the processional, the National Anthem and recessional music. In addition to "Pomp and Circumstance", he included Broadway selections from Oklahoma and My Fair Lady. "Gaudemus Igatur", from Brahms's Academic Festival Overture was also performed.

Students and school officials made welcoming announcements and speeches appropriate to the day. A variety of songs and dance numbers were performed by students from both high schools.

The baccalaureate ceremony is a tradition born centuries ago to recognize the coming of age event of graduation with religious overtones. In the United States, separation of religion from government may bar such ceremonies from public schools unless the religious aspects are omitted.

OCTOS Next Event OPEN Console and Potluck

When: Sunday August 10, 2013 11am - 3pm
 Where: On Plummer Stage - use stage door
 Do you long to take the bench on our magnificent 4 manual historic Wurlitzer? Do you love listening to organ music up close and personal? Or peek in the chambers above and beside to auditorium? Talk shop with other Theatre Organ buffs? Or do all of it?
 You will enjoy spending a few hours on Saturday afternoon with OCTOS. Bring you favorite dish and fun spirit! Members and their friends are invited to play at the console, and come early if you need to set your stops.

Welcome New Members

Richard and Carol Fields
 Toby Washburn
 Dr . & Mrs. Carl Ziesmer

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Noteworthy Organ Events

<i>Day Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact Info</i>
Jun 15	7pm	"IT" (Clara Bow) Bob Salisbury accompa- nies	Covenant Presbyterian 607 East 3 rd St, Long Beach	\$15 at the door
Jun 16	2:30 pm	"Stamboat Bill, Jr" (Buster Keaton) Dean Mora plays	Plummer Auditorium Fullerton	OCTOS.org
Jun 26 th	8p.m. Doors open at 7	"Benhur: A Tale of The Christ" (1925) Clark Wilson at the console	Orpheum Theatre 842 S. Broadway, Down- town Los Angeles	http://laconservancy.org/ \$20 LastRemainingSeats
Jun 21	8pm	Jerry Nagano	Nethercutt Collection 15200 Bledsoe St, Sylmar	Call for Waiting List 818 364-6464
Jun 22 Jun 21, 22	2 & 8pm 5:30 & 7:15pm	Ty Woodward	Scotty's Castle Death Valley	\$45 Reserved 760 786-2146 x 10
Aug 10	11am – 3pm	OCTOS Open Console and Pot Luck	Plummer Stage Members and Guests	714 879-3621
Aug 17 th	11 am – 1:15pm	LATOS open Console and Member Appreciation Day	Old Town Music Hall 140 Richmond St El Segundo	LATOS.org
Aug 17 th	2:30pm	"Sunrise" accompanied by Bill Field	OTMH - Latos Members with Reservation free. \$10 guests	LATOS.org
Ongoing	Concerts, Mov- ies, Shows	Old Town Music Hall oldtownmusic hall.org	140 Richmond St El Segundo	(310) 322-2592
Summer Mon- days	7:30pm	SUMMER ORGAN FESTI- VAL July 1 – Cheryl and Wayne Seppala July 8 – Richard Hills Aug 19 – Dennis James with Silent "The Eagle" starring Rudolph Valen- tino	Spreckels Outdoor Organ Balboa Park San Diego	Free
Aug 25	4pm	"Mark of Zorro" starring Douglas Fairbanks organ by Adam Aceto	Arlington Theatre 1317 State Street between Sola and Victoria streets. Santa Barbara	www.sbfilmfestival.org (805)963-0023 \$5.00
Every Day	24-7	Editor wants Feedback		Did you get this?

Q: What do you get when a tiger goes to the beach?

Q: What do frogs like to drink?

Q: Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?

A: Sandyclaws!

A: Croak-a-cola!

A: Because the kids have to play inside!

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June 16 2:30pm Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr."

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Upcoming Concert Dates:

August 10 Open Console & Pot Luck and meeting 11am-3pm

Nov 17 Jerry Nagano

Dec 14 12-4 Open Console, Meeting and Christmas Snacks

Jan 12 Jonathan Ortloff

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