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From of our President

Well summer is here again with the temperatures well over a hundred degrees everyday. That doesn't mean we need to hide out in our air-conditioned homes. There is still lots of great Theatre Organ to see and hear. In the valley we have some of the best locations in the country. The cool Orpheum Theatre contains our very own WurliTzer. We will be treated to a great day on June 11th with Lew Williams at the Orpheum Console. Then in July we will be at the First Christian Church, home of their Mighty WurliTzer and our annual summer old fashion ice cream social. Now that's cool. Then of course we can't forget our local Organ Stop. We are very lucky indeed to have a Theatre Organ venue that is open every night and has been for years. So, it may be hot outside, but we still have lots cool tibias, shimmering strings, and the coolest brass to listen to all summer long.

~ Bill Carr

JUNE EVENTS

JUNE 4TH
OPEN HOUSE

AT

RON RHODE & RON TANNER'S HOME
SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER
IN THIS NEWS LETTER

JUNE 11th ~ 2:30 pm
**General Membership Meeting at the
Orpheum Theatre**

203 West Adams, Phoenix Arizona

Featured artist Lew Williams

The Orpheum Theatre is located on West Adams Street between Central Avenue and 7th Avenue. Adams Street is 1 block north of Washington Street and 2 blocks south of Van Buren Avenue in downtown Phoenix.

JULY EVENTS

JULY 9TH ~ 1:00 PM
**General Membership Meeting &
OLD FASHION ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
First Christian Church

More details next month

Featured Artist to be Announced

Members News

A letter from Lyn Larsen:

I haven't had the opportunity to post anything for awhile, because typing is almost impossible at the moment.....which brings us to the point of this post. I wanted to write something myself, so that the swirl of rumors didn't get blown out of proportion. I have had, unfortunately, a weird medical condition come on me, and it really knocks the usefulness out of this organist I can tell you. I awoke around 11 days ago with a really nasty sharp pain in my right shoulder blade -- thought it was just the usual cricks & kinks that go with 42 years of playing, airplane seats, hotel beds, etc -- went to my chiropractor and expected a few visits would clear it up -- it just got worse -- so had a couple of x-rays taken to see if anything showed up -- my chiropractor saw some faint images in the x-ray that made him tell me that he wanted me to get an MRI scan. So I did, and what it turned up was that I have 4 disks (in between the vertebrae) in my neck that are swollen, 2 medium and the other 2 more severely. Also, the openings in the vertebrae that let the nerve groups go through, have narrowed on a couple of my vertebrae, and that causes even more pressure and pinching on some nerves, specifically the ones going to my right arm! I have been advised by my Docs to take the less harsh form of treatment first, rather than just going right to surgery. So I am waiting to get an appointment with the specialist who will give me a series of epidural injections into my neck, and this series is spread out over 3 weeks. My right arm has a lot of pain going down it, and my right hand is tingly, especially the 4th and 5th finger which only have about 60% feeling in them. Needless to say, I have not been able to touch an organ console for several weeks now. I was forced to cancel my appearance at AOC for the dealer Seminar that was just held. I also cannot be sure of what the condition will be 3 weeks from now, and so I have also had to cancel an "organ gala" that was to be on the south coast of England with Carlo Curley and Simon Gledhill. We also had to make the decision to postpone our annual Hopeful Heart "Concert for Life" benefit until later in the Fall of this year. It makes me extremely sad to have to postpone or miss these events, but I am having to be practical and take the advice of my doctors. As I said, I wanted all of you to know the facts about this, rather than just hearing third-hand conjecture. Even though this is uncomfortable as hell, I'm thankful that it isn't

anything that is life-threatening. My Docs are hopeful that the series of injections will make the swelling go down, and then the nerves won't be pinched going to my right arm. Happy playing and listening to you all, and have fun here on the forum. Like Rudy says, just be nice to each other.

Lyn Larsen, Phoenix, AZ

NOTE: This item was posted on the Theatre Organ Web List 05/04/2006 by Chris Elliott for Lyn Larsen

Address Changes & Corrections

Joanne Harris has a new email address. It is;
organ4jh@cox.net

Theatre News

A special message from Bob Inman: from the Friends of the Raymond Theatre Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Raymond Theatre: Construction of the Raymond Theatre and parking lot has started. We need your immediate help to ensure that our requests to save the Raymond Theatre are heard by the city, media and developers. A stay against construction was filed in the Appellate Courts this week. We will inform our supports of the court's decision as soon as it is rendered. Our goal is to find a buyer for the theatre immediately and ask the city to give their support. We need our supporters help on the following:

1. If you know of anyone who would have an interest in buying the theatre, please have them contact us immediately.

2. Please help by sending a letter to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, developers and media and state that you want to see the Raymond Theatre saved and urge the city to lend their help. See examples of e-mails sent by supporters on our website at www.raymondtheatre.com. If you need help with a letter, let us know. Send your letter to the following:

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3. Please copy your emails to us and post your letters on our message board at our website:
www.raymondtheatre.com.

4. Sign on to our new my space page and post a message. See all the artists who have joined to show support!

<http://www.myspace.com/raymondtheatre>

SPECIAL THANKS: We send a long overdue thanks to Arran Peagram who over this past year donated several months of his time to design our new website. Arran hails from Australia and has donated many years of his time to help the Raymond Theatre cause. We send a heartfelt thanks Arran for his hard work on our website. www.raymondtheatre.com We also send out our thanks to Lisa Riggiola and Ashley Paradiso for creating our new myspace page this week. <http://www.myspace.com/raymondtheatre> Last but not least, we send an a big thanks to the Raymond Theatre committee and Hollywood Heritage for their constant hard work on this project. We hope everyone will post a letter today! Thank you. Sincerely,

Friends of the Raymond Theatre Office:
(818) 541-9522 Fax: (818) 541-9523
Website: www.raymondtheatre.com My space:
<http://www.myspace.com/raymondtheatre>

go to our Chapter website and click to the link. It is the first item and called "A New Feature". Each issue should be available during the last week of each month. If you need to get to our web site, go to The American Theatre Organ website. click on second item on left, "Front Desk". and then click on ou "Local Chapters" and then ours, which is under "Arizona" on the left side. The link belongs to VOTS members Sean and Dru DeDanaan. If you like this method of receiving our newsletter, just notify me by email, I will remove you for the monthly United State Postal Service mailing which will save our Chapter postage. Dale Caplin, Editor

In the Chuckle Department

A young man called John invited his mother for dinner. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful his roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this only made her more curios over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between John and his flatmate than met the eye. Reading his Mom's thoughts, John volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Julie & I are just roommates and friends". About a week later, Julie came to John saying, "ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the frying pan, you don't suppose she took it do you?" "Well, I doubt it, but I'll e-mail her to be sure," said John, so he sat down and wrote: Dear Mother, I'm not saying that you "did" take the frying pan from my house, I'm not saying that you "did not" take the frying pay, but the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love John. Several days later, John received an e-mail from his mother which read: Dear Son, I'm not saying that you "do" sleep with Julie, and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with Julie, but the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the frying pan by now.

Love, Mom

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Farewell To Our Wurlitzer!

Come join us in listening to our 3/23 Wurlitzer for its last time in our home. We have sold the organ and are selling the house so we can relocate to a wonderful historic 1930 Spanish Colonial Revival house in central Phoenix. The Wurlitzer Farewell will be an open house, with food, beverages, and music throughout the event.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Where: Ron Rhode & Ron Tanner's
16421 S. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85045
480-460-7662

When: Sunday, June 4th, 2006
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Directions: Exit I-10 at Chandler Blvd. and head West.
Remain on Chandler Blvd. past 32nd Street (watch for signs to make a left-hand turn at the stop sign to continue West)
Continue on West Chandler Blvd. past Desert Foothills Parkway (Safeway and McDonalds) and up the big hill, to the bottom of the big hill.

At the bottom of the big hill, turn left on Central Avenue.
Go to Night Hawk Way (the 3rd right turn off Central) and make a right turn on Night Hawk.

Turn left immediately onto 1st Avenue.
Our house is the corner house, on your left.

We hope you can join us in closing this happy chapter of our lives as we begin yet another adventure in historic Downtown Phoenix.

~ Ron & RT