



STOP RAITL

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November 15th 1:00 at Organ Stop Pizza

November 15th at 1:00 is our time to enjoy a pizza buffet and the organ. Charlie Balogh will be entertaining us. 2010 election results will be announced. There are two new percussions installed and working since we were there last time. The tuned cow bells are a fun addition, and the tuned saucer bells (door-bells) are a great new sound. A salad plus all you want pizza buffet is \$9.00 per person, drinks & ice cream extra. Restaurant is west of the Walgreens on the Southwest corner of Stapley and Southern in Mesa.

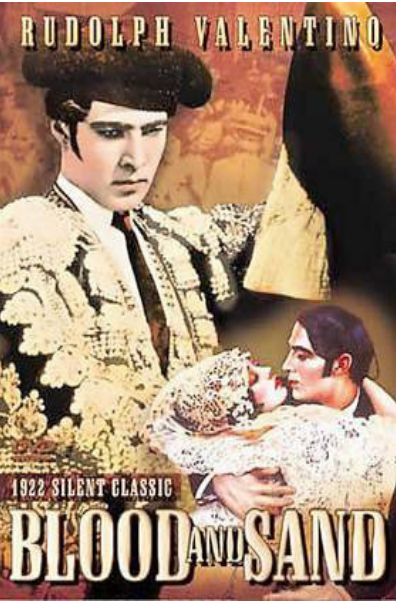
Blood And Sand with Rudolph Valentino

Saturday, November 21, beginning at 6:45 pm with a film discussion with Don Hall. Juan is the son of a poor widow in Seville. Against his mother's wishes he pursues a career as toreador. He rapidly gains national prominence, and takes his childhood sweetheart Carmen as his bride. He meets the Marquis' daughter Dona Sol, and finds himself in the awkward position of being in love with two women, which threatens the stability of his family and his position in society. He finds interesting parallels in the life of the infamous bandit Plumitas when they eventually meet by chance.

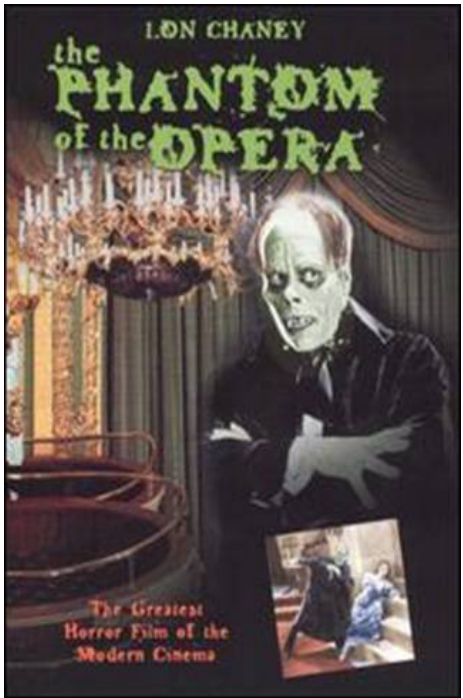
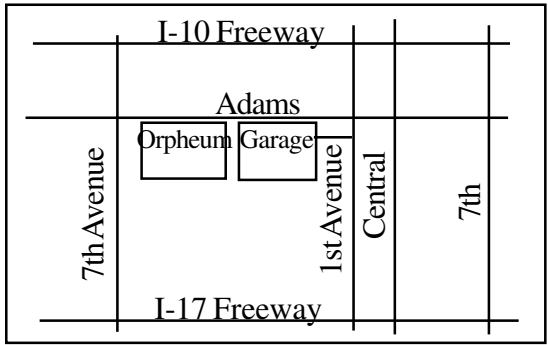
Tickets: General Admission \$15.00, children under 12 are free. Bring your friends for a great evening of entertainment.

For more information check our website: <http://silentsaturdays.vots-atos.org>

Bring plenty of your friends and family for a great evening!



ORPHEUM PARKING The Orpheum Theatre is at 203 West Adams in downtown Phoenix. You will find parking in the garage directly East of the theatre. The entrance to the garage is off First Avenue South of Adams. It's best to use a freeway exit near the West side of downtown, 7th Avenue is a good choice. Or you can find a parking space on the street near the Orpheum. You can take the light rail also to avoid parking.



Now Showing October 24

Timeline: 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm
Film Discussion group led by Don Hall from Gateway College Film Studios
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Organ Prelude by Ron Rhode on the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ
7:30 to 9:30 pm with intermission

Costumes encouraged.
Will the mysterious Phantom appear?

Michael Dixon is the Master of Ceremonies and will include an on stage interview with Ron Rhode

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Return your ballot!

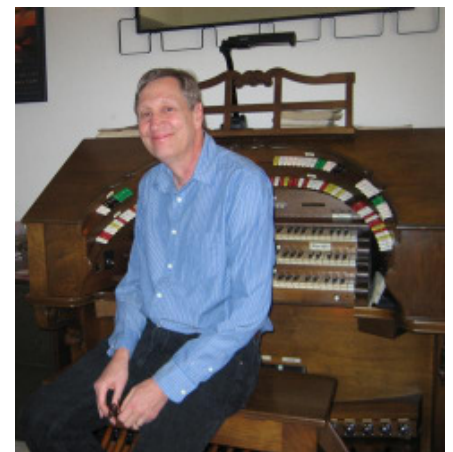
You will receive your ballot in the mail soon if you are a member of both ATOS and VOTS. Election results will be announced at the November meeting.



Ed on piano and Johnny on the organ
We had a report on the progress and plans for the future of the Wurlitzer. Meeting report in next Stoprail. Don Story took the bench and opened the program with *Fanfair*. He said it was an unrehearsed session because the organ was worked on til the last minute. After a few more pieces alone, he played *Just Around The Corner* as a duet with Ed Benoit, and they really got into it with several more tunes. Bill Carr played *My Bonnie*. Ellen Brown said she loved the organ and thought she would never get to hear it. She even got up and played a couple of tunes, including *Cuando Cuando Cuando* and *At Last*. Johnny Sharp and Ed Benoit made a great pair and played many tunes, including *Talk Of The Town*, *Beer Barrel Polka* and *Flat Tire*. Johnny finished the afternoon with *This Could Be The Start Of Something Big*, *Thornbirds Theme* and *Moonlight Serenade*.

John Bittner's October 11th

We love to go to John and Copper's house! Meeting report in next Stoprail. After the meeting, John took the bench and entertained us with light classics. A Bach cantata was first, followed by *Sheep May Safely Graze*, *The Last Spring* and *Golden Wedding*. It is plain to see John has not been slacking off in practice. He played a swedish melody and *Simple Gifts*. Open console included Mark Crenshaw and Bill Carr. Thanks John and Copper for the great afternoon. (And Cookies)



The Stoprail

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Organ Reports

If you want to work on the organs call Crew Chief Tom Fizzell at 602-243-9546 or President Bill Carr at 623-694-1746 .

Orpheum: Nothing is going on at the Orpheum Theatre right now. Some tuning has been done and water added to the humidity basins. The organ is being used during their tours and crew members have been going to take the organ out for it.

First Christian Church: Nothing going on here either. A tuning/voicing session will be scheduled soon.

Phoenix College: There was work done to resolve a wind pressure issue just in time for the September 27 meeting. Adrian Phillips, Hassell Moore and Bill Carr worked on it the night before the meeting to insure the organ would play. Ron Mitchell was in town doing voicing, and Lyn Larsen has been working on it also. Thanks to these workers. We have \$67,492.00 in the organ so far, including money and the value of donated labor and materials. There are eight ranks playing now. An Oboe and Salicional are yet to come. The original Wurlitzer 215 console came from the Rialto Theatre in Phoenix and was lost in a fire. The console there now is from the Uptown Theatre in Los Angeles. It was saved due to the efforts of Ellen Brown, head of the music department at Phoenix College. Thanks Ellen!

Letters to the editor

Your place for opinions, recognition, venting , complaints and compliments.

Phx College is on Thomas Rd

Phoenix College parking lot is on the northeast corner of 15th avenue and Thomas, not McDowell and 19th Avenue. I bet you folks think my job should be easy. b

From Arnie Dale:

It is still in Phoenix, right? :)

Arnie

From Ed Benoit:

I have always said, "If anyone can do a better job then I am doing, please step forward." No one has yet to do that. The same goes true about your thankless job. I think I can speak for the many people in our chapter when I say, "Good job and well done, Beverly Fizzell." Mr. Ed.

2009 - 2010 Calendar of Events

Saturday October 24 - 6:45 pm - Fright Night! Phantom at the Orpheum

November 15 1:00 pm - Organ Stop - 2010 election results announced.

November 21 - 7:00 pm - Blood & Sand silent film at Orpheum Theatre

December 12 - 11:00 am - Christmas Potluck at FFC Fellowship Hall

December 12 - 3:30 pm - open house after FCC - Carr Residence 3:30 pm

Saturday January 9, 2010 - Safety Last - featuring Harold Lloyd

January - Phoenix College

Saturday March 20, 2010 - Ella Cinders - featuring Colleen Moore

For more information : Fred Watson 602-993-7266 mrfgw@cox.net

Phoenix College Organ Work Dates

If you want to work at Phoenix College, call Bill Carr at 623-694-1746 for more information and to let him know you are coming.

Carlo Curley to play

Carlo Curley will be performing on the new Allen organ located in the Tri-City Baptist Ministries Church. 2211 West Germann Road, Chandler, AZ on November 22, 2009 at 2:00PM Admission is free. Here is a rare opportunity to here Mr. Curly perform in Arizona for free.

From Johnny Sharp:

I want to thank Bill, Pete, Tom, and all of the volunteers who spent countless hours on the Phoenix College Organ. The basics sounds wonderful. And, I understand, there is more to come! The Phoenix College Auditorium is a great facility. Just the right size to enjoy the organ, and whomever performs with it. I also want to thank Don and Ed for a nice intro, and Ed for working with me at trying to keep the tunes coming! Sometimes, the best stuff comes from the unprepared attempt! Thanks again! Johnny Sharp
Thanks Ed for your improv abilities at Phoenix College. It was much fun!

Send letters to beverlyfz2@cox.net or Beverly Fizzell 2201 E Siesta Drive Phoenix Arizona 85042 We can even include photos with your letter!

From Ed Rogers:

Beverly - I always go a block north of Thomas, take a right, and then turn in there. Whenever I have gone to Phoenix College, I have found that lot less crowded.

I have done club newsletters off and on for over thirty years, and I know it is not easy!! Thanks for all of your hard work. Ed Rogers

From Tim Kriefels

Beverly - Thank you very much for running my ad in the last two issues. I sold the trap unit to a gentleman from Thousand Oaks, Ca. (LA area). He responded to my ad in ATOS classifieds. Keep up the good work on the newsletter - very professional and appreciated by all. Tim Kreifels

Summer Camp Letters

Hello all, I wanted to pass this article on to you. This was written by one of our younger campers --13-year old Justin LaVoie from Michigan-- and published in the Motor City newsletter. This Summer Camp experience is a great one for young organists, with thanks to all of you who made it happen. Donna

2009 ATOS Summer Youth Camp Highlights

by Justin LaVoie

The 2009 ATOS Summer Youth Camp was held during the week of July 27th in Phoenix, Arizona. This year's camp was undoubtedly the most exciting yet, and I was thrilled to have been a part of it! Hours after arriving in the Valley of the Sun, we visited the beautiful Wurlitzer organ at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix. Kudos to its caretakers, for its tonal qualities and condition are exceptional. A large percentage of our instruction by Jelani Eddington, Martin Ellis, and Donna Parker was conducted at the Adrian Phillips residence Midmer-Losh/Hybrid, which is currently the largest residential organ in the world. The hospitality and friendliness of Mr. Phillips and his son Adrian made all the campers feel relaxed and at home even in the 118-degree heat. As the week progressed, my fellow campers and I visited such fine venues as First Christian Church, which possesses a well-equipped Wurlitzer; the Fizzell residence hybrid organ, controlled from the console

of the original Orpheum Theatre organ; and Phoenix College's unrestored 2-manual Wurlitzer organ. However, the greatest venue of the entire camp was Organ Stop Pizza located in Mesa. This 74+ rank leviathan was entertaining, loud, and just plain fun. Stationed at this wondrous restaurant for over twelve hours on two separate days, we enjoyed great food, great music by the talented Charlie Balogh and Lew Williams, and plenty of open console time. Several special guests appeared at these venues throughout the week, including Ken Double, ATOS President, and legendary theatre organist, Lyn Larsen.

I can only imagine what 2010 will be like... Justin LaVoie

We wish you a Happy Birthday!



Birthday time! A slice of cake goes out to our November birthday cake eaters, Charles Cox, Pat Ingramm, Beverly Fizzell, Richard Flickinger, Lorraine Romick, Shirley Long, Warren Bechhoefer, Charles Bielski and Janna Kohler. If we missed yours, let us know. So, blow out those candles and have a good time!

Marketplace

Rates

Have something to sell or buy? To place your ad, call Beverly Fizzell at 602-243-9546 or e-mail information to beverlyfz2@cox.net. She can also help you write your ad. Send by the 20th for next month's Stoprail.

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Add a photo to your ad - \$5.00

Give someone one of these for Christmas!

7-rank Wicks Pipe Organ Bill Hagey has donated a seven rank Wicks theatre organ to the chapter. It has four original ranks and three others. If you know someone in the market for a small pipe organ, let Bill Carr know. 623-694-1746 billcarr3.vots.atos@cox.net. It is in storage now.

Two manual Geneva Console, no combination action, though one is available. **Two manual Reisner console**, straight rail, roll top, light oak. Best offer. Tom Fizzell 602-243-9546

Organ For Sale Our church is wanting to sell their Allen MDS-55 which has five channels and bass channel plus a channel with all channels on it, which we use for monitor speakers for the choir and organist. It has 55 ranks and will be up and playing until sold or April when it will be decommissioned to make room for a pipe organ. We are asking \$8000.00 and will negotiate. Contact Larry Wilson at 520-229-3562 or at the church (leave a message) 520-297-2551.

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