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*Merry
Christmas*

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Joel Gary At The Wurlitzer

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Our Christmas concert this year brings Joel Gary to our Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ. Come celebrate the holiday by listening to songs of the season at the Senate Theater on Sunday, December 8. Doors to the Senate Theater open at 2:00 p.m., with the concert starting at 3:00 p.m.

Joel Gary became interested in music at an early age. Starting with the piano, he moved to the organ at the age of nine. Joel attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI and Red Wing Technical College in Red Wing, MN. His organ teachers include William Elliott, Joseph Sullivan and George Shirley. He has established himself as a church and theatre organist, as well as a teacher of both styles of organ playing. Growing up in Grand Rapids, MI he became acquainted with the theatre organ at "The Roaring Twenties" later renamed "Good Time Charley's" Restaurant. In 1989 he joined the staff as organist until the business closed in 1991. His affair with this well-known Wurlitzer organ continued as he worked with the G.M. Buck Pipe Organ Company in restoring and installing this instrument in the new Grand Rapids Public Museum.

For several years Joel

worked in the pipe organ maintenance and restoration business. This eventually led to a keen interest in the modern digital computer organ. Since 2000 he has been employed by Westfield Organ Company in Grand Rapids, representing Allen Organs. He is currently Director of Music and Organist at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI and is a staff organist at the Grand Ledge Opera House in Grand Ledge, MI. Mr. Gary has performed for several chapters of the American Guild of Organists as well as the American Theatre Organ Society. His other interests include antiques, Grand Rapids history, home improvement, computers and classic automobiles.



Joel is a member of the American Guild of Organists, serving the Grand Rapids Chapter as Educational Coordinator and director of the Pipelines program. Pipelines is an annual event that introduces fourth grade students to the pipe organ. He is also a member of the American Theatre Organ Society and President of the Great Lakes Chapter.

Join us as we welcome Joel to the Senate. Come and sit back and relax and enjoy this musical treat at the Senate!

Christmas Concert Refreshments

Dick Leichtamer, DTOS Board of Directors

The December 8 Christmas concert is fast approaching. As usual the Refreshment Committee is asking for your help with the refreshments. Please bring Christmas Cookies or crackers to share. You may also bring small snacks or different kinds of veggies. If you don't wish

to bake anything a nice store arrangement of cookies or finger foods can be purchased at very reasonable prices. Cracker and cheese plates are nice especially for our members and guests who can't have sweets. Gluten-Free items are also welcome for those that have a wheat allergy.

The Society will furnish coffee, punch and water at no charge. We won't be selling popcorn or candy bars. The intermission as usual will be extended long enough for everyone to get some goodies to eat.

Please be generous. We have our biggest attendance at

our Christmas Concert. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy your Senate Theater and our wonderful Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ. See you at the Senate!

Restoration News

Connie Masserant, DTOS President

Many of you gentlemen have noticed that the men's restroom ceiling has been crashing down. Great news! The leak causing this deterioration has been determined and hopefully repaired, at the cost of \$500.

Brickwork was repaired

from the outside and the hole has been repaired. Now we are looking for a crew of workers who will help pitch in and do the minor repairs needed to make our restroom look more presentable. It seems to be mainly cosmetic, as I

hope someday we can do some major restoration. For now, however, the ceiling needs to be cleaned and prepared to receive new ceiling tiles.

As always we are looking for volunteers who will help with this job. If you can

help, or know of someone who would like to help with this project, please contact me either via email or by phone. This really shouldn't be a very big job or one that would take up much time.

Volunteers Needed for Events

Dave Calendine, DTOS Board of Directors

Now that we have added more events to our calendar at the Senate Theater, we are finding that we need more volunteers to help staff the various positions in the theater.

So far we have had a small dedicated crew to sell tickets, staff the concession

stand, and help clean the theater. We don't want to "burn out" these dedicated people, so we are asking your help for one or two events each quarter. The following positions need to be staffed for each show:

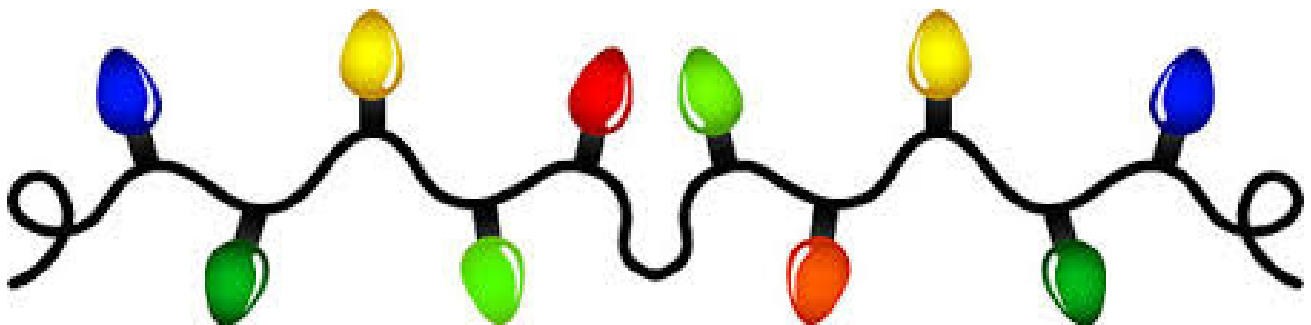
- Box Office—both the side door (from the

parking lot) and the main entrance.

- Concession Stand—best with three people working
- Raffle Tickets
- Lighting—making sure the lights are on and off when needed
- Cleaning—we need to

make sure the theater is ready to go for the next event

If you could help with any of these items, please contact either myself, or Michael Fisher. We would greatly appreciate anything you could offer!



Senate Events Calendar Filling In

Dave Calendine, DTOS Board of Directors

The calendar for 2014 is filling in nicely with great concerts. Not everything is complete, and the ink is still drying on some items, but we are happy to give you a couple of events that are coming to the Senate Theater next year.

January is normally a quiet month for us at the Senate, but that will change next year when we present two great movies.

First up is a wonderful movie featuring Katherine

Hepburn and Cary Grant. Both will star in "Bringing Up Baby" on Saturday, January 11 at 8:00 p.m.

The second movie will bring back organist Dennis Scott to accompany the Harold Lloyd silent film, "Safety Last!" on Saturday, January 18 at 8:00 p.m.

Looking for organ concerts? Don't worry. The organ concert chairman, Paul Jacyk, is finalizing the many contracts that were sent out to

organists to perform at the Senate Theater next year. Once all of the contracts are finalized, the concert season will be announced. Look for the line-up soon!

Don't forget that there are still two events at the Senate Theater before the end of this year! Join us on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. for our Christmas concert featuring Joel Gary.

On Saturday, December 14 starting at 1:00 p.m. bring

your family and friends to the Senate Theater for pictures with Santa Claus. At 2:00 p.m. we will show two Christmas classics on our big screen, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman." There will also be a Christmas Sing-A-Long with the Wurlitzer organ. This event will be great for the family, and it is free to everyone!

See you at the Senate!



*The Board of Directors of the
Detroit Theater Organ Society
wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE REDFORD THEATRE

December 6 & 7—Home Alone

December 14 at 8:00 p.m.—Christmas Concert featuring Dave Calendine at the Barton organ

Also featuring the Casali Holiday Dancers

December 15 at 3:00 p.m.—The American Liberty Pops Singers

December 20 & 21—White Christmas

All of these great films are shown Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. as well as Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Organ overtures start thirty minutes prior to each show time.

Visit the Redford Theatre on the web at www.redfordtheatre.com



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December 8—Joel Gary
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