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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST Wurlitzer House III & Detroit Fox Theatre

The month of August is traditionally a quiet month at the Senate Theater with no concerts, but that doesn't mean you don't have a chance to see and play a theater organ this month. Two separate events are scheduled to give you plenty of fun at a Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ!

The first event is on Sunday, August 19th at the home of Glenn Rank and David Voydanoff. The event is the annual DTOS Picnic at their place in Pearl Beach, Michigan.

The picnic starts at 1:00 p.m. with food served at 2:30 p.m. Sloppy joes and hot dogs, as well as lemonade and coffee will be provided by our hosts. A dish to pass and a lawn chair is your admission ticket to this event. Please RSVP by calling Dave or Glenn at 810-794-3410 by August 17th.

Music will be provided on Dave's Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ, originally installed at the Lancaster Theater in River Rouge, Michigan. It was originally purchased by George Orbits and installed in his home before being purchased by Dave. Be sure to bring your music! Open console time will be available throughout the picnic!

The second event is

the open console session at the Detroit Fox Theatre.

For the first time in many years, the management of the Fox is letting the doors open for a special open console time with the Mighty Wurlitzer. This is a rare chance for organists to come in and play the four-manual, 36-rank organ. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and the theatre will stay open for about two hours. The event is open to those that want to play the organ, and those that just want to come in and simply enjoy the sounds of this magnificent organ.

If you are interested in coming to the Fox, you need to register with the open console host, Dave Calendine. Dave's contact information is in the information bar on the left side of this page.

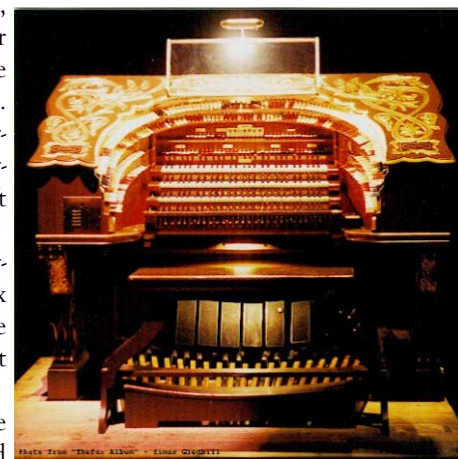
More information on the Fox open console will be sent out to those that sign up.

It is the hope of the DTOS Board of Directors that we will get to see you at one or both of these special events and experience the fun of theatre

pipe organs outside of the Senate Theater. While the Senate may be silent until September, the wonderful sounds of theatre pipe organs are still going strong! Come be a part of these special events!



Dave Voydanoff's 3/10 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ



The Fox Theatre's 4/36 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Connie Masserant, President DTOS

With these hot summer days that don't seem to end, renovation, and work of almost any kind, has all but come to a stand still. That doesn't mean, however, that your board has stopped working. At the last meeting, it was decided that we would try a few more movies to not only bring more people into the theater, but to also bring in the much needed revenue.

The Board decided to try one movie in November, followed by a movie each for January and February. In order for this to be successful we need two things: 1.) volunteers to help run the show and 2.) people who will support the movie by attending. There was much enthusiasm at the last silent movie, which left peo-

ple asking for more. I believe we can have successful shows if members will put forth the effort to help, whether it be to work the concession, take tickets, sweep floors, or whatever.

As I stated last month, we had two members step forward to volunteer their time, but it is going to take more than two to step up. If we are going to continue to grow as a Society and to continue renovations, it is going to take the membership to get more involved - no matter how large or small the task. So reach out to me or any of the other Board members to volunteer your services. My contact information is on the front page, or you can go to our website at www.dtos.org. You can also call the theater

and leave a message. I hope to hear from you soon.

The other big item that was discussed at the board meeting was downstairs / handicap bathrooms. We have received donations to the point where we can start the planning process and hopefully ground breaking. Yet, donations are still needed to finish the project. In our earlier days, we had members who all had different skills to offer the club. Today with a more mature membership, I am sure we still have members who can contribute in different areas. We have needs for all types of construction skills, like plumbers, electricians, carpenters, masons, architects, and more. If you as a member are able to offer any of those skills or have a relative

or friend who would offer to donate those skills, our cost would be much reduced and the project finished much sooner. Please reach into your hearts and see what you can donate either monetarily or skill wise. Downstairs bathrooms would enable more of our members to attend concerts and others who are unable to navigate the stairs.

August is the month for our annual party at Glenn Rank's and David Voydanoff's residence. I hope to see everyone there. It is always a great time to see everyone, party, and have some great music on their Wurlitzer.

Connie Masserant,
President
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FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Richard Dengate, Treasurer DTOS

We are now seven months into the 2012 fiscal year. Our income comes from three sources. The majority of finds is generated from program activities at 38%. The 50th anniversary celebration was quite a successful event. Donation contributed 32%, thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters. Remember we are a non-profit 401c3 business and, as such, all donations are tax deductible. It is a win-win situation for the donor and the DTOS. Membership dues make up the remainder of income at 30%. The board continues to be engage in the ongoing dis-

ussion regarding strategies to increase membership.

On the expense side of the ledger, programs lead with 43%. Not surprisingly, artist fees including accommodations and travel are a majority of program costs. Following are the utilities at 36%. Administrative costs amount to 16% which includes printing, postage, security, taxes and insurance. We have an old building and it requires continued attention. To date maintenance costs are 5% of total expenses. There is a great need to have a public restroom on the main floor. This project is being re-

searched.

The board remains committed to fiscal responsibility in governing the DTOS.



RENTALS AND EVENTS UPDATE

Michael Fisher, DTOS Board of Directors

Everyone please remember that our theater home is available for rentals for your events. This includes a great place for movies, plays, concerts, seminars, birthday parties, anniversaries, you name it!

Consider the Senate for your next event!

Pass the word onto friends, groups or organizations. It is a great exposure opportunity for our incredible organ and its theater home!

Remember our upcoming rental event this October 13th at 8 p.m., when the talented Graystone Stompers band will fill the Senate with the sounds of the roaring twenties!

Tell your friends, family and mark your calendars and plan to support them and our organization by attending!

Tickets will be available at the door!

In other exciting news, the Rentals and Events Committee is currently working on a project as a fund raiser for the DTOS in presenting the heavily followed movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show" on October 19 and 20 at the Senate. The Shows will be at 10 p.m. each night with doors opening at 9 p.m.

We are excited about this opportunity and are going to need your help! No matter what capacity - WE NEED YOUR VOLUNTEERISM that weekend!

If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Michael Fisher, Chairman of the Rentals & Events Committee at (313) 378-1275.

Stay tuned for further details!

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Dave Calendine, Corporate Secretary DTOS

At the July Board of Directors meeting, President Connie Masserant appointed Paul Jacyk to the Board of Directors to fill an open seat. Welcome Paul!

While it has been too hot at the theater to do major work, there is a lot still happening. A new computer will be placed in the office to replace the old (and failing) computer that we currently have. We have

also received estimates to replace another set of doors at the theater, at the high cost of \$3,500. We will look for more estimates.

The house should be demolished by the time you receive this Newsletter. We will then apply for tax exempt status on the property and then work to convert it into more parking.

There are four proposals that all members eligible to vote will be receiving soon. It is strongly urged by the Board that you approve these proposals. Full texts of the proposals will be mailed to all eligible voters soon.

We have rentals and movies coming soon, so please be sure to check the calendar of events at DTOS.ORG to keep up to date with all that is happening at the Senate.

We will be having more "movie nights" at the Senate, after the highly successful movie night as part of our 50th Anniversary. More details as we finalize plans for them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE REDFORD THEATRE

August 24 & 25—North by Northwest

September 7 & 8—What's Up Doc?

September 21 & 22—The Sea Hawk

September 28 & 29—Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds"

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.

Sit back and enjoy the movies under the Redford's star-lit sky!

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

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Remaining 2012 Concert Series

September 16—Pierre Fracalanza

October 21—Steven Warner

November 18—Melissa Ambrose-Eidson

December 2—Fr. Andrew Rogers

All concerts are held at the Senate Theatre,
6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit MI 48210-2957

Doors open at 2:00 p.m., concerts start at 3:00 p.m.



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