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## Donna Parker In Concert

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Doors 2:00 p.m. Concert 3:00 p.m.

The Detroit Theater Organ Society is pleased to welcome back Donna Parker to the Senate Stage on Sunday, June 11th, at 3:00 p.m.

Donna Parker, a native of Los Angeles, California, began her organ studies at the age of seven. Four years later she was introduced to the theatre organ and, at thirteen, began her classical organ instruction with Richard Purvis, Organist and Master of Choristers Emeritus and Honorary Canon of San Francisco's famed Grace Cathedral.

Donna quickly established a name for herself on the concert circuit as a very capable performer for one so young. She made her first recording at fifteen, was appointed the first Official Organist for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, and toured Southern California in concert as a product specialist for Conn Organ Company. Through arrangements made by George Wright, Donna began studying harmony and arranging with Gordon Kibbee while studying theatre organ stylings with Lyn Larsen. During high school she appeared at Universal Studios in Southern California, providing holiday season entertainment and combined her love of sports and music by serving as Organist for the Los Angeles Sports Arena, playing for professional ice hockey and tennis teams.

Donna has been associated with many restaurants that have

theatre organs installed, including The Roaring '20s in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Paramount Music Palace in Indianapolis, Indiana; The Organ Grinder in Portland, Oregon; Uncle Milt's in Vancouver, Washington; and Organ Stop Pizza in Phoenix and Mesa, Arizona.

Besides an active solo concert schedule, Donna is a member of Trio con Brio with colleagues Jonas Nordwall and Martin Ellis, performing in special venues across the U.S. that can accommodate three instruments for each performance.

Donna has numerous highly acclaimed recordings to her credit including her latest release, "The Lady Elsinore." Her concert performances take her to well-known venues across the United States and abroad. International appearances include Canada, Vienna, Austria—where she performed for a national broadcast on the ORF—Australia, New Zealand, and Japan—where she had the distinction of performing the first organ concert at Tokyo's famed Casals Concert Hall.

In 2009, Donna performed as

a featured soloist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra on the newly installed Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis for the Yuletide Celebration Concert series. She will return this Christmas season, which marks the series' 25th anniversary, with Maestro Jack Everly conducting the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and guest host Sandy Patti. This is the second largest Christmas concert series in the United States, second only to Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Doors open at 2:00 p.m., with the concert starting at 3:00 p.m.. Come enjoy our last concert before the summer break. See you at the Senate on Sunday, June 11th!



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## **June & July Movies**

All movies at 8:00 p.m.

June 24—The Sting

July 1—Viva Las Vegas

July 15—Beach Blanket Bingo

July 29—Bad News Bears

## **2017 Concert Series**

All concerts at 3:00 p.m.

June 11—Donna Parker

September 9—Clark Wilson

October 15—Justin LaVoie

November 12—Dave Wickerham

December 3—Mark Herman & Anthony Snitker



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