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October Events Cancelled

Dave Calendine, DTOS Board of Directors

As many know by now, major work is having to be done on various parts of our building. More specifically, the marquee has to be repaired before we can safely open the front entrance of our theater. Many hours of engineering have been spent drawing up the structural plans. They have been submitted to the city. After several days of delays and re-drawing of plans, the city has signed off on the final drawings, and work is now able to proceed on the marquee.

Workers will be arriving this week to remove the damaged portion of the marquee. Temporary supports will be added to the existing vertical sign (the "SENATE"). Once this work is completed, the city inspectors can return to give their approval, and the Senate

Theater will once again be open for business. This should happen within the next two weeks.

Many other repairs and improvements have been made during the "down time" at the Senate. The details, and some pictures of the work, will be in next month's Newsletter. Some highlights are:

- Ceiling damage in ladies restroom has been cleaned up and repairs will be started soon.
- All carpeted areas of the lobbies were professionally cleaned and treated.
- Outside pilaster on southeast side of building (in the parking lot) was repaired, which should keep any leaks from entering into the side of our building.

- The boiler has been given a major overhaul over the summer. It was found that many pipes had a large amount of sludge built up in them. This was all removed, and several damaged parts were replaced. This should result in the heating system working better than it has in several years.

- The alarm system upgrade is complete, and new sensors were added throughout the building, including temperature sensors, and flood indicators in the basement.

While it was hoped that this work would be completed in time for October, the permit process was longer than we anticipated. We look forward to reopening soon and welcoming you back to the Senate!

Organists Needed for Holiday Walk

Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University

Once again the original-condition 1919 Aeolian organ in Meadow Brook Hall will be featured during the annual Holiday Walk from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Meadow Brook Hall was designated a National Historic Landmark last year. It is the 88,000-square-foot former home of Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, and is on the

campus of Oakland University.

In past years, members of the DTOS, MCTOS, AGO and others, have generously joined in volunteering to man the console and provide holiday music for the hall's visitors. Around the end of October, interested organists will be contacted to set up schedules. If you have an interest in

playing this historic instrument and would like to be added to the contact list, please contact **Pete Townsend** at ptownsend@comcast.net so your name can be added to the email list. If you have an interest in a short practice or trial session prior to then, please also contact Pete.

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Upcoming Schedule

November 1—The Nightmare
Before Christmas (movie) —
8pm

November 16—Melissa Ambrose-
Eidson (concert) — 3pm

November 29—A Christmas Carol
(movie) — 8pm

December 7—Donnie Rankin
(concert) — 3pm

December 20—Polar Express
(movie) — 2pm & 8pm



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