

PIPE NOTES

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**UPCOMING MTOS
EVENTS AND
ACTIVITIES**

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Grace Baptist Church
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"It Girl"

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CONCERT**

Rob Richards &
Alex Zsolt

April 18, 2010

**May 23, 2010
CONCERT**

Ken Double &
Surprise Guests

June ? 2010

Please Note:
Meeting Times: 2:00 P.M.
Concert Times: 2:30 P.M.

All artists have agreed to perform,
but programs/artists are subject
to change due to unforeseen
circumstances.

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**President's
Message**

Well, here we are again. Christmas and New Year's have passed and we are in 2010. On New Years eve, I was remembering ten years ago when we were told that at 12:01 A.M. on January 1, 2000, the lights might go out and the water supply might come to a stop. There were so many bad things that could happen. Fortunately, about 99% never came to pass. You may remember it was called "Y2K". And now, in January 2010, we have exciting programs planned for our Manasota Theatre Organ Society and our world class Forker Memorial Wurlitzer Theatre Organ.

We will be gathering at Grace Church on the 17th of January for our first meeting of the new year. We did not have a regular meeting in December so that we could all enjoy the almost 400,000 Christmas light display and hear our Wurlitzer played superbly by Tom Hoehn. Joanne Pierson played for five special services on 12/21, 12/23, and three services on Christmas Eve. The organ was prominent during several songs in each service.

As you know the new Christmas CD recording was finished and made available each night of the light display. Tom played live, selections from the new disc and everyone said it was wonderful. The CD is available and will be on sale in the lobby on the 17th. It may be January, but you will want to listen to it over and over again. Hey.....it's never too early to plan for next Christmas.

We are very fortunate to have our dear friend John McCall performing our mini concert this month. John has a wonderful theatre style of playing and is always well received and appreciated. I personally wish he lived here in Florida instead of Georgia so I could take lessons from him. Please try to attend and bring some friends with you. We want as many people as possible to hear John and our magnificent Wurlitzer. It is truly a treasure. After the mini concert we will have "open console". If you would like to play our Wurlitzer, this is your opportunity. Our "FishBowl" will also be at the front table if you would like to donate towards the upkeep of the organ performed by Norman Arnold. He is a true master of keeping our instrument "World Class".

Starting with the February meeting, we will begin our "Concert Series for 2010". Performances are scheduled for February, March and May, 2010.

Clark Wilson will play the Forker Wurlitzer and will accompany the silent film "It Girl" starring Clara Bow on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

Rob Richards and Alex Zsolt will perform Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

Ken Double and "Surprise Guests" will perform Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

I am still working on something special for the April meeting. Hope it comes together.

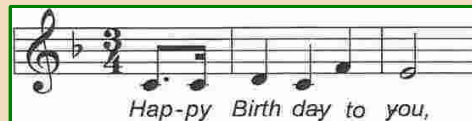
We will see you on Sunday, January 17th for the 2:30 P.M. program by John McCall. Come early (2:00 P.M.) for refreshments, conversation and a short business meeting. Please bring a friend or two. They will enjoy hearing our magnificent Wurlitzer Theatre Organ.

Chaz Bender, President

Treasurer's Report

As of **December 31, 2009** the following balances were reported by George Milburn, Treasurer:

FUND	06/30/09	12/31/09
Concert	\$8,149.52	\$8,149.52
General	15,961.39	19,869.84
Organ Maintenance	31,767.47	31,547.75
Piano Enhancement	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$55,878.38	\$59,567.11



January

- 3 – Frank Schertle
- 4 – Joan Griffis
- 7 – Susan Cole-Shaw
- 15 – Patrick Morrissey
- 27 – Pete Theisen



John McCall
Sunday
January 17, 2010
2:00 P.M.
Grace Baptist

John McCall has been active in the theatre organ world since the early 1970's when he heard his first live theatre organ at the Atlanta Fox with Bob Van Camp at the mammoth console. He has been active in the Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society and concertizes as an amateur theatre organist. He has played concerts at the Alabama Theatre, Birmingham, AL; Tyson Forker Memorial Wurlitzer at Grace Baptist Church, Sarasota, FL; Rylander Theatre, Americus, GA (where he serves with Fred Boska as House Organist) and the Don Baker Memorial Wurlitzer, Lake Brantley High School, Altamonte Springs, FL. Also, notable electronic installations including the George Wright Allen 319-EX organs in the residences of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Renwick, Jacksonville, FL and Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Shaw, Mount Dora, FL. Also, the Walker RTO-335 organ in the residence of Mr. Bucky Reddish, Smyrna, GA.

John was instrumental in bringing a pipe organ back to the Rylander Theatre in Americus, GA and electronic organs to the Tift and Capitol Theatres.

He co-produced the Fabulous Fox Organ Weekend in May, 2004 at the Atlanta Fox and in 2002 was awarded first prize in the Hobbyist Division Competition of ATOS. He has contributed to numerous theatre organ and theatre history publications, including the monograph, *Atlanta Fox Album: Mecca on Peachtree Street*, which helped raise funds for the "Save the Fox" effort.

His composition, *The Rylander Theatre March* was recorded by notable theatre organist Ron Rhode on his album *Ron Rhode Rocks the Rylander*, in 2002. McCall's first album, *A Paramount Idea* (2002) received a "highly recommended" rating in a review in *Theatre Organ Journal*.

CLARK WILSON CONCERT and the Classic Silent Comedy Film *The "It Girl"*

February 21, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.
Advance Tickets: \$15.00, At The Door: \$18.00
Grace Baptist Church
 (See below for ticket purchase information)



A native of Ohio, **Clark Wilson** began his musical training at age nine. While growing up he accompanied numerous stage musicals and was organist at several churches. At this time he was listed in "Who's Who in the Midwest" and "Men of Achievement". He also holds Life Member status in the International Tri-M Music Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who in Executives and Professionals".

Following several years with the Schantz Organ Company as a reed voicer and tonal finisher, Clark's professional playing career began with his appointment to the featured organist post at *Pipe Organ Pizza* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has since been on the playing staffs at the *Paramount Music Palace* in Indianapolis, Indiana, *Pipes and Pizza* in Lansing, Illinois, and is currently associated with *Organ Stop Pizza* in Mesa, Arizona, where he is on the organ staff as well as having assisted with the planning and installation of the world's largest Wurlitzer organ. Clark's recording credits include seven albums. He has given all-transcription recitals for the AGO, played for the 1990 Organ Historical Society convention and performed at numerous National and Regional conventions of the ATOS, as well as giving a series of highly lauded workshops for young people's Pipe Organ Encounters.

He has been a visiting lecturer on Theatre

Organ and Silent Picture accompaniment for the Indiana University organ department, a great step in the advancement of these art forms. He has concertized in the United States, Canada, Australia, and England, and done extensive silent film accompaniment, including at the Chautauqua Institution in New York, the Packard Foundation's Stanford Theatre, UCLA, and the Fox Theatre for the Atlanta premier of the restored "Metropolis".

He plays a silent picture annually on the organ series at LA's new Walt Disney Concert Hall, is scoring for Kino International for commercial release, and has performed at both the Cinequest and San Francisco Silent Film Festivals, as well as for the Los Angeles Conservancy. Clark is the resident organist and organ conservator at the famed Ohio Theatre in Columbus, Ohio (for the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts) and was chosen by them to re-premier the renowned Chicago Theatre Organ on a bill that included Michael Feinstein. He also headed the professional crew that began restoration on Chicago's landmark Wurlitzer.

Along with a busy concert schedule, Wilson runs his own pipe organ business and is heavily in demand as a tonal consultant
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CLARK WILSON CONCERT TICKETS

Advance Tickets: \$15.00 At The Door: \$18.00

Send check to: MTOS, c/o Yvonne George, 5733 Augusta Circle, Sarasota, FL 34238. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for ticket return.

Call: 941-922-2044 for tickets and information.



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and finisher of both theatre and classical pipe organs; he has been given the singular honor of being brought to England multiple times for tonal finishing and consulting. He has received both the Technician of the Year and Organist of the Year awards from the American Theatre Organ Society, the only person to have done so. His time is now nearly equally divided between concert and technical work. He has been professionally involved with more than 100 organ installations throughout North America and England and has provided consulting and voicing expertise for several different organ companies.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: If you have changed or discontinued your email address, you need to notify me (Mary Alexander) by **phone:** 941-776-3668, **email:** malex1938@tampabay.rr.com, or **regular mail:** 195 Tiger Lilly Drive, Parrish, FL 34219. I have received several notices recently that email addresses are no longer available. Sometimes I do not receive a notice for two or three days. This means that if you have been receiving *Pipe Notes* online and not having one mailed to you, you will not get a copy for that month.

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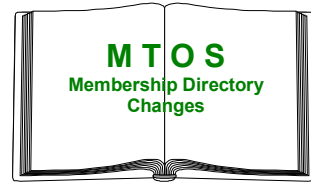
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HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

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I am currently working on a new Membership Directory. If your photo was not in the 2007-2008 edition, or if you are a new member, now is the time to send a photo of yourself to me (Mary Alexander) by **email:** malex1938@tampabay.rr.com, or **regular mail:** 195 Tiger Lilly Drive, Parrish, FL 34219.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY and ALL use of our MTOS Wurlitzer Organ at Grace Baptist Church **MUST** to be cleared with Chuck Pierson at cpipes@aol.com or 941-924-0674. If Chuck is not available, contact Norm Arnold at 941-922-9277 or organchief@mtos.us.

UPCOMING CONCERTS



Rob Richards & Alex Zsolt

March 21, 2010



Ken Double

May 23, 2010

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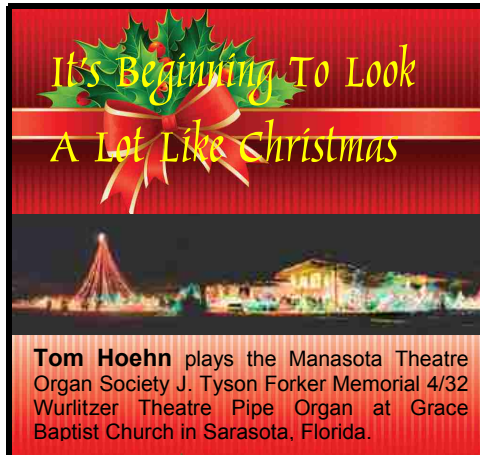
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Tom Hoehn plays the Manasota Theatre Organ Society J. Tyson Forker Memorial 4/32 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ at Grace Baptist Church in Sarasota, Florida.

1. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas (Meredith Willson)
2. Jesu Bambino (Pietro Yon)
3. Here We Come A-Caroling (Traditional)
4. Away in a Manger (Traditional)
5. Sleigh Ride (Leroy Anderson)
6. Still Still Still (Traditional German Carol)
7. White Christmas (Irving Berlin)
8. Silent Night (Traditional)
9. Under the Christmas Mistletoe (Richard Liebert)
10. Carol Medley (Traditional)
11. Let it Snow (Sammy Cahn/Julie Styne)
12. Somewhere in My Memory (John Williams)
13. Deck the Halls (Traditional)
14. Christmas Song (Mel Torme)
15. We Need a Little Christmas (Jerry Herman)
16. The First Noel (Traditional)

Manasota Theatre Organ Society's
"It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"

CD is available for purchase on January 17th at
 Grace Baptist Church,
 Or by mail from George Milburn, Treasurer

\$15.00



Everything's Coming Up Roses
Personality
What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?
Ten selections from The King and I
One Morning in May
Dizzy Fingers
Four orchestral selections from Swan Lake
Not While I'm Around
You

Jelani Eddington's
"Something Wonderful"

CD is still available online at **MTOS.US**

\$18.00

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