

# PIPE NOTES

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## UPCOMING MTOS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Sunday,  
February 21, 2010  
2:30 P.M.**

**CLARK WILSON**  
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**and Silent Film, "IT"**  
**starring Clara Bow,**  
**'The "It" Girl'**  
(See Page 3 for film information)  
**Grace Baptist Church**

**March 21, 2010  
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.

## CLARK WILSON CONCERT

& Silent Film "IT"

Starring Clara Bow, 'The "It" Girl'  
Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

Grace Baptist Church

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### President's Message

Greetings to all,

I think by now most of our winter members and guests are here in Florida. I don't generally use the term "Snow Birds" but in looking at the weather up north and the snowfall breaking all records, I think the term is O.K.

At our last gathering, our great friend and Manasota member John McCall played our "mini concert" to a pretty good size crowd. As usual, John and his music were very well received and everyone was well pleased with the performance. John has an easy style and his "theatrical" renditions of favorite songs makes us want him to come back time and time again. Thanks, John.

With our February meeting, we will begin our "Concert Series for 2010". Performances are scheduled for February, March and also May. Clark Wilson will play the Forker Wurlitzer and will accompany the silent film "IT" starring Clara Bow, 'The "It" Girl', on Sunday,

February 21, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

Silent films went out of favor when the "talkies" arrived around 1929 - 1930. Many wonderful Wurlitzer and other magnificent theatre organs fell silent when Al Jolson first spoke on the big screen. Sadly, many organs never played again. Many were relegated to live the rest of their lives below the stage covered with popcorn and being eaten by mice.

Today there is a great resurgence in seeing the "Silent" and hearing the theatre organ provide the background for the movie. No organ can outperform our Forker Memorial Wurlitzer. Clark Wilson has that accompaniment down perfect and I am sure you will really enjoy the afternoon.

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.

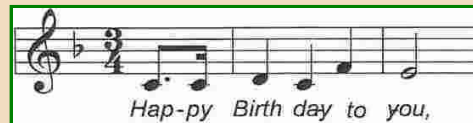
I am still working on something special for the April meeting. Hope it comes together. We will see you on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for the 2:30 P.M. program by Clark Wilson. Please bring a friend or two. They will enjoy hearing our magnificent Wurlitzer Theatre Organ.

**Chaz Bender, President**

### Treasurer's Report

As of **January 31, 2010** the following balances were reported by George Milburn, Treasurer:

FUND	06/30/09	01/31/10
Concert	\$8,149.52	\$8,244.52
General	15,961.39	20,180.37
Organ Maintenance	31,767.47	31,973.75
Piano Enhancement	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$55,878.38</b>	<b>\$60,398.64</b>



### February

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| 3 – Barbara Johnson | 23 – Janice Bresnick |
| 4 – Roy Sharp       | 23 – Gerald O'Regan  |
| 8 – Grace McCloy    | 25 – Burt Bershon    |
| 13 – Philip Rector  | 28 – Tom Hoehn       |
| 15 – Gene Hodges    |                      |



## CLARK WILSON CONCERT

and the Classic Silent Film Comedy "IT"

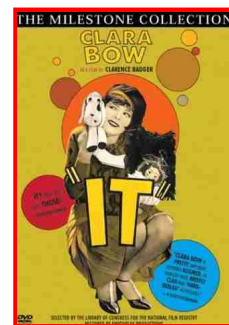
starring Clara Bow, 'The "It" Girl'

**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 His-

torical 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 Assoc-

ciation 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 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.

## 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.

# MANASOTA THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Grace Baptist Church

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Presiding Officers: Chaz Bender, President

George Milburn, Treasurer

Barbara Bender, Secretary

Yvonne George, Membership

Chaz Bender began the meeting by welcoming everyone. First time visitors were then acknowledged. He asked if anyone from the American Guild of Organists (who were in town for another event) was present. Chaz updated those present on Chuck Pierson's ongoing health issues, that he was in the hospital again but was doing well. The devastation in Haiti was mentioned. For those interested, Chaz announced the concert at Englewood United Methodist Church on 2/28. The church has a beautiful Allen organ and has just added 17 ranks of pipes. He highlighted the article that Tom Hoehn had written in the most recent edition of the Theatre Organ magazine. He then read a letter regarding a former member, Elsie Freedman, who had recently passed away.

George Milburn announced that MTOS's bank accounts have been moved to Bank of America in light of our former bank closing.

John Fischer announced that Clark Wilson would be playing on February 21, accompanying the movie "IT", starring Clara Bow, 'The "It" Girl'; Ken Double on May 23 with special guests; Rob Richards and Alex Zsolt on March 21. Ticket price for the concerts: At the door on the day of the concert: \$18.00. In advance: \$15.00. John McCall's CD, Jelani Ed-dington's CD and the Grace Baptist Christmas CD will be available after today's meeting.

Tom Hoehn played another selection from the Christmas CD.

Donations for the maintenance of the Forker organ could be made in the fish bowl at the front of the Church each meeting.

Chaz brought attention to the Sign Up Sheet at the front table for Open Console after the performance. Tom Hoehn was there to help anyone who had not played the Forker.

Chaz then introduced John McCall. His program consisted of eight individual popular songs, starting with "Lucky Day" and ending with "They Wouldn't Believe Me." That was followed by an overture from the movie "Singing In The Rain," consisting of eight songs. Gene Hodges did a great job singing a whimsical tune "And Her Mother Came Too." John finished with "By the River Saint Marie" and "I'll See You Again."

Open Console organists consisted of Tom Hoehn, playing a medley of Rainbow music and Jan Harrison.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara M. Bender, Secretary

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**NAME TAGS:** Name Tags can be purchased from Carl Walker or Yvonne George. The regular pin is \$5.50 and the magnetic pin is \$8.00. Also, don't forget to wear your Name Tag to ALL events, including concerts!



Clara Bow - 'The "It" Girl'

"IT" (1927) - Clara Bow plays Betty Lou Spence, a girl from the poor suburb of Gashouse Gables, who works as a shopgirl at the "world's largest store", Waltham's. Cyrus Waltham (Antonio Moreno), the handsome son of Waltham's owner, has taken over as the new "boss".

While making his rounds to look over the store, Betty sees him and falls hard for him. "Santa Claus, give me HIM." She tries every trick to get him to notice her, but nothing works. After overhearing Waltham say he is eating dinner at the Ritz that night, she accepts an invitation for dinner by a friend of Waltham's named Monty. He tells himself, as he looks in the mirror, "Old fruit - you've got "IT".

Betty needs a dress to wear to the Ritz, so she slits open the black satin she is currently wearing, adds a few touches like flowers and net veil for effect, and looks gorgeous. Off to the Ritz with Monty, she spots Mr. Waltham dining with a blonde. Betty has "IT" so, of course, Waltham . . . . .

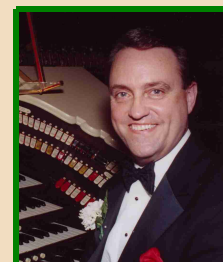
For "The Rest of the Story",  
come to Grace Baptist Church  
Sunday, February 21st at 2:30 P.M.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS



Rob Richards & Alex Zsolt

March 21, 2010



Ken Double

May 23, 2010

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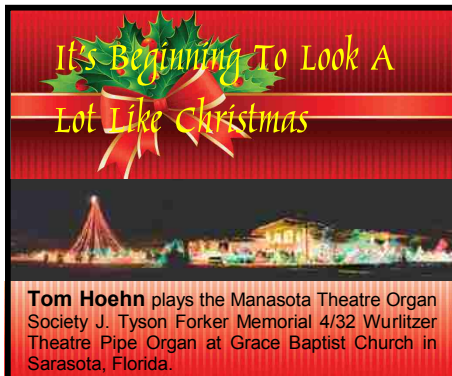
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**It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas**

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)

**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.

Manasota Theatre Organ Society's **"It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas"** CD is available for purchase on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Grace Baptist Church, Or by mail from George Milburn, Treasurer  
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