

The American Theatre Organ Society has a worldwide membership of approximately 5000 individuals. It promotes an annual convention in cities with operating theatre organs. Its mission is the preservation of the theatre pipe organ and its music plus encouraging interested musicians and technicians to become more proficient.

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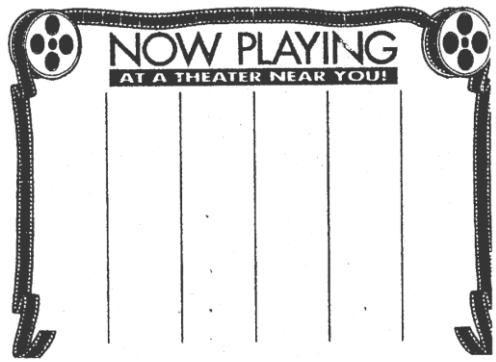
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Theatre pipe organs were created in the early 1900's to accompany silent films. Most of the larger theatres had one of these instruments. They were equipped with special effects such as bird calls, train whistles and surf sounds to enhance the accompaniment of films.

The advent of motion pictures with sound rapidly ended the era of the theatre pipe organs.

While most of these instruments have been lost, our organ was saved and continues to entertain and amaze.

The Pine Tree Chapter instrument was donated to the Chapter by RKO in 1969. It was in the RKO Proctors Theatre in New Rochelle, New York. It was removed, transported and reinstalled in Loranger Middle School over several years by Chapter members. The thirteen ranks of pipes and special effects are installed in two chambers on either side of the stage. A three manual console controls the instrument. The organ speaks through wall openings to the stage and auditorium.



Our Chapter normally meets at Loranger Middle School on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 PM. After a short business meeting, we play and enjoy the organ. We welcome visitors and invite them to play the Wurlitzer. For many, it is a very special experience.

We do not meet in the first three months of the year. However work sessions are held just about every month.

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