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WRTOS Chapter Events

NEWS FLASH!

During the ATOS Unconventional Convention on Saturday, July 10th, at 3:00 PM, the announcement of the annual awards was made via a ZOOM presentation. Tedde Gibson, Vice Chairman of the ATOS board of directors, hosted this event where the 2021 Hall of Fame member, Member of the Year and Organist of the Year were announced. We are privileged to have **Harold Wright**, one of our own members, selected as the 2021 Hall of Fame member. You can see and hear his acceptance speech by going to this Youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vw0uHSycU80>. Kudos to Harold Wright!

The other recipients are: 2021 Member of the Year – William (Bill) Weber IV of the Bluegrass chapter and the 2021 Organist of the Year is Brett Valiant.

In Memoriam

I received information from Pam White that her husband, long time WRTOS member George White, had passed away on Sunday, June 27th at 7 AM. He had been experiencing medical issues since the beginning of the year and was transferred to hospice care on June 17th. He had a wonderful life and passed in peace and comfort. Donations can be made to the David Simpson Hospice House, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44119-1330. Condolences can be sent to Pam White at 454 E. 266th St., Euclid, Ohio 44132-1505 or via e-mail at GPVWhite@aol.com. Thank you also to Howard Kast for letting me know as well.

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 11:00 AM. Details for the chapter social have been finalized for members to attend a tour of The Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The maximum number of persons for the group is 20. We are trying to keep this a members only social due to the limited number of people for the tour (Age of Steam's limitation.) Should a member want to attend, please send me an e-mail or call to let me know of your interest and I will add your name to the list. Attached to this e-mail is a Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement that needs to be completed and given to the tour guide the day of the social. Non e-mail members will get a paper copy.

The Age of Steam Roundhouse is located at 213 Smokey Lane Road SW, Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681 for those individuals who will use GPS or cell phone mapping to locate the buildings. A suggestion is to use I-77 south to the Dover / Route 39 exit. Turn right on to Route 39 and go west to Sugarcreek past the Belden Brick plant to the intersection of Routes 39 and 93. At the traffic light turn left to go south on Route 93 until you meet County Road 108 also known as Smokey Lane Road SW. Turn left on to County Road 108, continue until you see the Age of Steam Roundhouse on the right. If you have a preferred method to get there, please use it. The tour is expected to last approximately 1 ½ hours.

After the tour, Carolyn Carson has arranged for the group to have lunch at the Dutch Valley restaurant which is on the east side of Sugarcreek. There are no reservations, we will just show up at Dutch Valley. You will pass this location on your way into Sugarcreek.

Non Chapter Events

Friday, July 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM. The Canton Palace Theatre will be presenting the 1918 Ernst Lubitsch directed silent film, “The Eyes of the Mummy” featuring Pola Negri and Emil Jannings. **This movie has been CANCELLED and may be rescheduled for later this year.**

Also keep in mind that you can go to the Canton Palace Theatre Facebook page, then click on videos on the left hand side to see the past silent movies that Jay Spencer has accompanied on the Palace’s 1926 3/11 Kilgen theatre organ. Multiple movies are listed there and are the ones used for virtual First Friday events.

Walt Strony has posted on his Facebook page that he will be having the following live-in-person concerts:

August 2021 – El Paso, Texas for the Plaza Classic Film Festival

November 20, 2021 – Dickinson High School in Wilmington, Delaware at the 3/66 Kimball.

By the time that you read this, the 2021 ATOS Unconventional Convention will have taken place.

Fortunately all of the activities and related events have been recorded for members and others to see and hear the various theatre organs in non-conventional locations.

Go to www.atos.org, click on Convention at the top left side of the home page, scroll down to Attend Now, click on same. A listing of the organists playing and other events will appear. Click on each event to see and hear the music video. You will also want to check on Saturday, July 10th at 3:00 PM for the Awards Ceremony.

The home page of the ATOS website also lists a number of streaming organ events that can be heard and viewed. Go to the Events page to see a listing of other upcoming theatre organ events.

Not be overlooked, the **Organ Historical Society** will be presenting “Kaleidoscope of Colors, A Festival of Pipes” in August of 2021. There will be five (5) successive Sundays of presentations featuring pipe organ locations ranging from New Haven, Connecticut and Atlanta, Georgia to Port Townsend, Washington and Las Vegas, New Mexico and points inbetween. There will be 15 instruments in 14 different states featured. The first presentation will be on Sunday, August 1st at 5:00 PM EDT and each successive Sunday through Sunday, August 29th at the same time.

To watch and listen to these recitals: 1) Visit the OHS website at www.organhistoricalsociety.org, 2) Click on the button that says “Watch Kaleidoscope of Colors”, 3) Wait until 5:00 PM EDT each Sunday and the video will begin. Michael Baron, senior executive producer of Pipedreams, will be the master of ceremonies for these presentations. Enjoy!



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