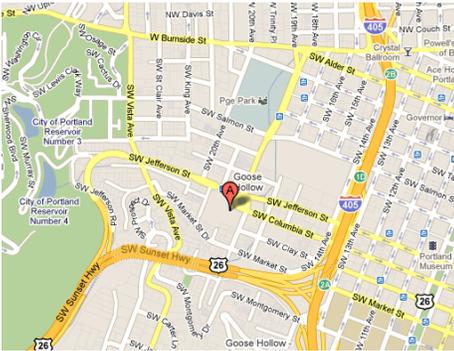




# COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

## ATOS President Ken Double at First United Methodist Church Tuesday February 15th



Now that CRTOS is a chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS), some of you members may be interested in knowing more about the National ATOS. Ken Double, President & CEO of ATOS, will be in the Portland metro area in February. A meeting has been scheduled for all CRTOS and OCATOS members to meet and get to know Ken, ask questions, etc. The meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, Portland, in room 202, Tuesday, February 15th, 7:00 PM. Food and refreshments will be served at this event.

## Oaks Park Documentary Wins Festival Award

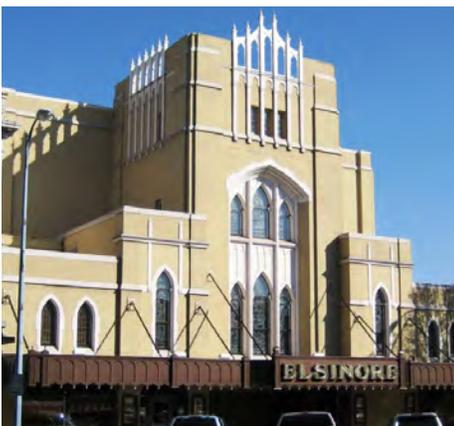
The Slamdance Film Festival, which runs concurrently with the Sundance Film Festival, has given an award to a film featuring the Wurlitzer at Oaks Park. The film "OAKS" documents a modern musician named Ethan Rose and his process of sampling sounds from the instrument for use in his 2009 album titled OAKS. The short film, directed by Charles Wittenmeier and produced by David Cress and Bernadette Spear, was awarded the Grand Jury "Sparky" award for Best Documentary Short.

The festival which bills itself as 'by film makers, for film makers' was founded in 1995 and runs concurrent with the Sundance Film Festival. This years competition included over 5,000 submissions with 83 showcased.

For those not familiar with Ethan Rose, he is something of a modern minimalist composer who draws inspiration from historic objects as sources for his compositions. His sampled sounds are run through numerous filters and other computer effects which produce a



new sound "texture" often bearing little resemblance to the original sound samples. The documentary can be viewed on line at <http://vimeo.com/12404509>.



## Upcoming Silent Films at the Elsinore

**The Freshman (1925)**  
w/Harold Lloyd  
February 23, 2011  
7 PM

**The Iron Mask (1929)**  
w/Douglas Fairbanks  
March 9, 2011  
7 PM

Both films will be accompanied by Rick Parks at the 3/26 "Mighty Wurlitzer."

170 High St. SE • Salem, OR 97301  
[www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)



## CRTOS Business Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order on 1/25/11 by President Rick Parks at 7 PM. All board members were present plus Steve Jarvis, Paul Tichy, Mike Bryant and Catherine Parks.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Ron Deamer, and was approved.

**Old Business:** Mike Bryant gave a report on the progress made on the organ console. Along with refurbishing the console, many improvements were made. For instance, it will not be necessary to remove the back of the organ once it is in place, as controls will be available from the keyboard. Bob MacNeur donated gas lift struts will make it easier to raise the horseshoe when necessary. Several men have donated many hours to update and refinish the console into it's present excellent condition. Mike has assembled a notebook full of useful information about the organ and it will be particularly useful for repairs and maintenance. He is also looking into the possibility of LED lighting for the console -- it would be advisable to have dimable lighting.

We had a discussion about our relationship with the management of the Hollywood Theatre, and ways that we can work with them on future events. Ron Deamer has been

consulting with them on possibilities -- such as having organ music before movies on weekends. We will be showing and accompanying the Movie "King of Kings," on the weekend before Easter. Doug White and other staff from the theatre will be invited to attend a meeting that we will have with ATOS President Ken Double in February so that they can learn more about our goals and prospects. We will also invite them to attend our club annual meeting in March so that we can promote a good working relationship.

Ron reminded us that we need to obtain an insurance policy for the organ. It will be necessary to add it to the Hollywood Theatre policy, since it otherwise would not be covered unless it was on our own property.

**New Business:** The motion was made and carried to have Gary Nelson construct sub-woofers for the organ.

Rob Kingdom mentioned the next CRTOS meeting which will be at Cleveland HighSchool on Feb. 4th. On May 6th they will be celebrating 20 years that the organ has been installed there.

The Nomination was made and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Clausen, Secretary

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### This may be your last newsletter...

If you have not renewed your CRTOS membership, this will be your last issue. At the time of printing that list includes;

Nathan Avakian, Mike Bryant, Dean Deason, Bil DiRocco, Tim Drewes, Marian Hays/Mel Baldwin, Kent Hutchens, Lyndall Jackson, Kurt Krueger/Chris Moon, Dean Lemire, Bernie Lewis, Diana Manning/Aletta Evans, Matt Neil, Luurt Nieuwenhuis, Randy Rock, Norman Wade/Michael Henry, Marsha Wentzell & Heney Zimmerman.

Please send a check for \$22 to Shirley Clausen, Membership Chair CRTOS, 619 NE 190th Ave., Portland, OR 97230

# Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ Update

I think it was in early August of 2009, I went with Dick Lawson to the Hollywood Theatre to paint black faces on a number of white painted old cabinets, most likely homemade. I got to thinking, I had some newer parts at home in a closet. With the dedication getting close I bought what was needed to build a couple better speakers Dubbed GN-15's.



I also learned we didn't own a subwoofer and had enough on hand to build a subwoofer a bit better than nothing and that was added to borrowed or rented cabinets and got them there in time for the dedication. *Picture shows the first 3 speakers with the temporary sub in the middle.* All 3 measure 17 X 18 X 33 inches.

Sometime not long after the dedication I built a new subwoofer and gave it to the society. A decent one this time that couldn't have been built in time for the dedication. It has two 15 inch speakers, each driven by its own amplifier for a total of 400 watts. The cabinet measures 20 X 21 X 48 inches and has two 11 inch tuned ports, blocked with metal window screen to keep "critters" out. This was finished before the silent movie competition and seems to have done well.



It was decided after building a test case to upgrade all 11 GN 15's and Allen HC-12's to sonically identical GN-15-3W 3way cabinets. They are the final three GN-15-3W's detailing how to get from a Allen HC-12 to a GN-15-3W. The first picture shows the HC-12's being stripped down to the bare cabinets. The second shows them in various stages of being put back together looking much like a GN-15. Next the addition of the new top 10 inches for the new mid range speaker. Note the 3 wires coming out the top. The next 2 pictures show the front and back of the finished cabinets. The last picture. What is gone, reused and new. The four parts in top the row are gone: 1 inch soft dome tweeter, 2 - 4 inch mid range cone speakers and crossover. Reused, 15 inch woofer. New, 5 X 15 inch compression horn tweeter, 8 inch mid range speaker, 3 way crossover, 8 and 15 inch speaker protective steel grills and new cabinet connectors. The cabinets measure 17 X 18 X 43 inches and now reside at the Hollywood and are ready to do their thing.

- Gary Nelson





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## Upcoming CRTOS Events and Other Area Organ Activities

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Izzy's  
Restaurant at the Gateway  
Shopping Center  
1307 NE 102nd Ave., Portland  
7 pm. (No-host dinner, 6:30).  
All CRTOS members are  
encouraged to attend.

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theatre organ and its music.

### OCATOS

[www.ocatos.org](http://www.ocatos.org)  
Open Console - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Cleveland High School

### Elsinore Theatre

[www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)

### Oaks Park

[www.oakspark.com](http://www.oakspark.com)  
Wurlitzer is used on Thursday  
evenings and Sundays all day

### PSTOS

[www.pstos.org](http://www.pstos.org)

### Jonas Nordwall

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm  
Calvary Christian Assembly  
Seattle, WA

### MBTOS

[www.mountbakertohome.org](http://www.mountbakertohome.org)

### Don & Hannah Feely

Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm  
Mount Baker Theatre  
Bellingham, WA

## Membership Meeting

\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*  
Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>

10 AM - Noon

The Hollywood Theatre  
4122 NE Sandy Blvd

*This is your club, this is your  
theatre organ. Please show up and  
support those that have put untold  
hours and effort, since 1994, to  
reach this point.*