



COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

Looking Back: 1994 In Pictures

When I took on the task of putting together *The Clarion*, one of my goals was to begin re-printing some of our history. For some of you, the following series of articles will hopefully bring up fond memories from the early days of this organization. For others, like myself, who are either transplants to the area or otherwise have not been involved from the beginning – I hope to offer a window into the past.



April 11 - The first CROC meeting held at Uncle Milt's. 30 in attendance & first 18 memberships were paid.



April - Don James addresses audience before Kurtis Knight concert at Uncle Milt's



June 4 - Donna Parker in concert at Uncle Milt's Pizza.



June 17 - CROC presents Gerry Gregorius at Uncle Milt's Pizza.



July 30 - Jerry Jorgensen in concert at Oaks Park Skating Rink



August 20-21 - CROC/PSTOS host "One Big Weekend" in Portland featuring a tour of the Rodgers Factory, Marceau Workshop, & Jim Riggs in concert at Milt's.



October - CROC hosts Steve Levin (lecturer & theatre historian) at the Aladdin Theatre



CROC Board: Back: Dave Elwood, Jim Clausen, Bob Shafter Front: Barbara Elwood, Terry Robson, Ray Hughey

Check back next month as we take a look at the year 1995.

If you have photos from past events and are willing to share, please contact The Clarion at newsletter@crtos.org



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CRTOS May Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Powers at 7:00 PM. Present were Jack Powers, Richard Lawson, Shirley Clausen, Rob Kingdom, Max Brown, Paul Tichy and Ron Deamer. Also present Steve Jarvis, Newsletter Editor.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The printed Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The ATOS membership drive at the special rate of \$20.00 continues until July 31. We need to make an effort to enroll more of our members in ATOS. It was proposed that a phone drive be initiated and Jack Powers will review that possibility.

Rob Kingdom reported that the Virtual organ was essentially complete except for a couple of minor adjustments and additions.

There is a need for cable for the subwoofer speaker and the Board approved that purchase, \$179.00

Frequent open consoles will be scheduled with clearance thru the Theatre.

The organ blower needs to be placed in the basement soon to insure space for it as there are plans by theatre personnel for use of space down there. There will be need for duct work to be installed. There was discussion of the possibility of 2 blowers. The existing one has been totally restored.

Our liability insurance policy with Hartford is due for renewal June 1. There were questions raised about that policy, the cost, the terminology of coverage, and Rob Kingdom has information on coverage locally. Doug Whyte at the theatre advised us at a recent meeting that they have coverage in their policy for equipment that is in the theatre which would include the Virtual. That coverage is \$100,000.00

and it is due for renewal in October. We may need to consider that coverage and paying part of the cost at that time.

At the recent meeting with Doug Whyte, it was suggested that we plan a visit to the Elsinore in Salem and a silent film, inviting Doug to join us. Richard Lawson is making those plans and it will be a CRTOS event.

NEW BUSINESS

A request was made for a donation to support the summer organ camp, and details will be obtained from Donna Parker. The Board approved a donation of \$150.00.

Paul Tichy reported that changes to the membership system on the web site have been completed providing for an export function, e-mailing function, and listing for current and former members. There will be further upgrades to the system as needed, and the ability to distribute electronic copies of the newsletter was discussed. A video of the virtual was suggested, assuming that copyright concerns of the music played are cleared. We need to be sure that current events, pictures and information are forwarded to Paul regularly.

A separate passworded section of the web site for Board members will be established.

It was suggested that a 'walk thru' of the theatre and the organ be considered.

A video of the Virtual, the pipe work in process and related projects will be considered

At a recent meeting of Jack, Richard and Ron, it was decided there is a need for a "Productions Committee", now that the organ is in place and operating to maintain control over programs, events and use of the organ.

The committee appointed consists of: Mike Bryant, Chairman, Rob Kingdom, Terry Robson and Ron Deamer.

CRTOS May Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

The theatre is in the process of repairing the floor backstage. As part of that process, those doing the repairs suggested providing a trench for the speaker wires. The Board approved a donation of \$50.00 to the theatre to support that work.

At the last membership meeting and at the April Board meeting, Shirley Clausen, a founding member of the Club, asked to step down as secretary. She

also agreed to stay on the Board until such time as a replacement is found, as her 3 year term had expired in March. Ron Deamer agreed to assume those duties until a permanent secretary is appointed. As provided in Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws, Shirley Clausen remained on the Board until a replacement could be named and seated. Pursuant to Article V, Section 5 of the bylaws, the board appointed Mike Bryant as director.

The Board separated the role of Secretary/Treasurer (returning to the structure of prior years) and, pursuant to Article VI, section 2, elected Ron Deamer Treasurer and Mike Bryant Secretary for the current year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Ron Deamer
Treasurer & Acting Secretary

Wind Supply

From Your President

Production Committee Started

We have talked in Board meetings for some time now about getting more organized in the way we approach doing productions - including planning, publicity, hosting performers, and many things that are important but easy for volunteers to overlook. Mike Bryant has agreed to form and lead, as interim chairman, a production committee to add structure to our production process. The objectives are growing audiences and even better presentations. This will involve developing an event budgeting process, marketing program, checklists and following ups to prevent things from "falling into the cracks".

By the time Mike steps down, which he hopes to be able to do before the end of the year, I plan to have not only a replacement, but a designated producer for each event on our calendar. The event producer will NOT be responsible for doing everything; he or she will be charged with making sure all the important things happen on schedule, and for one production at a time.

We are fortunate to have Mike's experience and energy leading this work. He will need help, especially as we plan the next few events. Please consider joining him, especially if you were involved in planning events in

the past, we need to collect all the "group knowledge" we can.

Open Console

I hope to have a formal announcement soon regarding monthly Open Console with the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ at the Hollywood Theater. The only times available are on weekdays, which I hope will change at some point. Look for an email blast about this soon!

ATOS Membership Drive Extended through July 31

New members of ATOS will be able to sign up for 50% off the regular dues for their first year, if they sign up by July 31. Benefits of membership include a first-class magazine, eligibility to attend national and regional conventions, and the knowledge that you are personally helping to "keep the music playing". You can sign up online at www.atosorg/membership - just click on Join ATOS! near the bottom of the page.

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Jack Powers



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Upcoming CRTOS Events and Other Area Organ Activities

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday June 28th
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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Hollywood Theatre

www.hollywoodtheatre.org

Elsinore Theatre

www.elsinoretheatre.com

UPCOMING

June 22nd Robin Hood/CRTOS social

Oaks Park

www.oakspark.com

Wurlitzer is used on Thursday evenings and Sundays all day

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UPCOMING

June 18th Open Console

Hosted by Rob Kingdom (541)974-5132

July 11th AGO & OCATOS present
Pipe Organ Encounters 2pm @ CHS

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