# COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

# Announcing the 2012 ATOS Young Organists' Competition

The Young Organists' Competition has been a flagship program of ATOS for over 25 years. In this event, young organists (age 13-24) can win up to \$1,500 in cash prizes and will be given the opportunity to perform at an upcoming ATOS convention. Interested organists submit recordings of their music to a panel of judges who select up to three finalists. Finalists from the first round will be offered a cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to the ATOS Annual Convention. Finalists will perform in a special Young Organists Concert at the convention, at which time an overall winner will be selected. The overall winner will receive an additional cash prize and the opportunity to perform a full-length concert at Annual Convention of the next calendar year.

Applications materials are posted at http://www.atos.org/programs-awards/applications as they become available. Forms for the current year are typically available no later than January 1. Any questions should be directed to John Ledwon at j.ledwon@atos.org.

#### Nosferatu

October 23rd, 2011 - 4 pm Tabor Heights United Methodist Church

Nosferatu, the first Dracula film, will be presented with live pipe organ accompaniment at 4 p.m., October 23rd at Tabor Heights United Methodist Church with Christopher Nordwall at the organ. "Nosferatu" was filmed in Germany in 1921 and stars Max Schreck.

Tabor Heights is located at 6161 SE Stark Street in Portland.
503-232-8500
www.taborheightschurch.org
Admission is by a free will offering.



# **Winter Holiday Party**

Please mark your calendar now for a gala event on the Sunday afternoon of December 18th, 2011. This will be held at the MacNeur's music studio and will really be something special. Details to follow!

Stay tuned... work parties have resumed for the Hollywood Theatre project. Watch you email and forthcoming issues of the Clarion for dates and times.

For current event information visit us on line at

www.crtos.org



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## **Minutes of the CRTOS Board Meeting**

September 27, 2011

#### **DRAFT**

President Jack Powers called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Board members present: Max Brown, Mike Bryant, Ron Deamer, Rob Kingdom, Gary Nelson, Jack Powers, Paul Tichy. Board members absent: Richard Lawson, Rick Parks. Guest present: Steve Jarvis, Clarion editor. A quorum was declared. Minutes of the August 23 board meeting were approved as distributed. Ron Deamer presented the treasurer's report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The board approved the format of the new membership application. Mike Bryant provided an update on the work on the Nelson organ project. Work parties have resumed at Gary Nelson's house. Work there is concentrating on the vibrator assemblies for the Wood Diaphones. Rob Kingdom is working on restoration of the two chests, one of which is rather heavily water-damaged. Rob is making replacement parts to replace the damaged pieces.

Jack Powers reported the findings of the insurance committee, including the options and costs of each. After discussion, the board voted to purchase of liability insurance only, and continue to "piggyback" on the Hollywood's coverage for equipment. This solves the problem of insuring chapter-owned equipment located in a facility not under our control. Jack reported on the meeting between himself, Doug Whyte (Hollywood), and Mike Bryant in which the operating agreement and silent film series proposal were presented and discussed. Doug was very enthusiastic about the film series, and work will progress jointly toward that objective. The operating agreement was referred to the Hollywood's board for review.

Paul Tichy reported that the website integration project is moving along, and the database cleanup is essentially complete.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The need for a Strategic Plan was discussed by Rob Kingdom. A Strategic Plan is fundamental in business, and typically consists of a long-range (5-year) set of objectives, medium-range (3-year) set of strategies, and short-term (1-year) tactics with measurable goals and milestones, all in support of the long-range objectives. The plan is revisited on an annual basis, and pushed out one year further each year. Rob has volunteered to develop a framework for a Strategic Plan for CRTOS.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Hollywood open console will be Wednesday, October 19, from 10:00am until Noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Mike Bryant Secretary

# **Wind Supply**

#### Insurance

During the September Board of Directors meeting, it was decided unanimously to purchase liability insurance for the Society. A new policy was obtained to replace one that had lapsed, and it went into effect September 30. As we prepare to add pipes to the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ at the Hollywood, this insurance protects both us and the group that operates the theater. The

insurer is a company that specializes in nonprofit organizations, and is a (successful) nonprofit itself.

#### Diaphone Work

Gary Nelson generously volunteered space in his home for work parties to refurbish parts of diaphones that have suffered from water damage and old age. Three work sessions have taken place, with more to come. Watch for invitations in your e-mail, and thanks, Gary, for the work space!

#### Dues

Several members are behind in their dues, and your President was told he is one of them (now fixed). Dues supply the small part of our money that is not reserved for organ building... such as printing the Clarion, insurance, etc. If you have been putting off paying your dues, please don't wait any longer.

#### Membership Form

The membership form on our web site has been replaced. The new one has our permanent address and logo and more space for people to tell us about themselves and their interests. It is a PDF file that you can print and mail after downloading. If you know a theatre organ fan who is not yet a member, please give them one!

#### Youth Silent Film Festival (YSFF)

We hope to work much more closely with the YSFF, which has really developed legs in its first two years. JP Palanuk, YSFF founder, tells us that the idea for the festival was born at a party at Dick Lawson's home at which Nathan Avakian played. It is a great way to reach young people who have never heard theater organ music. You can learn more about the YSFF from their web page, www.makesilentfim.com - and you can also listen to Nathan's film music there.

# **Looking Back: 1996 In Pictures**



March 2nd - Jonas Nordwall and visiting Australian artist Chris McPhee pose for photo's at the Elsinore Theatre in Salem.



June - Jelani Eddington performs at Uncle Milt's.



August - CROC again hosts 'One Big Weekend'. Here is Lyn Larson at the console in the Elsinore Theatre in Salem.



November - Patti Simon surprises CROC with a performance at the Olsens' home. Patti and husband Ed Zollman were in the area doing organ work.



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# **Upcoming CRTOS Events and Other Area Organ Activities**

# **CRTOS Calendar of Events**

- Open Console 11/16/2011 10:15 am - noon The Historic Hollywood Theatre 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland, OR 97212
- CRTOS Board Meeting 10/25/2011 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (no-host dinner at 6:30) Izzy's Restaurant at Gateway 1307 NE 102nd Ave. Portland, OR 97220

All members are encouraged to attend

• Silent Film - Nasferatu 10/23/2011 4 pm Tabor Heights United Methodist 6161 SE Stark St. Portland, OR

# Other Local Chapters and Organizations

Hollywood Theatre www.hollywoodtheatre.org

#### **Open Console**

Wednesday November 16th 10:15 am - Noon

# Elsinore Theatre www.elsinoretheatre.com

#### Oaks Park

www.oakspark.com Wurlitzer is used on Thursday evenings and Sundays all day

#### **OCATOS**

First Open Console of the season Friday November 4th at 7pm Cleveland High School Auditorium www.ocatos.org

#### **PSTOS**

www.pstos.org

#### Newsletter Articles

Submit your stories, reviews and photos for print!

The Clarion always welcomes your stories and story ideas for its pages. We need photos of events both past and present to help illustrate our articles and reviews. If your photos are digital, you can email them directly to newsletter@crtos.org. Article submission deadline is the 5th of each month.

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