



# COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

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## Upcoming Events



### Christopher Nordwall

Sunday, March 11th at 3pm

Christopher Nordwall will be showcasing the Marceau & Associates pipe organ opus XIII located at Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington with an afternoon concert at 3:00 on Sunday March 11th, 2012. The church is located at 2700 28th St., just 5 minutes from I-5 [Exit 1-D, (Fourth Plain) and then East to Grand, left to 28th St.] The concert is free, but a free-will offering will be taken to support future concerts.

### Bach Birthday Bash

featuring

### Jonas Nordwall

Sunday, March 18th at 4pm

The whole family is invited to join organist Jonas Nordwall in an all-Bach program to celebrate the composer's birthday. A festive event is planned, including a birthday reception following the concert. Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, 6161 SE Stark St., Portland, Oregon. Suggested donation of \$5

For further information contact the church office at (503) 232-8500 or visit their web site at [www.taborheightschurch.org](http://www.taborheightschurch.org)



### Rick Parks in Concert

Sunday, March 25th at 2:30pm

This program includes show tunes, movie themes, big band, ragtime, classical and other types of music. The Parks/Murdock Wurlitzer house at the Elsinore Theatre is the largest theatre organ in the North West boasting over 1800 pipes! The Historic Elsinore Theatre, 170 High St. SE, Salem, Oregon. Doors open at 1:30. Tickets are \$20 Adult, \$15 with CRTOS and/or OCATOS membership, \$10 Students. Tickets are available through [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com) or at the box office. (503) 375-3574. [www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)

## Board of Directors

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## Monthly CRTOS Board Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month

Izzy's Restaurant at  
the Gateway Shopping Center  
1307 NE 102nd. Ave., PDX  
7 PM (no-host dinner at 6:30)  
*All members are encouraged to attend.*

The Columbia River Theatre Organ Society is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the preservation of the theatre organ and its music.



## CRTOS February Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2012

President Jack Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Board members present: Max Brown, Mike Bryant, Ron Deamer, Rob Kingdom, Richard Lawson, Jack Powers, Paul Tichy. Board members absent: Gary Nelson. Guests present: Carol Brown, Lou Paff, Terry Robson

A quorum was declared.

Minutes of the January 2012 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Ron Deamer presented the treasurer's report.

### OLD BUSINESS

Rob Kingdom reported on the status of the Haskin gift. Some work still needs to be done to complete the inventory so it can be provided to the appraiser, as required under the terms of the donation. Rob also reported that there is so far considerable interest in some of the components from around the country.

Rob and Mike Bryant will coordinate with Bob MacNeur to hold some Saturday work parties at the warehouse to complete the inventory.

Mike Bryant read the proposed letter to the Haskin estate thanking them on behalf of both chapters for the donation. The letter was approved by the CRTOS board, and had already been approved by Oregon Chapter. Mike will put the approved letter on letterhead containing the logos of both organizations and obtain signatures of both chapter presidents.

### NEW BUSINESS

Rob and Mike Bryant have been "playing in the house" at the Hollywood on a schedule suggested by them. This seems to be very well received by the audiences, and while there have been a few snags, the performers and management all feel these are minor issues that will resolve themselves as we discover the causes. Recently, Mike played before the Filmusik presentation of *Nosferatu* which had an audience estimated (by Mike, so take it with a grain of salt) in the 150 to 200 range.

We would like to expand the pool of organists for the Hollywood so as to take the load off Rob and Mike. Interested players should contact one of them or Jack Powers.

Secretary Mike Bryant reported that the ballots for the board election were mailed on Friday, February 24. Expired CRTOS members were mailed ballots so long as their ATOS membership was current; if they renew prior to the deadline their votes will be counted. Non-current ATOS members must renew before March 15 if they wish to vote, and will have to request ballots from the secretary by e-mail at [secretary@crtos.org](mailto:secretary@crtos.org). Ballots will be opened and counted at the annual general meeting on March 24 (see details in this issue of the *Clarion*).

Following discussion of the need to complete some final work on the organ, two motions were brought to the floor:

1. Paul Tichy moved to upgrade Hauptwerk to Version 4 and the operating system to Windows 7. Motion Carried.
2. Jack Powers moved to authorize up to \$500 to automate power switching for the amplifiers, which will eliminate the need for anyone to gain access to backstage to turn on the organ. Startup and shutdown will be handled from the console. Motion Carried.

Terry Robson and Dick Lawson presented a proposal for a silent film series at the Hollywood. As this was essentially a duplicate of the proposal currently before the Hollywood management, it was suggested that the specifics (film selection) be rolled into the existing proposal.

Carol Brown brought forward some comments received from members by the nominating committee. There seems to be considerable interest in more social events. Jack appointed Carol and Terry Robson to a social committee to work on possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

*Mike Bryant*  
Secretary

# Wind Supply

## Elections

Your Nominating Committee, consisting of Jon Bish, Carol Brown, and Bob Chamberlain, has done an outstanding job this year, with seven candidates available for election to our Board Of Directors. This involved researching who was eligible and contacting each to learn if they are available for Board duties. This was a lot of work on a short schedule, with great results. Please take a moment to thank them in person if you get a chance. And a big THANK YOU to those who agreed to be candidates for our Board!

Vote counting for 2012 Board members will take place at the March 24 Annual Business meeting, as directed in our bylaws. Please complete and return the ballot forms that will be mailed to you soon.

## The Sound Of Music

Mike Bryant and Rob Kingdom have been playing the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ at the Hollywood while audiences get seated for selected shows. This has been well received by the theatre audiences and management, and is part of our effort to have the instrument heard by

as many people as possible, as often as possible. Thanks, gentlemen! We would like to hear from other qualified organists who can join in this project.

## 80/20 Rule

As in most organizations, a large fraction of our work is done by a minority of dedicated members. If you are willing and able to help with any of the things we do, or would like to try something new, please speak up! We're listening. More hands make lighter work for everyone.

*Jack Powers*

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## Nominating Committee Report

Friday, February 10, 2012

The Nominating Committee for Board of Directors candidates "met" via 3-way phone call on February 8 at 9:30 a.m., initiated by Carol Brown as Chair. The other Nominating Committee members at this meeting were Jon Bish and Bob Chamberlain.

We first discussed our strategy of each calling a number of members of CRTOS and asking them the following:

- 1) If willing to serve on CRTOS Board of Directors?
- 2) If "yes", then...If a member of National ATOS (or at least willing to become one)?

Carol had prepared a "current" list of members (as of 12-2011, because so many have still not yet renewed for 2012) and distributed it to Jon and Bob for ease of working through the membership list.

Secondly, we decided on which Nominating Committee member would call which people on the list. Because of the date in the By-Laws by which this is supposed to be done, we all agreed to get right on the calling and get it done ASAP with Feb. 10 as the hopeful cut-off date.

Utilizing emails and phone calls, we kept in touch daily with our "progress updates". Our progress was very encouraging, as we were able to get enough "yes" responses to make a final cut-off for nominations at 5 p.m. on February 10!

The Nominating Committee once again "met" via 3-way call on February 10 at 5:10 p.m., initiated by Carol Brown as Chair. The other Nominating Committee members at this meeting were Jon Bish and Bob Chamberlain. The results of our efforts are the following candidates for Board of Directors, alphabetical by last name:

- 1) Stuart Hall
- 2) Bob Hinson
- 3) Dean Lemire
- 4) Matt Neill
- 5) Jonas Nordwall
- 6) Lou Paff
- 7) Bodle (Bo) Vernier

The Nominating Committee would like to ask the current Board of Directors to consider asking each candidate to write a short (100 words or less) autobiography including their interest in theatre organs to be printed up and sent to all the voting membership, along with a digital picture of each of them, if at all possible. This will help the membership to make a good voting decision.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Brown  
Chairperson for the Nominating Committee  
2-10-2012

## \*\*\* 2012 General Business Meeting \*\*\*

March 24th, 2012 11:00 AM

2012 Board Election ballots will be counted at a business meeting on Saturday, March 24 at Izzy's Gateway Restaurant, 1307 NE 102nd, Portland starting at 11 AM. All members are invited. We need at least 2 non-Board members to help with the vote counting.

“Voted ballots may be returned to the Secretary by mail or in person, and must be received by the Secretary prior to the call to order for the March business meeting. At this meeting the President will appoint two (2) Regular members as tellers, neither of whom is a nominee.”

The beginning of this meeting marks the time after which no more ballots will be accepted, per the bylaws:

If you have lunch, it will help express our gratitude to Izzy's for the use of their nice, quiet meeting room for many months in the past.

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## Organ Workshop Series

Presented by Jonas Nordwall & Donna Parker

**What:** These workshops are not to take the place of private instruction, but rather to enhance it. This will be group instruction, question/answer sessions, lots of great tips, tricks and information, but not one-on-one instruction as you would receive in private lessons.

**When:** Saturdays from 10:00am to Noon, April 21, May 5 & 19, and June 2 & 23.

**Where:** The MacNeur Studio in Oregon City. We will use the Allen digital 4-manual GW-4 theatre organ.

**Instructors:** Jonas Nordwall and Donna Parker for each session.

**Cost:** \$20 per person per session, or \$75 for all 5 sessions.

If you have any questions, please let me know: [donna\\_parker@comcast.net](mailto:donna_parker@comcast.net)

Reservations must be confirmed by April 6th. We hope to see you there. Watch for more details in the newsletters for Columbia River Theatre Organ Society and the Oregon Chapter of ATOS!

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## Monthly Calendar

3/11/12 - **Christopher Nordwall Concert** - Memorial Lutheran Church, Vancouver, WA, 3 PM

3/18/12 - **Jonas Nordwall, Bach Birthday Bash** - Tabor Heights United Methodist Church, Portland, OR, 4 PM

3/20/12 - **Open Console** - The Hollywood Theatre, 10:15 am - noon

3/24/12 - **Annual Business Meeting** - Izzy's Restaurant, 1307 NE 102nd. Ave., 11 AM

3/25/12 - **Rick Parks in Concert** - The Historic Elsinore Theatre, Salem, OR 2:30 PM

3/27/12 - **CRTOS Board Meeting** - Izzy's Restaurant, 1307 NE 102nd. Ave., Portland - 7 PM

4/6/12 - **Open Console at CHS (OCATOS)** - Cleveland High School, 7 PM main auditorium

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## Newsletter Articles

Submit your stories, reviews and photos.

*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](mailto:newsletter@crtos.org). Article submission deadline is the 5th of each month.*

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