



# COLUMBIA RIVER CLARION

Columbia River Theatre Organ Society

Columbia River Clarion | May 2013 | Volume 20 | Issue 5 | www.crtos.org

## International Youth Silent Film Festival Returns to the Hollywood Theatre May 21-23

*Screenings will feature the recently improved Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ*



The (now International) Youth Silent Film Festival opens May 21st, and continues the 22nd and 23rd. Our instrument is a major part of this series, which supplies a choice of musical accompaniments for which young filmmakers are invited to tell a visual story. Cash prizes will be awarded to the filmmakers for first (\$1000), second (\$500) and third (\$250) place films chosen by jurors.

The festival now has five regions, each with separate competitions: US Midwest, South Australia, Victoria Australia, and Pacific Northwest US. The events at the Hollywood Theatre

present films in the Pacific Northwest division.

The contestants (age 20 or younger) choose from a menu of themes - Romance, Action, Horror, Slapstick, Mystery, or Science Fiction, each of which has a 3-minute sound track recorded in advance by organist Nathan Avakian. Judges score films on four categories: Story, Cinematography, Editing, and Acting. Films of finalists are presented on the big screen at the Hollywood with live accompaniment by Nathan Avakian, over the three nights starting at 7 PM. May 22, Wednesday, is designated CRTOS night, on which members are encouraged to attend and bring their family and friends to see and hear how silent films were presented in the 1920's.

The organ has benefited from recent work on its sound system, which now speaks from the original pipe chambers built in 1926. Voicing was adjusted with help from our own Jonas Nordwall, of Organ Grinder fame.

The Youth Silent Film Festival is presented in collaboration with philanthropist Jon "JP" Palanuk, organist Nathan Avakian, Thanouser Company Film Preservation, Inc., the Columbia River Theatre Organ Society, and The Oregonian.

*Pictured (clockwise from upper left) 1. Ritchie pulls the small speaker into the Main Chamber; 2. Completed speaker array at Main Chamber grille; 3. Crew Chief Mike Bryant connects cables to pipe chambers at the Hollywood Theatre; 4. Jonas Nordwall "voicing" the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ after the speakers are all in place.*



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**5/21/13 - 5/23/13**

International Youth Silent Film Festival  
7 pm at The Hollywood Theatre

**5/28/13**

CRTOS Board Meeting, 7 pm  
Izzy's at Gateway

**6/12/13**

City Girl, 7 pm  
Elsinore Theatre, Salem

**6/25/13**

CRTOS Board Meeting, 7 pm  
Izzy's at Gateway

**6/26/13**

Safety Last & One Week, 7 pm  
Elsinore Theatre, Salem

## Directors (Current Term)

### President

Jack Powers (2013)  
[president@crtos.org](mailto:president@crtos.org)

### Vice-President

Stuart Hall (2015)  
[vicepresident@crtos.org](mailto:vicepresident@crtos.org)

### Treasurer

Lou Paff (2014)  
[treasurer@crtos.org](mailto:treasurer@crtos.org)

### Secretary

Max Brown (2015)  
[secretary@crtos.org](mailto:secretary@crtos.org)

### Directors

Rob Kingdom (2013)  
Paul Tichy (2013)  
Max Brown (2014)  
Bob Hinson (2014)  
Jonas Nordwall (2015)  
Bo Vernier (2015)

### Activities

Terry Robson

### Communications

Carol Brown  
[carolmaxb@comcast.net](mailto:carolmaxb@comcast.net)

### Webmaster

Paul Tichy  
[webmaster@crtos.org](mailto:webmaster@crtos.org)

### Newsletter Ed.

Steve Jarvis  
[newsletter@crtos.org](mailto:newsletter@crtos.org)

## 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.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## Wind Supply

My term as your President is over this month, and it has been a very interesting and challenging two years. I would like to thank everyone for their help and support, especially our Board of Directors and Crew Chief Mike Bryant. Another great source of help has been the Executive Director and staff of the Hollywood Theatre, who have been extremely cooperative with all the projects we share. And the International Youth Silent Film Festival has been a wonderful way to introduce many people to our favorite instrument.

Going forward, I hope we can keep up our momentum with putting pipes in the Hollywood Theatre and show more of the silent films which have been so well received (both the classics and the new ones!).

My best wishes go to our new Board and officers for the coming year.

*Jack Powers*

**Reminder!**

**PSTOS members and friends...**

Order your tickets NOW for ...



**Viva Italia! ...an Evening in Naples**

- ◆ Catered Italian dinner—three entrees, salad, bread, dessert, beverages including wine!
- ◆ Strolling accordion entertainment during dinner!
- ◆ Then sit back and enjoy a full program by none other than...

**Sharon Stearnes**

at the Mighty Wurlitzer

**Sunday, May 26**

Haller Lake Community Club

12579 Densmore Ave. North, Seattle

Doors open 4:30

Dinner served at 5:00



PLUS...

**Ray Harris** with strolling dinner music

**Tickets**

\$20 - PSTOS Members & their guests

\$25 - Non-Members

\$10 - Age 14 and under

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance to arrange catering. Use Ticket Order Form, or order and pay online at [www.pstos.org/events/viva-italia-tickets.htm](http://www.pstos.org/events/viva-italia-tickets.htm)

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for tickets—FRIDAY, MAY 24TH**

### Drive directions

**Northbound I-5:** Use Exit 174 onto NE 130th St., turn left over freeway one long block to 1st Ave. N.E. Turn left (south) one block to 128th. Right on N.E. 128th a few blocks to Densmore. Left on Densmore, clubhouse is on the right. Parking both front and rear. Handicapped entry with parking and an elevator at rear of building.

**Southbound I-5:** Use Exit 175 onto N.E. 145th, turn right one block to 1st Ave. N.E. Left (south) continuing through N.E. 130th to N.E. 128th. Continue where underlined above.