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2012 International Youth Silent Film Festival



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The Hollywood Theatre, our instrument and our local artist Nathan Avakian have starring roles in this event. It offers filmmakers under age 20 the opportunity to create a modern version of silent film, see it on the big screen with live theatre organ accompaniment, and win cash prizes. The festival turns the filming process upside down: producers are given a sound track for which they must make a film in one of several categories. Winning films are shown to a live audience with live organ accompaniment. Submission deadline this year is March 16. Details may be found at www.makesilentfilm.com.

CRTOS Night at the International Youth Silent Film Festival

Our next public musical event will be a special CRTOS night during the International Youth Silent Film Festival at the Hollywood on Wednesday evening, May 23. We hope that members will turn out in force to support this project and hear our Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ. Nathan Avakian will accompany several short silents scripted to fit musical scores prepared in advance. Ron Deamer is coordinating the CRTOS part of this show, which will have special treats for organ fans. Please mark your calendar for the evening of May 23rd. We hope to see you there!

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.



Casablanca - FREE - Senior Screening



This event is FREE for seniors ages 65+. Join us at the Hollywood Theatre on Thursday May 31st, 2012 at 1:30 pm. Come early for treats donated by the Hollywood Neighborhood Association, be entertained before and after the show by live organ music, get to see Classic Hollywood Film memorabilia up close and hear stories from a long-time industry professional who has worked with the top stars of the 40's , 50's, and 60's.

The Silver Screen Series is made possible by a generous grant from Central Northeast Neighbors.

The Hollywood Theatre
4122 NE Sandy Blvd.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

5/22/12

CRTOS Board Meeting
7:00 pm, Izzy's at Gateway

5/22/12-5/24/12

Youth Silent Film Festival
Hollywood Theatre (check listings)

5/31/12

Casablanca (SeniorDay)
Hollywood Theatre
1:30 pm

6/20/12

Open Console, 10:15 am - noon
Hollywood Theatre

6/26/12

CRTOS Board Meeting, 7pm
Izzy's at Gateway

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Rob Kingdom (2013)
Paul Tichy (2013)
Max Brown (2014)
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Stuart Hall (2015)
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CRTOS Business Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2012

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

Current board members present: Max Brown, Mike Bryant, Ron Deamer, Rob Kingdom, Gary Nelson, Jack Powers, Paul Tichy. Directors-elect present: Stuart Hall, Bo Vernier. Current board members absent: Richard Lawson. Directors-elect absent: Bob Hinson, Jonas Nordwall, Lou Paff.

A quorum was declared.

Minutes of the March board meeting were approved as distributed.

Max Brown asked about the minutes of the membership meeting. The membership, not the board, approves those minutes. They will be published in the *Clarion* prior to the next membership meeting, and approved at the meeting.

Ron Deamer presented the treasurer's report. One CD is maturing. Ron requested guidance from the board on what to do. The board's direction was to roll it over.

OLD BUSINESS

The International Youth Silent Film Festival event will be held at the Hollywood Theatre May 22, 23, and 24; Nathan Avakian will again be the organist. One evening will be designated "CRTOS Night."

Paul Tichy moved to authorize up to \$300 for printing to help promote the IYSFF. Motion Carried.

The board discussed the state of the operating agreement with the Hollywood and the concerns of some that progress appeared stalled once again. Mike Bryant, speaking as crew chief on the organ project, pointed out that while work on chest restoration is progressing, and we are moving some completed components into the Main side chamber,

he is reluctant to begin any actual installation in the absence of both an operating agreement and some movement on the part of the theatre to address the leaks that pass through that chamber. Discussion centered on how we can position ourselves as supportive partners with the Hollywood and encourage progress.

Gary Nelson, who has donated a significant amount of the money in the organ fund, offered to exempt some portion of that money from the restriction that it be used specifically for the organ, to allow it to be designated to the Hollywood for repairs to the chamber, to include addressing the leak issue. The board thanked Gary for his action, and will begin work on a specific proposal to the Hollywood.

President Jack Powers provided a brief status update and recap of the past year's activities for the benefit of the directors-elect.

There being no more old business, the outgoing directors were thanked for their service and invited to remain as guests for the remainder of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The new directors were seated. Jack Powers, acting as presiding officer, opened the floor for nominations for the four officer positions. Jack was re-nominated as President, and Max Brown was nominated as Secretary. Both positions were approved by acclamation.

Due to the absence of three of the new directors, the selection of Vice President and Treasurer was deferred to the May meeting. Rob Kingdom was appointed to form and chair a Marketing Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Mike Bryant
Secretary

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.

Wind Supply

CRTOS Night at IYSFF

Please help us turn out a big crowd for the CRTOS Night screenings of the International Youth Silent Film Festival at the Hollywood on Wednesday, May 23. Bring a friend or two, tell 'em it's a movie show, not an organ concert! This is a great chance to show off the results of our work and demonstrate how silent movies were presented in their prime time years. Wednesday's program will add a brief "show and tell" about the Beverly Ruth Nelson Memorial Organ and our role in providing it, and the printed program will include a brochure about the organ and the Society. Short films are made by young people who are given the music and asked to prepare a story that matches it, and they have a lot of fun with it. You will, too! Details may be found on the Web at www.makesilentfilm.com.

Jack Powers



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Westside Virtual Organ Crawl Event Report

Virtual organ? They sure sound real! A nice group of 15 were on hand to sample the samples via the Hauptwerk 4 operating system at the homes of Rob Kingdom, Vince Kurpan and Lou Paff. Hauptwerk allows them to adjust the organ tones to accommodate their own individual tastes; it lets them create the sounds of a theatre organ just the way they think it should be.

There are now about half a dozen club members who have created a Virtual Organ of their own. If you'd like to learn more about Virtual Organs and participate in a beginner's Q & A, please contact info@crtos.org.

Thanks to our hosts for a wonderful, music-filled day. This is definitely something we will try again. Maybe next time, we can have an Eastside Virtual Organ Crawl.



The Day started at Rob Kingdom's house. Photos courtesy of Bob Chamberlain.



Izzy's Pizza for lunch! Photo courtesy of Jack Powers



On to Vince Kurpan's. Photo by Bob Chamberlain.



More images from Vince's courtesy of Bob Chamberlain.



Even some time for accordion. Photo by Bob Chamberlain.



The day's events concluded at Lou Paff's. Photo by Bob Chamberlain.



There was time for everyone to try each of them out. Photos by Bob Chamberlain.

Let's do this again soon!