

Mark Your Calendar

Sierra Chapter, ATOS

April 17, Saturday, 1:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Morton Maddnes X
Jonas Nordwall

May 14, Friday, 8:00 P.M.
Silent Movie
The Freshman - Harold Lloyd
Jim Riggs
Towe Auto Museum

The Sierra Chapter Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the East Lawn Rancho Cordova Mortuary.

BONI Organ Club

Sally Maness (530) 756-9014

April 3, Saturday, 1:00 P.M.
Open Console at Music Exchange

May 1, Saturday, 12:00 Noon
Wills' Chicken Lunch

Stockton Fox Work Days

Workdays are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Please call Bob Hartzell for more details.

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Also, a group of people meet almost every Monday to work on the organ.

NOR-CAL Theatre Organ Society

Berkeley Community Theatre
All concerts Sundays at 2:30 P.M.

May 9 - Walt Strony

Towe Auto Museum

Sunday 2:00 P.M. Free with Museum Admission

April 18 - Bert Kuntz

May 16 - Dave Sauer

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The Sierra Chapter web site has many organ related events listed on the "Events" page. Dave Sauer maintains our website and you can count on him to give you up to date information.



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The Organ Spiel

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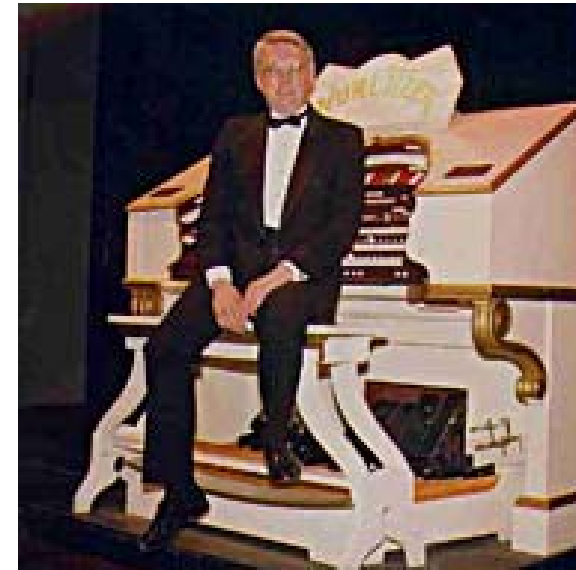
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Jonas Nordwall

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PRESIDENT'S

ERSPECTIVE

It was a pleasure to have Bob and Mary Salisbury back in Sacramento last month. Personally, I enjoy their enthusiasm for the Theatre Organ and interest in the life of Sierra Chapter. As we visited, we shared several ideas about Theatre Organ presentation, what works or doesn't work, and the future of our beloved instruments. As in the past, Bob did a fine job of accompanying "The Iron Mask." The film seemed to be enjoyed by everyone in attendance. I want to thank all who helped make the event work so smoothly; special thanks to Dr. Bob Barrett who provided the projectors and ran the film. We had several new people at the event and I heard comments about how friendly our group is. Keep up the good work!

If you have been holding back, wondering if you should go to this year's Morton Madness event, well... you won't want to miss the opportunity to hear Jonas Nordwall. Jonas has amazing keyboard technique and is able to play music that others just dream about. Don't miss out! Get your tickets today!

The Grant Union High School Class of 1954 has invited all of us to join them in celebrating their 50th Class Reunion. It's nice to see the Grant Alumni taking an interest in the Grant Organ. Let's do our best to support their efforts. Please see the details below.

If anyone is interested in helping set up and clean up the Hartzell's Blue Barn for Morton Madness, please give me a call at 682-9699. Remember, these events don't just happen! We are all volunteers. I'll look forward to seeing you in Lodi and Murphys.

Craig A. Peterson

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* Dave Sauer reports that as of Friday, March 26, Sierra Chapter has sold 52 of the 112 Morton Madness tickets that we have to sell. We usually see a rush to buy tickets during the last two weeks before the event - so get them while they last!!!

* The Grant Union High School Class of 1954 is having their 50th class reunion this year. One of their events will be a Wurlitzer Pops Concert with Tom Thompson at the organ and Michael Bayard on the drums. Everyone is invited! The concert will be on Sunday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

* Many Theatre Organ enthusiasts will be meeting in Atlanta on Memorial Day Weekend. This is an ATOS Regional event with several organists playing the at the Atlanta Fox. Check it out in your Theatre Organ Journal or the Sierra Chapter web site for links to details.

* If you miss Atlanta, you will still have the opportunity to go to Milwaukee July 2-6 for the ATOS National Convention. The area has several nice theaters with organs. Again, please see the Theatre Organ Journal or visit our Sierra Chapter web site for links to details.

Morton Madness with JONAS NORDWALL

Saturday, April 17, 2004 1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

The tickets for this year's Morton Madness are now available! This fun event will once again take us to the Hartzell's "Blue Barn" in Lodi and to the Kautz's Ironstone Vinyard Winery in Murphys. Two great concerts, winery tours and a Mesquite grilled beef tri-tip & BBQ chicken dinner are included in the day's events. This year the artist will be Jonas Nordwall.

Jonas Nordwall is an internationally renown virtuoso organist with the unique ability to perform both classical and popular music with equal virtuosity.

For nearly three decades he has toured North America presenting concerts and workshops. International concert appearances include China, Japan and five tours of Australia. He has over 24 LPs, CDs and Cassettes on various labels to his credit. He has appeared on national television in both the United States and Australia, and his recordings are frequently heard on "Pipe Dreams" the syndicated PBS weekly radio program.

Last fall he was a guest recitalist and adjudicator at the International Organ Competition in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jonas serves as organist for the First United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. a position held since 1971, and also is the organist for the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. His has made solo performances with the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Festival Orchestra and both the Vancouver, B. C. and Vancouver, Washington Symphony Orchestras.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Mr. Nordwall studied with Goldie Poz and received his Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Portland where he was a pupil of Arthur Hitchcock. Additional study was with the noted English/Canadian virtuoso, Frederick Geoghegan, American virtuoso organist Richard Elisasser and noted composer and organist Richard Purvis.

For many years he was the Senior Staff Organist for the Organ Grinder Corporation, which had large theatre organs installed in restaurants in Portland, Denver, and Colorado. Mr. Nordwall has been a very influential force in the musical instrument manufacturing industry having been a product designer, marketing consultant and recitalist for several organ manufacturers.

Jonas has been a frequent ATOS convention artist and a former organ design specialist for the Rodgers Organ Company. He was interested in keyboard instruments at an early age and started taking accordion lessons at the age of 4. He quickly became interested in the organ and began classical organ studies at the age of 12 . At the age of 18, Jonas began studies in organ at the University of Portland. For "kicks," he served as assistant staff organist at Oaks Park Skating Rink.

Tickets are \$45 for inside seating at the Hartzell residence, and \$40 for outside. Both tickets include everything at the Ironstone Vinyards. To obtain tickets, Please send your check, made payable to Sierra Chapter ATOS, with a self addressed, stamped envelope, to Dave Sauer, P.O. Box 101, Sacramento, CA 95812. Order forms are available at www.SierraChapterATOS.org