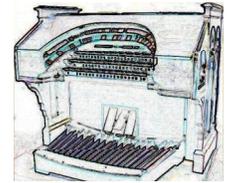


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August Meeting

**The August Meeting will be held in the Courtroom Theatre
located in:**

**The McKinney Performing Arts Center
111 N. Tennessee—McKinney, TX 75069
at 2:30 PM on Sunday August 16, 2009**

Performing on the NTC-MPAC Mighty Wurlitzer **ROBERT (BOB) WHITEMAN**

For this month's regular meeting, chapter member Bob Whiteman will be our featured artist. He comes to us direct from a two week gig successfully playing our theatre organ for a western melodrama. Now that's a perfect use for a theatre organ. Bob will demonstrate some of the themes he used for the play. He says that he will be following up with some Show Tunes and a few old time favorites to please everyone.



Of course, there is open console after the regular program. Everyone gets to play the Wurlitzer.

Come and enjoy!

Refreshments will be provided by the chapter.

From the Presidents Desk

The last few months have been very busy for the chapter. It started with the planning for our June 6th spring concert. We co-produced it with the McKinney Community Band. Together we decided to do a D-Day Tribute to all our veterans. With the advertizing, decorations, program planning and rehearsals there was activity enough for everyone involved. Because the MPAC was unavailable for rehearsals, it was necessary to bring the Traveling Organ to the rehearsal site as the theatre organ was an integral part of the show. The show was a huge success.



Then came the planning and finalization of details for the September 19th concert and the October 30 and 31 Halloween silent film. See the enclosed flyer for both. We also firmed up the schedule for chapter meetings and shows into 2011. We still need to fill in some show details for 2010 and beyond. Contact Al Cavitt with any ideas you might have for concerts or silent films.

Once again this year we have applied for a grant from the McKinney Arts Commission for the October 2009 thru September 2010 arts season. Our application was due and submitted on July 22nd. Our oral presentation to the full commission is scheduled for August 25th.

Work has continued on getting the toy counter installed at MPAC. It should be in and playing by the chapter meeting. We also have received from OPUS II, the necessary updates to the software that should correct the various problems we have had with the system. We have been as-

Don

A Note from the Secretaries Desk

This summer has been a hot one! I hope all are well and keeping cool in this Texas heat! Chapter things are really heating up! The Education Program has made quite an impression with the McKinney Schools. We have been asked back to McGowen Elementary School this fall. Word has gotten out as far as Temple, TX of our program. The Fine Arts Director is extremely interested in having the program brought to Temple ISD. As the program scheduler, my emails have been increasing with different schools asking questions about the program and wanting to set up dates. The Traveling Organ is already scheduled for an event on March 3, 2010 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. If you would like to see what our program is all about, visit www.ntc-atos.org and click on the Education Tab at the bottom of the home page. If you know someone who would be interested in our programs, have them email or call me to talk about the program and schedule a date.

Our Tribute To Our Veterans joint program on 6 June was a huge success. We, along with the McKinney Community Band, honored approximately 57 veterans at the show. They really enjoyed the musical program celebrating the 65th anniversary of D-Day, The Invasion of Normandy, which took place June 6, 1944.

I would like to thank Ian Clark for the outstanding job he has done as our new webmaster. He has 'The Midas Touch' with the new and improved website design.

Stay tuned for more exciting events in 2010!

Al

NOTE!

We received the press release below from the University of Oklahoma at Norman OK. It appears that there may be some very interesting programs that some of our members might like to attend. It's not that far away!

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Old Wine, New Bottles

*-A Gala Weekend Celebration of the Legacy and Renaissance
of Organ Studies at the University of Oklahoma-*

(Norman, Okla)—“This upcoming weekend series of seven gala concerts will showcase the magnificent range of the Möller Opus 5819 organ in an amazing array of performances,” says John Riester, shop manager of the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma School of Music.

The University of Oklahoma School of Music presents the *Old Wine, New Bottles: A Gala Weekend Celebration* on Friday, Oct 2 through Sunday, October 4, in the Catlett Music Center. Guest artists include OU Alumnus Donald Dumler, R. Jelani Eddington, Peter Richard Conte and Clark Wilson who will perform live organ accompaniment to the silent film *Metropolis* on Saturday evening.

“Earlier this spring, we were able to give eight brief performances on the M.P. Möller, Op. 5819 organ; which gave audiences a taste of the instrument and created a buzz on campus, in the community and in our local region,” says Riester.

In late 2006, the M. P. Möller Opus 5819, originally installed in the Philadelphia Municipal Auditorium in 1931, was acquired from the University of Pennsylvania to be installed in the Paul F. Sharp Concert Hall, which is a part of the Stanley B. Catlett Music Center. The first phase of the project took more than two years to complete and will be the highlight for the weekend gala.

“We wanted to showcase the many different ways our organ can make music, from classical, accompanying sacred and secular choral masterworks, to orchestral pieces and popular tunes and even jazz improv. The Möller Op. 5819 has a lot to offer this weekend,” says John Schwandt, director of the American Organ Institute. “This is truly a unique event happening right here in the OU Arts District all in one weekend.”

This weekend also will be dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of the installation of the Mildred Andrews Boggess Memorial Organ. As a professor of organ at the University of Oklahoma from 1938 to 1976, Boggess taught a generation of organists the highest standards of their craft. Donald Dumler, an OU Alumnus and New York’s St. Patrick Cathedral organist, will give an evening performance to honor his professor and the 10th anniversary of the Boggess Memorial Organ on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Gala events for the weekend include a dedication reception on the stage of Sharp Concert Hall followed by a performance by guest artist Peter Richard Conte, Philadelphia Wanamaker Grand Court organist on Friday. Saturday events feature a morning concert *Peter and the Wolf* for young children by R. Jelani Eddington, an afternoon concert of sacred and secular choral masterworks accompanied by current OU students, followed by an evening performance by Dumler and finishing with live organ accompaniment by Clark Wilson to the 1927 silent film *Metropolis*. Sunday morning the American Organ Institute opens its restoration shop for tours to see the AOI students at work. Sunday closes the gala weekend with a Blockbuster concert of organ with piano and jazz ensemble.

The organ gala will take place within the concert halls of OU’s Catlett Music Center, 500 W. Boyd, in your **OU Arts District!** Tickets will be available in August and are available in a package or by individual concert; for more information please call the Box Office at (405) 325-4101.

For more information on the gala weekend, visit the web site of the American Organ Institute, at aoi.ou.edu or call (405) 325-7829.

Many concerts are scheduled for live stream via Internet, to see a schedule visit <http://music.ou.edu/calendar>. Please visit <http://music.ou.edu> for a full calendar of events and performances at the School of Music. The University of Oklahoma is an equal opportunity institution. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please call the Box Office at (405) 325-4101.

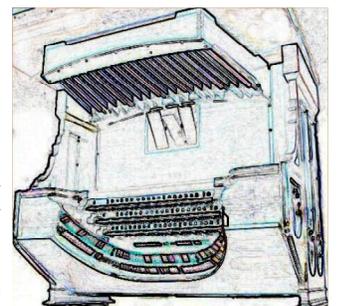
Sponsors for the event include the University of Oklahoma School of Music, American Organ Institute and the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts.

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If you have not already done so, please visit our web site at: www.ntc-atos.org where you will find many improvements and links to our theatre organs. Many thanks go to Ian Clark, our new webmaster.

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