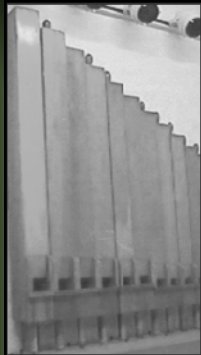


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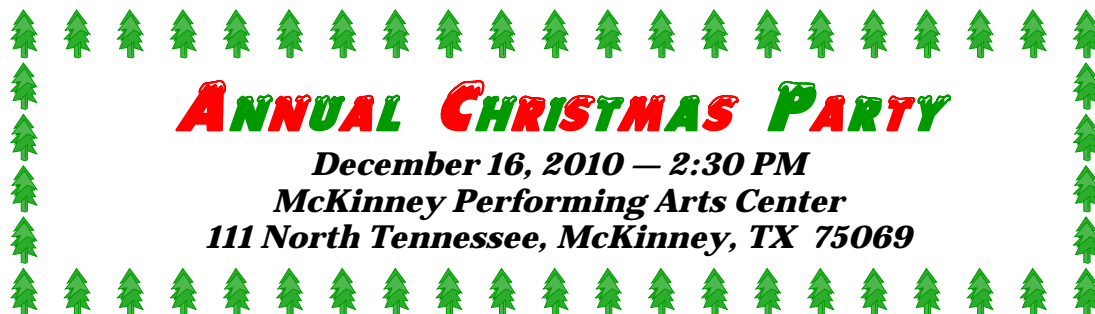
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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

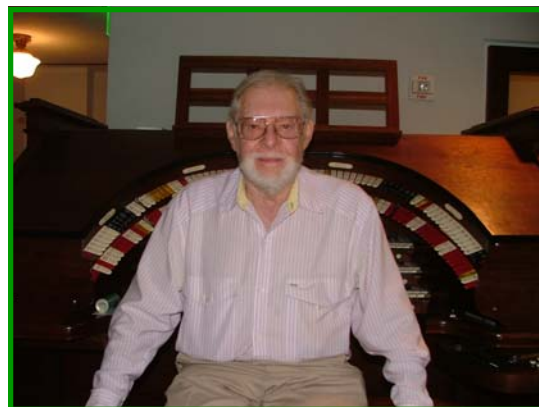
**December 16, 2010 — 2:30 PM**

**McKinney Performing Arts Center  
111 North Tennessee, McKinney, TX 75069**

Our Wurlitzer Theatre Organ at the McKinney Performing Arts Center organ will be the source of holiday musical cheer as we meet on the afternoon of December 16 for our annual North Texas Chapter Christmas party. Located on the square in quaint downtown McKinney, the Wurlitzer will sound forth the sounds of the season!

The artist for this special event will be a long time Dallas area favorite — noted organist, and teacher, **Mr. Mark Kenning**. Mark has been featured on theatre organs in a number of divergent theatre organ venues including the Worth Theatre in Fort Worth and the Landmark Pizza & Pipes in Dallas. Mark also is an accomplished church organist and often serves as a “substitute” for many area churches.

In addition to his musical performances, Mark also has as interests his antique car collection as well as a large 4 manual Robert Morton theatre organ which is built into his Richardson home. We look forward to his long overdue program for NTC!



Mark Kenning

**Bring Finger Foods . . .** As is our tradition, each member is asked to bring “finger foods” to share at the holiday table. Snacks, sandwiches, chips, dips, veggies, brownies, cookies and the like will all be appreciated!

**Open Console Time . . .** Music of the Christmas season is so special! During refreshment time, the Wurlitzer console will be open for YOU to play two or three of your favorite holiday selections.



## A Very Good Year Indeed . . .

*Don Peterson—President*

This has been a good year and a great arts season for the NTC. We were fortunate to receive a very generous grant from the McKinney Arts Commission (MAC) for the 2009/2010 arts season that allowed us to do many public performances utilizing the Wurlitzer. One of the conditions of the grant was that we produce the performing arts within the City of McKinney. With our Wurlitzer installed in the McKinney Performing Arts Center, this was easy for us to do. We also were able to feature the Traveling Organ in McKinney as well.

The results of our 2009/2010 art season activities allowed us to request a grant from the MAC for the 2010 -2011 arts season. We were fortunate to receive a grant for the 2010-2011 arts season that was 42% greater than last season.

In September of this year, we were honored to participate in the DonorBridge Giving Day event. This is a program that provides matching funds for all donations that are made on Giving Day. This year the matching percentage was 16%. The donations that the NTC received were not of the level that we had wished for, but the funds we did receive will contribute significantly to our organ maintenance.

Several members and friends have contributed their time and talents to support the maintenance of the chapters' organs as well as assisting with the programs the chapter produced this past sea-

son. These efforts are gratefully acknowledged by the chapters' executive board and the chapter as a whole. This having been said, the chapter still needs additional support in several areas. The most pressing need is for



a publicist to promote our various programs. We also need a graphic artist to assist with the design of our advertizing material. Is there anyone willing to step up to the bar here or is there someone you know that that could help us in these areas? We need volunteers for the shows to help with theatre decorations, usher, take tickets, man the concessions and help with the record store.

The Nominating Committee for next years officers will be announced at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party. If you would be willing to serve on the committee this year, please let the chapter secretary (Al Cavitt) know and he will add your name to the list. Also let him know if you are interested in holding office or serving on any or the other committees.

Don



**Give yourself an early present—renew your membership today!**



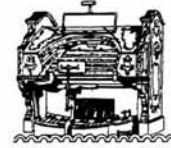
Our NTC Membership year expires each year on December 31 and it is time for all of us to renew our memberships. In the center of this newsletter is the official NTC membership form. Please consider filling it out and bringing it with your dues to our Christmas party on December 16. YOUR dues help cover the expenses for organ maintenance, our newsletter and other Chapter expenses.



# NTC-ATOS

North Texas Chapter - American Theatre Organ Society

## Application For Membership



Organized for the purpose of preserving the Theatre Organ to perpetuate the understanding and enjoyment of this instrument and its music

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to be a member of the North Texas Chapter - American Theatre Organ Society.

**Details:**

There are currently two ways of participating in the activities of the NTC-ATOS:

1. **Regular Member.** In order to be a Regular Member of the North Texas Chapter, you also need to be a member of the ATOS national organization. As a Regular Member, you **have voting rights** in the local chapter. See information below on how to join the national organization.
2. **Friend.** As a Friend of the North Texas Chapter, you do not have to be a member of the ATOS national organization. However, you **do not have voting rights, and cannot hold elective office** in the local chapter.

In both cases, you will receive copies of the Tibia Tidbits newsletter.

I would like to participate as: Regular Member  Friend

**How would you like to help the NTC-ATOS?:**

**Make a Tax Deductible Contribution**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Committee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host/Hostess (refreshments) | <input type="checkbox"/> Performer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |   |

**Payment:**

NTC-ATOS Dues	_____	\$30.00
Tax Deductible Contribution	_____	
Total	_____	

Please mail this form and dues to:

**Membership NTC-ATOS**  
**Ian Clark**  
**4325 Stromboli Dr.**  
**Plano, TX 75093-6970**

Please make check payable to **North Texas Chapter ATOS**

Chapter Dues are prorated at \$30.00 January through March, \$22.50 April through June, \$15.00 July through September, and \$7.50 October through December.

National ATOS Dues for basic regular membership are currently \$40.00 per year. Please send dues to **Mr. Jim Merry, ATOS Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 5327, Fullerton, CA 92838-0327** Please indicate on the ATOS Membership Application paperwork that you are also a member of the North Texas Chapter – ATOS.

**Please complete the information on the reverse of this form**

**Member Information:**

Title: \_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_  
 The name you use if not your first name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organs Owned: (check all that apply) Electronic  Pipe  Classical  Theatre   
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organ Playing: (check all that apply) Classical  Theatre  Personal Enjoyment  Public Performance   
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Information:**

Title: \_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_  
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 Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organ Playing: (check all that apply) Classical  Theatre  Personal Enjoyment  Public Performance   
 Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Information:**

Mailing Address Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/Appt: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please help us with Zip + 4)

**Privacy Notice:** The information collected here will only be used by the NTC-ATOS for chapter business. Information from this form will be used as the basis for the chapter membership list.

Thanks for joining – We look forward to meeting you!  
 Please tell your friends about our group.

## *From the Secretary's Desk . . .*

*Al Cavitt– Secretary*

### **Chapter Holiday Party**

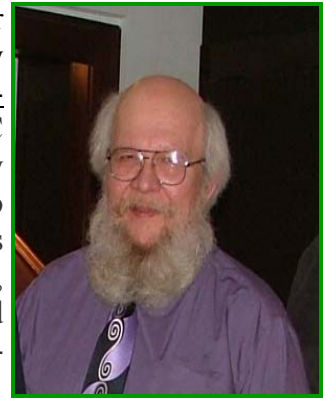
**December 19, 2010**

**2:30PM**

**W**e all know what that means, Food-Food-**More Food!** Please prepare your favorite Christmas treat and bring it to the party. The Chapter will provide Coffee, Tea and Holiday “Cheer”. All you musicians in the chapter, brush up your Christmas Music for Open Console time. Help make the season bright! **Guests are always welcome**, so ask your neighbors and friends to come to our Christmas Party!

**W**nd a reminder - Chapter dues are coming up for renewal no later than the February meeting. If at all possible, *please* have your chapter dues in by the end of January 2011. See the attached membership/renewal form for information. Also, you can contact Ian Clark or Barbara Brown to update your renewal information. NTC Membership applications can be found at anytime online on the NTC website. Feel free to download extra mem-

bership applications for your friends and family members at [www.ntc-atos.org](http://www.ntc-atos.org). AND the NTC website also has many other items of interest to our friends and members including photos, history, contact information and general chapter information.



*May the Spirit of Christmas fill  
our hearts and homes  
with Peace, Joy and Happiness!*

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

*See you at the Console!  
Al*

## *Kudo's to our Maintenance Gang . . .*

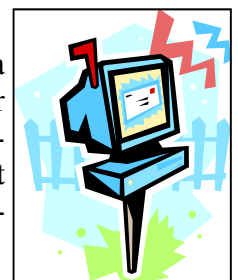
Keeping a large Wurlitzer theatre organ in playing form is not an easy task. Many, many hours of hard work are put into the organ between and before each performance by our NTC volunteers. Most recently the group re-wired the console power supply interface, the connections between the console and the chambers which had caused a multi-board failure, corrected keyboard ciphers, and began work on a 16' extension for the Tibia rank. And these improvements are in addition to the routine work of turning and setting up the organ console for the many programs featuring the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Please take a moment to give a warm thank you to Don Peterson, Ken Brown, Ian Clark, Lorin Hungsberg, Mike Tarzis, Al Cavitt, & Greg Reynolds who are on our Maintenance Committee and keep the music playing..

## *Tidbits by email ???*

### **Just a quick survey . . .**

With the newer software available we are exploring the possibility of making the Tibia Tidbits available by email instead of by normal postage. This would allow you to get your Tidbits four or five days earlier depending on your location, and would also save the chapter the high costs of postage, paper, and printing ink. If you think this is something that you might be interested in, let your Board Members know and we'll explore the idea further.



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## Coming Attractions

December 19, 2010 - NTC Holiday Party  
February 12, 2011—*Brett Valliant*  
*Student Prince in Old Heidelberg*  
February 26, 2011 - *R. Jelani Eddington*  
*King of Kings (Lord of Life -Plano)*  
February 27, 2011—*R. Jelani Eddington*  
*The Art of Theatre Organ Arranging*  
May 6, 2011—Music & Drama Program  
*Peter & The Wolf*

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