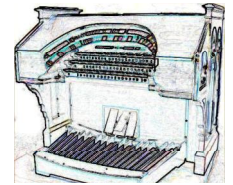


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NOVEMBER MEETING

**Our Regular October Meeting will be held at
The Lord of Life Lutheran Church
3601 W 15th St
Plano, Texas 75075
at 2:30 PM on Sunday November 2, 2008**

**FEATURING
DANNY WESLEY RAY
at**

**The NTC 3/12 Traveling Theatre Organ
performing selections from his upcoming
Rochester, NY concert**



About the Program

In preparation for his November Concert performance in Rochester, NY, Danny has agreed to entertain us with selections from his program. He will be performing for us on the NTC Traveling Organ that Danny personally designed for our student music programs in school.

Danny has appeared in several venues around the country as the featured artist. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to appreciate his musical talents up close and personal. You don't want to miss this chance to hear a new organ and a great organist, both on the same program.

Refreshments will be provided by the Chapter.

Notes From The President

As indicated in the August Tibia Tidbits, the chapters traveling organ has been completed and was presented to the public at the "Arts on the Lawn" event held at Tucker Hill in McKinney where Benjamin Kolodziej performed at the console for two hours for many of the 900 attendees at this event.

The first demonstration in a school is scheduled for November 13th at the Wakefield Elementary School in Sherman at 9AM. Mike Tarzis will conduct that session. Because it is an educational event, we expect to receive some good press from it.

We were awarded a Grant of \$3,000 by the McKinney Arts Commission for our next season's presentations which start with our annual Halloween presentation of "The Phantom of the Opera" on the 24th and 25th of this month. Then in February, it will be the original "Ben Hur". More season details later.

Once again, Dave Wickerham and Dick Kroeckel performed a marvelous show at the "Razzmatazz And All That Jazz" on September 6th in the Courtroom Theatre at MPAC. The show was video taped and DVD's should be available next year.

Our November 2nd chapter meeting will be held in Plano to accommodate members that have been unable to drive to MPAC in McKinney because of the high gas costs. It will also be the opportunity to hear The Traveling Organ played by its designer.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts that Ken Brown, Al Cavitt, Ian Clark, Mike Tarzis, Danny Ray and Lorin Hungsberg have extended to the chapter for work on both the Traveling Organ and The MPAC Wurlitzer.

Don

A REMEMBRANCE

Earl "Mac" McDonald
02/05/1930 – 08/17/2008

On August 17, 2008, the Chapter lost one of its most active and revered members with the passing of Earl "Mac" McDonald. He led an extremely full and active life. Some highlights are: received a BSEE from SMU, worked at WFAA-TV, NBC in Burbank, CA, and was an engineer at Texas Instruments for 45 years.

After retirement, Mac returned to his first love, television at KERA, PBS Channel where he worked until he lost his eyesight. He was a staunch supporter of theatre organs and was a charter member of ATOS and its predecessors. He was very active in the NTC-ATOS and served as its president in 1974 and 2002-2004. He also was a board member until his death. Mac helped install several pipe organs including his own, a 3/8 Robert-Morton that he rescued from the Old Mill Theatre. This organ is currently in NTC storage awaiting refurbishment and a new venue.

On September 20, a Wake was held at his home to celebrate and honor his life. Several NTC members were in attendance. We want to thank Al Cavitt for providing an interlude of enjoyable piano music that helped to celebrate Mac's life. As some close friends said "We're not bound to see the likes of Mac again". He was willing to share his knowledge and assistance. Mac is survived by his wife Donna and his daughter Grace McDonald Bumpass. Mac will be sorely missed by his friends and especially the present and former members of the North Texas Chapter-ATOS.



The Phantom of the Opera

October 24th and 25th
@ 8 PM

Featuring

Rick Mathews

at

The Mighty Wurlitzer



Tickets available from the MPAC Ticket Office.

Phone: 214-544-4630

in person

111 N. Tennessee

McKinney, Texas 75069

by Email:

tickets.mckinneyp Performingartscenter.org

Advance Tickets are:

Adults—\$12.00

Children under 12—\$7.50

Tickets at the Door are:

Adults—\$15.00

Children under 12—\$10.00

From the Secretary

I hope all are well as you're reading this. Our traveling organ project debuted at the August meeting and was admired and played by many of our local artists. We had our Arts on the Lawn event at Tucker Hill community. Many people commented on how nice the instrument sounded. I believe that some of the visitors came to our Fall Concert.

I'm looking forward to the annual Halloween event, The Phantom of the Opera. It will be a grand time for all at this Spook-tacular event. Watch your mail for our upcoming 2009 events. Many fine films and concerts are in the works.

So far we have been unable to obtain a used enclosed cargo trailer. Any information you may have, however small, may



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help us to acquire a trailer. Please contact any board member via phone, email or regular mail if you can help.

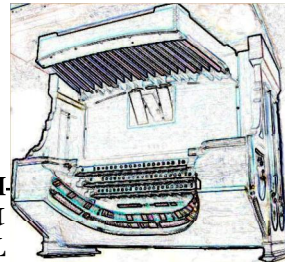
See you at the Console!

Al

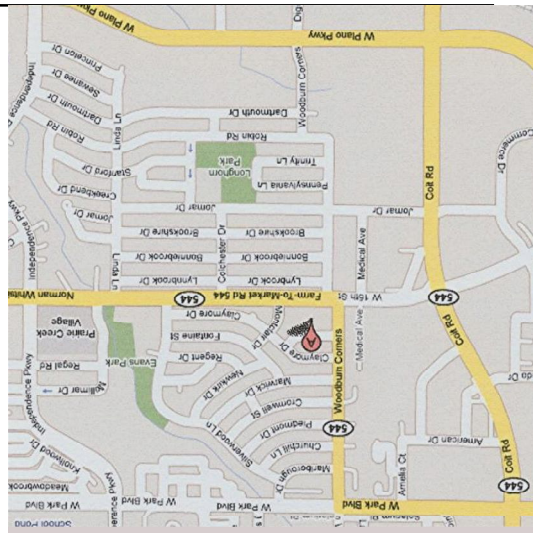
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Next Meeting: The October Meeting will be on November 2nd at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church 3601 W. 15th St Plano, TX at 2:30 PM.

Directions: Take North Central (US 75) North to 15th street in Plano, TX. Turn left (West) on 15th. approximately 3 miles. The church will be on your right just before you reach Plano Medical City at Coit Road.