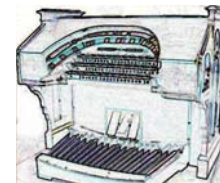


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## October Meeting Notice

Our October Meeting will be held in the Courtroom Theater  
The McKinney Performing Arts Center  
111 N. Tennessee—McKinney, TX 75069  
2:30 PM - Sunday October 17, 2010



*For our October meeting . . .*

## Who's the star?

**You are!** It's been a while since we had a "members play" meeting and we are asking each of our members who play the organ to get out their music and bring two or three of their favorite songs to share with the group.

We will have a sign up sheet before the meeting for you to list your name, some brief info about how long you have played, type of organ you have, etc., etc., and YOU will be introduced by our MC!

And to make things even easier for those not as familiar with the Mighty Wurlitzer, house pistons will be set to allow you to make those quick registration changes. A piston "cheat sheet" will be provided on the console for all willing to play and share their music with the group.

We hope to have the Mighty Wurlitzer on center stage for this event!

## *President's Pipes . . .*



August and September were both rewarding and challenging months for the North Texas Chapter with many things both good and bad happening.

First the “highs” . . . Our presentation to the McKinney Art's Commission, was very well received. The Commission recommended another grant to the McKinney City Council and we should know soon exactly what support we will be receiving for our 2010-2011 concert series. These funds are only used to underwrite concert expenses, not the maintenance and/or upgrades to our MPAC Wurlitzer—we still need YOUR support for that! We are also still awaiting confirmation on the donations made through “Donor Bridge” for NTC. We hope that many of our members took advantage of this matching “grant” opportunity to double your contributions to your Chapter.

A second “high” was our McKinney “Blues” Concert with Dave Wickerham and Dick Kroeckel which was very well received. Attendance was up and the encore left an enthusiastic audience clamoring for more music! Following the program, several audience members visited with your NTC officers to get additional information on future programs and even membership! A third event was our young peoples “Theatre Organ Encounter program hosted by NTC in conjunction with the Dallas Meyerson AGO Pipe Organ event. Attendance was good and Jim Pitts did a very nice job exposing a number of kids to the Theatre Organ.

Our low occurred just prior to the joint concert with the McKinney Community Band on September 18. The MPAC Wurlitzer suffered a complete relay failure prior to the concert and we had to rely on our “Travel Organ” for Bill Rowland to use as a fill-in that night. The good news was that we had a number of folks expressing concern over the Wurlitzer and their interest in getting it playing as soon as possible. This public support was most rewarding! And the better news is that after contacting the relay manufacturer, an original installation error was identified, parts were ordered, and the Mighty Wurlitzer is now sounding forth again, ready for our meeting on the 17th.

*Don*

## *A Note from the Secretary's Desk . . .*

A bit of housekeeping is in order. I've just renewed my ATOS National membership. Is your National membership up to date? Also, 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.



Our elections are right around the corner— if anyone is interested in running for a Chapter Office, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman who will be appointed at the December meeting.

We have two events scheduled for the remainder of 2010. They are as follows - - -

October 30, 2010 Halloween event – *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde & Habeas Corpus*

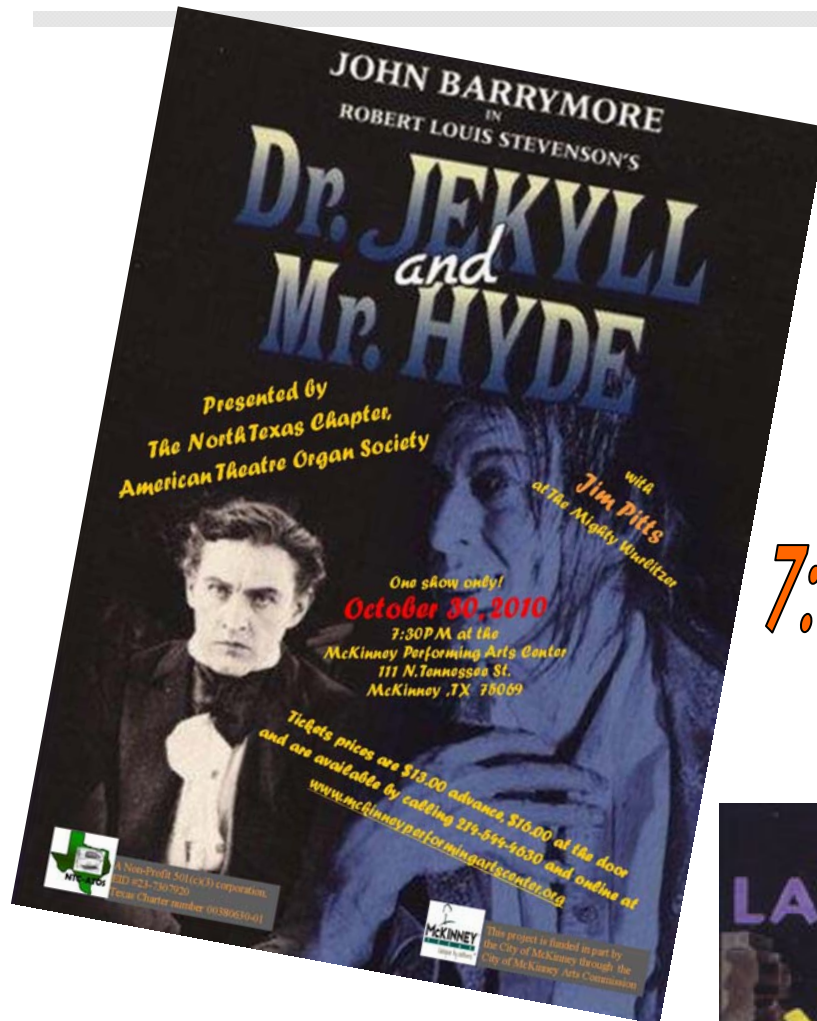
A “Spook-tacular” Silent Film classic with Jim Pitts at the console. Call 214-544-4630 or go online at [www.mckinneyp Performingartscenter.org](http://www.mckinneyp Performingartscenter.org) to purchase tickets.

December 19, 2010 Chapter Holiday Party at 2:30PM

We 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’. Guests are always welcome, so ask your neighbors and friends to come to our Christmas Party! *See you at the console . . .*

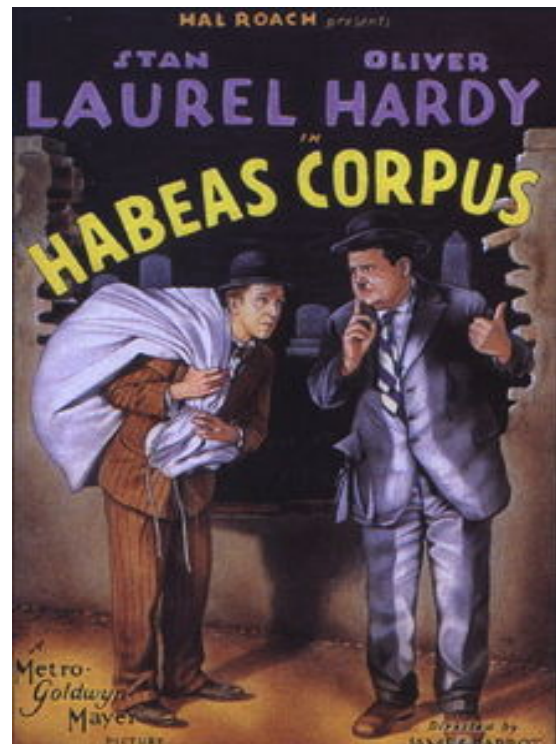
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*Support your Chapter - Don't miss our next "Halloween on the Square" event . . .*



*Oct 30, 2010  
7:30 PM-MPAC*

*Plus The Short Subject*



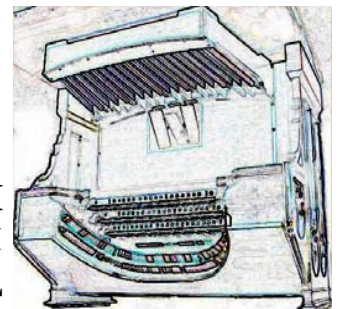
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## Coming Attractions

- October 30, 2010 - Silent Movie  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
- December 19, 2010 - NTC Holiday Party
- February 12, 2011—Silent Movie  
*TBA*
- February 26, 2011 - Silent Movie  
*King of Kings Lord of Life -Plano*
- February 27, 2011 Master Class  
*The Art of Theatre Organ Arranging*  
*R. Jelani Eddington*
- May 6, 2011—Music & Drama Program  
*Peter & The Wolf*

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