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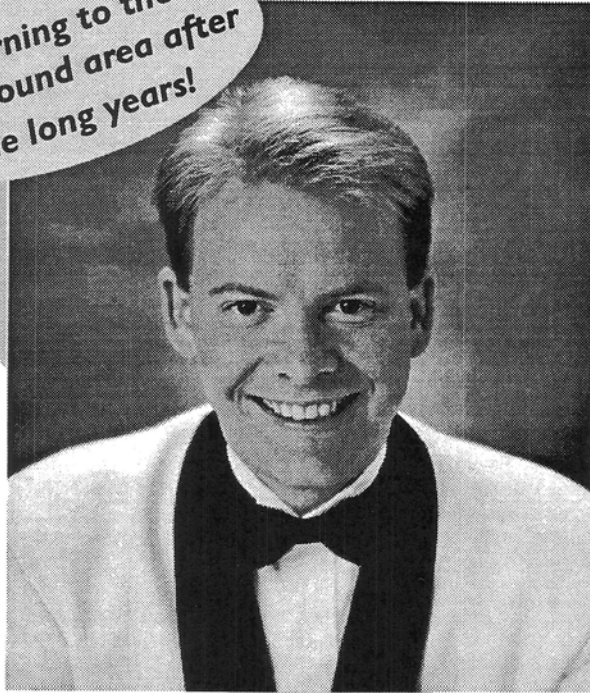
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**PUGET SOUND
THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**

Returning to the Puget Sound area after nine long years!



Chris Elliott

Playing

Pipe Organ Pops

On the Leif & Bonnie Johnson

4/48 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ

Johnson Mansion, Gig Harbor, WA

Sat, Nov. 11th, 2:00 p.m.

Chris Elliott is sought after both as a concert artist and scorer of silent films. One of those rare individuals who is equally at home performing organ literature of the church or theatre, he is one of today's prominent theatre organists.

A native of Santa Ana, California, he graduated with honors from Vanguard University of Southern California (formerly Southern California College), Costa Mesa. While still a student, he held church organ positions in several prominent Southern California churches. For nine years he was a guest artist for the summer noon organ recitals at the Crystal Cathedral where he also assisted with playing weddings and coached with Frederick Swann. Prior to his move to the Bay Area in 1988, he studied with Charles Shaffer in Los Angeles—more recently he coached with celebrated organist and composer Richard Purvis in San Francisco.

In addition to his classical and church organ training, he was privileged to be mentored by several world-renowned theatre organists, being particularly identified for his association with legendary organist Gaylord Carter, the 'dean' of silent film accompaniment. Chris worked extensively in mastering silent film accompaniment with Mr. Carter who proudly claims Chris as his protégé. In July 1995 at Carter's gala 90th

birthday celebration at Oakland's Paramount Theatre, Chris shared the stage with his mentor in a moving performance that garnered several standing ovations. Excerpts from this event were featured in the documentary "Pulling Out All the Stops: The Pipe Organ in America" seen on PBS television stations.

Chris tours frequently and his performance credits are far-ranging—mighty Wurlitzers in the grandest movie palaces; stunning accompaniments to classic silent films; lauded appearances before conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society; plus brilliant programs on BBC Radio, at the famed Hollywood Bowl and before the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Chris has six solo recordings to his credit. Bob Shafter in Theatre Organ Journal, said of one of Chris' recordings, "...the best of the best...this recording (will be) one of the few 'classics' in the theatre organ world. It gets the highest possible recommendation."

After a distinguished tenure of eleven years as Senior Organist and Associate Minister of Worship at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, in July 1999 Chris began a new, full-time career in the corporate world. He is a Business Analyst in the Procurement organization at Agilent Technologies, and continues to perform organ engagements.

Paid PSTOS, CROC and AGO Members \$10 • All others \$15

Seating is limited to 325. To avoid overbooking, all ticket sales will be handled by mail, with no door sales. PSTOS members have first opportunity to purchase tickets. On October 17 unsold seating will be made available to non-members.

For info or ticket inquiries, please contact Norman Miller at colmiller@home.com or 206-784-7154

Please use the ticket order form on page 6.

DON'T DELAY—ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY! Drive directions will be mailed with your tickets.

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Listing of non-PSTOS events in the Pipeline

PSTOS, upon request, will list non-conflicting non-PSTOS theatre organ events in the "Other Events" column of the two Pipelines immediately preceding the event, providing Pipeline editors receive sufficient prior written notification. Venue, artist, type of event, date, and contact information will comprise the included information.

Advertising in the Pipeline

Classified-type ads for member-owned electronic, electric, or pipe organs, and/or pipe organ parts, will be published at no charge. Please limit copy to include brief description, contact name and phone number. Prices will not be listed. Ads may be edited for content and length. Mail ad copy to address above. Other advertising is not accepted.

President's Message

One Big Weekend—Opus VII

Approximately 21 PSTOS members and friends attended One Big Weekend – Opus VII. It was great!

CROC did a wonderful job organizing the programs, performers and venues for the three-day event.

The highlight for me personally was the visit to Oaks Park Roller Rink in Portland. I had not been there before so it was a special treat and, indeed, a special venue. Keith Fortune and Gary Russell did a grand job showing off the Wurlitzer.

Jelani Eddington's 'teaser' concert on John and Mary Jo Olsen's Wurlitzer in Portland, and his Grand Finale concert at the Elsinore in Salem were fabulous.

Donna Parker, as always, did a marvelous job at the Hollywood Theatre in Portland. She is so easy to listen to.

The Saturday Party and Jam Session was a highlight indeed. Our own JoAnn Evans and Wendell Graham helped make it a fun evening with more of their sparkling duets.

Opus VIII will be sponsored by PSTOS in 2002.

Remaining PSTOS events for 2000:

Concert at the Johnson Mansion Saturday, November 11th, featuring Chris Elliott. You'll want to assure your seat for this performance – mail your ticket order form soon!

Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd at the Haller Lake Community Club. Come for fun and seasonal entertainment.

Hope to see you at both these wonderful events.

Next Year (2001)

Your PSTOS Board has more fine events planned for 2001. Keep watching your *Pipeline* and visit your website at www.pstos.org.

Seems too early to say it but by the next issue of the *Pipeline* it will be too late – *Merry Christmas!* And my very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

- Barbara Graham

PSTOS Coming Events

Chris Elliott at Johnson Mansion, Gig Harbor

Another great concert at "The Mansion!" Launch your holidays with this big Saturday afternoon event!
Sat., Nov. 11

Annual PSTOS Christmas Party

Mark this date NOW...one of our big events of the year! Haller Lake C.C.
Sun., Dec. 3

Valentine's Day Party

Coming in February, a repeat of last year's terrific Pizza Buffet and Music at Haller Lake Community Club. Put it on your calendar now!
Sun., February 11th

Kent Museum Tour, Lunch and Open Console at the Becvar Home

In the planning stage, an unusual and fun day. It's always a kick to see and hear the Becvar home and Wurlitzer! More news coming....watch your *Pipeline!*
Tentatively in May

Another picnic at Beaver Springs Lodge

The double organ installation continues and we're promised a DUAL concert in 2001, with the guaranteed completed Barton Theatre Organ playing, as well. Stay tuned!
August, 2001

Nov. Board Meeting**Monday, November 6th**

Excelsior's Restaurant

University Plaza Hotel

1-5 & NE 45th

Dinner & Meeting – 6:00

American Theatre Organ Society Announces the 2001 ATOS HOBBYIST COMPETITION

Here's a chance to become more familiar with the Theatre Pipe Organ. Use your Haller Lake Club organ to prepare for a fun competition! Receive playing pointers from a great professional judging team!



OTHER Events of Interest

Silent Movie Mondays at the Paramount Theatre

Dennis James is back, accompanying a series of Sci Fi and Adventure movies during October. All movies begin at 7:00 p.m. with a Q&A session with Dennis.

Submarine, October 23

Phantom of the Opera, Oct. 30

Information and tickets: 206-398-1784

Silent Movies at Hokum Hall

Alice Rattled by Rats, (Walt Disney 1926); **Tues/Wed, Oct. 24 & 25, 7:30 pm**

The Haunted House (1921) starring Buster Keaton; *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, with Conrad Veidt and Lil Dagover.

Accompanied by Andy Crow

Tues/Wed, Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 7:30

For info about these events and others at Hokum Hall, phone 206-937-3613, or log on to www.hokumhall.org

Jonas Nordwall to play benefit concert at Olympia's Washington Center

Internationally acclaimed, Jonas will perform on the beautiful Wurlitzer Pipe Organ. An Organ Endowment Fund benefit concert. Donors of \$50 or more will receive two complimentary tickets. Contact the Center Box Office at 360-753-8586

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:00 pm

This competition was established to help all hobbyist organ players become more familiar with the theatre pipe organ. Every entrant will receive helpful written comments from our judges and your \$5 entry fee will help raise funds for the ATOS Hobbyist Competition. Your taped entry will be judged on the following: Accuracy and clarity, registration, phrasing and dynamics, incorporation of theatre organ stylings and resources, and general musicality. The judges for this annual Hobbyist Competition will be David Lowe and Lew Williams!!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Open to all NON-PROFESSIONAL organists 22 years and older. If you have doubt as to whether you would be considered professional or non-professional, please contact Dan Bellomy by e-mail or phone if e-mail is unavailable.

All entries must be played on a theatre pipe organ...sorry, no electronic instruments, please. Your entry will consist of TWO arrangements submitted on one cassette tape. If you have been a first place winner, you are ineligible for further prize positions. You are encouraged, however, to enter in a non-scoring capacity.

Your two selections must not exceed a combined length of 6 minutes. If you

use Dolby noise reduction on your tape, please indicate "Dolby B" or Dolby C" on the tape. Please list the titles, composers and arrangers of the selections on the entry tape. Dan Bellomy will be numbering all entries as they are received to maintain impartiality.

PLEASE INCLUDE a separate card or paper with your name, address, e-mail address and phone number along with a list of your entry selections and the instrument used (i.e., 4/26 Wurlitzer) and its location. **Entry tapes will not be returned.**

Send your entry, together with a check or money order in the amount of \$5 payable to ATOS Hobbyist Competition by **April 15, 2001** to: DAN BELLOMY at the address below

Dan Bellomy
247 Washington St. #16
Winchester, MA 01890, U.S.A.
781-729-9544 • bellomy@atos.org

There will be first, second and third place winners, with plaques awarded at the 2001 Annual Convention in Indianapolis. First place winners will ALSO receive a FREE one-year membership in ATOS!!!

THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO HAVE FUN!!

Sick Call...a report

BILL HALE

We are happy to spread the news that Honorary Lifetime Member, Bill Hale, is doing well after a spot was discovered on his lung, which meant surgery. Home one day, he was then back in hospital with a new set of health problems. Although quite weak during the current recovery period, he is gaining strength every day. Your editors recently visited him and Helen in their Surrey, B.C., home and enjoyed their warm hospitality. Bill even baked the dessert! Keep up the good work, Bill!

CLYDE HOOK

Adeline has advised that Clyde is doing well and should return home from the care facility October 11th. Clyde fell in their home just prior to the PSTOS bus trip to Beaver Valley Lodge in August. He was hospitalized for a period of time, then was moved to a rehab facility. We look forward to seeing you at a function soon, Clyde! Best PSTOS speedy recovery wishes!

Member loses home, organs, music, and treasures in fire

We are saddened to learn of long time member Vince Fryer's recent total loss of his home in a fire. He reports that everything was destroyed except the clothes he was wearing. Lost is an acoustic piano, Hammond, Rodgers, two Roland pianos, two large Leslies, Rodgers speaker, large Fender and Peavey amps, rhythm machine, stereo, records, tapes, ALL his organ CDs and tapes, and 61 years of printed music including all his favorite organ recordings.

On behalf of the membership, sincere PSTOS sympathy goes to Vince. Insurance is rebuilding his home on the original foundation, but replacing his collection of instruments, music and recordings will be next to impossible.

His temporary address is:

Vince Fryer
210 South 20th, Apt. #1
Mt. Vernon, WA 98274-3701
360-424-7244

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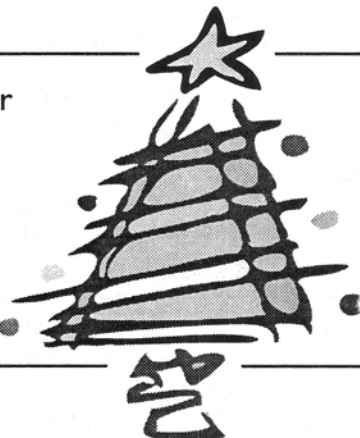
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Haller Lake Community Club
12579 Densmore Ave. N., Seattle

Please bring either a small plate of **non-sweet** finger food or a salad for our Christmas Buffet. Dessert and beverages will be furnished by PSTOS.

Also you are encouraged to bring a donation of canned or packaged food for the Kent Food Bank managed by member Mary Lou Becvar.

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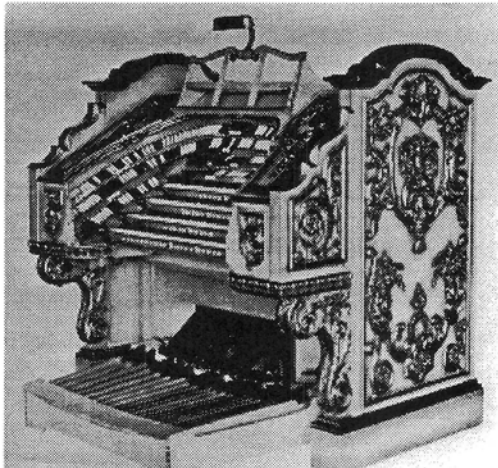
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The Grandeur of Wurlitzer Consoles...Part 2

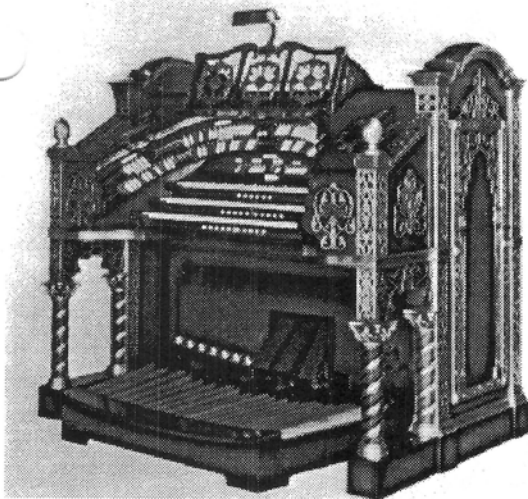
Our second and final selection of elegant Theatre Organ console photos from the Wm. Bunch archives.

Imagine yourself seated in a darkened theatre while one of these spectacular consoles rises from the pit, full throttle!

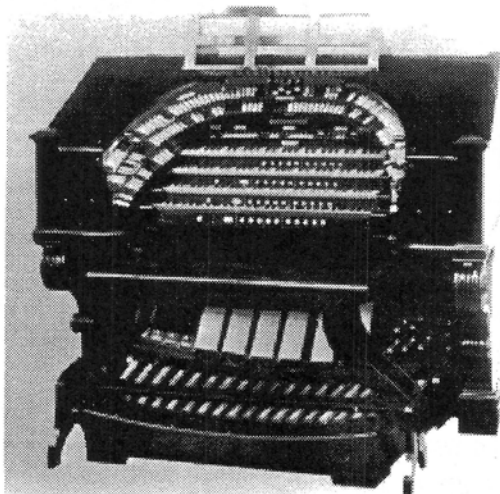
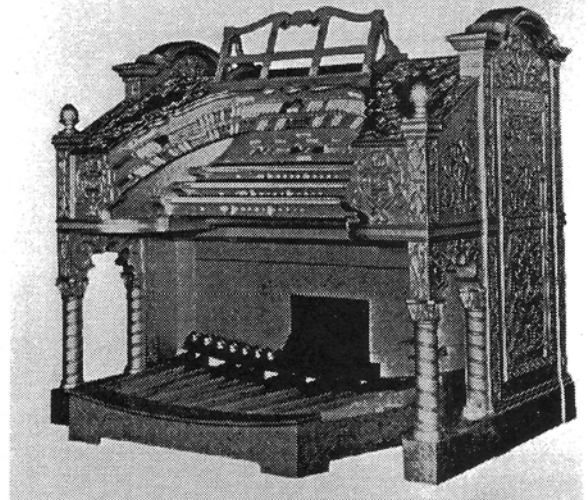
Thanks to our alert readers who identified several of the consoles shown in the September Pipeline—no prizes for you, but we're glad you're paying attention!



Does anyone recognize the unsmiling organist seated at this spectacular console?



A 4-manual and two 3-manual consoles, all decked out to thrill the audiences of 80 years ago!



Four manuals and plenty of stops in an unadorned standard console.



The Mighty Wurlitzer Traditional Model

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special event, mail your
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Drive directions will be
included with your tickets.**

WANTED!

Two members who are

- Creative and positive
- Interested in participating
- Able to attend Board meetings
- Willing to share their time and talents

It's that time again and Marilyn Schrum is chairing the Nominating Committee. If you'd like to become involved by serving on the Board of Directors, or if you know someone you feel would be a great Board member, please phone Marilyn at 206-364-5542. Two 2-year Board positions are open. The deadline for receiving nominations is November 10th. The proposed slate will be published prior

to the December 3rd Christmas party, and election and installation of officers will occur at that event.

PSTOS is a member-driven organization, with all officers and Board members serving on a volunteer basis.

Hop on board..... ah..... er.... **THE Board!** Join the fun. Help plan for 2001 and 2002! Phone today.

For Sale
Organ stuff

Hammond Spinet organ, Model MT 430 (?), Late 1960s. For more details and price, please contact Ruth McDougall 206-367-0791.

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PLEASE CHECK ONE

- A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed—**
Please mail my tickets **AND driving directions.**
- I will pick up my tickets at the door—please hold them for me there.**

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Name _____ Phone _____

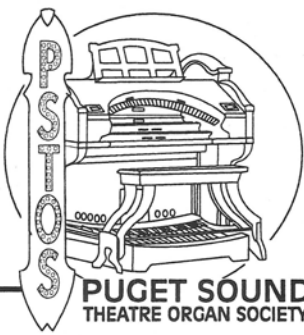
Address _____

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Total amt. enclosed: \$___
Make checks payable to: **PSTOS**
Mail your order to:
PSTOS Tickets
c/o Norman Miller
2644 N.W. Esplanade
Seattle, WA 98117-2527



We're unable to process phone orders. Orders received without a self-addressed stamped envelope, or received within 6 days of the concert, will be held to be picked up immediately before the program. Ticket orders will be filled in the order received.



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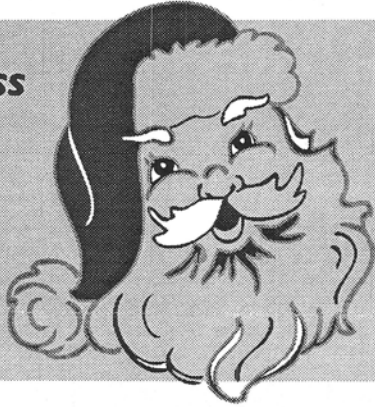
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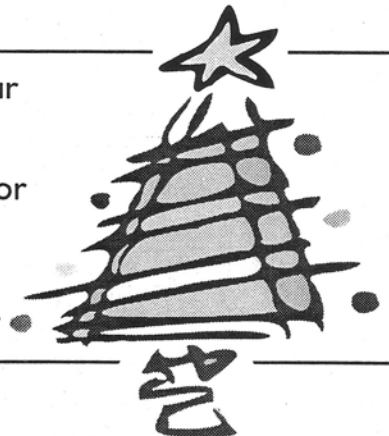
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Yet another Seattle theatre meets the wrecking ball...

The Ridgemont Theatre building at Greenwood Avenue and 78th Street will be razed and replaced with a four-story mixed use building that will include 21 condominiums, 2400 square feet of retail space and underground parking for 36 vehicles.

The project is still working its way through the Design Review process: Developers met with neighborhood representatives twice and are also waiting for a decision on the Master Use Permit.

The new building will be called the Ridgemont. As a result, in part because of recommendations from the neighborhood meetings, the developers hope to reuse the old Ridgemont signage but will put a new marquee on the building.

From the PSTOS website, History section: <http://www.pstos.org/instruments/wa/seattle/ridgemont.htm>

The theatre originally had a 2/6 Kimball (opus 6842) installed in 1923. A. H. Biggs was organist at the Ridgemont in 1927. Popular Northwest organist Ed Zollman played the Ridgemont for several years.

The organ was later moved to an Episcopal Church in Snohomish, Washington, then sold to the National Pipe Organ Trust. Its current status is unknown.

The Ballard Majestic/Roxy/Bay Theatre information and pictures are on the website: <http://www.pstos.org/instruments/wa/seattle/majestic.htm>. Click on the pictures to get larger version.

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Nominating Committee Presents 2001 slate of Officers Election December 3rd

Barbara Graham has done an outstanding job as President this past year, and has agreed to serve a second one-year term if elected.

Additionally, Dan Johansson, Norman Miller and Bob Zat have agreed to serve again as Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, if elected.

Clint Meadway and Andy Crow each have one year remaining of a two-year term, and will serve in that capacity.

Bill Keller and Les Lehne, both of Olympia, have each agreed to serve as Board Members for two-year terms if elected.

Bill Keller is a recently retired Washington State Patrol officer and is an enthusiastic owner of a large Allen organ. He can be seen at many PSTOS events.

Les has been affiliated with PSTOS and ATOS for many years, and, along with Andy Crow and others, has been greatly involved with the installation of the Wurlitzer at the Olympia Performing Arts venue, as well as the organ we have all enjoyed several times at St. Columban Church in Yelm.

Marilyn Schrum will continue to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

Election of 2001 officers will take place during a brief Annual Meeting immediately preceding the Christmas Party. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

From the Mailbox

Hi Pipeline Editors:
I always look forward to receiving your wonderful "Pipeline." I'll bet I know who the guy is at the upper right Wurlitzer console picture. It looks like Everett Nourse at the Oakland Paramount Publix to me. I might add, a very young Everett Nourse. You know he was the official organist at the Fox San Francisco for many years.
Dave Schutt
schutt@netgate.net
San Jose, California

Closing Chord

Mary Jo Olsen

Mary Jo Olsen passed away Sunday, November 12th, from complications related to leukemia and pneumonia. She died peacefully at home.

An active CROC member, Mary Jo and her husband, John, also maintained membership in PSTOS. The Olsens have often opened their lovely Tigard home—complete with 2/11 Wurlitzer and a glorious view of Mt. Hood—for enjoyment by members.

Services were held Nov. 21st at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Wilsonville, Or.

PSTOS extends sincere sympathy to family and friends.