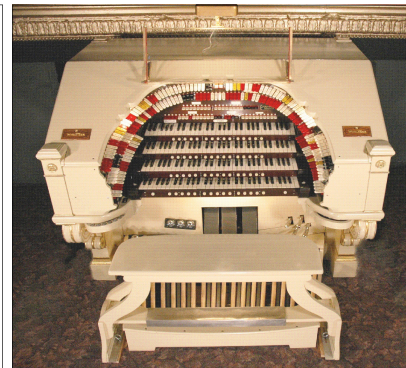


RTOS Blower

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Presenting Scott Smith in his Debut RTOS Performance

Rescheduled from February (cancelled due to weather).

Please note that this concert will be on:

Wednesday Evening, April 22nd at 7:30 PM.

Scott Smith is a life-long resident of Lansing, Michigan. He is the owner of Scott Smith Pipe Organs, LLC, a full-service pipe organ business that services and restores both theatre and church/classical pipe organs. He has worked extensively in the field of pipe organ maintenance and restoration since high school, when he joined the volunteer crew that restored and maintained the Barton organ in Lansing's Michigan Theatre. In the years since, Smith has worked with various organ professionals both locally and nationally. His firm offers restoration, consultation and installation services, in addition to tuning, maintenance and cleaning.

Scott has performed concerts and accompanied silent films across the country, but this is his first-ever concert for RTOS. He first performed regularly at the Michigan Theatre in Lansing as its last staff organist, from 1972 to 1980. When the organ's new home was secured as the Grand Ledge Opera House in Grand Ledge, Michigan, he was responsible for the organ's redesign and oversaw its installation and tonal refinement, where he has been House Organist since 1995.

Each year around the holidays,



Scott Smith

Auditorium Theatre
885 E. Main St

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

7:30 PM

(Doors open 45 min early)

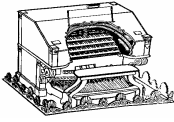
Scott entertains shoppers on the 2/6 Barton organ at the Mole Hole of Marshall, Michigan, where he has now played for 25 years. Smith is also a recording artist, with recordings produced at the Michigan Theatre (Lansing), The Mole Hole (Marshall) and Century II Convention Center (Wichita, KS).

Currently, another recording is in the works.

Beginning while still in his teens, Smith has become known as an author of numerous articles relating to the theatre organ, published both in the Journal of the American Theatre Organ Society, and the former Console magazine. One of his articles, initially written for the Journal when he was only eighteen, was selected for publication in the A.T.O.S. technical guide book, "Theatre Organ Shop Notes," first published in 1988. In 2002, Smith was awarded the Simonton Literary Award by the A.T.O.S. for his article, "The Butterfield Specials." He has also been published in The Diapason, The American Organist and the Journal of the American Institute of Organbuilders.

Scott has also lectured on a wide range of topics at conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society, the American Institute of Organbuilders, and to local chapters of the American Guild of Organists.

Currently, he is in the process of researching a book about the organ division of the famed W.W. Kimball Company, which produced quality pipe organs in the United States from 1896 to 1942.



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by Ken Veneron



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sider purchasing a gift member-
ship for a relative, friend or
neighbor. Remember, up to two
tickets purchased at a concert
may be turned in for full credit
towards a new 2015 membership
at the concert. Please help us
keep the music playing.



A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



President's Letter for April 2015

As I write this in late March, it is still snowing! - Enough already!!

Last month, we were looking forward to **Scott Smith** providing a great concert. You will recall that it snowed and snowed that weekend and Scott was stuck in Michigan. Had he tried to drive to Rochester, he might have encountered the multi vehicle crash near Erie, so we are relieved that we all agreed that he should not come. The good news is that we have rebooked him for April 22 at 7:30. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A **WEDNESDAY EVENING** concert.

In place of the Eastman Bunch concert, Dave Wickerham provided us with a spirited concert in March. The second half was almost 100% requests from the audience. We expect that the EB will return next season. This gives classical students a chance to learn the art of theater organ. RTOS provides Master Classes and practice time for these talented musicians.

We haven't had a bus trip for several years and I was wondering how many of you would sign up. I need not have concerned myself because, as of today, 45 have signed up to almost completely fill our 47 seat bus for our April 12 trip to Elmira to hear David Peckham in concert at the Clemens Center. .

In mid march, RBTL announced their upcoming season to an audience of about 1000 in the theater and everyone else through the media. Our own Tim Schramm provided a half hour of show tunes on the Wurlitzer before the official announcements were made. This was an excellent way to acquaint theater goers with our almost unknown musical gem. Thanks Tim.

As of the last concert, we have moved the ticket booth to a table near the refreshment stand. This should provide smooth access to those who are buying tickets. Our Membership and CD tables are remaining in their usual spots in the lobby.

Remember, invite your friends to come to hear what we are doing at RTOS. See you on **WEDNESDAY evening**, the 22nd.

Paul Law

LIBRARY NEWS
by Greg Spring

On behalf of the Ernest Klump Library, we wish to thank Gail Grierson and Gary and Lana Brumbaugh for the generous donation of approximately 60 LPs and 200 cassette tapes. These items are from the personal collection of Lana's parents, Jack and Gail Grierson. The collection is now being cataloged and will be available in the library soon.

ON THE MEND

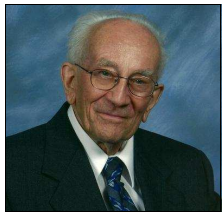


Our Treasurer and Membership Chairman Ken Veneron underwent rotator cuff surgery on March 16th at Noyes

Memorial Hospital in Dansville. As of this writing Ken is home and he reports that all went well. Please join us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.



**IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD P. BOYER
1915 - 2015**



We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of longtime RTOS member Richard P. (Dick) Boyer. Dick, with the assistance of

his son, faithfully attended RTOS concerts whenever possible and as recently as last December. In past years he was very active in many aspects of RTOS and was instrumental in the installation and maintenance of the audio system that was used in the Auditorium for many years. He also served on the Board for several terms as a Director. Below are excerpts from Richard's death notice published in the Rochester D&C.

West Irondequoit: Peacefully surrounded by his family, Monday, February 16, 2015 at age 99. He was born October 23, 1915 in Newton, MA. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Grace De-Groote Boyer. He is survived by his daughter, Carol (Franklin) Mueller; sons, Richard III (Virginia) Boyer, Bruce (Kathryn) Boyer, Bradley (Regina) Boyer; 9 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; dear friends. He is a graduate of the University of Maine in electrical engineering and has 17 U.S. patents to his credit. He was employed for 40 years at Stromberg-Carlson and 9 years at Kellogg Switchboard and Supply. Richard was a member of Greece United Methodist Church, RTOS and Stromberg-Carlson Retirees Group. A Memorial Service was held Monday, February 23rd at Greece United Methodist Church. Private Interment, White Haven Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to the Rochester Theater Organ Society or Greece United Methodist Church, 1924 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY 14626 in his memory.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MUSIC FILLED SUMMER VACATION? CHECK OUT THESE OPTIONS!

Summertime is the time for vacations and the opportunity to explore organs, organists and venues outside of the Rochester area. Conventions in late June and Early July provide excellent opportunities for interested individuals. While it is required that attendees be members of the sponsoring organizations, it is a small price to pay. (listed in date order):

Theatre Historical society (THS)

June 23 - 28, Richmond, VA

<http://www.historictheatres.org/>

The Theatre Historical Society of America (THS) celebrates and documents the architectural, cultural and social history of America's theatres. Through its preservation of the collections in the American Theatre Architecture Archive, its signature publication *Marquee*™ and Conclave Theatre Tour, THS increases awareness, appreciation and scholarly study of America's theatres. This year's Conclave will be held in and around Richmond VA. Headquartered at Richmond's Omni Hotel, Attendees will tour approximately 25 theatres (some with organs) during the week. The buildings visited range from large 'downtown' palaces to smaller neighborhood and small town theatres and performing arts centers and range from unrestored originals to highly restored gems.

Organ Historical Society (OHS)

June 28 - July 3, Springfield, MA

<http://www.organsociety.org/>

The Organ Historical Society celebrates, preserves and studies the pipe organ in America in all its historic styles, through research, education, advocacy, and music. Headquartered at the Marriott hotel in Springfield, MA the convention will hear concerts on 27 historic New England area pipe organs given by many of today's leading classical organists including rising star (and ESM professor) Nathan Laube.

American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS)

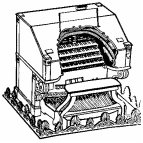
July 2 - July 7, Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.atos.org/>

ATOS is the parent organization that includes many chapters scattered around the world that are similar in size and mission to RTOS. This year's convention is a veritable tour de force of organs and artists. Included are concerts by Steven Ball on the world's largest pipe organ (Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City); Peter Conte on the world's second largest pipe organ, (Wanamaker organ at Macy's, Philadelphia); Jonas Nordwall at world famous Longwood Gardens; RTOS favorites David Peckham, Dave Wickerham, Hector Olivera, Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills, all playing the 66 rank Dickinson Kimball theatre pipe organ. Featured on six more organs are Ron Rhode, Mark Herman, Lance Luce, Dick Smith, Andrew Van Varick, Don Kinnier and John Barratta. Please note that this convention is filling up rapidly. Some events are limited attendance and the convention hotel (Doubletree, Philadelphia) is close to being sold out.

Be sure to visit us on the web frequently for the latest information about RTOS at: www.rtosonline.org or by using the barcode reader app on your tablet or smartphone to scan this QR symbol.





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RTOS EVENTS

Auditorium Theatre, 885 E. Main St.
All artists and dates subject to change

Scott Smith	WEDNESDAY	April 22	7:30PM
Scott Harrison		May 10	2:30PM
Ron Rhode		Jun 14	2:30PM

Rochester Museum & Science Center
Eisenhart Auditorium, East Ave. & Goodman St.
Open Console
Sundays from 11:00 AM to 4 PM

April 26	July 19	Oct 18
May 17	Aug 16	Nov 8
June 21	Sept 27	Dec 20

"Open Console" is when members are given a time slot to play one of the Society's theater pipe organs. Come to play, or enjoy the sound.

**Invite your friends and neighbors
to join RTOS today!!**

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

Riviera Theatre & Organ Preservation Society

Clark Wilson - Wed., April 8, 7:30 PM - \$10

Scott Harrison - Wed., May 6, 7:30 PM \$10

67 Webster St, N Tonawanda, NY. Box Office (716) 692-2413.

Info: www.rivieratheatre.org/organ.html

Empire State Theatre & Musical Instrument Museum

Scott Harrison - Sunday, May 17, 2:30 PM (\$15.00)

(3/11 Wurlitzer) 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse (315) 687-3580

<http://www.empiretheatre.org/index.htm>

Kingston Theatre Organ Society

Nathan Avakian - Friday, May 1, 7:30 PM - \$25, \$20, \$8

Kingston Korean Church 89 Kirkpatrick St., Kingston, ON, CA

Limited seating. Info/ticketing: <http://www.ktos.ca/index.html>

Toronto Theatre Organ Society

Clark Wilson w/Silent Film - Mon., April 13, 8:00 PM - \$20

Nathan Avakian - Mon., May 4, 8:00 PM - \$20

Concerts at: Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto ON, CA

Box Office (416) 492-6262 email: box-office@ttos.ca

Info/ticketing: <http://theatreorgans.com/toronto/>

Invite your friends to attend this month's concert by giving them one of the discount coupons below:

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at the *Auditorium Theatre*, 885 E. Main St, Rochester, NY
Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:30PM

Scott Smith

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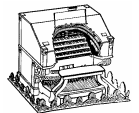
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