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*Merry
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Father Andrew At The Wurlitzer

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Our December Christmas concert has Fr. Andrew Rogers at the Senate Theater's Wurlitzer. A former Board member of DTOS, Fr. Andrew is no stranger to concerts here.

A resident of Fenton, Michigan, and the pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Dearborn, Fr. Andrew began his musical studies on the accordion at seven, winning local and national competitions playing transcriptions of classical orchestral music. He later appeared in the orchestra of Broadway productions at Michigan State University where he holds his degree, with honors, in Psychology.

During his religious studies, he studied theater organ techniques with the late Fr. James Miller, and then augmented his studies with Dr. Marilyn Mason at the University of Michigan while she was on sabbatical. He accompanied Fr. Jim on his second tour of Australia and Norfolk Island, appearing both in joint concerts and solo engagements. Also, scholarships from the University of Michigan enabled him to travel on two Historic Organ Tours led by Dr. Mason covering France, Italy, and Switzerland, playing 58 instruments and participating in ten public concerts.

Two years ago, he quit his 'day' job at a travel agency to focus more on music and scoring silent films, is on the staff of organists at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor and the Detroit Fox, and has performed twice for the Flint AGO chapter in addition to many chapters through the U.S. and Canada. To see just a partial list of performances, check out Fr. Andrew's website at rogersconcerts.com and click on Events.

In addition to his classical and pop concerts, it was in 2003 when Fr. Andrew was invited to play for a program for the Foundation For Global Harmony - Japan. The music so transported its founder, that he asked

Andrew to create two meditation CD's for the Foundation to sell as a fundraiser to help raise funds for orphanages, hospitals, vocational schools, etc. for children in SE Asia. Six trips to Japan included performing at the Foundation's Heart Expos in '04 and '07, and their 11/11/11 Festival. Fr. Andrew is a member of the Foundation's Global Harmony Band, 'Monks Beyond Religion', and is a volunteer for the Foundation For Global Harmony - USA.

Come listen to some of your favorite Christmas carols at the Senate. As a little bonus for those attending, intermission will be extended a bit so that everyone can enjoy the Christmas Goodies Buffet featuring several varieties of cookies and more!



Holiday Party Returns to Fisher Mansion

Sunday, January 6, 2013 Doors at 3:00p.m. Dinner at 5:30p.m.



It's still the holidays at the Former Charles T. Fisher Mansion! Come finish out the Holiday Season with friends in Detroit's Boston Edison District!

After all the hustle and bustle of the holidays has past, there is still one more event to finish out the season. Please come and join the Detroit Theater Organ Society and the Motor City Theatre Organ Soci-

ety at the 17,000 foot Tudor Style mansion for one more celebration. Come on by, now that your calendar is cleared and you (in theory) are rested and recovered from the deluge of the season!

Michael J. Fisher, member of both these great organizations invites you to his home to eat drink and be merry! Party starts at 3:00 p.m. with appetizers and

dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Guests are requested to R.S.V.P. to either Connie Masserant at (734) 652-6004 or Carl Kiehler at (313) 283-0225. It is requested that you ask them which we may need; an Hors D'oeuvre, dessert or beverage. If you would like to bring a bottle of your favorite spirit to share, that is welcomed. Our host will provide a delicious buffet

style dinner.

Holiday festive attire is requested.

This has become a "tradition" that the host, yours truly, looks forward to hosting for all the friends and supporters of these two great Detroit organizations and hopes to see you at the Mansion!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Michael J. Fisher



Cookie Time

Connie Masserant,
President, DTOS Board of Directors

It's that "Cookie" time of year. This is just a reminder that at our December concert we always look forward to a large display of your special homemade cookies to

share along with free coffee during our intermission. So get your aprons on, dust off those pans, and whip up a batch of your favorite cookies to share with everyone.

Member Update

Don Jenks is in rehab at Medilodge, 1333 West Grand River Ave. Howell, Mi 48843.

Les Hamilton had a hip replacement and is doing well. He should be coming home soon but would certainly enjoy any cards,

letters, etc if you would care to send them. His address is 4199 Bluebird Dr. Commerce Twp., MI 48382.

T.J. Casterson, who runs our lights for concerts, was involved in an accident and is recovering. We wish everyone a speedy recovery!

Excerpts from Past Newsletters

Provided by Gil Francis, DTOS Board of Directors

Vol. #12, Sep 18, 1963.

Workers needed! If the Senate Theater grand opening concert is to be held on its currently scheduled night, additional volunteer workers, skilled and unskilled, at almost anything, will be needed at all future work sessions. Here are some of the jobs:

Seats cleaning
painting installing.

Auditorium floor
patching sealing.

General paint clean
trim decorations.

Metal cutting fit-
ting soldering.

Electrical wiring
installation.

Plumbing repair
install fixtures.

Work sessions are held every Wednesday evening and all day Saturday. Come in work clothes, a job will quickly be found for you to do.

Vol. #13, Nov 14, 1963.

Almost a year ago, at a public auction conducted by the State of Michigan, your Club's bid for the Senate Theater was accepted, and we became property owners.

While the building didn't look like much of a bargain at that time, some of us were convinced that it could be developed into the finest private theater organ facility in the country.

Thanks to your financial support, and the hard work performed by some of you, we're moving closer to that goal.

Vol. 14, Feb 21, 1964

This is the night we've all been waiting for....the first performance of the 4/34 Fisher/Orbits Wurlitzer in its new home at the Club-owned Senate Theater on March 14!

And to show off this magnificent instrument to Club members and invited guests will be that master of the theater Pipe organ, and a favorite of past Club audiences, John Muri.

The program will include some authentic old-time silent movie music played as only Mr. Muri can play it. The evening promises to be memorable and thrilling for all of us.

Much remains to be done to get things in top shape for the preview concert. Everyone who can lend a hand between now and March 14 is urged to do so.

Regular work sessions are now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and all day Saturday.

Put on your old clothes....there's a job for you!

Vol. #21, August 14, 1965.

As you probably all know, we at the Detroit Theater Organ Club have the finest installation of its kind in the world, and we should never cease to be aware of what a wonderful opportunity it is to be a member. Being the unique club that we are, we should have the most informative newsletter possible.

This is our paper, by us, for us, and about us.

This newsletter concerns our club, our monthly concert notices and our general membership meetings.

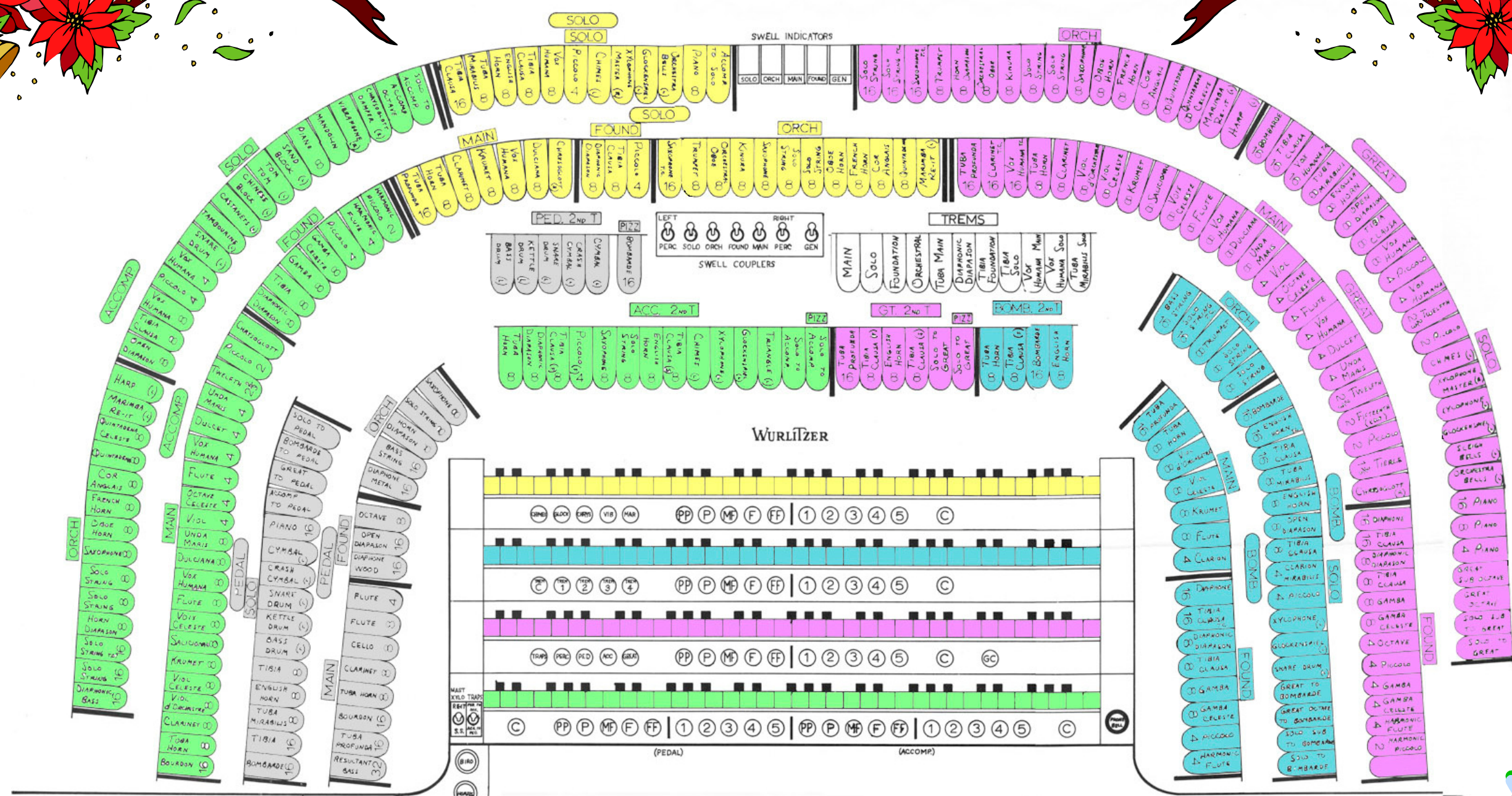
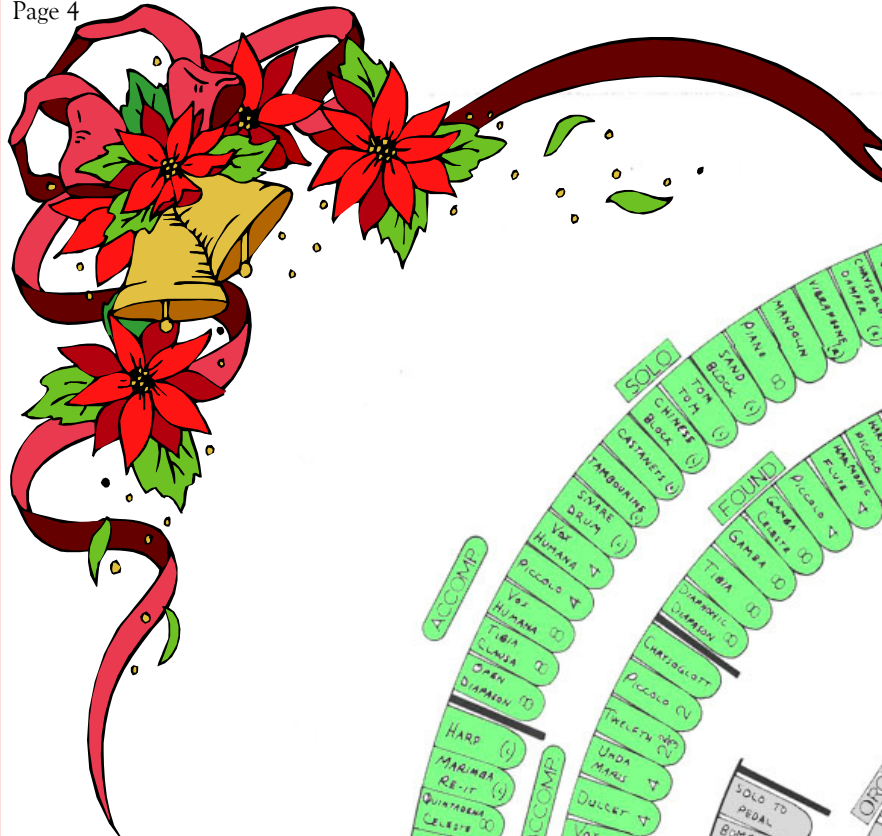
We will include many items of interest from other clubs and groups, whatever we believe will be of interest to our members.

Please help by sending information.

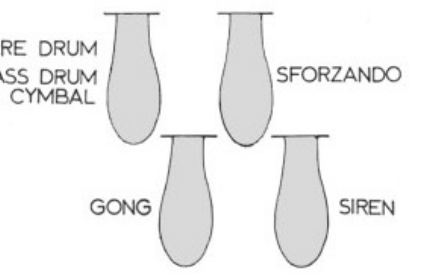
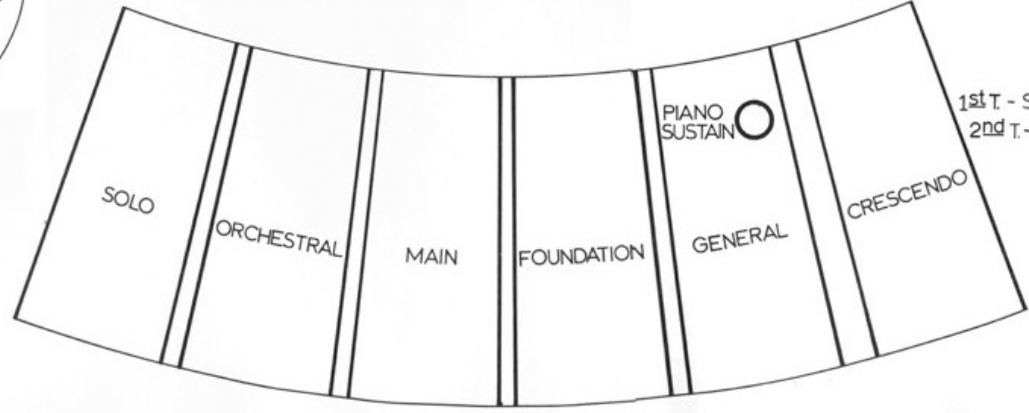


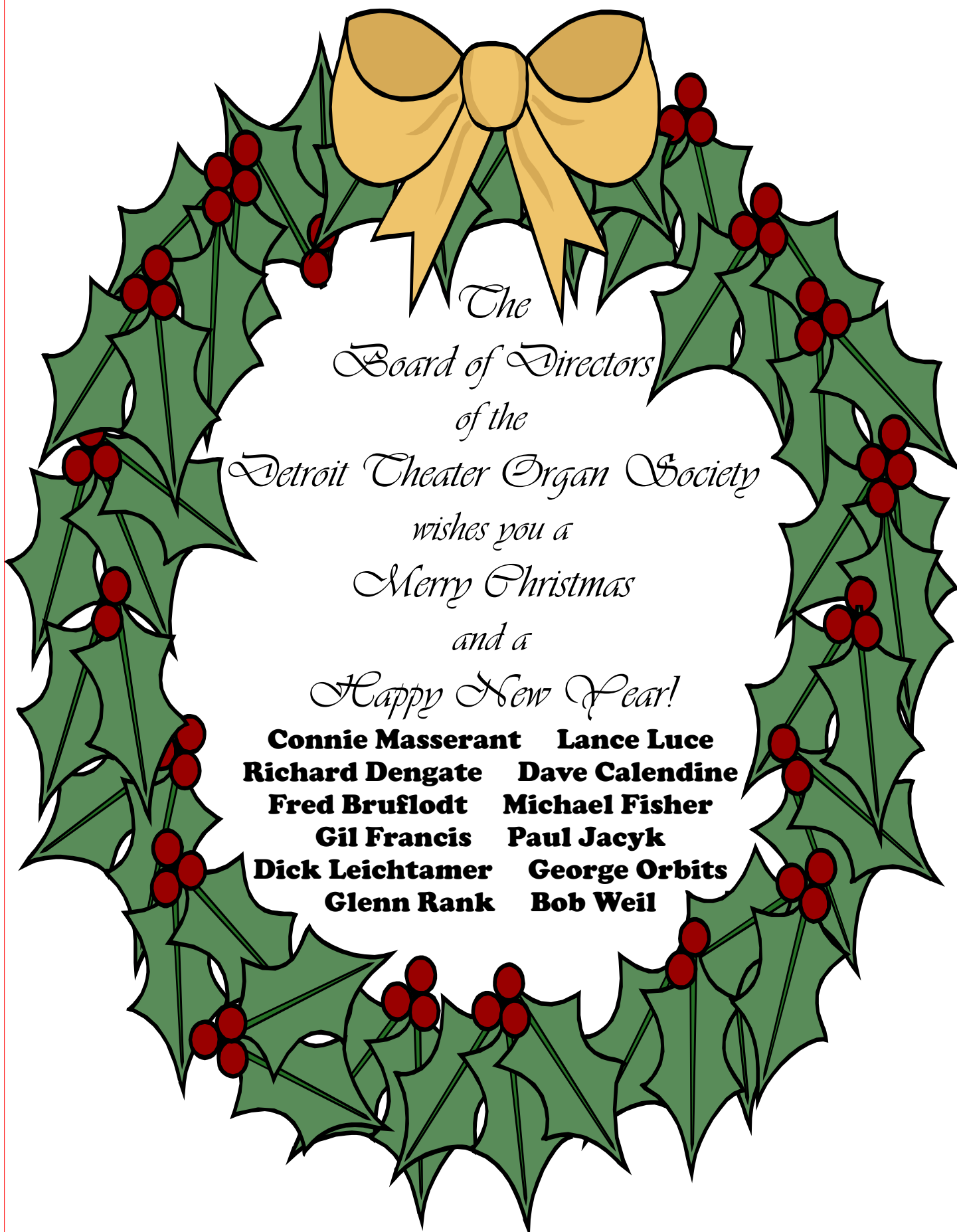
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Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ
 Opus 1953 (1928)
 4 Manuals - 34 Ranks
 Detroit Theatre Organ Club
 drawing - Barry M. Rindhage
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*The
Board of Directors
of the
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wishes you a
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and a
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From the President's Desk

Connie Masserant,
President, DTOS Board of Directors

'Tis the Season for giving and the season for giving thanks. Thankful that we not only have kept the doors open for another year, but we have continued to make great strides forward. Improvements and updating are on-going. Membership has steadily been growing. And, we have gradually added minimal income with our rental events. Overall, it has been a great year for which to be thankful.

We are building momentum and must continue to do so if we are to provide a future here for the present and upcoming gener-

ations. We hope to plan more events for fundraising in which we will need everyone's support. The big items on the table as I mentioned last month are the building of the downstairs restrooms, the restoration of our Marquee, and the updating of our electrical closet.

I am thankful (and proud to say) that we have had donations coming in along with the membership dues. On behalf of the Board and myself, we would like to Thank those of you who have reached into your pockets and have given. This not only confirms your

support to the Board and Society but allows the Board to follow through with plans of making our theater a better place for you and others to visit.

Last month I had given you some "quotes" as to what it would take to restore our sign and update our electrical closet, \$20,267.00 was the sign quote and \$1750 was the electrical quote. I also stated what it would take with roughly \$22,000 due. We have a little over 100 members. I am proud to say, we have gotten several checks. One member paid his

1/100th of \$220. For all of you we say Thank you.

As of today, we have \$805 in donations. I sure would like to see us reach the \$1750 mark so that we can begin the electrical, which is the first stage in getting our sign work started. If you haven't already, please give what you can.

To end, I would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thankful for the opportunity to serve you.
Connie Masserant, President



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE REDFORD THEATRE

November 30-December 1—A Christmas Story

December 8—Christmas Concert with Lance Luce & Friends—8:00p.m.

December 14-15—White Christmas

December 16—The American Liberty Singers present

“A ‘New’ Old-Fashioned Christmas—3:00p.m.

January 4-5—Strangers on a Train

January 18-19—Gentlemen Prefer Blones

January 26—Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre—3:00p.m.

February 8-9—Pillow Talk

All of these great films are shown Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m.
as well as Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Organ overtures start thirty minutes prior to each show time.

Sit back and enjoy the movies under the Redford's star-lit sky!

Visit the Redford Theatre on the web at www.redfordtheatre.com



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Remaining 2012 Concert
December 2—Fr. Andrew Rogers

2013 Concert Series
March 17—Simon Gledhill
April 21—Tony Thomas
May 12—Martin Ellis
June 23—Mark Herman
September 22—Justin Stahl
October 20—Scott Smith
November 17—Clark Wilson
December 8—Joel Gary



photo: Lance Luce

All concerts are held at the Senate Theater.
Doors open at 2:00 p.m., Concerts at 3:00 p.m.



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