



The Senate Theatre

January 2008

Michigan at Livernois, Detroit, Michigan

We're on a hiatus until March, but work continues

It's that time of year when we take a break from the busy concert schedule to get our house in order and not worry about the inclement winter weather that, like clockwork, is always destined to strike just before a concert.

So, for January and February, the theatre will be "dark" with no scheduled shows. Our next program will be on March 16, when we present Ron Reeseigh. Think spring and warm weather for our first concert of 2008. Check page two of the newsletter for a complete 2008 concert schedule.

But all is not quiet around the Senate

during our two month hiatus. There is a lot of activity during this "down-time."

The focus is generally on larger projects. Our organ technicians use this time to complete larger repairs to the instrument, and volunteers use this time to make major repairs to the building.

Already the maintenance crews are busy at work. One building repair done in January was the replacement of the drain pipe under the floor in the women's upstairs restroom. If you noticed the dripping of water near the coat rack downstairs, the pipe was the problem. We temporarily put a pan under

the leak to catch the water until the repairs could be made. A new toilet was also installed in the women's restroom.

Some painting is also planned for the women's lounge as well, and the board will take a look around the building to determine if other projects are needed and if they can be completed before the first show.

Of course, our work crews can *always* use an extra pair of hands. If you have some free time and would like to pitch-in with any of the projects, please call Chris Dengate at (248) 399-3044 or e-mail him at dengates@aol.com.

Dues are (past) due

The first – or if you prefer, the full payment of the annual membership dues was due on December 1, 2007.

If you have not made your payment, would you please send it right away? We need your support, and prompt payment helps our cash flow.

A reminder will be sent to those who might have forgotten, but you can save us the postage by sending your check today. Keep the music playing!

Board members needed; Are you willing to serve?

There will be several vacancies on the Board of Directors later this year. Our board consists of all volunteers, and members serve without compensation. However, board members have a voice in the operation of the theatre/club and in the selection of future artists.

Without an active board, there is no organization.

If you would like to run for the board or have questions, please contact any

current board member or Chris Dengate.

Board meetings are held monthly, and this is the primary obligation for board service – to attend these meetings.

We are looking for fresh ideas to promote the club, the theatre, and our concerts. You are more than welcome to nominate yourself or nominate another individual, only please do it with his or her permission. Become involved. This is an excellent way to serve DTOS.

There is still time to nominate those who serve us

The Board of Directors is still accepting nominations for those individuals who have served DTOS and who deserve extra special recognition.

Nominations for both the *Distinguished Service Award* and the *Honorary Membership Award* can still be submitted for consideration. These two prestigious categories single out individuals who have contributed to the success and longevity of DTOS.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has dem-

onstrated consistent commitment and dedication to the Society over an extended period of time, recognizing a commitment of time, effort, and resources. Any playing or associate member is eligible for nomination.

The Honorary Membership Award is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated consistent commitment and dedication to the enhancement and enjoyment of the theatre pipe organ over an extended time period. Any person – member or non-member – is eligible for

this honor.

Nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the board no later than February 26, 2008. At its March regular meeting, the board will vote on the candidates presented; a two-thirds majority vote is required for approval.

Put on your thinking caps, and reward someone for his or her service to the Society.

Remember the absolute deadline is February 26. Get your nominations in today.

The Reservoir is on-line

Lance Luce, our webmaster, has uploaded PDF files of the most recent newsletters to our website.

If you misplaced or discarded an issue and then wanted to refer to an article, no problem. You can go to our site, www.dtos.org, and download any one of the past newsletters as a PDF file.

These files will open with virtually any version of Adobe® Acrobat Reader, and they are compatible with both PC and Macintosh platforms.

“It has been our goal for a long time to make the newsletter available in an electronic format,” Lance explained. “Once the newsletter is completed, Bill Coine, the editor, sends me a PDF file of the document, and I then post it on our site.”

Tom Hazelton recordings

How would you like to have exclusive recordings of the late Tom Hazelton’s concerts on the Senate Wurlitzer for your very own?

Chris Dengate is currently negotiating with Tom Hazelton’s estate and family to release the 10 concerts that he performed at the Senate over the years.

The first recording should be available for purchase early this spring with more to follow later in the year.

Eventually, the CD recordings will be available on line and at the Senate recording counter in the lobby.

These releases will be limited editions with only 150 copies sold to the general public.

Songs on the first recording include: *McNamara’s Band*, *Wedgewood Blues*, *Sweet and Lowdown*, *Moon River*, and many more in the “Hazelton style.”

Tom was born September 27, 1942, and passed away on March 13, 2006, in Oceanside, California. In his lifetime, he recorded over 60 LPs, cassettes, and compact discs, excluding the new Senate releases.

“This is a great opportunity for DTOS to market these special recordings,” noted Chris. “It will help promote the Senate on a national scale.”

To be sure you get one of these rare recordings, you can *pre-order* your copy at the recording counter on your next visit to the theatre.

Progress at SouthWest

Our friends at SouthWest Housing Solutions have advised that they are near completion of the apartment complex on Michigan Avenue just west of the Senate. They plan to start taking applications for both the commercial space and the upstairs apartments later this month.

SouthWest has been using our property on Michigan Avenue for construction material staging and storage for the project. Very soon, we will have new neighbors and a most welcome addition to the neighborhood.

They have also purchased property to the north of the apartments. The house on that lot has been razed, and it is believed that this area will be used for parking by the new residents and guests of the complex.

Senate acquires a defibrillator

If a member or a guest ever suffers a heart problem at a concert, the Senate will be in a position to possibly provide some immediate life-saving assistance before emergency personnel arrive.

The Board approved the funds to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) that will be kept in the house/lobby area.

These devices are becoming more and more common in public places such as airports, churches, malls, department stores, theatres, and offices.

The device is used to “shock” an individual’s heart that suffers from the sudden onset of cardiac arrest back into

2008 ATOS convention

The 2008 ATOS convention is virtually in our back yard this year. Well, at least it’s *relatively* close – it’s in Indianapolis.

The convention runs from July 4 to July 8, 2008, with an Encore Day in Cincinnati on July 9.

Artists slated for the convention include some perennial DTOS favorites: Simon Gledhill, Jim Riggs, Richard Hills, Ken Double, Clark Wilson, Walt Strony, Jelani Eddington, Bill Tandy, Tri Con Brio, and Scott Foppiano.

The Cincinnati trip will feature Jelani Eddington on the 4/36 Wurlitzer in the home of Ron Wehmeier.

If you wish to attend or want more information, log on to the ATOS website: www.atos.org.

normal rhythm.

This unit features a special alarmed case. When the door is opened and the unit is removed, an audible alarm sounds, and the alarm company receives a signal alerting them to a medical problem. The alarm company calls the theatre first to confirm an emergency situation and then summons help.

The AEDs are very safe, and they are almost totally automatic. The sensors check the patient first to determine if a shock is necessary before activating the system. Hopefully, we will never have to use it, but it’s comforting to know that it is available.

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Mark your calendars for 2008

Clip this handy reminder of the 2008 Concert Season until an official handbill is printed and distributed.

January	No Concert
February	No Concert
March 16	Ron Reseigh
April 20	Ken Double
May 18	Mark Herman
June 8	Jonas Nordwall
July	Members’ Concert
August	DTOS Activity
September 21	Rich Lewis
October 19	Trent Simms
November 16	Paul Roberts
December 7	Dave Calendine Duo

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