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Cletus Goens Opens 2015 Season

Sunday, March 15, 2015
Doors 2:00 p.m. Concert 3:00 p.m.

The Detroit Theater Organ Society is pleased to start the 2015 concert season with Cletus Goens. Cletus will be performing his first concert for DTOS at the Senate on Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Cletus Goens is no stranger to the theatre pipe organ. He has been playing the organ for most of his life. His parents started his love of music by enrolling him in piano lessons at an early age in his hometown of Marion, Indiana. At the age of fourteen, he was taken to The Paramount Music Palace in Indianapolis. He was bitten by the theatre organ big listening to the organist play the Mighty Wurlitzer installed there. Two years later, he was at the bench of the organ at the Paramount Theatre in Anderson, Indiana, playing for intermissions. His interest in the organ continued throughout his high school years, and he was booked to play the Hammond organ and piano at several Midwestern

restaurants and lounges. His interest in the theater organ continued, and he was a fill-in organist at the Cardinal Music Palace of Fort Wayne and Pipe Dreams Pizza in Kokomo.

Returning to Marion, he provided piano and vocal entertainment at a country club, holding that position for twelve years. During this time, he was also organist and music director for the television series, "Your Healthy Home" and was also organist, choir director, and Minister of Music as well.

Moving to Fort Wayne in 1988, he held the post of organist for the Fort Wayne Wizards minor-league baseball



team for three seasons. Currently, Cletus is house organist at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne, playing organ music on the Grande Page Organ installed there. For his "day job," Cletus is the Piano Specialist for Sweetwater Sound, the world's third-largest music retailer.

Come warm up to the sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ at the Senate Theatre as Cletus Goens makes his premiere at the Senate. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., and the concert starts at 3:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at the Senate!

Jim Casterson

October 8, 1932–January 15, 2015

It is my sad duty to report on the passing of Jim Casterson, a long-time supporter of the Detroit Theater Organ Society. Jim passed away peacefully on January 15, 2015, at the age of 82.

Jim was an active member of the Detroit Theater Organ Society for several years, and had served as co-building manager of the Senate Theater with

Bob Weil. Jim and his late wife, Wendie Ann, would often come to the theatre from their home in Windsor, Ontario, to work on maintenance items and help clean the theater between shows.

Jim often brought his son, TJ, to all of the concerts. TJ can still be seen at many concerts helping the organ crew, as well as getting the theater ready

to open, and working the lights for the concerts.

We send our condolences to the family of Jim Casterson, his daughter Susan Pranschke, son TJ, and brother Robert. He will be missed.



Fisher Building Tour

Paul Jacyk

DTOS Board of Directors

Join us for a free Pure Detroit Fisher Building Tour Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 pm. A fun time for DTOS members and Friends of the Senate to gather for an afternoon to experience the amazing building where our Wurlitzer came from. The theater is not part of the tour, but the rest of the building is.

Pure Detroit Fisher Building tours are completely free and open to the public of all ages.

Photography is encouraged. Learn intimate details as well as see firsthand the exquisite design and ornamentation of the interior arcade including one-of-a-kind mosaics, painted ceilings, Art Deco chandeliers and the finest craftsmanship in stone, brass and bronze. The tour will feature an extensive history of the building as well as a trip to the nineteenth floor for excellent photo opportunities. The tour begins

at the Pure Detroit shop at the north entrance of the building (Second & Lothrop), where plenty of metered parking and paid secured parking (Tony's Lot – \$5) is available.

The address is 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48202.

Please note: Many of the street parking meters are currently not working properly. The best parking is Tony's Parking Lot directly across

from the north Fisher building entrance on Lothrop near 2nd. Additional parking, with a much longer walk, is located in the "Fisher parking lot". Entrance off of 3rd St between W Grand Blvd. and Lothrop Rd.

For more information on the tour, you can visit www.puredetroit.com.

Visit our friends at the Redford Theatre for their classic film series.

March 20 & 21—Three Stooges Festival

March 28—SILENT MOVIE! Pandora's Box accompanied live by John Lauter

April 3 & 4—Singin' in the Rain

April 17, 18 & 19—Gone with the Wind

May 1 & 2—Harold and Maude

May 29 & 30—Titanic

June 7—SILENT MOVIE! Wings accompanied live by Stephen Warner

Full schedule of events, including times and prices, can be found on the web site

WWW.REDFORDTHEATRE.COM

Hector Olivera at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian

Sunday, March 22
4:30 p.m.

Editor's Note: The following information on this great upcoming concert was submitted by DTOS member Stephen Warner, Music Director and resident organist at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

On March 22nd at 4:30pm, we will have the opportunity to hear a world-class artist play Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church's 1925 Skinner organ in Concert! I first encountered Hector Olivera when I was ten years old at a pops concert at Kresge Auditorium at Interlochen. He performed on his Yamaha DX-7 in the outdoor space for a crowd of several thousand, playing a huge variety of music, including the 1812 Overture! I also grew up listening to a tape we had made of "Pipedreams" program featuring a concert he made here in Detroit at the Fox Theater. (I'm sure there were many DTOS members present.) He has created a presence in the United States as a marvelously varied concert artist performing equally

well on "Classical" as well as "Theater" instruments. What struck me later in life was how unique and individualistic his "voice" on the theater organ really was. Most recently, he performed on his touring Rogers Organ and Roland Atelier Organ at the Redford Theater. This performance proved that he can enrapture people who aren't even really interested in organ music! His biography gives testament to the marvelous and unique career he has had in performance:

"Since entering the Buenos Aires Conservatory as a child prodigy at age six, Maestro Hector Olivera has become one of the most sought after and revered international concert organists of the present time. 'The Times Reporter', describes an evening with Mr. Olivera as:

'An event, a happening, a joyful celebration of the sheer power and pressure that a true virtuoso like Hector Olivera can unleash in a concert hall.'

Born in Buenos Aires, Mr.

Olivera began playing the pipe organ when he was three. At age five he played for the legendary Eva Perón; at twelve he entered the University of Buenos Aires and by eighteen had performed for heads of state and celebrities throughout Latin America. When offered a scholarship at the renowned Juilliard School of Music in New York, he moved to the United States. Three years later, Mr. Olivera's outstanding professional concert career was launched when he won the AGO's National Improvisation Contest.

Mr. Olivera has performed solo concerts throughout the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and Latin America and as guest soloist with prominent symphony orchestras worldwide. Whether in a prestigious venue like Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Constitution Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, or in conjunction with a celebrated event like the Olym-



pic games or the Classical Newport Music Festival, the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is 'one of the greatest organists in the world today.'

I hope you will come (and bring a friend) to hear this fine artist render a powerful performance on March 22nd. Jefferson Avenue is located at 8625 E. Jefferson Avenue, at Burns. Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken. Guarded parking will be provided.

-Stephen Warner

Upcoming Movies at the Senate Theatre

March 27—Mommie Dearest

April 25—Oliver!

May 30—SILENT MOVIE! Buster Keaton's "Three Ages"
accompanied live by John Lauter at the Mighty Wurlitzer theater pipe organ

June 13—Laurel and Hardy Festival—six Laurel and Hardy shorts,
three "talkies" and three "silents"

accompanied live by Lance Luce at the Mighty Wurlitzer theater pipe organ

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2015 Concert Series

March 15—Cletus Goens

April 19—Walt Strony

May 17—David Rhodes

June 28—Ron Rhode

September 20—Bill Tandy

October 18—Ken Double

November 15—Nathan Avakian

December 6—John Lauter



photo: Lance Luce