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## Scott Smith In Concert

Sunday, October 20, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

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Our October organ concert brings Scott Smith back to the organ bench at the Senate Theater.

Scott Smith is a native and life-long resident of Lansing, Michigan, where he studied both theatre and classical organ during his formative years. Beginning as a teenager, Scott performed regularly on the Barton organ at the Michigan Theatre in downtown Lansing as its last House Organist, from 1972 until the theatre's closing in 1980. When the organ's new home was secured at the Grand Ledge Opera House, Scott was responsible for the organ's redesign and oversaw its installation and tonal refinement. He has been House Organist there since 1995. Scott was one of the original incorporators of Lansing Theatre Organ in 1980 and has served as the organization's president since inception.

Throughout the years, Smith has performed concerts and accompanied silent films across the country. This concert marks his 11th concert for DTOS since first performing there in 1976 at age twenty-one. Each year around the holidays, Smith entertains shoppers on the Barton organ at the Mole Hole of Marshall, Michigan, where the 2013 Christmas season will mark his 25th consecutive year.

Smith is also a recording artist, with recordings produced at the Michigan Theatre (Lansing), The Mole Hole (Marshall) and Century II Convention Center (Wichita, Kansas). Another recording is currently in the works.

Scott has worked extensively in the field of pipe organ maintenance and restoration since high school, beginning when he joined the volunteer crew that restored and maintained the Barton organ in downtown Lansing's Michigan Theatre. Today, 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. His company has restored much of the DTOS Wurlitzer in recent years in collaboration with Holden

Pipe Organs of Ferndale.

Over the years, Smith has served DTOS in many capacities, including a stint on the Board of Directors several years ago. Today he is active as a member of both the Organ Trustee Committee and the Organ Committee, the latter of which faithfully tunes and maintains the Wurlitzer in the Senate Theatre. His name may be found amongst those of Honorary Member.

Beginning while still in his teens, Smith has become well known as an author of numerous articles relating to the pipe organ, published both in the Journal of the American Theatre Organ Society, and the former Console magazine. One of his earliest articles, written when he was only eighteen, was selected for publication in the ATOS technical guide book, "Theatre Organ Shop Notes," first pub-



## Scott Smith ... continued from front page

lished in 1988 and still in print today. In 2002, Smith was awarded the Simonton Literary Award by the ATOS for his article, "The Butterfield Specials." Currently, he is in the process of research-

ing 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.

Smith has lectured and/

or performed for numerous conventions of the American Institute of Organbuilders, Organ Historical Society and the American Theatre Organ Society. In July, 2014, he will perform at the national

convention of the ATOS in Indianapolis.

Join us on October 20 at the Senate Theater. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., with the concert starting at 3:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Members

### Lance Luce, Membership Chairman

We would like to welcome three new members this month to the Detroit Theater Organ Society. William Coale has become a playing member. Though Bill is currently residing in California,

he hails from Michigan originally. Pauline Paverbach has become an associate member and resides in Wyandotte. We look forward to seeing Bill and Pauline at the theatre in the near future. Our third

membership this month came from the Southwest Detroit Business Association. Likewise, we became a member of their organization which promotes businesses in our area. We hope that this can be a

mutually beneficial partnership for both of our organizations. Our membership is growing, and you can help by telling a friend about the wonderful things that are happening at the Senate!

## Nosferatu

Friday, October 11 8:00 p.m.

The Senate Theatre presents the silent film epic, "Nosferatu" on Friday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m.

The silent film will be

accompanied by organist Stephen Warner on the Senate's Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ.

"Nosferatu," the silent film based upon the story of "Dracula," stars Max Schreck, Greta Schroder, and Ruth Landshoff. The film was originally released in Germany in 1922. It's U.S.

debut was in 1929.

Doors to the Senate Theatre will open at 7:00 p.m. with the feature presentation

starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for this special event are only \$10.00.



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## Movie Series Continues at the Senate

Dave Calendine, DTOS Board of Directors

With the Senate Theater's movie screen in place, we are pleased to present our movie series through the end of the year.

October 25 and 26 at 8:00 p.m. each night the movie "Ghostbusters" will be presented.

November 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. we will show Michael J. Fox in "Back to

the Future."

November 23 & 23 at 8:00 p.m. both nights is James Bond in "From Russia With Love."

Each of the movie presentations are \$5.00.

A special free presentation of two classic Christmas movies will be shown on Saturday, December 14. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m.

with Christmas music following shortly on the Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ. Have your picture taken with Santa Claus in the lobby of the Senate! Starting at 2:00 p.m. we will present "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" followed by "Frosty the Snowman." This special event is free to everyone, so make plans to be at

the Senate for this special event!

We will soon be selecting movies for next year. Do you have any favorites that you would like to see on the Senate's new big screen? Contact Michael Fisher (information on the front page) and let him know!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE REDFORD THEATRE

October 11 & 12—Three Stooges Festival

October 18 11:00 p.m. ONLY—The Shining

October 19 8:00 p.m. ONLY—He Who Gets Slapped  
Silent film accompanied by John Lauter

October 25 & 26—Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho

November 8 & 9—Mister Roberts

November 16 2:00p.m. & 8:00p.m.—Classic Animation Festival

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](http://www.redfordtheatre.com)



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### **2013 Organ Concert Series**

October 20—Scott Smith

November 17—Clark Wilson

December 8—Joel Gary

All concerts are held at the  
Senate Theater.

Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

Concerts start at 3:00 p.m.

Visit the Detroit Theater Organ Society  
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events happening at the Senate Theater!

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