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Christmas*

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Mark Herman and Anthony Snitker

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We end the year with a wonderful Christmas concert with Mark Herman at the Mighty Wurlitzer. Joining Mark will be singer Anthony Snitker.

Born in 1987, Mark Herman is one of America's busiest young theatre organists, performing over 30 concerts and silent film presentations each year across the US and abroad. In 2012, he was named the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor. Previously, he was overall winner of the Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2004.

He studied theatre organ with the late John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who was recognized worldwide for his skills teaching the art of the theatre organ. His classical piano studies were with Christine Freeman of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts/Management from DePaul University in Chicago.

Mark has been featured on several episodes of American Public Media's Pipedreams program, and has performed for countless conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society, American Guild of Organists, and Organ Historical Society. On the international stage, he has

toured in Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

He currently resides in Los Angeles, where he is President and Tonal Director of the Los Angeles Organ Company, the Allen Organ dealer for the Greater Los Angeles Area. He is in demand as a voicing specialist and tonal consultant for Allen Organs and is proud to be an Allen Artist, showcasing new Allen Organs in the US and beyond.

A native of the small river town of McGregor, Iowa, Anthony now resides in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Columbia College Chicago in 2010 with a BFA in Musical Theatre. Anthony has appeared in many shows and is active performer in the Indianapolis theatre scene. Some of his favorite past roles include Claude in Hair, Melchior in Spring Awakening, Huck Finn in Big River, Jack in Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods, Man 2 in Songs for a New World, and Hero in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Besides singing and acting, Anthony is also a dancer. His experience ranges in many styles of dance including tap, swing, jazz, ballet, modern, and contact improvisation. He has performed extensively with Mark Herman for audi-



ences across the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

The doors to the Senate will open at 2:00 p.m., with the concert starting at 3:00 p.m. Our intermission will be extended as we bring back the ever-popular Christmas Cookie desserts for intermission.

We look forward to a fun afternoon at the Senate, and hope to see you there!

Christmas Concert Refreshments

All members that are attending the Christmas Concert on December 3 are asked to bring goodies for the party at intermission. We would

like to have cookies, brownies and other fancy baked goods (finger foods only, please!). You may also bring foods such as cheese and veggies for our

friends and guests that can't have the sweet items. The coffee, Christmas punch (non-alcoholic) and water are free that day. We will not have

popcorn. The intermission will be extended so that there will be plenty of time to eat and renew friendships. We hope to see you there.

Live Theatre at the Senate

Kevin Werner, DTOS Secretary

We were all pleased to welcome the cast and crew from the show "13", a musical, to the Senate Theater on September 28th. What a great event put on by the young people from the "Thistle Rose Academy of Arts". Thanks to member John Lauter and wife Amy Lauter who brought talented young people to our theater. It was great to see such talent on our stage. Singing, acting and some dancing were enhanced by some wonderful lighting and set design. Member John Lauter wowed the crowd with some pre-

show music on our wonderful Wurlitzer as well.



Deck the Senate with Christmas Cheer

Kevin Werner, DTOS Secretary

'Tis the season to be jolly, giving, and thankful. The December concert promises to be a special concert indeed with the return of one of our favorites Mark Herman and the first appearance of vocalist Anthony Snitker. We would like to

really show off our holiday spirit and our beautiful Theater decked out with decorations for the holiday season.

We will be hosting a holiday decorating party at the theater on November 25th at 2pm.

There will be my famous

homemade doughnuts and pastries that I will buy at a great secret bakery that I know of, and beverages too.

Please plan on attending and enjoy the holiday spirit with us. There will be some holiday music playing over the sound system and who

knows, maybe someone will fire up the Wurlitzer too.

We at the Detroit Theater Organ Society—Senate Theater are indeed thankful for all the hard work provided by our dedicated volunteers. See you at the Senate.



A s Good As New Again

Kevin Werner, DTOS Secretary

It's been a busy time down at our old Senate Theater the last few months. The building was built in 1926 by architect Christian W. Brandt, and it has started to show its age, but fear not. As Peter Allen wrote, "Everything old is new again". Well not really, just the east side exterior of the building.

As many of you know there has been a moisture problem for many years rearing its ugly head on the east auditorium wall. After a lot of

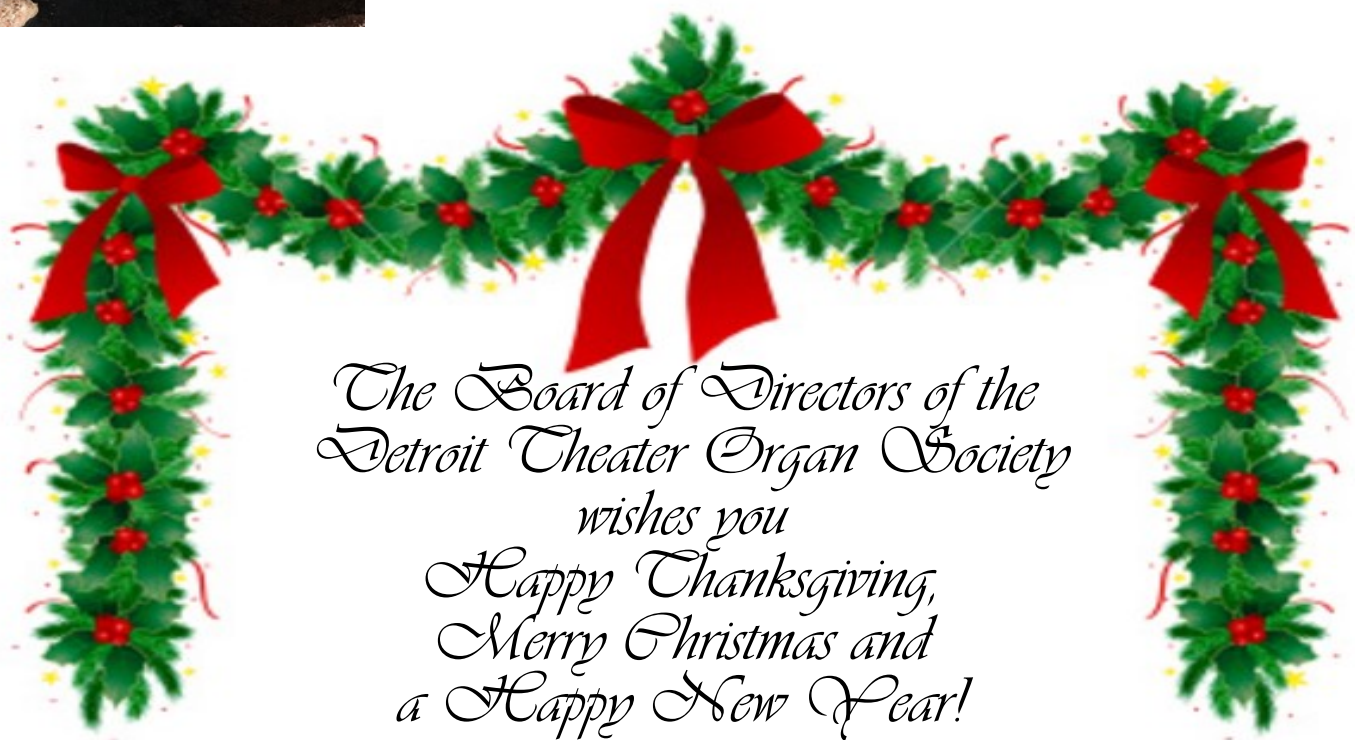
investigation, research, and trial and error, it was determined that the problem lied with the foundation and masonry below grade. What was happening was that every time it rained, water was seeping in through the wall and into the tunnel that runs the length of the Theater along the east wall. Thanks to the efforts of member Chris Dengate, a firm was hired to excavate several feet down and explore as to what exactly was going on. As a result, it was found that the

foundation to the Theater was in exceptional condition, however the masonry that goes a few feet below grade was in serious need of help. Water was literally rushing in.

The company that was hired recommended tarring the entire area, placing a membrane, and then a protective foam to protect the membrane. In addition, it was recommended that a new edge drain be installed that runs the length of the building

from door to door.

All this work was completed and now the water has been forbidden from entering the Theater. This was a necessary and rather expensive project so if you would like to help us pay for it please consider making a donation. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you for your support. The next step will be repairing the plaster wall. Stay tuned.



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 wishes you
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 Merry Christmas and
 a Happy New Year!*



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December 3—Mark Herman and Anthony Snitker

December 9—March of the Wooden Soldiers

December 10—Muppet Christmas Carol

December 23—Scrooge



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