

# What's New?

## Scott Smith in concert, Sep 15th!



Henry Mancini was an American composer, conductor and musical arranger, best remembered for his film and television scores. During the course of his career, he won four Academy Awards, a Golden Globe and twenty Grammy Awards, plus a posthumous Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. His jazz-inspired works spanned nearly a half-century and include well-known themes from "The Pink Panther" films and the "Peter Gunn" TV series. Other familiar Mancini tunes include Moon River, Baby Elephant Walk, Days of Wine and Roses, and Le Jazz Hot. Mancini's extensive and varied musical life will be fully explored during our September concert.

Scott Smith is a native and lifelong resident of Lansing. During his teens, he performed regularly at the Michigan Theatre in downtown Lansing as its last House Organist, from 1972 to 1980.

Scott was responsible for the same instrument's redesign for the Grand Ledge Opera House, and oversaw the installation and tonal finishing. In addition to concertizing and accompanying silent films, he also lectures about the pipe organ and his writings can be found on the pages of numerous pipe organ journals. He is also the owner of Scott Smith Pipe Organs, a full-service pipe organ business that services, builds and restores both theatre and church/classical organs.

Scott is an Honorary Member of the Detroit Theatre Organ Society, and has been a member for over forty years. He has created and served on several committees over the years, and was a member of the board of directors in the late 1980s. In addition to participating in numerous other projects and events over the years, Scott is currently a member of the Organ Trustee Committee and chairs the Organ Committee. Since 1978, he has concertized for the DTOS over a dozen times, and has accompanied numerous silent films from the console of our Mighty Wurlitzer.

## Coney Island Lot

In June our volunteers gathered and transformed the old Coney Island lot into a more friendly place. All the debris was cleared away, the old fence was torn down and replaced and a fresh layer of mulch was installed. Also, a nice new mural in the Mayan theme was painted by a very talented local artist. A big thankyou goes out

to the many volunteers who came out to help lay the landscape fabric and spread out almost 60 yards of mulch. President and Vice President Luce and Fisher look on and give their thumbs up.



## New Threads

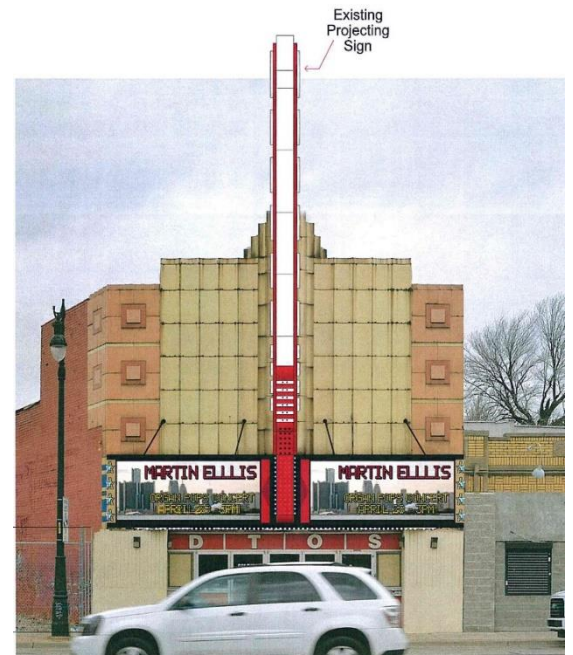


Many thanks go out to members Joe DelGiudice and Michael Fisher for their generous donations of new furniture. Three new solid oak bench style seats now adorn our inner lobby vastly improving the look and making things much more comfortable for our members and customers. Four new restaurant style tables and matching chairs also now improve the functionality of our concessions lobby and enhance its appearance too. As many as sixteen of our patrons can now enjoy our concessions lobby while seated at these tables enjoying our vast selection of goodies. And, our 50/50 raffle will now be drawn by an official raffle basket which will greatly improve your chances. Thanks, Joe and Michael!



## New Marquee

The Marquee project is officially underway! We are pleased to announce that the Phillip's Sign & Lighting has been officially selected as our contractor for a new marquee. Thank you to everyone who contributed last year to the fundraising effort and helped make this exciting development possible! Phillip's will be handling the project from A-Z for us, starting with securing permits from the city of Detroit. This is estimated to take up to two months. Fabrication of the structure and the signboards will require another couple of months. So, we are expecting the installation and a sign-lighting celebration before the end of 2019. Highlights include a state-of-the-art electronic display and additional neon stars to match the blade! We hope you'll share the great news widely! Fundraising to support this major investment in our organization's future is ongoing. Donations can be mailed to the theater (6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48210) or made online [www.dtos.org](http://www.dtos.org).



## Special event with Richard Dengate

Member Richard Dengate hosted an event in July with a full bus load of people who didn't know where they were going. It was a surprise event and they were all very surprised and pleased. President Lance Luce demonstrated the organ and played as well. Kevin Werner then took a turn and played some tunes for them and he then turned it over to Richard Dengate who played for the silent "Victory at Sea". A good time was had by all. Following is an email received by Richard Dengate forwarded to us. "Gentlemen: I have escorted many OPC trips and have never had such positive feedback as yesterday. The group chatted about the experience all the way to lunch and during lunch. The adjectives included: "awesome," "extraordinary," "unique experience," "amazing surprise." They repeatedly reminded me to be sure to thank you guys for what you did. They also mentioned the "gourmet" rolls!!!! 😊 OPC has indicated they would like to repeat the trip again next year." Thanks, Richard Dengate for bringing these fine people to our theater.



## Gilbert House

Members Ian Gleespen and Kevin Werner worked to get the vacant lot and the lot the purchased house sits on cleaned, leveled and ready for demolition. It's been a long time coming but soon we'll be able to expand our parking and move the fence all the way to Morton Street. Please consider donating to help cover the cost.



## Summer Picnic

Let's have a picnic! This year on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm we are going to gather at the theater for some fine barbeque, music featuring our fine Wurlitzer and fellowship. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided, and we ask that you put your culinary and baking prowess to work and bring your best dish to pass. Things like potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad, baked beans, deserts etc. are all great choices. Shoot me an email or give me a call as to what you're bringing so we don't duplicate. Thanks, and see you there!

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## Rentals

As we continue to evolve as a society it becomes more apparent that the membership dues alone can no longer sustain all that is the Detroit Theater Organ Society. We've cut back from 8 concerts to 5 because the dues don't cover all the costs associated



with the concerts either. If you would like to sponsor one of our concerts, please contact one of your board members. In order to create more revenue several years ago it was decided to offer our theater out for rentals. This has turned out to be a wise decision. Through the hard work of Vice President Michael Fisher, we have been able to secure many rentals. These rentals along with your generous donations have made it possible for us to run in the black for the first time in many years. We still have a long way to go before things become comfortable financially, but we are on our way. It's only a matter of time before the new development that has begun at the old train station moves up Michigan avenue and reaches us. This combined with a new marquee gives promise and excitement for our future.

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## Consider a bequest

A bequest is a **gift from your estate**—a transfer of cash, securities, or other property made through your estate plans. You can make a bequest to the Detroit Theater Organ Society by including language in your will or living trust leaving a portion of your estate to the DTOS, or by designating DTOS as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.

Remembering DTOS with a bequest from your estate will help sustain and strengthen the organization in years to come. Some of the advantages of creating a bequest include:

- A bequest costs nothing now yet gives you the satisfaction of knowing you have provided for DTOS in the future.
- You retain control of and use of your assets during your lifetime.
- You may modify your bequest if your circumstances change.

Gifts to DTOS from your estate are exempt from federal estate taxes

A **bequest to DTOS** can be made for a specific amount, for a percentage of your estate, or for all or a portion of what is left after you have made bequests to your family. To make a gift to DTOS from your estate, you must sign a new will or living trust instrument, add a codicil to your present will, or make an amendment to your present trust instrument.

Alternatively, you can designate DTOS as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. To do so, contact the retirement plan administrator or life insurance company and complete the appropriate beneficiary designation form. Our employer identification number is 38-2827795

There are several types of bequests:

**General:** Usually cash or property like other items that are distributed.

**Specific:** A designated amount of cash or a specific property.

**Percentage:** A certain percentage of your estate.

**Residual:** A portion of what remains of your estate after other bequests are made.

**Charitable:** A gift serving a religious, scientific, political, educational, or general social purpose. These can reduce estate taxes that might be owed on your estate.

**Demonstrative:** A gift made from a specific source.

**Executory:** A gift that takes effect only when an event takes place, such as a child's 21st birthday or graduation from college.

*All concerts and silent movies are free to all playing and associate members. Members may bring up to three guests. General admission prices are \$5.00 for a standard movie, \$10.00 for a Silent movie and \$15.00 for concerts.*



## Coming Events

Sep 7	2pm	Alice in Wonderland Kids Matinee.
Sep 15	3pm	Scott Smith Pops concert.
Sep 20	8pm	Wings (Silent). Stephen Warner organist
Sep 28	8pm	Cinco de Mayo Parade fundraiser.
Oct 5		Nightmare at the Senate. "Nightmare before Christmas" 3pm. "Nightmare on Elm street" 8pm.
Oct 11	8pm	Horror Film Festival.
Oct 12	8pm	Horror Film Festival.
Oct 13	8pm	Horror Film Festival
Oct 20	3pm.	Zack Frame Pops concert.
Oct 25	8pm	Chelsie Wolfe concert.
Oct 26	8pm	Nosferatu (Silent). Scott Smith organist
Nov 2	8pm	Blade runner.
Nov 9	8pm	Twin Peaks.
Nov 23	8pm	Beyond the Rocks (Silent). Lance Luce organist
Nov 30	8pm	Modern Times.
Dec 8	3pm	Pierre Fracalanza Christmas concert.
Dec 14	6pm	Mickeys Christmas Carol/The Grinch who stole Christmas/Silent short.
Dec 21	8pm	The Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> street.

**We'd love to hear from you. Questions, suggestions. . . . We even take requests!!**

**Our Board of Directors are here to serve you. Email them at**

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