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OPEN CONSOLE—MINI-CONCERT
MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT
THEATRE
Middletown, NY
3/12 NYTOS MIGHTY WURLITZER

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011
Open Console 1:00 until 3:00p.m.
3:00 P.M. Mini-concert by Organist
John Baratta
--Refreshments--

As announced in the last issue of the *Horseshoe*, we are planning an afternoon of music on our magnificent 3/12 Mighty Wurlitzer at the beautiful Middletown Paramount Theatre on Sunday, March 13. Members and guests will have an opportunity to play open console or just listen to and enjoy the music of this outstanding instrument. And, organist John Baratta will treat us to a demo mini-concert, giving us an opportunity to enjoy the organ in the hands of a truly talented artist. Thanks to the extraordinary acoustics of the theatre, our NYTOS Wurlitzer has a sound far grander and mightier than you would expect from its 12 ranks of pipes. With its beautiful French Style console, the Paramount Wurlitzer is fun and exciting to play and listen to.

Open console will begin at 1:00 and continue until John's mini-concert which will begin around 3:00 p.m. The general public is invited to attend open console and the concert. Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge for admission, and guests are welcome. So, bring along family and friends, and if you play, remember to bring your music. Hope to see you there; and, we'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

1924 SILENT COMEDY CLASSIC

Starring Harold Lloyd
"GIRL SHY"
Accompanied by
Bernie Anderson, Jr.

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
Mineola, NY—3/15 Austin-Morton
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 at 7:00 p.m.

NYTOS will be joining forces with the Queens, Nassau and Suffolk chapters of the American Guild of Organists on April 2 to present one of the great comedy romance classics of the silent screen, *Girl Shy*, starring Harold Lloyd. Organist Bernie Anderson, Jr. will play his original organ accompaniment at the Chaminade Mighty Austin-Morton (with a few ranks of Wurlitzer and Barton thrown in for good measure—and a magnificent mighty theatre organ sound). The show will also include an old time sing-along.

In *Girl Shy*, the first independent film made by Harold Lloyd after leaving Hal Roach Studios, he portrays a young man who works as a tailor's apprentice in a small town, but is so shy that he can barely speak when he is around women. However, from his fantasies, he writes a "how to" book for young men entitled "The Secret of Making Love" in which he details how to woo women, and he takes it to a publisher in Los Angeles. By chance he meets Mary, a rich, beautiful young socialite, and one hilarious situation leads to another, and ultimately to an exhilarating action-packed finale including chase scenes that involve numerous modes of transportation. The film was very successful when it was released in April 1924, and is considered one of Lloyd's best.

“STEAMBOAT BILL, JR”
Starring Buster Keaton
Accompanied by John Baratta
at the Gus Pratt Allen 324
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
Hyde Park, NY

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
At 3:00 p.m.

In case you missed John Baratta's excellent performance accompanying this Keaton silent comedy classic at the Middletown Paramount in January, NYTOS will be presenting a repeat performance at the FDR High School auditorium featuring John at the new Gus Pratt Memorial Allen 324Q digital theatre organ on Sunday afternoon, April 10. John Baratta has received accolades for accompanying this film at several venues, and we are sure that his performance in Hyde Park will be equally outstanding and entertaining. See the enclosed flyer for details.

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(Bernie Anderson, Jr. at Chaminade, continued)

Bernie Anderson, Jr. is certainly no stranger to the Chaminade organ having played his professional theatre organ debut for NYTOS at Chaminade in 1995. Over the past decade he has become one of the premier silent movie accompanists on the theatre organ scene today, and a favorite with our neighboring AGO chapters. Bernie earned his Bachelor's Degree in Musical Composition from Montclair State University, and his Masters Degree in Film Studies from NYU. He also studied organ under two great masters: theatre organ with the late Ashley Miller, and film scoring with the late Lee Erwin. Bernie's outstanding talent as an organist and accompanist, the beautiful Chaminade mighty theatre pipe organ, and this excellent Harold Lloyd film are sure to result in a memorable and enjoyable evening of theatre organ and classic cinema entertainment.

Regular admission is \$10; members, seniors and students \$8.00; free admission for Chaminade students. Directions to Chaminade are enclosed.

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**NEW ENGLAND NEIGHBORS TO HOST ATOS
CONVENTION**

Thanks to our neighbors in the Eastern Massachusetts ATOS Chapter who will be hosting this year's ATOS Annual Convention from June 29 to July 5, you won't have to hassle

with the inconvenience and cost of airline travel to enjoy the annual ATOS gathering. A relatively short drive to Providence, RI, will get you to convention headquarters and on your way to enjoying several days of outstanding theatre organ music performed on a variety of excellent Mighty Wurlitzers in elegant theatres and other venues by some of the world's top theatre organ concert artists. Convention artists include Ken Double, Jelani Eddington, Chris Elliott, Simon Gledhill, Jonathan Ortloff, David Peckham, Ron Rhode, Brett Valiant, Dave Wickerham, and several young organist stars. The program also includes opportunities to tour Newport and take a dinner cruise in Boston Harbor. The annual conventions always provide an opportunity to socialize with fellow theatre organ enthusiasts from around the world and enjoy theatre organ at its best, and make for a truly delightful and memorable summer vacation. See the enclosed flyer and check the American Theatre Organ Society's website, www.atos.org for more details and registration information. Register before May 1 to save \$50 off the regular registration fee. Hope to see a good representation from NYTOS at the ATOS convention in New England this year.

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OTHER NEWS AND UP-COMING EVENTS

SAT. MARCH 12—7:00 p.m. JELANI EDDINGTON /CHRIS GORSUCH concert. **Dickinson High School**, Wilmington, DE. 3/66 Kimball. 302-995-5630. DTOS. www.dtoskimball.org. \$12 advance; \$14 at the door.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20—3:00 p.m. MICHAEL XAVIER LUNDY silent film classic “**King of Kings**”; **St. Augustine's Episcopal Church**, 4301 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY. Free admission.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20—2:00 p.m. BERNIE ANDERSON, JR. concert on the Hammond X-66 electronic organ. **Rahway Senior Citizen's Center**, Rahway, NJ. 973-256-5480.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29—12:00 noon. Monthly noontime concert series at **Proctors Theatre**, Schenectady, NY, will feature NYTOS board member **ROB KLEINSCHMIDT** and **CARL HACKERT** at Proctors 3/18 “Goldie” Mighty Wurlitzer as well as three guest vocalists. Admission is free. www.proctors.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3—3:00 p.m. JONATHAN ORTLOFF concert. **Trenton War Memorial—Patriots Theatre**, Trenton, NJ. 3/16 Magnificent Moller. GSTOS. Adults \$15; Children & Seniors \$13. www.gstos.org. Rt. 29 & Memorial Drive. Easy access and free parking.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30—7:00 p.m. RICHARD HILLS concert. **Dickinson High School**, Wilmington, DE. 3/66 Kimball. 302-995-5630. DTOS. www.dtoskimball.org. \$12 advance; \$14 at the door.

SUNDAY, MAY 1—3:00 p.m. DON KINNIER silent film (title to be announced). GSTOS. 4/23 Wonder Morton. **Loew's Jersey Theatre**, 54 Journal Square, Jersey City. www.gstos.org.

...also at **Loew's Jersey**—Staff organists Paul Citti, Eric Fahner and Peter Baratta will be at the Wonder Morton to play in the house before feature films on **March 25 & 26**. Feature films to be determined. Check www.loewsjersey.org for info.

LAFAYETTE THEATRE: Enjoy the NYTOS 2/11 *Mighty Wurlitzer* played by **Jeff Barker** on Friday evenings, and **Earle Seely** on Saturday evenings before the first run feature films. Also, *Big Screen Classics* returns to the Lafayette on Saturday, March 19 with the Bogart/Hepburn classic, *African Queen*. The series continues each Saturday morning through June 18. 3/26 *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*; 4/2 *The Party* (Peter Sellers); 4/9 *Shanghai Express*; 4/16 *Cover Girl*; 4/23 *The Blue Dahlia*; 4/30 *Witness for the Prosecution*; 5/7 *The Lost Weekend*. Movie time is 11:30 a.m.; Jeff Barker at the *Mighty Wurlitzer* at 11:00; admission \$7.00. For information on current films and the complete Classics listing at the Lafayette, and the Cedar Lane Cinemas in Teaneck (Jeff Barker is playing on Saturday evenings on the Rodgers electronic organ), check www.bigscreenclassics.com.

BARDAVON: The *Friday Night Film Series* at the Bardavon Theatre in Poughkeepsie continues on **March 25** with *The Sting*, and the series concludes on **April 8** with *8 1/2*. Movie time is 7:30 p.m. Organist Juan Cardona, Jr. will be at our NYTOS 2/10 *Mighty Wurlitzer* to play the house in at 7:00 p.m. and will also play the house out following the movies. Admission is still just \$5.00, and parking is free.

MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT: Enjoy organist John Baratta at our 3/12 *Mighty Wurlitzer* before the Big Screen Classics series at the Paramount. **March 26**, *To Kill a Mockingbird*; **April 30**, James Cameron's *Titanic*; **May 21**, Hitchcock's *The Birds*; **June 25**, *1776*. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.; pre-show organ music at 7:00. Admission is \$7.00.

FDR HIGH SCHOOL: New Gus Pratt Allen digital organ at FDR High School in Hyde Park will be featured with this year's spring musical, *Guys & Dolls*. John Vanderlee has arranged for talented young organists Nathan Avakian and Eric Fricke to play before, during intermission, and following the performances. Nathan will play for a special senior citizens performance 10 a.m. show on March 16 and for the 7 p.m. show on March 17. Eric will be at the organ for the 7 p.m. shows on March 18 and

19. For further information, check with John Vanderlee at 914-475-0444.

... And, our **Education Program** continues at the FDR High School with John Baratta providing organ lessons each week with funding from the NYTOS education and the Pratt funds to a group of talented high school music students using the Gus Pratt Allen organ.

LIU: We had hoped to schedule an open console session at Long Island University in Brooklyn this spring, but the Paramount gym is in use every weekend for athletics and other University activities. It has become extremely difficult to get access to the gym and the organ, but we will keep trying.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Elizabeth & Stephen Ackerman, Staatsburg, NY; Allan Kirk, Delmar, NY.

PIPES & PIZZAZZ—Check out John Vanderlee's weekly Theatre Organ radio show from Vassar College on WVKR 91.3 FM, every Monday from 11:00 a.m. to noon or via www.wvkr.org

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DIRECTIONS TO MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT 17 SOUTH ST, MIDDLETOWN, NY 845-346-4195

FROM POINTS SOUTH: Take the New York State Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 16 (Harriman). The exit ramp becomes Route 17. Continue west on Route 17 for about 12 miles to Exit 123 (Routes 6 & 17M) at Goshen. Follow 17M for about 7 miles (past shopping centers and fast food restaurants) to Fulton St. (8 traffic lights after crossing I-84). Turn left on to Fulton St. (at Southwinds Retirement Home and Rite Aid drug store), and go 2 short blocks to South St. Turn right on to South St. The Paramount Theatre is one block up the hill on the left. There is convenient free parking next to and across the street from the theatre.

FROM POINTS EAST: From Connecticut, Northern Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam Counties and points east, take I-84 to Exit 3 toward Middletown. Exit 3 puts you on Route 17M (Dolson Ave.). Follow 17M through 8 traffic lights to Fulton St. (at the Southwinds Retirement Home and Rite Aid drug store), turn left on to Fulton St. and go 2 short blocks to South St. Turn right on to South St. The Paramount Theatre is one block up the hill on the left.

FROM POINTS WEST: From western Orange County, Pennsylvania and other points west, take I-84 East to Exit 3 at Middletown, and proceed as in "from points east" above.

FROM POINTS NORTH: From Kingston, Albany and other areas to the north, take the NY State Thruway (I-87) south to

Exit 17 at Newburgh. After the toll, merge on to I-84 West. Take I-84 West to Exit 3 toward Middletown and proceed as in "From points east" above.

SHORTLINE BUS: Bus service is provided by Shortline/Coach USA from and to Port Authority Bus Terminal in Middletown from Manhattan. The Paramount is about a 4 block walk from the bus station in Middletown.

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DIRECTIONS TO CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL SAVILLE RD. & JACKSON AVE. MINEOLA, NY

The Chaminade High School auditorium is located at the corner of Saville Rd. and Jackson Ave. off Jericho Turnpike. Take the Long Island Expressway (I-495) to Exit 35 (Shelter Rock Rd.), or take the Northern State Parkway to Shelter Rock Road. Proceed south on Shelter Rock R. to Herricks Rd. Turn right on to Herricks Rd. (at the school and Jewish Community Center—near the water tower) and continue south to Jericho Turnpike. Turn left on to Jericho Turnpike and proceed a short distance (3 traffic lights) to Saville Rd. Turn right on to Saville Rd. The auditorium is at the end of the block on the right directly across from the public school. There is parking on the street nearby.

Long Island Railroad service is available to Mineola station (about a 12 minute walk to Chaminade). Walk north from the station (across the tracks) on Mineola Blvd. to Jackson Ave. Turn left and walk west along Jackson Ave. to Chaminade High School. Mineola is a major station and taxi service is also available.

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DIRECTIONS TO FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HS 156 South Cross Rd. Staatsburg, NY 12580

FROM THE MID-HUDSON BRIDGE (Route 44/55): Immediately after crossing the bridge toward Poughkeepsie merge from the right lane on to US 9 (Wappingers Falls/Hyde Park), then immediately on to 9 North via the ramp on the left (Church St. and Hyde Park). Continue north on Route 9 for 4.3 miles (past Marist College and the Culinary Institute of America) to St. Andrews Rd. (County Route 40A). Turn right on the St. Andrews Rd. and go 1.2 miles to NY 9G. Follow 9G for 5.2 miles to South Cross Road. Turn left on to South Cross Rd. The high school is just ahead on the left.

FROM THE NORTH: Take NYS Thruway (I-87) to exit 18 (New Paltz). Turn right after the toll on to Route 44-55 toward Highland. Route 44-55 turns south on to Route 9W at Highland. Continue south on 9W for about 2 miles to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Follow directions from Mid-Hudson Bridge.

FROM POINTS SOUTH, NJ, ROCKLAND COUNTY AREAS: Take the NYS Thruway (I-287/87) North to Exit 17 at Newburgh. After the toll, merge onto I-84 East and take I-84 to Exit 10 (Route 9W/32, Newburgh/Highland). Turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp on to US 9W North and follow 9W for 14 miles to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. (See directions above from the Mid-Hudson Bridge).

OR FROM POINTS EAST OR THE TACONIC: take I-84 to Exit 13 (US Route 9), and follow Route 9 North for 17.3 miles to St. Andrews Road. See directions above from St. Andrews Rd.

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