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**OPEN CONSOLE—MINI-CONCERT  
MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT  
THEATRE**

*Middletown, NY*

**3/12 NYTOS MIGHTY WURLITZER**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010**

**1:00 until 3:00 p.m.**

**3:00 P.M. Mini-concert by Organist**

**Bernie Anderson, Jr.**

**--Refreshments--**

**(Note change of date, time and artist)**

With summer vacations behind us and a touch of autumn in the air, take a break and join us at the Middletown Paramount Theatre for a day of music on our magnificent 3/12 Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. 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 Bernie Anderson, Jr. 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 Wurlitzer has a sound far grander than you would expect from its 12 ranks of pipes. With a beautiful French Style console, the Paramount Wurlitzer is fun and exciting to play and listen to. *(Due to the theatre's schedule, we have had to change the date, time and artist from what was previously announced).*

Open console will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until Bernie's mini-concert at 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.

**SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TREATS!  
SILENT HORROR CLASSICS**

*Accompanied by*

**Bernie Anderson, Jr.**

*"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"*

**CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL**

*Mineola, NY—3/15 Austin-Morton*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 at 7:30 p.m.**

*and*

*"Phantom of the Opera"*

**MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT THEATRE**

*Middletown, NY—3/12 Mighty Wurlitzer*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

NYTOS, Chaminade High School, and the Middletown Paramount Theatre will be continuing our annual Halloween season tradition with organist Bernie Anderson, Jr. at the Chaminade Mighty Austin-Morton and at the NYTOS Mighty Wurlitzer, playing his original accompaniments to two silent horror movie classics, *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Bernie Anderson, Jr. 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. These great silent classics, Bernie's talent as an organist and accompanist, and the magnificent theatre pipe organs at the Middletown Paramount and Chaminade High School are sure to produce a memorable performance of classic cinema and theatre organ.

(*Halloween Silent Classics*, continued)

*Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, released by Paramount in 1920, is considered by many to be the first great American horror film. The great stage actor, John Barrymore, delivers his first virtuoso performance on film in this screen adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous novella. Barrymore portrays Dr. Jekyll, a respected, almost saintly young London doctor whose scientific passion leads him to develop a formula that brings out his other hidden, evil side, Mr. Hyde, a man without conscience. The famous initial transformation scene achieves its power from Barrymore's amazing acting ability and expressive features.

And, of course, Halloween is not complete without the chilling antics of the infamous Erik (Lon Chaney) as he plots to lure the beautiful Christine (Mary Philbin) to his mysterious maze of catacombs far beneath the Paris Opera House in the 1925 classic *Phantom of the Opera*.

Both performances are open to the general public. The admission donation at Chaminade is \$10; \$8.00 for NYTOS members and seniors; \$5.00 for students; free to Chaminade students. The program in Middletown is part of the theatre's classic film series and all tickets are \$7.00. Directions enclosed.

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**GUS PRATT MEMORIAL ORGAN TO BE  
DEDICATED AT FDR HIGH SCHOOL IN  
HYDE PARK—OCTOBER 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

The new 3-manual Custom Allen 324Q digital organ that NYTOS, with the help of some additional donations from generous community members, donated earlier this year to Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park in memory of the late Gus Pratt will be dedicated at the school's "Harvest Pops Concert" on October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Organists John Baratta and Juan Cardona, Jr. will be performing at the organ along with the school's various vocal and instrumental ensembles. Since the digital Allen has dual theatre and classical voicing, it is the ideal instrument for use with the school's large and diverse student choral and instrumental programs. Thanks to the tireless efforts of John Vanderlee and Carl Hackert, the organ and its extensive speaker system have been installed and voiced to match its many voices to the acoustics of the auditorium. The dedicatory concert promises to be an exciting musical event. Contact John Vanderlee; jovanderlee@vassar.edu for additional information.

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**FEW ATTEND OPEN CONSOLE AT CHAMINADE**

Just a few chapter members chose to spend the gorgeous end of summer afternoon of August 28 in the Chaminade High School auditorium playing open console, or just enjoying the music of Chaminade's mighty 3/15 Austin-Morton. But, those who did attend had a very enjoyable afternoon with plenty of time to play

this magnificent instrument. Thanks to the hospitality of Brother Rob Lahey for making the organ and the auditorium available to us. Thanks also to Bro. Rob assisted by Bob Atkins and Alan Lush, or organ was in fine tune, top form, and ready to begin the new school year.

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**BOARD ELECTIONS**

Once again annual NYTOS board elections are approaching--where does the year go? Four seats on the Board of Directors will be open this year. Any current regular member (NYTOS member who is also a member of ATOS) is eligible to run for election to serve on the board. Voting will take place between the beginning of November and the end of December, so that the board is in place for the first meeting early in January, at which time its first order of business is to select the officers for 2011. Board members serve a two-year term; terms for officers are one year. Members whose terms expire at the end of this year are: Bernie Anderson, Jr., Rob Kleinschmidt, Anders Sterner, and John Vanderlee. Board members John Baratta, Allan France, Bob Miloche, and John Valentino are serving terms that extend through December 2011. Members Larry Hazard and Lowell Sanders are serving one year appointed terms, filling seats for board members who were elected officers, Bob Miloche and Anders Sterner. We are always looking for fresh ideas, so if you are interested in running for a seat on the NYTOS Board and becoming more involved in the chapter's operation and activities, please contact Tom Stehle, Secretary (845-457-5393; TJSKinura@aol.com). The board is scheduled to meet next on Saturday, October 16.

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**OTHER NEWS AND UP-COMING EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2—7:30 P.M. CHRIS ELLIOTT** accompanying *The Mark of Zorro* starring Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. **Loew's Jersey Theatre**, Journal Square, Jersey City. 4/23 Wonder Morton. GSTOS. [www.gstos.org](http://www.gstos.org); ajr-cjr@att.net; 732-741-4045. \$10. Tickets at the door.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2—7:00 p.m. TONY FENELON** concert. **Dickinson High School**, Wilmington, DE. 3/66 Kimball. 302-995-5630. DTOS. [www.dtoskimball.org](http://www.dtoskimball.org). \$12 advance from box office; \$14 at the door & via email.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 10—4:00 p.m. WAYNE ZIMMERMAN, SR.** accompanying silent short comedies featuring Chaplin, Keaton, Lloyd and Laurel & Hardy. **Colonial Theatre**, Phoenixville, PA. 4/24 Wurlitzer. TOSDV. [www.tosdv.org](http://www.tosdv.org). Adults \$10; children 12 and under \$5.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—2:00 P.M. JEFF BARKER**, accompanying *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, **Grand Theatre**, East Greenville, PA. [www.grandtheatre.org](http://www.grandtheatre.org). \$15.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24—1:00—5:00 P.M.** Open House at **Dickinson High School**, Wilmington, DE. Open console, tours, cameo concert, silent film. [www.dtoskimball.org](http://www.dtoskimball.org). 3/66 Kimball.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7—3:00 P.M.** **Trenton War Memorial—Patriots Theatre**, Trenton, NJ. 3/16 Magnificent Moller. Program details to be announced. [www.gstos.org](http://www.gstos.org). GSTOS.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20—7:00 p.m.** **JONATHAN ORTLOFF** concert. **Dickinson High School**, Wilmington, DE. 3/66 Kimball. 302-995-5630; [www.dtoskimball.org](http://www.dtoskimball.org). \$12 advance; \$14 at the door & via email.

**LAFAYETTE THEATRE**— As mentioned in the last “Horseshoe”, the Lafayette Theatre in Suffern is temporarily closed while the ornate ceiling is being professionally restored. The theatre is scheduled to reopen on October 21, and the NYTOS Ben Hall 2/11 Mighty Wurlitzer will again be playing for Friday and Saturday evening movie shows, and the Saturday morning Big Screen Classics film series which will resume on October 23. The Benmosche family which owns the building, has continued their long term commitment to the community to preserve this beautiful historic single screen theatre by investing \$250,000 in the ceiling restoration project. In preparation for the construction work, organ crew chief Bob Miloche has carefully sealed the organ including the chamber, the console, piano, and blower room to prevent plaster dust and paint from getting into the organ and causing damage. Theatre operator, Nelson Page, has a great line-up of films and special film festivals ready to go when the theatre reopens. Visit [www.bigscreenclassics.com](http://www.bigscreenclassics.com) for more details and to view a very interesting display of both historic photos and current photos of the theatre, including pictures of the scaffolding that is currently in place for the ceiling restoration.

**MIDDLETOWN PARAMOUNT FILM SERIES**— *CLASSICS BY ACCAIM* continues on **Saturday, September 18** at **7:30** with Hitchcock’s *Rear Window* (1954) starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly; **Saturday, Sept. 25** at **2:00** *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) starring Judy Garland; **Saturday, Oct. 9**, at **7:30** *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein* (1948); **Friday, Oct. 29** at **7:30** the 1925 silent classic *Phantom of the Opera* (see front page article for details); and finally **Saturday, Nov. 20** at **7:30** *Holiday Inn* (1942) starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Organist Rolf Krohn is at our Mighty Wurlitzer thirty minutes before show time to play in the house. All the films are 35mm prints provided through Nelson Page. All tickets are \$7.00. And, just so you can enjoy an authentic movie house experience, refreshments including popcorn are on sale and will be permitted in the theatre during the movies. Contact the Paramount 845-346-4195, or [www.middletownparamount.com](http://www.middletownparamount.com) for information.

**BARDAVON:** The *Friday Night Film Series* at the Bardavon Theatre in Poughkeepsie gets underway this year on **November 5** at **7:30** with a double feature, *Creature From the Black Lagoon* (1954), and *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935), and continues on **Dec. 3** at **8:00 p.m.** with *The Christmas Story* (1983). Organist Juan Cardona, Jr. will be at our NYTOS 2/10 Mighty Wurlitzer again this season to play the house in and out starting thirty minutes before movie time. Admission is still just \$5.

**DAN BELLOMY CD’S**—As announced in previous issues, a selection of Dan Bellomy CD’s are still available. They were donated to Nelson Page by Dan’s widow, and Nelson has agreed to sell them and donate half of the proceeds to NYTOS. The following CD’s are available at \$15.00 each plus \$2.00 for shipping; all three are \$35 plus \$2.00 shipping: *Fulton Blue—Dan Bellomy at the Warnos Theatre 4/14 Robert Morton; Live From New York It’s Dan Bellomy*—4/26 LIU/Brooklyn Paramount Wurlitzer; *The Zurich Session on Hammond B3*. Send orders to: Majestic Star Entertainment, 492C Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

**LIU Open Console**—We are continuing to try to schedule an open console session at Long Island University.

**Progress on Sands Point Wurlitzer**—The NYTOS Sands Point crew has been working regularly over the summer to finish the installation of the 2/8 Wurlitzer Style 185 (plus tibia) in the Hempstead House mansion on the ground of the Sands Point Preserve, a vast Nassau County park on the north shore of Long Island. The mansion built by railroad baron Howard Gould in 1902 and modeled after a castle in Ireland, originally housed a Welte pipe organ installed in basement chambers that speak up through grills in the floor. In 1917 Gould sold the house to Daniel Guggenheim, whose estate later donated it to the US Navy which used it for a training and research facility, and later sold it to Nassau County. No one knows what ever happened to the Welte, but Nassau County was given the Wurlitzer some years ago, and NYTOS agreed to install it. After many delays, the project is finally nearing completion. This summer and fall the organ crew has to schedule their work sessions around the filming of a new Fox TV series called “Running Wilde” which will be aired starting in September, as well as several weddings and other events held in the castle. The current organ crew members, Tom Lloyd, John Karpus, Mike O’Brien, Alan Lush and Tom Stehle, are working to have the organ in good enough playing condition for several county events at Christmas time.

**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](http://www.wvkr.org)

**CLOSING CHORD:** We were saddened to learn of the death on July 16 of **Dr. Robert H. Vadheim** at age 90. Dr. Bob, as he was affectionately known, was a cultural activist, preservationist and philanthropist who was very active over many years in the movement to revitalize Brooklyn Heights and other areas and cultural institutions in Brooklyn. A native of Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School, Dr. Vadheim moved to New York City in 1959 where he held positions as a corporate physician for American Cyanamid, Western Electric and AT&T. He moved to Brooklyn in 1964. The Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Historical Society, and the Brooklyn Paramount/Long Island University Mighty Wurlitzer are a few of the many beneficiaries of Dr. Bob's efforts and generosity. A major donation by Dr. Vadheim helped fund the restoration work that was done on the LIU Wurlitzer in 2005, and in appreciation, the University honored him on his 88th birthday with a reception and private concert played on the Wurlitzer by Jelani Eddington. Dr. Bob was also member and a generous supporter of NYTOS, and was an accomplished pianist who loved the music of the 1930's. He is survived by his brother and sister, several nieces and nephews, and by his long time friends and caregivers Richard Moredock and Jeri Surratt.

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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, follow signs for 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 Midtown Manhattan. The Paramount is about a 3 block walk from the bus station in Middletown.

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

The Chaminade High School auditorium is located at the corner of Saville Road 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 Rd 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 ample 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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