



# Theatre Organ



## \* \* News You Ought To Know About \* \*

### Nominating Committee. .

President **Jon Steen** has appointed **Josh Rutherford** , **Joel Pochalnik**, and **Harold Wade** as the current Nominating Committee to put together a slate of officers for the upcoming Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 annual election. The following names have been submitted to the Committee as a slate:

- President . . . . Jon Steen
- Vice-President . . Carl Swift
- Secretary . . . . Arlyn Visentin
- Treasurer . . . . Dennis Entler
- Director . . . . Ken Warren
- Director . . . . Jim Connors

This does not mean that nominations are closed. Should you want to throw your hat into the election ring and run for any office contact any of the 3 nominating committee people of your intentions. Contact information is available on the attached HTOS 2016 Membership Roster. Your name would then be mentioned at the meeting, placed in nomination for the particular office you're interested in, and seconded. Ballots would then be provided for a vote for that particular office that has more than one candidate.

This is the procedure outlined in our by-laws to guarantee that there are new, current officers of the club at the end of the day on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

We have **42** members as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. Those 42 individuals or households have the right to vote in the upcoming election.

### Election Day Info

The first general membership HTOS meeting in a calendar year is always election day of the Board of Directors for that coming calendar year and is the agenda for the meeting.

### Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 . .

Thursday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> **Shawn Sanders** and company delivered the Tibia rank to be installed adjacent to the Solo chamber of the Wurlitzer theatre organ. The organ was played and sounds ( feels) great, super.

### Restoration Work on the Wurlitzer . .

Restoration work on the Wurlitzer was put on hold after **Dick Willson** moved to California. Plans to re-do the back-rail of the console are, were to be accomplished by **Mike Bryant** from the state of Washington. Some of you may recognize Mike as the editor-in-chief of Theatre Organ Journal for the ATOS. Communications were interrupted as to what was going on. The board was afraid that Mike was coming to Houston

during Super Bowl ( no hotels within a 100-mile radius ) and no scheduled, approved time to work in the school on the organ. Contact has been made with Mike who will be in the Houston area after Super Bowl week-end doing work for HTOS member, **Dr Glen Douglas** at Glen's residence on an upcoming Kimball Theatre Organ. There are no plans at this time for Mike to do any work on our Wurlitzer during that visit . . post-Super Bowl through Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Dues Reminder . .

If you have forgotten to pay your 2017 annual dues here's a *little nudge* to send **\$ 10 check** made out to **HTOS** and **mail it . . today . . to :**

Dennis Entler  
5411 Bobolink  
Houston, TX 77017

The joke for 24 years is that *all of us* have been delinquent on our dues by 10 am on New Year's Day according to the by-laws. For 24 years we have extended the time to submit what-has-to-be-a-great-deal ! **ONLY TEN BUCKS . . .** Wow ! This year . . even I was guilty . . so, get over the guilt and send the money !

## Media . . and the Theatre Organ

It's surprising how some people influence others. **Danny Brooke** came back from last year's ATOS convention in Cleveland relating the impact of media ( " Silent Movies" ) and the Theatre Organ. It's 6 months later and his words are still echoing in my mind. It's true . . . *we should utilize our resources in the auditorium.* Show more media on the giant screen in the auditorium and back it up with theatre organ.

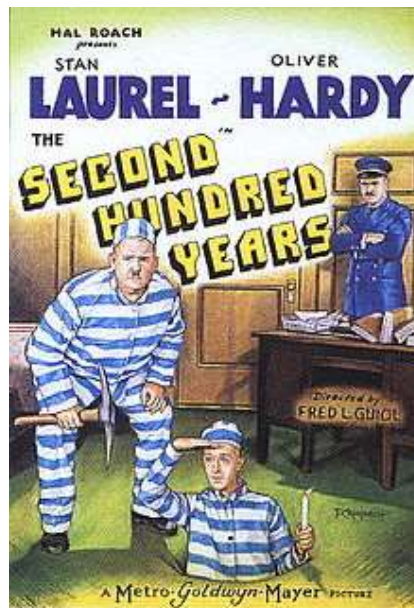
In the past there have been very few of us capable of accompanying an on-screen event. **Jim Connors** has presented Laurel and Hardy in "Flying Elephants" (1928) and "the classic "Big Business" (1929). **Harold Wade** has played Buster Keaton silent film. **Jon Steen** has played excerpts from "Girl Shy" and "4 Horsemen of The Apocalypse".

More material will become available this coming calendar year.



Dare we think what the Cinerama roller coaster ride looks like on the auditorium screen ?

Well, come on to Saturday's meeting Feb 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 01:00 PM



We now have a *complete* ( 23:01 ) *written score* (PDF) of the Laurel and Hardy classic , The Second Hundred Years. Amazon offers this silent classic in a DVD-set (used) starting at **\$249.00 !** *Are you sure you want to spend \$ 249.00 to see silent Laurel and Hardy ?* The Laurel & Hardy sound features after 1931 (50 of them) are offered on Amazon totally for \$45.00.



" The Fire Brigade" (1926)



## Friday, Feb 17th

The Wurlitzer crew has gained the access to the school auditorium *the day before* our first general membership meeting. Time for the theatre organ players to re-arrange your schedule and contact **Dennis Entler** at 713-644-1092 and select blocks of time that you would like to have on the organ. Sorry, no walk-ins . . . by appointment time only through Dennis. If no one makes an appointment to practice, play, doodle, etc . . . the crew will go to "Plan B" for some maintenance work. This is a great opportunity to do the walk, not the talk. **MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT !** We'll send out an e-mail close to Feb 18<sup>th</sup> what times have been selected and what times are still available.

**We will be working to schedule monthly practice days for 2017 !**