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FREE CONCERT

SUNDAY FEB. 21st

2pm



PATRICIA GUTHRIE ★

NEIL PALMER ★

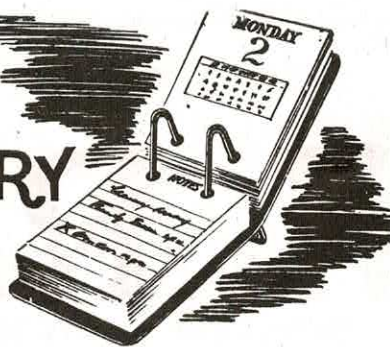
BEVERLY KENNEDY ★

PLAYING THE
WURLITZER THEATRE PIPE
ORGAN....

TOSA PRESS

at MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL
MARRICKVILLE RD, MARRICKVILLE

2.... DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY.

- Monday 1st 7.30pm, Committee Meeting, St. Annes Church Hall, Beresford Road, Strathfield.
- Sunday 7th 3.30pm. Home-Barbecue-Pool Party at the Wilson's Residence, 120 Dennis St., Lakemba. Admission is @2 for Gents and \$1.50 for Ladies who are asked to bring a plate towards supper.
PLEASE BRING: your own steak, (salad is provided)
your swimmers, your music and a good appetite, plus desired liquid refreshment.
BOOK NOW! on 759 6050 and secure your spot.
- Tuesday 9th 7.30 pm. INVITATION NIGHT to attend the Bondi-Waverly RSL Club, for another evening of good music with our Patron, Ian Davies at the Rogers Trio Organ. Please bring your friends for a relaxing night of entertainment.
- Sunday 21st. 2pm Marrickville Town Hall...a FREE CONCERT featuring three of our up and coming young artists at the Wurlitzer, Beverly Kennedy, Patricia Guthrie and Neil Palmer.

MARCH

- Monday 1st 7.30pm, Committee Meeting at St. Annes Church Hall
- Wednesday 10th 7.30pm CLUB NIGHT at Marrickville. Come and see some of the features of the American scene, showing places, scenery and organs. Bring your music and have a play on your organ. Bring your friends and surprise them!
- Sunday 21st 2pm. JOHN ATWELL in concert at Marrickville Town Hall.
(See this issue for details)

APRIL

- Monday 4th 7.30pm, Committee Meeting at St. Annes Church Hall.
- Easter
- Sunday 11th 2pm TONY FENELON in a Special Easter Concert at the Marrickville Town Hall Wurlitzer.

MAY.

- Monday 3rd. 7.30pm Committee Meeting at St. Annes Church Hall.
- Sunday 16th 2pm. NEIL JENSEN in concert at Marrickville.
- Saturday 29th 7.30pm Home-Organ-Party..Venue to be advised.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Bill Peters, Mortdale; Dulcie Baxter, Cronulla; Alan and Dorothy Papps, Nth Rocks; Ed and Alla Berlage, East Ryde.

DIRECTORY.

PATRON: Ian Davies

PRESIDENT: Alan Misdale (525 5554)

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COMMITTEE: Mrs.Phil Wilson, Ron Wilson, Bill Schumacher,
Robert Gliddon, Chris Palmer, John Weismantel.

MINUTE SECRETARY:Norm Weismantel

TOSA NEWS EDITING & PRINTING: Ron Wilson & Doug Smith.

YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVERDUE

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.

UNLESS YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN PAID, THIS WILL BE YOUR
LAST T.O.S.A. NEWS.

MARRICKVILLE PRACTISE.

Practise will again be available to members following the FREE
CONCERT in February. For all inquires regarding practise times etc.
phone Practise Convenor Chris Palmer 92 6534.

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

Commencing the first Tuesday in February, Noel Smith's family organ
club will meet in the Terrace Room, Miranda Fair.
This will be a monthly function.
Please ring Noel for further details on 524 4186.

FOR SALE

Ernie Howard would like it made known that fellow members can
purchase the new Yamaha Portable Organs through him.

They are reasonably priced (\$150 - \$495) and make an ideal "2nd Organ"
for those outdoor functions or on a long car trip, as they operate
on batteries as well as power.

If you would like to hear how they sound through your own organ or
stereo, ring Ernie on 529 5113.

DONT FORGET..... THE NEW STARTING TIME FOR CONCERTS AT
MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL... IN 1982... IS 2PM. 2PM. 2PM.

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JOHN ATWELL... **PROFILE**

JOHN ATWELL FIRST CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THEATRE ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS AUSTRALIA WIDE, WHEN HE PLAYED A SOLO SPOT AT A TOSA EASTER CONVENTION IN 1968 AT THE DENDY THEATRE, BRIGHTON NEAR MELBOURNE. HE WAS, HOWEVER, WELL KNOWN TO ENTHUSIASTS FROM HIS HOME CITY OF ADELAIDE, WHERE HE HAD GAINED HIS MUSICAL TRAINING ON BOTH PIANO AND CLASSICAL ORGAN. IT WAS IN ADELAIDE THAT HE GOT HOOKED ON THE SOUND OF THE THEATRE ORGAN AND HE QUICKLY TAUGHT HIMSELF THE STYLE OF PLAYING REQUIRED FOR THESE INSTRUMENTS.

IN 1971, JOHN MOVED TO MELBOURNE TO STUDY FOR HIS PHD IN BIOCHEMISTRY AT THE MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY. SINCE THEN, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMBINE SUCCESSFULLY HIS CAREER IN SCIENCE WITH HIS MUSICAL ACTIVITIES. JOHN'S REPUTATION AS A PLAYER ON BOTH ELECTRONIC AND THEATRE PIPE ORGANS HAS STEADILY INCREASED DURING HIS RESIDENCE IN MELBOURNE. HE HAS PLAYED CONCERTS ON PIPE AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS IN MOST STATES OF AUSTRALIA. PERFORMANCES WITH TONY FENELON AS A PIANO-ORGAN DUO HAVE GAINED BOTH ARTISTS CONSIDERABLE ACCLAIM.

HE WAS FORMERLY A TEACHER WITH THE YAMAHA MUSIC FOUNDATION SCHOOLS AND NOW TEACHES SOME STUDENTS PRIVATELY. JOHN IS ALSO IN DEMAND AS A JUDGE OF ORGAN COMPETITIONS. HE HAS ADJUDICATED COMPETITIONS AROUND MELBOURNE AS WELL AS NATIONAL FINALS OF THE YAMAHA ELECTONE FESTIVAL AND YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOLS AWARDS.

JOHN IS NOW OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST FOR THE MAROONDAH SINGERS, A CHOIR SEEN NATIONALLY EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE ON CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. HE ALSO ENJOYS ARRANGING MUSIC FOR THEM.

AND NOW...A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS..

I am sure that John Atwell's profile speaks for itself. It would be a great loss if you missed this rare opportunity to hear such a highly qualified and polished performer on the theatre pipe organ. Here is a golden opportunity for all organists, young or old, to gain a valuable lesson and experience in the art of playing, and I urge all members to bring their friends and give them a great afternoon of music and enjoyment. They wont be disappointed!

This organisation acknowledges financial assistance from the N.S.W. Government through the Premier's Department, Division of Cultural Activities.

Theatre Organ Society

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PRESENTS

**JOHN
ATWELL**

IN
CONCERT

at the console of the

**mighty
Wurlitzer**

Theatre Pipe Organ

SUNDAY 2pm

MARCH 21st

ADMISSION

ADULTS \$5.00

TOSA MEMBERS \$4.00

CONCESSION \$2.50



at MARRICKVILLE TOWN HALL
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BOOKING FORM ENCLOSED

DEAN HERRICK

N.M.Froggett, of the Johannesburg Theatre Organ Society, has sent us the following Obituary for DEAN HERRICK, who died on the 24th July.

"IN MEMORIAM Broadcaster, organist, 20th Century showman, DEAN HERRICK, last of the greats in the Southern Hemisphere, will be remembered for the unfailing pleasure he has given to South African audiences for the last 44 years. His support to the South African Theatre Organ Society, and his wealth of knowledge and advice. Echoing John Potter's words, much could be written of his life and career. We, of the S.A.T.O.S., will miss the friendly personal link. Dean would always welcome visitors to his home and introduce them to his beloved Wurlitzer.

Another little known fact is that Dean was a favourite of Jesse Crawford, also a very competent photographer, being an A.R.P.S. He leaves his wife, Wynne, a son and daughter - and a magnificent library of recordings".

Keith Jarred, of Johannesburg, writes to say that Dean's family are putting a double album on the South-African market in memory of him. Keith thinks that the U.K. would be interested and, if members will let the editor know whether they would like a copy, we shall contact Mrs. Wynne Herrick to see if the records can be released here.

(Reprinted from the Cinema Organ Society journal)

SELWYN THEATRE GROUP 13 Rosemont Avenue, Mortdale. 2223.

THEATRE ORGAN RECITALS for 1982.

JANUARY 10th	Sunday 2.30pm	Margaret Hall
January 23rd	Saturday 8pm	Simon Ellis
February 28th	Sunday 2.30pm	Chris Gorman & David Judd
March 27th	Saturday 8pm	David Parsons
April 24th	Saturday 8pm	Cliff Bingham
May 23rd	Sunday 2.30 pm	Bill Schumacher
June 27th	Sunday 2.30pm	Bernard Walz

FILM NIGHTS

January 16th	Saturday 8pm	"Phil Climbs Again"..Phil Turner
February 13th	" 8pm	"Odds and Ends"..Ross Davies
March 13th	" 8pm	"Laugh and Past"..Ben Stell
April 3rd	" 8pm	"Rich's Roundabout"..Rich Willis
May 8th	" 8pm	"Nth Island, New Zealand"..Norm Read.
June 5th	" 8pm	"Touring Australia"..Peter Sage

All the above functions may be booked in advance by phoning 57 3581.

COACH TOURS AND HIKES TO BE ANNOUNCED.



PORTLAND BROADWAY THEATRE MAY BE RAZED.

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 4 -- Portland's 55 year-old Broadway Theatre may be torn down to make way for a parking garage for the Performing Arts Centre. The theatre is across Southwest Broadway from the Paramount Theatre which is to be the focal point of the new performing arts centre. When the theatre was built in 1926, it was one of the finest showcases in the Northwest and its elaborate marquee has long been a downtown landmark.

The performing Arts project includes renovation of the Paramount as a concert hall and upgrading of the civic auditorium in addition to construction of 1,400-seat and 450-seat theatres on the block directly south of the big Paramount.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SELLING STYLE "D" CONSOLE.

San Diego Chapter A.T.O.S. will sell its Style "D" (2 manual) Wurlitzer console and relay in the near future when it is replaced by a three manual console and solid state relay system. Asking price of the package is listed in "The Posthorn", official newsletter at \$2,200.

JOHANNESBURG ORGAN FIGURE, DEAN HERRICK DIES.

Dean Herrick, famed Johannesburg radio broadcaster, showman and organist, died in that City 24th July last. In his early years in the United States he was a pupil of the late Jesse Crawford. He emigrated to Johannesburg, South Africa and became a public figure in the entertainment world as an organist and later in radio and television production. He purchased and installed a large Wurlitzer, one of several sent to South Africa by the North Tonawanda Firm, from the M.G.M. Theatre Chain. He was also one of the staunch supporters of the South African Theatre Organ Society. As a memorial to him, his family plans to produce and distribute a double album of his music.

LOS ANGELES DISCO OBTAINS WURLITZER CONSOLE FOR HALLOWEEN DECORATION.

Plans for decorating in a Halloween motif had the staff of Circus Disco, a West Hollywood, California, night spot, in a tizzy to find suitable props to create the customary "spooky" atmosphere. An organ console, it was decided, was needed to lend the phantomized opera idea. A call to "The Console" office gave the staff information about Wes Pepiot, Organ Enterprises owner, and from him the Disco people obtained a two manual Wurlitzer console formerly owned by an L.A. organ buff. The keydesk worked out better than expected. It not only gave the Halloween decor a proper finish, but disco owners have decided to keep the two manual console and make it serve as a light console for the intricate system used in the building.

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OVERSEAS NEWS....cont.

OLD ORGANLOGUES AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND.

Super '8' Sound Film projector owners in England are currently being offered two 1931 "Organlogues" that were produced in the U.S. Listed as 'Centa Classics' films, they are sold by Widescreen Centre, 48 Dorset Street, London, W1H, England. The first, #165 is "Melodies of Love" featuring Lew White and a vocalist. Film #166 features four organists - Jesse Crawford playing 'Beyond the Blue Horizon' -- Ann Leaf playing 'Just One More Chance' -- Dick Leibert with 'Love Songs of the Nile' and Lew White rendering the old favourite "Stormy Weather". Cost of the prints 22,33,24,36 pounds each respectively.

OLD THEATRE NAME RESTORED TO TACOMA CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

Backers of the Pantages Centre project held a mock funeral early this month and a wake for the Roxy Theatre, Tacoma, Washington, to mark the rebirth of the Pantages Theatre in the upcoming Pantages Centre for the Performing Arts. Contracts totaling \$3,327,962 have been awarded for restoration and new construction work.

Seattle Architect Richard McCann, who designed the restoration of Seattle's Fifth Avenue Theatre and the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco, is in charge of the Tacoma project. He once worked under the guidance of the late Marcus B. Priteca, who designed most of the Pantages circuit houses.

The theatre was opened in 1918 and was renamed the Roxy in the 1930's. A Robert Morton organ was installed at one time in the neo-classic designed house.

----- News source "The Console" magazine.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

Yes!..Norfolk Island has now formed their very own organ society with Peter Erwin being President, Jim Anderson is Vice-President and Reginald Porter-Brown as Patron.

Meetings are now being held, and broadcasts of organ music from the local radio station have also been arranged.

The Norfolk Island Organ Society is interested to hear from any artist who would like to provide three organ concerts during one week's stay on the Island. Interested parties please contact our Secretary in writing at our address:

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BOX A584 P.O. Sydney South 2000.

We wish the Norfolk Islanders every success with this important venture, and will keep our members posted with any more news that comes to hand.
