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President's Annual Report

As my 12-month term comes to close, I can sit back in reflection and say, "Boy that was a learning curve and a half!!" Without the support of my committee with their wealth of history and knowledge, the job at hand could have been a lot more difficult.

Robert Holt and Ruth Monro have tendered their resignations, and on behalf of all members, I would like to thank them for their untiring work and support they have given us over the years.

Neil Jensen was our first special guest for 2008. It was great to see some old faces at his concert and he certainly didn't disappoint us with his program. Later in the year, Ken Double from USA came to visit and kept us entertained with some great standards and a quick wit. Englishman Richard Hills arrived only 2 weeks later and just blew us away. Who could forget his rendition of *Tiger Rag*! Our Patron, Dr Robert Boughen, graced us with his presence a little later in the year with his *Brisbane to Broadway* program. His command of the Christie or 'The Beast' as he calls it, never fails to amaze us and with his impending OBE (over bloody eighty) next year we wish him well for the future.

We have made a concerted effort to modernize concerts with the introduction of video cameras and data projectors etc, so the audience can see the hands and feet of the performer in action. I feel we've been able to make the concerts more interesting for the audience, both regular and novice.

Our relationship with the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) has blossomed in the past year. My thanks to the Gallery Director, Mr. Tony Ellwood, for efforts in creating a conduit for communication between the gallery and TOSA. Our very own David Bailey has also played a pivotal roll culminating with the one-hour concert at GoMA on the Wurli just a few weeks ago.

On the international scene, we have Mark Herman performing for us in July and also Brett Valiant in August next year. Glenda has been successful in arranging that both concerts will be held on Sundays. The committee also has been working hard in developing and yearly planner with the bipartisan approach to sharing the information with other like-minded organizations, so as to reduce possible clashes with other artists performing in Brisbane.

The committee has recommended that the membership fees remain the same for the year to come. With the drop in membership this means that the income may not cover the basic costs like insurance for the Christie and public liability. When taking this information on board we have been hopeful in balancing the books with the income from the special concerts and activities. But without member support for these special activities this is also becoming a problem.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday 7th December 2pm

ROBERT WETHERALL CONCERT

At the Christie
Theatre Pipe
Organ



Don't miss this exciting former Brisbane organist, now resident at the Capri Theatre in Adelaide. Robert has vast experience with theatre organs, having won the international young organist competition at the ATOS Convention in USA and toured extensively around Australia.

Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall
Corner of Victoria Park Road and Tank St,
Kelvin Grove

**Tickets: \$10ea - TOSA Qld Members
\$15ea - non-members and Public**

This is the last music event for 2008. It includes a sumptuous afternoon tea with Christmas cake at interval. Please bring a friend along.



The Voice of the
Queensland Division Inc. of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia.

Sunday 7th December ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Prior to the Robert Wetherall concert, the 2008 annual general meeting will be held in the foyer at Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall. Election of officers for 2009 will be held. All members are urged to attend.

Commences at 1 pm
Foyer – assembly hall

Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall
Corner of Victoria Park Road and Tank St,
Kelvin Grove

4MBS Organ Program

THEATRE ORGAN MUSIC CAN BE HEARD IN THE VILLAGE MUSIC HOUR, FROM 12 NOON EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH ON CLASSIC FM RADIO 4MBS. 103.7 FM LISTEN FOR UPCOMING VISITING ARTIST CAMEOS, CONCERT NEWS AND MORE MUSIC FROM GREAT THEATRE PIPE ORGANS AND ARTISTS AROUND THE WORLD.

(President's annual report continued)

We can all wax lyrical about the past, mentioning audience and membership numbers we can only dream about in present times. But realistically, those days are never to be visited again. The goal posts have changed, the community as a whole has changed, and we must invent new ways of keeping the society alive.

This task should not just be the burden of the committee, but for **all** members, as it is **your** organ and **your** society. Your support is crucial in 2009.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone on the committee and the members who have assisted on a regular basis for their support and assistance at TOSA Qld Divn.

Lance Hutchinson

TOSA-QLD CALENDAR

DECEMBER

7th Annual General Meeting 1pm, then
Robert Wetherall in concert on the
Christie theatre pipe organ, 2pm KGSC.

FEBRUARY 2009

1st Opening concert event for 2009 (Artist
TBA) 2pm KGSC assembly hall.

MARCH 2009

1st Silent film with the Christie theatre pipe
organ, 2pm KGSC assembly hall.

15th Musical event at Kelvin Grove (TBA)
20th Carlo Curley from USA (Allen organ)

Monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of the
month (except November) at Kelvin Grove State
College (KGSC) in the assembly hall from 2pm.
Includes afternoon tea.

Visit www.tosa-qld.org events page for updates
and news on all TOSA events.

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Your committee has been working tirelessly at planning
new events for 2009. We hope to have more variety on
the program for monthly meetings, as well as several other
musical events with new artists. Mark Herman, the young
theatre organist from USA, is returning. He received rave
reviews when last here in 2006. Brett Valliant is also
visiting from USA for both theatre and concert organ
performances throughout Australia. The renowned Carlo
Curley is also coming from USA for Allen organ
performances. Also there is the Easter TOSA convention
in Adelaide in 2009 (see below).

We would like to welcome three recent **new members** to
TOSA Qld.:- Kevin Walters, Harry and Brian Wilson.

We have received the following information about the 2009 Easter Convention for TOSA in Adelaide.

TOSA EASTER CONVENTION 2009

We invite your members to Adelaide for the Theatre Organ Convention over Easter in 2009, with registration commencing at 4pm on **Friday 10 April 2009**, followed by dinner and a film at the Capri Theatre.

Saturday 11 April begins with “Sampling the Future” with Neil Jensen, Claire Baker, Robert Wetherall and Paul Fitzgerald on sampling and digital organs. After lunch, is a concert featuring Chris McPhee, Paul Fitzgerald, Gaynor Meyer (soprano) and David Fitzgerald (piano). In the evening there will be a dinner at the Morphettville Function Centre.

Sunday 12 April morning begins with open console for interstate/overseas visitors at the Capri Wurlitzer. Following lunch, the afternoon concert is by Tony Fenelon and John Atwell. Dinner will be available, followed by a comedy nostalgia night with David Johnston.

Monday 13 April, the convention ends with a morning concert featuring Neil Jensen, John Giacchi and Robert Wetherall.

We look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide for TOSA Convention 2009. Application forms are on their way to you shortly.

TOSA South Australia.

GOMA Organ Speaks

At last members of the public, and more pointedly, TOSA Qld members, got to hear the famous Cinematheque Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ as a solo instrument.

On Sunday November 2nd the Gallery's resident organist, David Bailey, presented a most entertaining and enjoyable hour's music at the Wurlitzer. And it was pleasing to see such a good attendance of TOSA members for this our November monthly meeting, "on the road" due to exams being set up in the Kelvin Grove hall.

The hour long performance was all theatre organ, with no films and was the first held for TOSA members free of charge, thanks to the staff of the Gallery and its Deputy Director. And yes, there are plans for more of these "organ only" events next year.

David brought the magnificent French-style console up with a medley of hit parade tunes from the 1930s, and no doubt many recognised the Cole Porter, Gershwin etc hits which sweetly flowed from the Wurlitzer. This was followed by Jerome Kern's timeless *Show Boat* selection, a Strauss waltz, ending with a full compliment of musical hits from the show *Singing in the Rain*.

Thus ended the wonderful morning of Wurlitzer music at the Gallery. Lance thanked all those who attended and especially David Bailey for another delightful performance at the ex-Regent Wurlitzer. Several members later attended Kelvin Grove for an informal playing session on the Christie.

Note: any enquiries about future Wurlitzer use and events at the Gallery must be directed to the TOSA QLD President.

Please DO NOT contact the Gallery.



WURLITZER



MORE CONCERTS COMING...

Sunday December 7, 2008

ROBERT WETHERALL from South Australia
at the **CHRISTIE** theatre pipe organ
KELVIN GROVE ASSEMBLY HALL
2PM

TOSA members \$10 each, Public \$15 each

ROBERT WETHERALL

Robert Wetherall is 25 years old and was born in Brisbane, Queensland. He started playing the organ by ear around the age of 7. A few years later he took piano lessons for 4 years, and continued playing the organ using his music study with his ability to play by ear. In 1995 he began playing at his local church for services and weddings. It was around this time that Robert started performing solo for local organ clubs in Brisbane.

In 2000, Robert was one of four young organists from Australia and New Zealand chosen to perform in Sydney at the annual Theatre Organ Convention. He also performed a year later at the 2001 Organ Odyssey and the Brisbane Film Festival.

In 2002 Robert moved to Adelaide to further his musical development. Later that same year he competed and won the senior division of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) Young Organist Competition and flew to America to perform and receive his prize.

Since moving to Adelaide, he has performed in concerts, club nights, film sessions and private functions at the Capri Theatre and also performed at the 2003 Festival of Theatre Organ. As part of promoting the Festival, "The Advertiser" did a story on Robert and the Capri Theatre to spark interest in the event.

Robert enjoys regular concert performances around Australia as well as working fulltime at Bendigo Bank as Assistant Manager. He also enjoys helping to keep these wonderful instruments working, as he is a member of the Wurlitzer organ maintenance team at the Capri Theatre.

In his spare time Robert likes working on his Virtual Theatre Organ project, keeping fit and listening to and studying a wide range of music.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Presenting from Adelaide

Robert Wetherall



at the

CHRISTIE THEATRE PIPE ORGAN

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th at 2PM

Kelvin Grove State College

Assembly Hall

Cnr. Victoria Park Rd and Tank St

Kelvin Grove

Tickets available at the door
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